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## Subjects Taught:

UG English and PG English courses as prescribed in the curriculum of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla and IGNOU

#### **Research Publications**:

#### Book:

Sharma, Veena. Unheard Voices: The Politics of Difference and Belonging. Germany: Lambert Academic Publishers, 2017. ISBN 978-3-330-04697-9.

#### **Chapter in Book:**

Sharma, Veena. "Settling Space: Disputations and Reparations within Family." In *Postcolonial Ambivalence and Beyond*. Ed. Deb Dulal Halder. **Delhi: Book Age Publications**, 2023. ISBN 978-93-93904-14-0.

## **Research Papers:**

- 1. Sharma, Veena. "Promoting Self-expression through Psychotherapeutic Art." *International Journal of English Language, Literature in Humanities*. 2019, Vol. 7, Issue 8, pp.96. ISSN 2395-2628.
- 2. Sharma, Veena. "The White Tiger: Reading as a Social Satire and Critique." *International Journal of English Language, Literature and Translation Studies*. 2019, Vol. 6, Issue 3, pp.140. ISSN 2395-2628.
- 3. Sharma, Veena. "Writing the Self: The Road Taken to Reach Resilience." *International Journal of English Language, Literature and Translation Studies*. 2017, Vol. 4, pp.1-7. ISSN 2395-2628.
- 4. Sharma, Veena. "We are Flesh and Blood!": Women Elucidating their 'Self" *International Journal of Literary Studies*. September-December 2016, Vol. 6, Issue 3-4, pp.100-04. ISSN 2231-4652.
- Sharma, Veena. "Higher Education in India and the Changes it Requires." *academe*. January 2014, Vol. XVII, No. 1, pp. 21-24. ISSN 2229-6581.

- 6. Sharma, Veena. "Revisiting the Past: Critiques of War in the Plays of Louis Nowra." *Indian Journal of Australian Studies.* 2014, Vol. 7, pp. 92-104. ISSN 2229-7863.
- Sharma, Veena. "Beyond the Barricade of Color: Reclaiming the Feminine Identity in Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*." *Himalayan Journal of Contemporary Research*. July-December 2012, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 215-27. ISSN 2319-3174.
- 8. Sharma, Anita & Veena Sharma. "The Psycho-Cultural Analysis of Sex Discrimination." *Advances in Asian Social Science*. World Science Publisher, USA, June 2012, Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 411-14. ISSN 2167-6429.
- 9. Sharma, Veena. "Literary Work and the Mind: Approaching Psychoanalytical Theory." *Advances in Asian Social Science*. World Science Publisher, USA, June 2012, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 171-74. ISSN 2167-6429.
- 10. Sharma, Veena. "Bonus or Burden: A Daughter can't be a Son in India!" *International Online Multidisciplinary Journal -Review of Research*. April 2012, Vol.1, Issue.VII, pp.1-4. ISSN:-2249-894X.
- 11. Sharma, Veena. "Quest for Self: The Rebel's Perilous Journey in Dorothy Hewett's *The Chapel Perilous*." *International Journal of Literary Studies*. March 2012, Vol. 2, Issue 1, pp.1-3. ISSN 2231-4652.
- 12. Sharma, Veena. "Interrogating National Conscience: Blacks Versus Whites in Louis Nowra's *Radiance.*" *Global Journal of Human Social Science*, America. March 2012, Vol 12, Issue 6, pp. 75-78. ISSN 2249-460X.
- Sharma, Veena. "Theatre as Therapy: Defining Sanity and Normality in Louis Nowra's Cosi." British Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences. February 2012, Vol. 4, No.1, pp. 8-12. ISSN 2048-1268.
- Sharma, Anita & Veena Sharma. "Gender Discrimination in Indian School System." *HPUJ*. March 2012, Vol. 01, Issue 02, pp. 62-65. ISSN 2277-1425.
- Sharma, Veena. "Retrieving the Past: Personal and Political History in Louis Nowra's *Radiance*." *Indian Journal of Australian Studies*. 2011, Vol. 4, Special Issue on LITERATURE AND HISTORY, pp. 93-114. ISSN 2229-7863.
- 16. Sharma, Veena. "Culture, Politics and Nation: Encounter and Negotiation in Louis Nowra's *The Golden Age.*" *Indian Journal of Australian Studies.* 2010, Vol. 3, pp.93-114. ISSN 2229-7863.
- 17. Sharma, Veena. "Flashback," "Beyond "IT" Conifers Call: Shimla Journal of Poetry and Criticism. Spring 2017, Vol. 9, No. 1, pp. 114-15. ISSN 0975-5365.

### **Conferences/Seminars- Presentations and Participations:**

- "Environmental Concerns and Indian English Novels: An Analytical study through Ecocritical Spectrum." in National Seminar, December 28-29, 2023, organised by Centre of Excellence Government College Sanjauli, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh on Harmony in Action: Bridging Education Culture Literature and Commerce for Sustainable Energy and Environmental Stewardship.
- "Attaining Psycho-social Well-being through Art Therapies." in Three day International Conference, December 2-4, 2023, organised by Govt. College Ani, Distt. Kullu, Himachal Pradesh on Communicating Health, Happiness and Longevity for Sustainable Growth.
- "Ecological Consciousness and Indian English Fiction: An Analytical Re-view through the Prism of Ecocriticism." in Two Day International Conference, June 5-6, 2023, organised by Rabindranath Tagore Govt. Degree College, Sarkaghat, Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh on Environment Concerns, Climate Change and Resource Management in the Western Himalayas.
- 4. "Literature and Natural Environment: Re-reading Indian English novels from Ecocritical Perspective." in **One Day National Seminar**, May 20, 2023, organised by Govt. College Jukhala, Distt. Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh on **Environment Concerns in the Himalayan regions.**
- 5. " Longing to belong to the Centre. "in **International Conference**, April 22- 23, 2022, organised by Department of English, Govt. College Una, Himachal Pradesh on **Changing Trends in Diasporic Literature**.
- 6. "Fields of Play: Sport, Literature and Culture." in **One Day National Seminar**, February 1, 2020, organized by Dept. of Psychology, Sports & Physical Education, Shivaji College, Hingoli, Maharashtra, sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi

on The Importance of Sports, Physical Education and Psychology for Personality Development at Present Scenario.

- "Higher Education in India: Issues and Challenges." in One Day National Conference, December 5, 2019, organized by Himachal Government College Teachers' Association (HGCTA), Shimla on Issues and Challenges in Higher Education-II.
- "Culture and Well-Being: Reflections on Pursuit of Happiness." in the 5th International & 7th Indian Psychological Science Congress, October 26-28, 2018, organized by National Association of Psychological Science- India and Department of Psychology & Department of Anthropology, Punjab University, Chandigarh- India on Peace & Well-Being: Manifestation across Age and Culture.
- 9. "Centres and Peripheries: Complexities of Unity in Louis Nowra's The Golden Age." in the International Conference, October 25-26, 2018, organized by UGC Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies, HPU, Shimla on Multicultural Present and Political Identities: Australia and India.
- "Corporate Social Responsibility: The Conscience of Entrepreneurship." in the National Seminar, October 1, 2018, organized by Govt. College Jukhala, Bilaspur & Indian Accounting Association, Shimla Chapter on Progressions for Brilliance in Commerce, Management and Economics.
- 11. "Understanding the Dark Side of the Psyche." in the **2nd International & 4th Indian Psychological Science Congress**, October 8-9, 2015, organized by National Association of Psychological Science- India, hosted by Department of Psychology, P.G. Govt. College, Sector 46, Chandigarh.
- "The Dusty Road: A Narrative of Displacement, Removal and Recovery." in the International Seminar, March 31, 2014, organized by UGC Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies, HPU, Shimla on Auto (Biography): Strategies of Writing the Self, Australia and India.
- "Theatre as a Promoter of Psycho-social Well-being." in the Ist National Congress of Indian Association of Positive Psychology, December 24-26, 2012, organized by Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi on Positive Psychology: Issues and Challenges.
- "Negotiating Place and Identity: Women in Louis Nowra's *Radiance*." in the International Seminar, December 12-13, 2012, organized by UGC Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies, HPU, Shimla on Gender in National Culture: Australia and India.
- 15. "Creating Psychosocial Well-being through Art Therapies." in the **2nd Indian Psychological Science Congress**, October 05-06, 2012, Department of Psychology, P.G. Govt. College, Sector-46, Chandigarh on **Psychological Well-Being: Building Bridges for Tomorrow**.
- 16. "Cultures in Dialogue: Encounter and Negotiation in Louis Nowra's *The Golden Age*." in the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference, January 19-21, 2012, USI, Delhi on Australia and India: Market Economy, Ethics and Empowerment.
- 17. "Genes, Environment and Behaviour." in the UGC sponsored National Seminar, October 20, 2011, Department of Psychology, HPU, Shimla on Genetic Basis of Behaviour.
- "Comparative Analysis of Social Construction of Gender in India and Canada." in the International Seminar, March 17-18, 2011, CCSDP, HPU, Shimla on Economic and Political Basis of Inter Regional Disparity: India and Canada.
- 19. "Nature or Nurture: Sexed and Gendered Orientation of Women." in **ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar**, March 10, 2012, Indian Institute of Education, Ghanahatti, Shimla on **Empowerment of Women in Indian Scenario.**
- 20. "Recovering the Past: A Historical Reading of Louis Nowra's *Radiance*." in the **International Seminar**, April 03, 2012, organized by **UGC Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies**, HPU, Shimla on **History and Literature** Narrations: Australia and India.

### <u>Course/Training/Orientation/FDP/Workshop- Participations:</u>

- 1. 1 week international workshop on Brahmi Script (as a part of Indian Knowledge System) organised by Govt. Degree College Dhami at 16 Miles, Shimla in collaboration with Himachal State Museum, Shimla, sponsored by Dept. of Language & Culture, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh from November 22 to November 28, 2023.
- 2. 1 week International Virtual Faculty Development Programme organised by IQAC, Mendipathar College, Mendipathar, Meghalaya, India in collaboration with Cape Comoron Trust India from May 23 to May 31, 2023.
- **3.** 4 week Induction/ Orientation Programme for faculty in Universities/Colleges/ Institutes of Higher Education, organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from March 21 to April 19, 2022.
- 4. National Workshop on "Psychosocial Support for Covid Pandemic Conditions" organised by Govt. College Jukhala, Distt. Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh, in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India on June 9, 2021.
- 5. "IN-DEPTH," an International 5 Day E-Learning Workshop in Language, Literature and Theory organized by Dept. of English & Cultural Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh from June 6 to June 10, 2020.
- 6. 5 Day Online Short Term Course on "Research Methodology in Humanities" organized by Dept. of English, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh from May 26 to May 30, 2020.
- 7. "Spring Up!," an International 7 Day E-Learning Workshop in Language, Literature and Theory organized by Dept. of English & Cultural Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh from May 15 to May 21, 2020.
- 8. "Spring Up!," an International 7 Day E-Learning Workshop in Language, Literature and Theory organized by Dept. of English & Cultural Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh from May 15 to May 21, 2020.
- 9. Training Programme on "Office Procedures and Financial Administration" organized by H.P. Institute of Fairlawns, Shimla-171002, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh w.e.f. July 24 to July 29, 2017.
- 10. Induction Training Programme organised by SCERT, Solan w.e.f. July 15 to July 27, 2019.
- **11.** Training and Orientation on "Media and Accessibility" organized by **AYJNIHH Mumbai**, in collaboration with the Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, ICDEOL, HPU, Shimla on March 14-15, 2012.
- 12. Workshop on "Women: Diet, Health and Diseases." organized by Centre for Women's Studies and Development, HPU, Shimla on March 8, 2011.

## Invited Lectures and Talks:

- 1. Convenor of the Webinar on "Strategies to Crack Competitive Examination after Graduation" organised by Govt. Degree College Arki, Distt Solan in collaboration with IFAS, Pune on August 04, 2023.
- Organised and moderated an Expert Talk on "Behavioural Psychology in Management of AIDS, HIV & TB" under the New India Campaign launched by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, organized by Govt. College Jukhala, Distt. Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh on August 20, 2021.
- **3.** Resource Person in the Webinar on "Leading by Difference: Soft Skills in Hard Times" organized by Institute of Educational Technology and Vocational Education, Punjab University, Chandigarh on July 22, 2020.
- **4.** 2 lectures in 2 sessions at SCERT, Solan as a Resource Person on "Communication as a Tool of Learning" in Orientation Programme for Teacher Educators on Pedagogy on July 9, 2018.
- **5.** 3 hour lectures in daily session at Saraswati Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School, Shimla as a Resource Person on "English and Communication Skills" in Orientation Programme for Trainee and Trained Teachers w.e.f. January 3, 2018 to January 5, 2018.

### **Others**:

 External Examiner for conducting Practical Examination in the subject of "Professional Communication Skills (PCP-112)" for BE(Civil, EEE, EE, ECE, PE, Chemical, AME) Semester 1<sup>st</sup> students at Chandigarh University, Gharuan, Distt. Mohali, Punjab on December 19, 2013.

# Administrative Responsibilities:

- 1. Life Member of IASA (Indian Association for the Study of Australia)
- 2. Life Member of AIIRN (Australia-India Interdisciplinary Research Network)
- 3. Member of ETF (English Teachers' Forum), Himachal Pradesh
- 4. Member of various functional committees and cells of the college
- 5. Worked as NSS Programme Officer