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Specialization

- Women's Studies
- Gender and Literature
- Literary Theory



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Biographical Sketch

Gaurav Singh, College Whole-Time Faculty, Department of English is a resident of Kolkata, West Bengal. He has also held the position of College Part-Time Faculty for almost two years at the Department of English, The Bhawanipur Education Society College. He has worked for over a year as an Assistant Professor of English at St. John College, Dimapur, Nagaland. During his time there, he had formulated and organised a special soft skills development certificate course titled 'Gender Society and Mass-Media' covering topics like sex, gender, sexuality, patriarchy, feminism, LGBTQIA+, representation of women in media, disability, among others. He has been active in the national and international seminar forum around gender discourses.

Gaurav's M.Phil dissertation topic was 'Feminism(s) Now: Challenges and Threats [In India]'. For his M.Phil research work, he had interviewed some college students at undergraduate and post-graduate level to understand their reasons for identifying as feminists, non-feminists, and anti-feminists. Through his M.Phil thesis, he had also tried assessing the threats and challenges (internal/external) along with the backlash faced by the larger feminist movement and ways of building a common project of solidarity above labels by focussing on emphasising consonances and overcoming dissonances in the Indian feminist context.

Through the ambit of academic research and individualised passion, Gaurav advocates women's rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, minority rights, disability rights, addresses gender issues and challenges gendered societal norms, sex/gender based stereotypes, prevalent sexism (casual and systemic), misogyny, queerphobia/homophobia, xenophobia, taboos surrounding mental health issues, menstrual hygiene, amongst various other societal issues while identifying as an active post-modern intersectional feminist.



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Academic Qualifications

- Qualified UGC NET for Assistant Professor in English with a score of 99.7073213 percentile (2023).
- Qualified UGC NET for Assistant Professor in Women Studies with a score of 59.33% (2018).

Abbreviation of the Degree	Name of the College / University	Class Obtained	Area of Specialization	Year of Passing
PG Diploma	School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata	N.A	Digital Humanities and Cultural Informatics	2018
M.Phil	School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata	N.A	Women's Studies	2018
M.A	Pondicherry Central University	Distinction	English & Comparative Literature	2016
B.A (Honours)	Asutosh College, Calcutta University, Kolkata	N.A	English	2014

Position Holding (Full Time)

- College Whole-Time Teacher, Department of English (B.A & M.A), The Bhawanipur Education Society College, University of Calcutta, April 2021 - Present.





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Position Held (Full Time)

- Assistant Professor, Department of English, St. John College, Nagaland Central University, Dimapur, Nagaland, September 2018 - October 2019.

Position Held (Part Time)

- College Part-Time Teacher, Department of English (B.A & M.A), The Bhawanipur Education Society College, University of Calcutta, November 2019 - March 2021.

Guest Appointment

- Guest Faculty, Department of English (B.A & M.A), Tetso College, Nagaland Central University, Dimapur, Nagaland, October 2020- March 2021.

Industry Experience

- English Language Teacher/Volunteer at Make A Difference (MAD), India's largest youth volunteer network operating in 23 cities catering to children at risk in orphanages and shelter homes (2012-2013).
- Discover (Career Awareness) Project Intern at MAD (2012-2013).
- Discover Project Head for Kolkata at MAD (2013-2014).
- Organized and successfully led the Annual Dream Camp, 2014 with MAD for over 150 children at risk.
- Contributed articles for Akhbar online magazine and Come Out Loud, an online platform for sexual minorities.
- Freelance Content Writer and Editor (2015-2017).





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Subjects Taught

- History of English Literature | History of English Language | Literary Theory and Criticism | Romantic Literature | Indian English Women's Poetry | Feminism and Gender Studies | Cultural Studies | Queer Theory | Creative Writing | Academic Writing | Postmodern Indian Drama | Autobiographical Writings | Non-Fiction

Research Interests

- Literary Theory and Criticism | Indian English Poetry. | Cultural Studies | Disability Studies | Medical Humanities | Postmodern Intersectional Feminism and Women's Studies. | Gender, Sexuality, and Queer Theory. | Psychology and Literature. | Ecofeminism | Womanism, Black Feminism | Canadian Literature | Comparative Literature | World Literature | Media Studies | Film Studies

Publications In Edited Conference Volumes

- Singh, Gaurav. "A Metaformic Reading of Gabrielle Roy's The Road Past Altamont", Marginalisation at Resistance: Repenser La Femme (Marginalization and Resistance: Rethinking the Woman). Ed. Prof. Nalini J. Thampi. ISBN: 978-93-85478-43-7. New Delhi: Langers International Pvt. Ltd, 2017.

Paper Presentations At Conferences

- Presented a paper entitled, "Food, Identity, Intimacy and Agency" at the International Conference on Popular Culture and Contemporary Literature organised by the Department of English, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University (2022).
- Presented a Paper titled, "Sexualizing the Asexual" at International Seminar on New Feminist Writings organized by Department of English, Pondicherry University (2017).
- Presented a Paper on "Assessing Sexual Harassment of Women at a Religious Workplace" at a National Seminar on Women and Work by Puducherry State Resource Centre for Women, Government of Puducherry, and Centre for Women's Studies, Pondicherry University (2017).
- Presented a Paper titled, "New Indian Virtual Feminist Politics" at ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Role of Social Media in Society's Transformation by Department of Sociology, Lucknow University (2017).





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- Presented a paper titled, "A Metaformic Reading of selective poems of Kamala Das in the context of Multiculturalism in India" at UGC Sponsored, International Seminar on Multiculturalism by Department of English, Pondicherry University (2016).

Participation In Workshops / Faculty Development Programmes

- Participated in a Seven-Day International Online Faculty Development Programme on Literary Studies in the New Millenium (18th-24th October 2021) organised by the Department of English, Pondicherry University.
- Participated in the Four Week Online Induction Training/Orientation Programme for Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education (4th June -1st July 2020) organised by MHRD Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, DU.
- Participated in One Week Online International E-Workshop on Contemporary Critical Trends in Literature (22nd June - 28th June 2020) organised by the Department of English, Pondicherry University.

Participation In Seminars / Webinars / Workshops / Conferences / E-lectures

- Participated in the Webinar on "Prevention of Women and Children from Online Crimes during Pandemic and Disasters" held on 9th September, 2020, organised by the National Institute of Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with International Justice Mission.
- Participated in the E-Lecture Series on "Literature and Philosophy: Revisiting Existentialism in Contemporary Times", August - September, 2020, organised by the Departments of English and French, Pondicherry Central University.
- Attended a special lecture on "Looking at the Apu Trilogy from 2020" by Dr. Aninidya Sengupta of Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University, organised by the Department of Film Studies, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, and Lumiere, the BESC Film Club on 28th August, 2020.





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- Participated in the Webinar on “Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) organised by National Institute of Technology, TEQIP - III (EQUATE) held on 28th August, 2020.
- Participated in One-Day National Webinar on “Recent Trends in Literary Studies”, organised by the Department of English, under the aegis of the IQAC, Maharajadhiraj Uday Chand Women’s College, Burdwan on 27th August, 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on “Impact of the Covid-19 on Students” held on 23rd August, 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on “Synthesizing Language and Literature in the Classroom organised by English Language Teachers’ Association (ELT), Raipur Chapter, Chhattisgarh held on 22nd - 23rd August, 2020.
- Participated in the Online Lecture Series organised by the Department of English, T.H.K. Jain College from 7th - 21st August, 2020.
- Participated in the International Webinar titled “ Empire and its Others” organised by the Department of English and Centre for Studies in Gender, Culture, and Media, in collaboration with IQAC, West Bengal State University held on 13th August, 2020.
- Participated in an International Webinar on “Literary Research: Text and Contexts” organised by the Department of P.G. Studies in English, Shri. S.R. Kanthi Arts, Commerce and Science College, Mudhol, Karnataka held on 4th August, 2020.
- Attended a special online event entitled “Harry Potter Turns 40!” organised by the Department of English, in collaboration with IQAC, The Bhawanipur Education Society College held on 30th July, 2020.
- Participated in the Online Lecture Series organised by the Department of English, Midnapore College (Autonomous), Midnapore, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.
- Participated in the International online reading session entitled “Writing in Confinement” organised by the Department of English, in collaboration with IQAC, The Bhawanipur Education Society College held on 28th July, 2020.





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Participation In Seminars / Webinars / Workshops / Conferences / E-lectures

- Participated in the Three-Day International Webinar on “Gender, Sexuality, and Postcolonial Literature: Trends, Issues, and Perspectives” organised by the Department of English in collaboration with IQAC, S.R. Fatepuria College held from 23rd July -25th July, 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on “Gender Equality and Women’s Rights”,Talk delivered by Prof. Nishi Pandey, University of Lucknow organised by the Department of Sociology (Under the aegis of IQAC), Government College, Daman, held on 24th July, 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar on “Creating Safe Communities for Women and Children Amidst Covid-19” organised by Department of Criminology, University of Madras, in collaboration with International Justice Mission, held on 22nd July, 2020.
- Participated in the International Webinar on “Issues of Governance in Covid-19 Era” jointly organised by the Department of Political Science & IQAC Bijoy Krishna Girls’ College, Howrah in collaboration with Bengal Institute of Political Studies, held on 30th June, 2020.
- Participated in the International Webinar on “Mapping the Pandemic: Plight of Women, Migrant Labourers and the Human Mind” organised by Loreto College, Kolkata held on 26th June, 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on “Missing Girls: Implementation of the Law and Way Forward” organised by the Centre for Women’s Studies, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad held on 26th June, 2020.
- Participated in the International Webinar on “Partition Literature from Pakistan” organised by the Department of Humanities, St. Claret College, Bangalore, held on 18th June, 2020.
- Participated in the International Webinar on “Transnational Widening GenderInequalities amid Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown” organised by the Centre for Women’s Studies, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad held on 17th June, 2020.
- Participated in the eleventh session of ELTAI Webinar Series on “Web 2.0 Tools” held on 14th June, 2020.





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- Participated in the Webinar on “Politics of Representation in Women’s Writing” organised by the Department of English, Dr. MGR-Janaki College of Arts and Science for Women, held on 9th June, 2020.
- Participated in the International Webinar on “Theatre Today: Issues and Challenges” organised by the Department of English, Shri Jai Narain P.G. College, Lucknow, held on 7th June, 2020.
- Participated in the tenth session of ELTAI Webinar Series on “Online Education does more harm than good” held on 7th June, 2020.
- Participated in the National Webinar on “Reflections on the Post-Covid Literary Scenario” organised by the Department of English & IQAC in association with Board of Studies in English, University of Mumbai held on 6th June, 2020.
- Participated in the Webinar on “Masculinity and Imperial Performance in George Orwell’s Shooting an Elephant” organised by the Royal School of Languages, Royal Global University, Guwahati held on 3rd June, 2020.
- Participated in the International Webinar on “Gender and Race Burden in African-American Literature” by Dr. Eugene Ngezem, Professor, Department of English, Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia, USA organised by the Department of English, B.K. Birla College (Autonomous), Kalyan, Maharashtra, held on 1st June, 2020.

Trainings And Certifications

- Attended a Six Months Advanced Certificate Course in Buddhist Studies (January-June, 2017), Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata and was awarded a grade of A PLUS.
- Participated in a Two-day Workshop on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace organized by Sexual Harassment Prevention Committee and Training Cell, Pondicherry University, 2016.
- Attended a Five-day Workshop in Indian Films based on the works of Rabindranath Tagore at Rabindra Tirtha in association with Roopkala Kendro Film and Social Communication Institute, Kolkata.





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Special Invitations

- Delivered an Invited Lecture entitled “Feminism in India: Challenges and Threats” at Centre for Women’s Studies, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Pondicherry Central University on 9th November, 2022.
- Judged the Online Story Writing Competition held as a part of Renaissance Clique Ad Maiora, the annual fest organised by the Department of English, Tetso College, Dimapur, Nagaland, on 12th November 2020.

Other Notable Activities

- Managing Editor, Interlocutor, Academic Journal of the Department of English, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata.
- Formulated and conducted a special Six-months Skills Enhancement Certificate Course on ‘Gender, Society and Mass-Media’ at St. John College, Dimapur, Nagaland December 2018 - June 2019).

Vision Statement

- Through consciousness-raising mentoring sessions, he motivates his students to work towards developing a positive and pragmatic outlook in life.
- Tries to bring this understanding to his classroom and believes that a teacher should be friendly with his students and help them overcome their personal and professional issues by constantly encouraging them to hone their critical thinking capacity and interpersonal skills.
- To create a safe space/zone for all his students through his classroom to enable them to express and be themselves without any inhibitions and fear of unwanted judgements, biases and prejudices.
- To promote mutual respect, admiration, intolerance, compassion, and holistic development amongst students with special focus on acquiring empathetic leadership qualities.



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