

Akhil Puthiyadath Veetil

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, US (in progress)
Joint PhD, South Asia Studies and Comparative Literature & Literary Theory
Dissertation: *Language and Humiliation: Sentiments of the Hindi Intelligentsia in India, c. 1948-1970*
Committee: Prof. Gregory Goulding (Chair), Prof. Lisa Mitchell, Prof. Kevin M.F. Platt
Teaching Certificate, Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Innovation

Manipal University, Manipal, India 2017
Master of Arts, English Literature
Dissertation: *In Defense of Nirmal Verma's Position of Uncertainty*
Thesis advisor: Prof. Nikhil Govind

Ambedkar University, Delhi, India 2014
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern Indian History, Multilingualism, Hindi, Soviet Cultural History, South Asian Literary Criticism, History of Emotions

PUBLICATIONS

Research Articles

“Making Sense of Linguistic Identities: A Case Study of the States Reorganisation Report”
In preparation for submission to *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* by December 2024.
“Translating Neutrality” in *Horizontal Translation: An Experiment with South Asian Literatures*
Forthcoming in Bloomsbury Literatures, Cultures, and Translations Series.

Public Articles

The Noblest Fallen by Yadukrishnan PT in *Scroll*, August 2019.
Nirmal Verma: Hindi Literature's Global Icon in *Sahapedia*, June 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

“Language and Humiliation: Sentiments of the Hindi Intelligentsia in India, c. 1948-1970”
Graduate Student Colloquium, Department of South Asia Studies, University of Pennsylvania, September 2024.
“English Elitism, Trust Deficit, and the Evolution of the Hindi-Speaking Intelligentsia in 1950s India”
Graduate Workshop Series, Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania, November 2023.
“The Perception of the Dominance of English as a Moral Harm Among the Hindi Intelligentsia”
Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2023.
“*Angrezi Hatao* and the Hindi Intelligentsia”
English Researchers Collective, Jamia Millia Islamia, May 2023.

“*Angrezi Hatao* and the Self-Perception of Hindi Intellectuals”

Graduate Student Colloquium, Department of South Asia Studies, University of Pennsylvania,
November 2022.

Panelist, South Asia Hindi Translation Symposium

Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2021.

TEACHING

Primary Instructor

University of Pennsylvania

India: Culture and Society (South Asia Studies/ History/ Religious Studies) Fall 2023

World Literature (Comparative Literature/ English/ Classical Studies) Summer 2023; 2024

World Literature (Comparative Literature/ English/ Classical Studies) Spring 2022

War and Representation (Comparative Literature/ English) Fall 2021

Ashoka University, India

Tradition and its Interpretations through Literary Criticism Spring 2019

Introduction to Critical Thinking Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant / Grader

University of Pennsylvania

India: Culture and Society (South Asia Studies/ History/ Religious Studies). Fall 2024
Grader for Prof. Ketaki Jaywant

Tolstoy's War and Peace and the Age of Napoleon Spring 2024

(Russian and Eastern European Studies/ History/ Comparative Literature).

Grader for Prof. Peter Holquist

East & West: Modern World History (South Asia Studies/ Anthropology). Spring 2021

TA with recitations for Prof. Lisa Mitchell

Introduction to Modern India (South Asia Studies/ History). Fall 2020

TA with recitations for Prof. Daud Ali

Ashoka University, India

Literature and the World (Undergraduate Foundation Course). Summer 2019

TA with recitations for Prof. Saikat Majumdar & Prof. Anjali Prabhu

Pedagogical Training

“Discussing Controversial Issues in Class,” Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), University of Pennsylvania, November 2022.

“Understanding ChatGPT and AI Implications for Your Teaching”, CTL, University of Pennsylvania, September 2022.

“Equitable and Inclusive Teaching”, CTL Mini Course (5 sessions), University of Pennsylvania, September – October 2021.

“Recommendations of the AIP TEAM-UP Report for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - How Can We Incorporate Them into Teaching?” CTL Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, April 2021.

“Creating Community in the Remote Literature Classroom,” CTL Workshop co-hosted by English and Comparative Literature, University of Pennsylvania, August 2020.

“Facilitating Asynchronous Engagement,” CTL Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, August 2020.

TA Training, University of Pennsylvania, August 2020.

Teaching Training (12 hours), Ashoka University, India, August – December 2018.

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| Britton Martin Fellowship Awarded by the Department of South Asia Studies and provides full-year funding. | 2024-2025 |
| The SAS Dean's Travel Subvention Awarded by the UPenn School of Arts & Sciences for paper presentation at the Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. | Fall 2023 |
| Penfield Dissertation Research Award Awarded by the UPenn School of Arts & Sciences for carrying out fieldwork in India. | Summer 2023 |
| Travel Grant Awarded by the Comparative Literature & Literary Theory program at UPenn to conduct fieldwork in India. | Spring 2023 |
| Bernheimer Prize for Outstanding Writing Awarded annually by Comparative Literature, UPenn, for the best essay by a graduate student. | Summer 2022 |
| Penfield Dissertation Research Award Awarded by the UPenn School of Arts & Sciences for carrying out fieldwork in India | Spring 2022 |
| Technology Grant Awarded by the UPenn School of Arts & Sciences for purchasing a tablet for research purposes. | Fall 2020 |
| Language Course Award Awarded by the Comparative Literature & Literary Theory program at UPenn for learning Urdu. | Summer 2020 |
| Benjamin Franklin Fellowship Awarded by the University of Pennsylvania. Provides funding and tuition remission for five years in the PhD program. | 2019-2024 |
| Teaching Fellowship Awarded by Ashoka University, India. | 2018-2019 |
| UNESCO Sahapedia Research Fellowship Awarded by Sahapedia for a research project on the works of the Hindi writer Nirmal Verma. | 2017-2018 |
| Academic Merit-Based Scholarship Awarded by Ambedkar University Delhi for semesters 1 to 6. The award was based on the GPA scores every semester. | 2011-2014 |

WORKSHOPS

Introduction to QGIS and Geospatial Data, University of Pennsylvania, October 2024
South Asia Studies Digital Humanities Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, October 2024.
Penn Hindi-Urdu Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, November 2022 & 2019.
Rasa Theory Workshop, Manipal University, India, February 2017.

EVENTS ORGANIZED

Panel

“‘Subtle, Elusive, Pervasive’: The Languages of Language Movements in Modern South Asia,”
Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2023.

Talks

Prof. Toral Gajrawala, “*Ajnabi*: An Existential Reckoning in South Asia.”

Theorizing Colloquium Series, University of Pennsylvania, April 2021.

Prof. Prashant Keshavmurthy, “Nizāmī Ganjavī’s *Laylī u Majnūn* as a Negative Genealogy of Lyric”

Theorizing Colloquium Series, University of Pennsylvania, March 2021.

Prof. Sarah T. Kareem, “Restive Reading.”

Theorizing Colloquium Series, University of Pennsylvania, February 2021.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Conducted prospectus writing workshop for Comparative Literature, December 2022.

Representative, pre-ABD Graduate Students, Department of South Asia Studies, UPenn, Fall 2022.

Representative for Comparative Literature & Literary Theory, SASgov, UPenn, 2020-2021.

Graduate Student Representative, Comparative Literature & Literary Theory, UPenn, 2020-2021.

Secretary, Graduate Student Council, Department of South Asia Studies, UPenn, 2020-2021.

LANGUAGES

English: Native proficiency in Reading, Writing, Speaking

Hindi: Native proficiency in Reading, Writing, Speaking

Urdu: Proficiency in Reading, Writing, Speaking

Malayalam: Native Proficiency in Speaking

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Historical Association

European Association for South Asian Studies

REFERENCES

Gregory Goulding

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Lisa Mitchell

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