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**PRESENT POSITION:**

Bengali Lecturer, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago

**Responsibilities :**

Teaching First Year and Second Year . Preparing syllabi, lesson plans and teaching materials, administering and grading all assignments and tests.

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**EDUCATION:**

- B.Ed. Secondary Education (Bengali, Geography) Scottish Church College, Kolkata, 1991
  - M.A. Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 1989
  - B.A. Geography Honours, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata, 1987
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- Bengali Lecturer in the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor from Fall, 2004 – winter, 2007

**Key achievements :**

Starting the Bengali Program in the University of Michigan in Fall 2004 and giving it a stronger shape by 2007.

Proving eligibility of the Bengali program for FLAS fellowships at the University of Michigan in 2005.

Starting a blog for UM students in December, 2006 for practising their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills and creating a web based platform to discuss issues related to Bengali language and culture.

URL : [http://umbangla.typepad.com/um\\_bangla/](http://umbangla.typepad.com/um_bangla/)

Encouraging Bengali students to form a spoken Bengali Club which was started in Fall 2006. Activities include active participation in community events, potluck dinners and field trips. Students publish their own monthly bilingual newsletter.

Initiating the idea of performing skits by Bengali students jointly with the other students of South Asian Languages of the University of Michigan in Winter 2007 and participating in organising it with my colleagues.

Incorporating different creative projects in the course components in all levels of Bengali, such as creating a short film, dubbing a film clip and publishing a Bengali magazine.

- Bengali lecturer in the South Asia Summer Language Program (SASLI), University of Wisconsin, Madison from June 18, 2007 to August 10, 2007 , June 12, 2006 to August 13, 2006 and June 6, 2005 to August 7, 2005.
- Bengali language instructor at The American Institute of Indian Studies, Bengali Language Program, Kolkata, from 1992 to August, 2004

- Private instruction in Bengali to scholars, NGO volunteers, business people and tourists from the United States, Europe, and Australia at basic, intermediate and advanced level from 1992 to 2004
- Research assistant for American scholars in the fields of Literature, Religion, History, and Anthropology from 1992 to 2004

### **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:**

Responsible and involved in curriculum development and course design for

- 1<sup>st</sup>.Year, 2<sup>nd</sup>.Year and Advanced Level Bengali at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor since Fall, 2004.
- 1<sup>st</sup>. and 2nd. Year Bengali at SASLI in 2005 and 2006. Coordinated the work of a faculty assistant in 2006.
- Advanced Level Bengali at the AIIS in Kolkata from 1992 - 2004.
- Bengali Language Correspondence Course for Netaji Subhas Open University , Kolkata, in 2002-2003.

### **WORKSHOPS ATTENDED:**

Workshop arranged by the South Asia Language Resource Center, University of Chicago

- “ Developing assessment for South Asian Languages ”, Madison , Wisconsin, June 12 – 16, 2006
- “Using technology to promote learner-centered South Asian language instruction”, Madison, Wisconsin, June 6-10,2005

Workshop arranged by SASLI

- “ Pedagogy workshops ” June 30 and July 14, 2006

Workshops arranged by the University of Michigan :

- “ LRC Recorded Satellite Video on demand on and off campus”, November 3, 2006
- “Video conferencing with Polycom”, October 27, 2006
- “AIM and i CHAT : Video, audio and text chat” October 20, 2006
- “Skype me ! Audio, video and text chat”, October 13, 2006
- “Introduction to Power point”, Ann Arbor, March, 2005
- “CTools for Project Collaboration”, Ann Arbor, November 19, 2004
- “Orientation and Training to the Course Tools Product” Ann Arbor, October 18, 2004

Language Faculty Workshops arranged by the American Institute of Indian Studies :

- “ Oral Competence Measurement and Development of Language Learners”, Pune, 2002
- “ Methodologies and Technologies for Teaching Languages”, Udaypur, 2001
- “ Learning from Learners : Teacher’s Sensitivity to Learner’s Needs”, Udaypur, 1999
- “Skill Development and Guidelines in the Advanced Level Program”, Kolkata, 1997.

### **PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS**

- 2004: “A Checklist of Autobiographies in Bangla”, Mandira Bhaduri and Anindita Bhaduri, in Reminiscence excerpts from Oriya and Bangla Autobiography edited by Subha Chakraborty Dasgupta and Jatindra k. Nayak, Kolkata: Jadavpur University, Department of Comparative Literature.
- 2003: *Bangla Bhasasikhha O Sahityo : Bengali Reading Material for Advanced Level Students* , Kolkata: American Institute of Indian Studies,

### **PUBLICATIONS: BOOK REVIEWS:**

1994: Pulin Das, *Mancho Obhinay, Natyokala o Rabindranath, Yugantar* (Newspaper) Nov 21. , p . 4

1994: Amar Mitra, *Asonboni* and Sudarsan Sensarma, *Bhalobasar Dalpala, Baromash*, (Magazine) April.  
pp. 141 - 146

1993: Kartik Lahiri, *Saurabher Ghare Agun and Apoharan* , *Baromash Sarodiya* ( Magazine), pp.. 93-97

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**PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES:**

1994: *Kolkatay Maritime Museum, Yugantar*, (Newspaper) February 6., p 4

1993: *Janapriyo Patrikae Daini, Sachetana* (Magazine), pp. 57 - 60

1993: *Protijogitamulak Porikkha*, *Patabhumi* (Magazine), pp. 16-21

1992: *Sananda – meyeder patrika Patabhumi* (Magazine), pp. 31 - 36

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**PUBLICATIONS: FICTION:**

1995: *Tarpor ja holo, Patabhumi* (Magazine), pp. 92-96

1994: *Ek ananya mrityu* , *Patabhumi* (Magazine), pp. 63 - 67

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**LANGUAGES:**

BENGALI – Native Speaker

ENGLISH – Fluent in reading, writing and speaking

HINDI – Competent in reading and speaking –elementary proficiency in writing

JAPANESE – Elementary proficiency

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