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Educational Qualification

- Pursuing **PhD** in Women's Personal Narratives on Breast Cancer at Madurai Kamaraj University since March 2018
- Passed **National Eligibility Test (NET)** for Assistant Professorship in June 2012

COURSE	INSTITUTION	CLASS	MONTH & YEAR OF PASSING
MPhil English Language and Literature	Madras Christian College	First Class with Distinction	April 2014
MA English	Lady Doak College, Madurai	First Class with Distinction	April 2011
BA English	Lady Doak College, Madurai	First Class with Distinction	April 2009

Teaching Experience

Working as an Assistant Professor of English at Lady Doak College since July 2013

Professional Achievements

- **June-July 2022: Visiting Scholar at New York University, USA**

Participated in the “**Study of the US Institute for Scholars on ‘American Society and Culture’**” hosted by the Multinational Institute of American Studies, New York University from 12 June to 23 July 2022 funded by the Department of State, United States of America.

- **Sep.-Dec. 2018: Visiting Scholar at the Oberlin College, Ohio, USA**

Recipient of **Faculty Enrichment Program Abroad (FEPA) Visiting Scholar Award** offered by Oberlin Shansi, an international educational and cultural exchange organisation in the United States. Spent the Fall semester (September 1, 2018 to December 15, 2018) in Oberlin College, Ohio auditing courses, working on my PhD research and building professional contacts with Oberlin faculty and staff members.

<https://www.shansi.org/news-blog/visiting-scholar-spotlight-vrushaa-subramanian?rq=vrushaa>

FDPs Attended

- Attended a **UGC-sponsored Online Refresher Course on English Language & Literature** from 12 July to 25 July 2023 organised by the UGC-HRDC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli
- Attended a **UGC-sponsored Online Refresher Course in English** from 18 Oct. to 30 Oct. 2021 organised by the UGC-HRDC, University of Mumbai

- Participated in the online course titled **“Women’s Leadership in Asia: Transforming for the Next Normal”** organised by Ewha Woman’s University, South Korea from 20 October 2021 to 30 November 2021
- Participated in **The Berchmans Autumn School of Critical Theory 2020** organised by Department of English, St Berchmans College in association with the University of Wales from 27 Oct. to 08 Dec. 2020
- Participated in the National Webinar on **“Intellectual Traditions and Critical Discourses: An Introduction”** organised by the Department of English, Mount Carmel College Autonomous, Bengaluru from 8 June to 16 June 2020
- Attended a **UGC-sponsored 120th Orientation Programme** conducted by the UGC-HRDC, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore from 17 May to 13 June 2018

Guest Lectures/Talks Delivered

- Delivered a webinar on “Mammographies in American Literature” organised by American Culture and Literature Department, Faculty of Letters, Ege University, Turkey on 16 December 2024
- Delivered a talk on “Creating Impact Through Communication: Tips & Strategies” organised by Beyond Law CLC, Chandigarh (<https://www.youtube.com/live/ZC3qC2VgQ-c?feature=share>) on 27 May 2023
- Delivered a webinar on “Personal Narratives of Breast Cancer” as part of the series of lectures on the theme, ‘Actual problems of literary and translation studies: issues of literary process, comparative literature, stylistics and linguistics’ organised by the Bukhara State University, Uzbekistan on 2 October 2022
- Resource person for the Seminar on “Trauma, Disability and Gender Studies” as part of the series, ‘Recent Trends in Literary Theory’ at the Department of English, Mangayarkarasi College of Arts and Science for Women, Madurai on 28 Sep. 2022
- Delivered a talk on “The Path to Effective Workplace Communication” at the English Literary Committee of Madurai Bench of Madras Bar Association aka MMBA, Madurai on 5 December 2019 (<https://youtu.be/Ow0C7MrSn1c>)
- Resource person in the one-day workshop on “Approaches, Methods & Theories towards Readings and re-readings of Literary Texts” organised by the Department of English, Vivekananda College, Madurai delivering a lecture titled “Illness Narratives” on 2 Feb. 2019
- Delivered a lecture on “Using Social Media to Teach English” at a one-day workshop on “ICT-enabled Teaching for Middle School English Teachers of Madurai Corporation” organised by the Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai on 7 Oct. 2017

- Delivered a talk on “How to face the National Eligibility Test” for the UGC-NET aspirants among students at Department of English, Mangayarkarasi College of Arts and Science for Women on 28 Feb. 2014

Papers Presented & Published

- Presented a paper titled “Susan Miller’s *My Left Breast: Performing the Mastectomised Body*” at the Two-day International Virtual Conference on Rethinking Disability Across Disciplines: New Directions and Emerging Trends organised by VIT-AP School of Social Sciences & Humanities held on 10 & 11 August 2023
- "Denunciating the Pink: S. L. Wisenberg’s *The Adventures of Cancer Bitch* as Disruptive Discourse” presented at the 2nd International e-Conference on "Contemporary Trends and Development in Cultural Studies and the Humanities” on 23 Oct. 2021, organised by New Literaria - An International Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities in collaboration with Department of History, Humanities and Society, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy & Department of English, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, India
- “A Feminist Reading of Mahasweta Devi Breast Giver ” presented at an international conference organised by Sri Venkateswara College of Education and *Sahitya Akademi* on 15 March 2014 and published in *Indian Writing in English Current Critical Approaches* (Universal Publishers, Vol. 3, ISBN: 9789380400167)
- Presented a paper in the State Level Seminar on “Women in Social Engineering” organised by the Centre for Women’s Studies, Lady Doak College held on Oct. 4, 2010

Seminars, Workshops & Conferences Participated

Title	Institution & Place	Date
Webinar on “Self-harm and Suicide among Students”	Person to Person Institute for Christian Counselling, Secunderabad, Telangana	26 March 2022
Half-day Seminar on “From ‘Pillar’ to ‘Post’: Making Sense of the Linguistic Turn”	PG & Research Centre of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai	25 March 2022
Destination South India - Virtual Workshop on Hosting U.S. Study Abroad Students	IIT Madras in collaboration with the US Consulate General, Chennai	15 Nov. - 18 Nov. 2021
State Level Webinar on “Human Rights and Literature”	PG Department and Research Centre of English, Lady Doak College	13 August 2021
33rd CA Sheppard Memorial Lecture 2021 - “Speaking in Code: Why Textualism is a Non-Starter” by Prof Stanley Fish	Department of English, St Berchmans Autonomous College, Changanacherry	5 August 2021

National Workshop on “Theatre and Education”	Kumaraguru Drama Troupe, 5W Theatre and Kaleidoscope	22 June - 1 July 2020
National Webinar on “Intellectual Traditions and Critical Discourses: An Introduction”	Department of English, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru	8 - 16 June 2020
Workshop on “Scientific Report Writing - Humanities”	Research Culture Promotion Cell, Lady Doak College, Madurai	25 Nov. 2019
Workshop on “Student- centred Learning Techniques”	Lady Doak College, Madurai	6 & 7 Nov. 2019
Workshop on “Design Thinking”	Lady Doak College, Madurai	24 & 25 Oct. 2019
National Conference on “Modern Literary Theories ”	Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai	6 & 7 March 2019
Seminar on “Trauma Narratives”	Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai	27 Feb. 2019
Workshop on “ICT Tools for English Language & Learning”	Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai	11 Feb. 2019
Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference on “Exhaustion: Tired Bodies, Tired Worlds”	Department of English, University of Chicago, USA	15 & 16 Nov. 2018
Workshop on “Life Writing”	Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai	9 Sep. 2016
International Conference on “Comparative Perspectives in Classical Literature”	Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai	15-17 Dec. 2015
Workshop on “Working with Large and Mixed Ability Classes”	Lady Doak College, Madurai	9 Sep. 2014
Regional Seminar on “Emerging Techniques and Trends in Drama”	Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai	20 Feb. 2014
Workshop on “Writing and Publishing Articles in National and International Journals”	Loyola College, Chennai	3 Dec. 2011
National Seminar on “Career Opportunities in Service Sector”	Fatima College, Madurai	11 & 12 Sep. 2009

Positions held

- Co-coordinator of the International Study Centre, Lady Doak College since June 2020
- Served as Programme Officer of National Service Scheme in Lady Doak College between 2015 and 2017

Other Interests

I have a passion for the theatre and enjoy acting. I dabbled with acting playing central roles in two dramas staged by the Department of English in Lady Doak College, *The Importance of Being*

Ernest and Lady Windermere's Fan, in undergraduate days. I also acted in a play titled *Pygmalion* staged by the Department of English in Lady Doak College in 2014.

I write as a way to destress and relax; I post my personal writings in my blog occasionally.