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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2018–Present **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)**, *Gauhati University*, Guwahati.
2012–2017 **Integrated MA in English**, *Tezpur University*, Tezpur.
2012–2010 **Class XII (Humanities)**, *Don Bosco Higher Secondary School*, Baghchung, Jorhat.

Ongoing Doctoral Research

- Title *Hybrid Cultures, Plural Identities: (De)Constructing the Hyphen in Contemporary Russian-American Fiction*
Supervisor Prof. Kandarpa Das
Research Interests Russian-Jewish Post-immigration Literature, Displacement Narratives, Diaspora, Hybridity

Work Experience

- 2019–Present **Assistant Professor**, *The Assam Royal Global University*, Guwahati.
○ Courses Taught:
- MA:
· Crossing Cultures
· English Fiction: From Defoe to Shelley
· English Poetry – I (Chaucer to Pope)
· English Literary and Cultural History
- BA:
· The Art of Fiction
· Diaspora Studies
· Modern American Literature
· Perspectives of English Literature : Genres and Usage
○ Assistant Exam Superintendent, University Examination Branch
○ Joint-Secretary, Organising Committee, 35th East Zone Inter University Youth Festival 'RGU-Karmotsav' organized under the aegis of Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
2017–2019 **Guest Faculty**, *B. Borooh College*, Guwahati.

Internships

- June–July 2015 **Project Intern**, *UNICEF*, Tezpur.
Project on Developing Child Friendly Panchayats in Three Gram Panchayats of Balipara Block, Sonitpur District, Assam.
June–July 2014 **Graduate Intern**, *Dept. of Mass Communication and Journalism*, *Tezpur University*, Tezpur.
Edited and Published a campus daily, *TU Beats* under Prof. P. Anbarasan.

Fellowship

- **The Sahapedia-UNESCO Fellowship (2020)** - offered jointly by Sahapedia and The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Academic Publications

○ Book Chapters

1. Devraj, Ayushman. "Her Muffled Voice: Representing Marginalization in Select Plays of Mahesh Dattani". *Exploring Female Voices in The Writings of Contemporary Indian English Literature*. pp 100-108 ISBN: 978-81-937874-1-0.
2. Devraj, Ayushman. "Fissures and Faultlines: Perspectives of Partition in Manohar Malgonkar's A Bend in the Ganges". *Partition of India: Memory, Trauma and Representation*. pp 40-44. ISBN: 978-81-86385-23-6.

○ Journal

1. Devraj, Ayushman. "From Russia, with Love: Exploring Food, Nostalgia, and the Post-Immigration Space in Select Works of Lara Vapnyar". *Assonance*, Vol 21. (Forthcoming, indexed in UGC-CARE)
2. Devraj, Ayushman, and Kandarpa Das. "Cultural Hybridity and the Russian-American (Con)Text: A Study of Gary Shteyngart's Little Failure." *Indian Journal of Russian Studies*, vol. 2, 2021, ijrsonline.
3. Devraj, Ayushman. "Dina Rubina and the Russian-Jewish Literature from Israel: A Story of Longing and Belonging". *International Journal of Advanced Science and Technology*. (Forthcoming, indexed in SCOPUS).

Seminar Presentations

○ International

- 22-23 January 2019 *Contours of Travel and Exile in Joseph Brodsky* in International Conference on "Negotiating Culture: New Frontiers in Translation and Language Learning", jointly organised by Department of Foreign Languages, Gauhati University, India and Institute of South Asian Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia.
- 20-21 January 2020 *Longing for a Lost Land: Exploring the Émigré Experience in the works of Post-Soviet Jewish-Russian Writers of Israel* in International Symposium on "Tryst of an Assamese with Foreign Languages and Cultures: Commemorating 100 Years of Krishna Kanta Handiqui's Arrival at Oxford", organized by the Department of Foreign Languages, Gauhati University, India in collaboration with the Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia.

○ National

- 21-22 September 2018 *Her Muffled Voice: Representing Marginalisation in Select Plays of Mahesh Dattani* in ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on "Exploring Female Voices in the Writings of Contemporary Indian English Literature" organised by Gargaon College and Assam Lekhikha Sangstha.
- 1-2 February 2020 *Food and Post-Immigration Nostalgia: A Study of Select Works by Jewish-Russian Diasporic Writers* in National Seminar on "Migration, Diaspora and Nation Building: Opportunities and Challenges" organized by Digboi Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Digboi.

- 10-11 February 2020 *Reflections on English Eco-fiction of Assam: The Example of Arup Kumar Dutta* at a National Conference on “Assamese Children and Juvenile Literature” organized by Pub Kamrup College, Guwahati in association with Kamrup District Sahitya Sabha (jointly presented with Srijana Kaushik)
- 2-3 March 2020 *Women Wanderers: A study in select narratives of British Women Travelers in India* in National Seminar on Contemporary British Fiction: Texts and Contexts organized by Department of English, Dibrugarh University.
- 8-9 July 2020 *Eastern Bloc and the Poetry of Displacement: The Case of Akhmatova, Milosz, and Mandelstam* in a National Webinar on Literature and Marginality organized by Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev Vishwavidyalaya, Nagaon.

Faculty Development Programme (FDP)

- 10-14 June 2019 Workshop on Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences: Ethnography, Narratives and Social Stories organised by OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati in association with Council for Social Development, New Delhi, GB Pant Social Sciences Institute, Allahabad and Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata.
- 14-20 May 2020 7 Days Interdisciplinary Online National Level Faculty Development Programme organised by Ch. Bansi Lal University, Haryana.
- Jan-April 2020 Soft Skill Development by NPTEL (First class, with 82 percent).
- 04 June- 01 July 2020 One Month Induction/Orientation Programme for Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education organised by TLC, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi.

Seminars/Conferences/Workshops Attended

- 2 March 2014 Training Program on “Motivation of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction” organised by National Council of Rural Institutes, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India in collaboration with NSS Cell, Tezpur University
- 14-15 March 2014 National Seminar on “The Practice of Everyday life in North-East India: An Interdisciplinary Approach” organized by Department of English and Foreign Languages, Tezpur University; Sponsored by ICSSR NERC, Shillong.
- 30 March 2016 UGC SAP- DRS National Conference On “Biography: Western Theories, Indigenous Practices in Assam” organized by Department of English and Foreign Languages Tezpur University.
- 26-28 October 2016 19th National Conference on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN) organised by Tezpur University in collaboration with DELNET.
- 10-11 March 2017 AICTE- NEQUIP sponsored Academic Support Programme on “Soft Skill and Entrepreneurship Development” organised by Dept. of Energy, Tezpur University.
- 25 March 2017 National Human Rights Council supported “Training Programme on Human Rights” organised by Department of Law and Community College, Tezpur University.
- 10 May 2017 Workshop on “Information Access and Analysis in the Innovation and Research Value Chain” organised by Intellectual Property Cell, Tezpur University.
- 22-23 January 2019 International Symposium “Open Pages in South Asian Studies – 3” jointly organised by Department of Foreign Languages, Gauhati University, India and Institute of South Asian Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia.

Awards and Achievements (Selected)

1. Best Speaker in Youth Parliament organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India.
2. Tezpur University Quizzing Champion, 2017.
3. Two-time National Champion in Quiz and one-time Gold Medalist in Debate in the All India National Youth Festival organized by Association of Indian Universities (Ranchi-2014, Indore-2015, Mysore-2016 and Kolhapur- 2017)
4. 3rd Prize in National Level Open Quiz Competition at Progyan organized by Tezpur University as a part of Silver Jubilee Celebrations, 2018.
5. Best Debater at North East Level Debate Competition organized by Pragjyotika, Titabor.
6. Government of India and Ministry of HRD's representative as Gender Champion (2016)
7. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India's representative as Gender Champion.
8. North-East Region Champion and National Finalist of The Great Debate organized by the British High Commission, India (2015)
9. Anundoram Barooah Award from the Government of Assam, India to 1st division holders in school leaving examination, 2010

Personal Profile

Languages Assamese (native), English (native), Hindi (professional), Bengali (Moderate), Russian (Basic and Learning)

Interests Educational outreach, writing, cooking, hiking and watching sports.

References

Available on request.

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