

Ruchi Sharma

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Curriculum Vitae

Teaching Experience: 15+ years as Assistant Professor in various colleges

affiliated to the University of Delhi [Hansraj College (2015-2022); Kirori Mal College (2009-2010 and 2011-2015); Jesus and Mary College (2010-2011); Miranda House (2008); IP College for Women (2007-2008); SGTB Khalsa College (2006-2007); Janki Devi Memorial College (2005-6)].

Academic Qualifications

- Currently pursuing PhD from the Department of English, University of Delhi.

Thesis topic: The Subject of Critique in Spiritual Lifewritings from the Early Twentieth Century India.

- Completed PhD coursework with 70% marks from the Department of English, University of Delhi in session 2019-20.
- Completed MPhil English from the Department of English, University of Delhi.
- Completed MA English from Miranda House.
- Completed BA (Hons) English from Miranda House.

Publications

Book co-edited

Who's Afraid of Women's Writing: Select Texts. Ed. Ruchi Sharma and Swati Moitra. Worldview, 2021.

Chapters in books and Journal articles:

1. "Social Reform and the Bhakti Tradition in Medieval Assam: Reading the 'Borgeet' of Srimanta Sankardeva", *Vantage: Journal of Thematic Analysis*, 6(1), April 2025.
2. "The Portrait of the Artist as a Social Reformer: Nirala's A Life Misspent and Chaturi, the Shoemaker", *JCLA*, Vol 44, No.4, Winter 2021.
3. "Introduction: Who's Afraid of Women's Writing?" Co-authored with Swati Moitra. *Who's Afraid of Women's Writing: Select Texts*. Ed. Ruchi Sharma and Swati Moitra. Worldview, 2021.

4. "Playing at Riches, Choosing Indigence: The Subject of Desire in the Poetry of Emily Dickinson." *Who's Afraid of Women's Writing: Select Texts*. Ed. Ruchi Sharma and Swati Moitra. Worldview, 2021.
5. "Tending to Zero: The Self in Gandhi's Experiments with Truth." *Claiming the I: Autobiographies from across the Spectrum*. Ed. Meenakshi Malhotra. Worldview, 2019.
6. "Refusal of Suffering: The Atheistic 'Stage' in Annie Besant's *Autobiography*." *Claiming the I: Autobiographies from across the Spectrum*. Ed. Meenakshi Malhotra. Worldview, 2019.
7. "When the Muse takes up the Poet's Pen: The Case of Anne Bradstreet". *Revisiting American Literature: Select Short Stories and Poems*. Ed. Prem Kumari Srivastava and Nidhi Madan. Macmillan, 2018.
8. "The Faithful Dissident: Pandita Ramabai" in *Representing Self, Critiquing Society: Select Lifewritings by Women*. Ed. Meenakshi Malhotra. New Delhi: Worldview, 2016.
9. "'Humanism' as a Political Method in Bessie Head's 'The Collector of Treasures.'" *A Warble of Postcolonial Voices: An Anthology*, Vol. 1: Short Stories. Ed. Someshwar Sati. New Delhi: Worldview, 2015.
10. "Traumatic Memories and Community Identity: Witness Accounts of the Partition." *Creative Forum* 23.1-2, 2010.

Papers Presented at Seminars/Conferences

1. Presented paper titled "Mysticism and Oppositionality in Nirala's Lifewritings" at 53rd Annual Conference of the Northeast Modern Language Association on March 10, 2022 at University at Buffalo, SUNY.
2. Presented paper titled "Rethinking the Ethical Subject: MK Gandhi's Experiments in Askesis" on Nov 11, 2021 at the Graduate Research Meet 2021 on the theme Humanities and Social Sciences in an Age of Crisis at IIT Guwahati.
3. Invited as a guest speaker to one day workshop on "Time, Doubt and Wonder in the Humanities" organized by the Department of English, University of Delhi on Feb 27, 2019. Presented a paper titled "'Measured out with Coffee Spoons': Calibrated Wonder of the Modern Subject" at the workshop.
4. Presented paper titled "Romantic Love and Its Discontents" for a panel discussion on gender issues in India during *Nazariya* 2015 (annual fest organized by the gender forum) at Kirori Mal College on 11 February 2015.
5. Presented paper titled "The Partitioned Subject in Survivor Accounts" at UGC National Seminar titled "Intersections: History and Literature" at the Delhi College of Arts and Commerce on 12 March 2014.

Participation in Conferences/Seminars

1. Chaired session in two-day conference on “Of Fact and Fiction: Intertwining Myth, Memory, and Time” conducted by the English Society of the Department of English, Hansraj College on Feb 12, 2022.
2. Convenor of one-day workshop titled “Revisiting Key Moments of European Aesthetic Tradition” organised by the Department of English, Hansraj College on September 30, 2021.
3. Chaired the first session of student seminar titled “Exploring Love and Desire in Literature” conducted by the English Society of the Department of English, Hansraj College on April 9, 2021.
4. Co-convenor of the first of the Lecture series on Mental Health titled “Unreasonable Subjects/Reasonable Discourse” organised by the Department of English, Hansraj College on 4 April, 2019. The speakers for the event were Prof Anup Dhar and Dr Nilofer Kaul.
5. Co-convenor of one day seminar on “Culture, Power and Morality in Indian Classical Literature(s) on 30th Oct, 2018 at the Department of English, Hansraj College.
6. Co-convenor of one day seminar on ‘Fractured Nations, Fragmented Identities: Revisiting Partition’ on behalf of English Department, Hansraj College on February 2, 2018.

Appointment to Paper Setting boards and Invited as External Examiner

1. Contributed to the setting of question papers for DSE paper Literary Criticism and Theory I for BA (Hons) English V semester in Nov 2022 and Nov 2021.
2. Contributed to the setting of question papers for Literary Theory in Nov 2019 and BA (Prog) Advanced English IV Sem year in April 2019.
3. Appointed as External Examiner for the practical exam of BA Prog Sem VI Mass Communication paper in April 2018 at Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi.
4. Appointed as External Examiner for the practical exam of BA Prog Sem V Mass Communication I paper in Nov 2018 at Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi.

Academic Awards/Achievements

Secured first rank in college in BA (H) English I year examination.

Workshops & FDPs Attended

1. Participated in two week online Interdisciplinary Refresher course (bilingual) on "Indian Folk Traditions: A Tapestry of Diversity" organised by Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, University of Delhi from Oct 25, 2023 to Nov 8, 2023.
2. Participated in International FDP on ICT & Language Learning organized by Westminster College London & Sathyabama Institute of Science & Technology, Chennai from August 14, 2023 to August 18, 2023.

3. Completed GIAN course “The Philosophy of (Auto)Biography: Experience and (Self)Representation, An Interdisciplinary Course (Philosophy, Politics, Literature)” from Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Tirupathi from July 18, 2023 to July 22, 2023.
4. Attended one day workshop on the VAC course titled Culture and Communication organized by Value Addition Course Committee (University of Delhi) in Sri Venkateswara College on Nov 1, 2022.
5. Attended a one-day symposium organized by Mahatma Hansraj Faculty Development Centre on Road ahead for HEIs Accreditation under NEP on April 7, 2022 in Hansraj College.
6. Participated in One week (Online) Interdisciplinary Faculty Development Programme on “Roadmap for Building New India with New Education Policy” (21st July – 25th July 2021) organised by IQAC, Hansraj College in collaboration with Mahatma Hansraj Faculty Development Centre Hansraj College, University of Delhi.
7. Participated in an interdisciplinary FDP on Gender, Research Methods and Pedagogies organized by Mahatma Hansraj Faculty Development Centre from 20th Nov 2018 to 3rd Dec 2018.
8. Participated in FDP for the SEC, “Creative Writing, Book & Media Reviews” organized by Motilal Nehru College on 8 April 2017.
9. Participated in FDP for GE paper, “Language and Linguistics” organized by the Department of English, Daulat Ram College on 24 March, 2017.
10. Participated in FDP titled “Research Methodology: An Interdisciplinary Approach” organized by the Department of English, Hansraj College from 20 – 21 January 2017.
11. Participated in a workshop on 'Women and Law' for GE paper “Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment” in Hansraj College, Nov 8, 2016.
12. Participated in “Found in Translation: A Workshop” conducted by the English Society of the Department of English at Hansraj College on April 2, 2016.
13. Participated in Faculty Development Program on Teaching English Communication Skills co-hosted by the Department of English, Kamla Nehru College and Regional English Language Office, US Embassy from November 16-18, 2015.
14. Participated in Workshop on Information Literacy and Competency, organized by Delhi University Library System, University of Delhi on 5 December 2014.

Administrative Activities

1. Co-edited the Hansraj College NAAC SSR report in 2022.
2. Co-convenor of the English Literary Society, Department of English of Hansraj College in academic session 2017-18 and 2018-19.
3. Faculty advisor of the Hansraj College, Gender Equality Cell in the session 2021-22 and July to Dec 2022.
4. Member of the Publications Committee from 2015-2022. Edited *Annual Report* of Hansraj College and *Hans*, Hansraj College Magazine from 2015- 2022.

5. Editor of *Hans Vision*, the newsletter of Hans Vision society of Hansraj College (2016-2022).
6. Coordinator for Add-on Course on Media and Communication Studies, Hansraj College (2016-17).
7. Adjudicator of the creative writing competition conducted by Prayas, the Enabling Unit of Kirori Mal College, during Leher 2015 and Leher 2014.
8. Member of Parivartan, the Gender Forum of Kirori Mal College (2014-15).
9. Worked for the Jesus and Mary Education Program JMCEP (2010-11), organizing students to teach underprivileged children from areas in the vicinity of the college.
10. Participated in the activities of the Miranda House environment society, MH Vatavaran (2008-09).