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Research and Teaching Interests

Tamil Language, Grammar and Literature – Ancient, Medieval and Modern.

Telugu Language, Grammar and Contemporary Literature

Education

- Ph.D. Tamil, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, 1988
Thesis - A critical study and review of the creative works of contemporary writer Ki.Rajanarayanan.
Received M.K.U Fellowship 1984-87.
- M.Phil. Tamil Literature, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, 1981-82
- M.A. Tamil Literature, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, 1979-82
Secured 3rd rank at University Level
- B.A. Tamil Literature, Fatima College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, 1976-79
- Diploma Telugu Language, M K University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, 2008
- Post Graduate Diploma Tourism, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, India, 2001
- Post Graduate Diploma Journalism & Mass Communication, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, India, 1991

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Teaching and Professional Experience

University of California, Berkeley

Continuing Lecturer - Tamil & Telugu, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies

Present

Lecturer - Tamil & Telugu, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies 2015 - 2018

Lecturer - Tamil, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies 2013 - 2015

Recipient of the 2016 **Walt Disney Motif Award** – Global Humanitarian Honor in memoriam of Theodor Seuss Geisel. 2016

SASLI (South Asia Summer Institute, UW-Madison) Board of Trustees as language Representative for Tamil Language. Since 2019

Conducting Teacher Training and Language Pedagogy Training for teachers of CTA (California Tamil Academy) and ATA (American Tamil Academy).

American Institute of Indian Studies

Madurai, India

Associate Director - Programs

2007 - 2013

The American Institute of Indian Studies is a consortium of American colleges and universities. The AIIS Advanced Language Program offers nine-month academic year and ten-week summer courses. For more than four decades, AIIS language programs in India have been crucial to most U.S.-based scholars of South Asian area studies in the humanities and social science disciplines. More than 3500 students have completed programs through the Institute.

Non-Academic Responsibilities

- Supervise the American Institute of Indian Studies' four South Indian language programs (Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam and Telugu).
- Assess and ensure the smooth functioning of these programs by reviewing weekly reports, conducting interviews for appointing teaching faculty, providing academic and administrative advice and addressing student and staff feedback and complaints.

Academic Responsibilities

- Tamil language instruction for American students at Intermediate, Advanced and Superior levels.
- Developed teaching methods and curriculum over the years for A.I.I.S.
- Conducting training for new teaching faculty in all the four language programs.

Awarded Certificates for *Outstanding contribution to the educational and cultural program of A.I.I.S* and in recognition of *Excellence in language instruction*.

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American Institute of Indian Studies

Head – Tamil Language Program & Co-ordinator (South Indian Languages)

Madurai, India

2002 – 2007

Reprised my role as Head – Tamil Language Program after I resigned from the Madura College in 2002. My duties included administration and language instruction at the AIIS's Tamil Language Program at Madurai.

University of California at Berkeley

Visiting Professor, Department of South and South East Asian Studies

Berkeley, CA

Feb-May 2005

Taught students Tamil and performed research on Tamil grammar and teaching methods.

Madura College

Lecturer – Department of Tamil

Madurai, India

1996 - 2002

Madura College is an autonomous academic institution affiliated to the Madurai Kamaraj University. Established in 1889, it is one of the oldest institutions in Madurai and offers courses in various disciplines.

Taught Tamil language to humanities and science students at the Undergraduate and Post Graduate levels. I was also part of various cultural and educational organizations within the college as detailed in the affiliations section of my resume.

American Institute of Indian Studies

Consultant - Tamil Language Program, Madurai.

Madurai, India

1996 - 2006

Instructed American students in Tamil, while working full-time as a Lecturer at Madura College.

American Institute of Indian Studies

Head – Tamil Language Program

Responsibilities included administration and language instruction.

Madurai, India

1995 -1996

University of Wisconsin, College year abroad program

Tamil Instructor

Madurai, India

1991-96 & 2002-08

Instructed American students with Intermediate level of Tamil language proficiency.

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American Institute of Indian Studies Language Instructor

Madurai, India
1991 - 1995

Instructed American students with intermediate, advanced and superior levels of Tamil language proficiency.

English Teaching Assistants, Fulbright U.S. Student Program Madurai, India Tamil Instructor

2012 - 2013

Instructed American students with intermediate, advanced and superior levels of Tamil language proficiency.

Relevant Training and Workshops

Conducted one day workshop cum training for Teachers of World Tamil Academy, CA. (Feb.&March 2018)

Participated and presented a paper on Tamil language Teaching at the Fifth Annual South Asian Language Pedagogy Workshop [Teaching the Beginner: Pedagogical Approaches to South Asian Language Instruction at the Introductory level] at Yale University (2014)

Attended several American Institute of Indian Studies Language Workshops aimed at enhancing language instruction and discussing various teaching methodologies and learning:

Kolkata (2013), New Delhi/Gurgaon (2012), Lucknow (2011), Madurai (2010) - was also the organizer, Jaipur (2009), Kolkata (1997).

Other workshops/seminars include:

International Workshop Conference on Tamil Grammar and its Contemporary Predicaments, French Institute, Pondicherry, 2013.

Meeting of Resident Staff and Language Teachers, Association of U.S. Academic Programs in India (AUSAPI), New Delhi, 2007.

Designing Curriculum for Learners at Basic & Intermediate Levels, a paper presented at A.I.I.S. Faculty Development Workshop, Pune, 2007.

Language Learning Texts, A.I.I.S., New Delhi, 2006.

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Grammatical Competence – Role of Grammar in Language Pedagogy, A.I.I.S., Gurgaon, 2004.

Mini Workshop on Language Learning and Teaching Tools, Madurai, 2003.

Workshop on Literary Translation, Regional Institute for English, Bangalore, 2002.

Oral competence : Measurement and Development, A.I.I.S., Pune, 2002.

Methodologies and Technologies, A.I.I.S., Udaipur, 2001.

Use of Information Technology in Language Teaching, A state-level seminar conducted at M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, 2001.

U.G.C Refresher Course, Department of Tamil, Madurai Kamaraj University, 2000.

Evaluation Tools, A.I.I.S., Pune, 2000.

Learning from learners - Teachers' sensitivity to learners' needs, A.I.I.S., Udaipur, 1999.

Improvement of Professional Competence – an orientation course, Academic Staff College, Pondicherry, Sponsored by the Academic Staff Orientation Scheme of the U.G.C, 1998.

Curriculum Critic: Focusing on the Learner, A.I.I.S., Pune, 1998.

Tamil Teaching Workshop, Tamil Teachers of Madurai Kamaraj University, Sponsored by U.G.C (University Grants Commission), Madurai, 1998.

Publications and Papers Presented

Presented a research paper at the International Tamil conference, organized by California Tamil Academy, CA (2016)

ātavan ciṟukataikaḷil maṇita matippukaḷ (*Human values depicted in the short stories of Aathavan*), Human values, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, 2001.

Vēṭṭi (*Literary review on a short story vēṭṭi*) Tamil Short Stories Vol : 2, Painthinai Pathipagam, Chennai, 1993.

Boys' companies, a paper presented in 1991 in a national seminar on 'Drama in Dravidian Literature' organized by the department of Telugu and Comparative Literature at Madurai Kamaraj University.

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Kaḷāttalayār (*a literary review of the poems of kaḷāttalayār , a sangam era poet*) 2nd Conference Seminar Tamil Literary Research Journal : Vol 1, All India Tamil Literary Association, Thanjavur, 1988.

Cirukataikaḷil nōkkunilai (*Points of views in short stories*) 20th Conference Seminar Research Journal : Vol 1, All India University Tamil Teachers' Association, Annamalainagar, 1988.

Samūka matippukaḷum matippu māṛraṅkaḷum (*Social values and value changes*) 17th Conference Seminar Research Journal : Vol 1, All India University Tamil Teachers' Association, Annamalainagar, 1987.

Vaṭṭāra Ilakkiyam (*Regional literature*) Seminar organized by Madurai Kamaraj University, 1987.
Ki. Rājanārāyaṇaṅiṅ moḷinaṭai (*Ki. Rajanarayanan's style of writing*)

1st Conference Seminar Tamil Literary Research Journal : Vol 2, All India Tamil Literary Association, Thanjavur, 1987.

Ki. Rājanārāyaṇaṅ ciṟukataikaḷil varka muraṅ (*Class conflicts depicted in the short stories of Ki. Rajanarayanan*) 18th Conference Seminar Research Journal : Vol 1, All India University Tamil Teachers' Association, Annamalainagar, 1985

Ki. Rājanārāyaṇaṅ katai talaippukaḷ (*The titles of the short stories of Ki. Rajanarayanan*) 17th Conference Seminar Research Journal, All India University Tamil Teachers' Association, Annamalainagar, 1985.

Translations

Ahalyā - a Play by Prabanchan

Translated by Dr. Bharathy Sankara Rajulu & Allyson Grotsky, Student (1991-92), University of Wisconsin, College Year in India Program, Madurai. Project submitted by Allyson Grotsky, as a part of her academic work, published as a booklet.

In a foreign land – a short story by Sundara Ramaswamy

Translated from Tamil to English by J. Bernard Bate; Guidance and Criticism by Dr. Bharathy Sankara Rjulu

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AIDS, Booklet

Prepared by Leslie Mass, Student (1992-93), University of Wisconsin, College Year in India Program, Madurai. Dr.Bharathy Sankara Rajulu, Co-Translator (translated from English to Tamil). Project submitted by Leslie Mass, as a part of her academic work.

Languages

Tamil : Native/full proficiency (Speaking, comprehension, reading, writing).

Telugu: Native/full proficiency (Speaking, comprehension, reading, writing).

English : Professional proficiency (Speaking, comprehension, reading, writing).

Lectures/Discourses

Regular speaker in the following topics in colleges and other public events in India and in the US.

- Commentary during Hindu temple religious events
- Classes on certain religious literature in temples.
- Motivational speeches for Tamil language students.
- Motivational, general public speeches on various women's rights events and women's day celebrations.
- On Tamil literature
- Debates – on Tamil literature, Tamil society and Tamil Diaspora.

Taught classes on *Kamba Ramayanam* and Saivism at Dharmakshetra, 2010-11. Delivered talks on All India Radio, Madurai on Tamil teaching and *Thiruppavai*.

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Affiliations

- Convener, Arulnidhi Mandram, Madura college, A body that helped and trained students for competitive exams 1997- 2006.
- Youth Welfare Activities Committee member – 1997-00, Madura College.
- Honorary President, Sudar Foundation, a non-profit women's education project, 2002 - 2008
- Executive Committee Member, Madurai District Central Library, Tirunagar Branch, 1998 - 2010
- Committee Member, Tirunagar Civic Exnora, A community development project, 1998 - 2000