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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in English (Composition and Rhetoric)** Exp. 2026
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI
- First-year Graduate Fellowship
- M.A. in English** May 2021
Missouri State University, Springfield, MO
- Thesis: Self-portraits of a Bilingual Immigrant
 - Committee: Marcus Cafagna (Chair), Sara Burge, Michael Czyzniejewski
- M.A.E. in Secondary English** May 2018
Truman State University, Kirksville, MO
- Thesis: How Multicultural Literature Impacts Perspective Building
 - Committee: Dr. Barbara Price (Chair), Dr. Summer Pennell, Dr. Paul Yoder
- B.A. in English** May 2016
Truman State University
- Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Classroom Experience

- Missouri State University* 2019 - Present
- ENG210 Writing II: Writing Across the Disciplines (2 sections, in-person): A writing course with a focus in research of different disciplines
 - Teaching 40 students from sophomore, junior, and senior levels while maintaining office hours for individual conferences
 - Guiding students to start or continue identifying and applying research techniques and discourse in their respective disciplines
 - ENG100: Introduction to College Composition (4 sections, online): Required introductory writing course for some students by placement score
 - Taught freshman, nontraditional, or bilingual students about academic discourse used in writing for different audiences
 - Held online conferences using Zoom and Collaborate Ultra Lab
 - ACC300: Professionalism in Accountancy (4 sections, in-person/hybrid/blended): A professional writing course focusing on research in business, accounting, and professional behavior
 - Co-taught sophomores, juniors, and non-traditional students
 - Held office hours to meet students and answer their assignment-related questions
 - Created lesson activities and graded student work for 90+ students over the two semesters
- K-12* 2018 - 2019
- Madison C-3 School District: English Language Arts 7th - 12th Grade (in-person)
 - Facilitated student learning for 100 students from 6 different grade levels, using researched pedagogy
 - Supervised the Drama/Theater Club that hosted two school plays for the community
 - Kirksville High School: English Language Arts 11th - 12th Grade

- Co-taught 2 sections of 12th grade and 4 sections of 11th grade as part of an internship with the help of a mentor teacher

Advising Experience

- *Preceptor*, Joseph Baldwin Academy (Institute for Academic Outreach), Truman State University, 2018
 - Assisted a Creative Writing English faculty member teach a summer course to junior high school students
- *Peer Advisor*, Center for Academic Excellence, Truman State University, 2013-2017
 - Provided directions for registering for classes and making appointments with academic advisors to incoming freshman students
- *Academic Success Mentor*, Center for International Students, Truman State University, 2014-2016
 - Held individual meetings with international students to discuss their academic progress and cultural transition
 - Maintained confidentiality while keeping records on students' information and discussed with supervisors to brainstorm ideas to assist students navigating academia better

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Purna, Sujash. *Simple Fantasies*. Finishing Line Press, 2023.

Purna, Sujash. *Azans for the Infidel*. Mouthfeel Press, 2023.

Purna, Sujash. *Epidemic of Nostalgia*. Finishing Line Press, 2021. ISBN-13: 9781646625765

Purna, Sujash. *Biriyani: Poems*. The Poet's Haven, 2018. ISBN-13: 9781640920125

Interviews

Purna, Sujash, and Daniel Kuo. "Smoke and Mirrors with Daniel Kuo." *SmokeLong Quarterly*, 27 Sept. 2021, www.smokelong.com/smoke-and-mirrors-with-daniel-kuo/.

Yeap, Emily, and Sujash Purna. "Relating the Immigrant Experience through Poetry." *Missouri State News*, Missouri State Journal, 6 June 2021, news.missouristate.edu/2021/07/06/sujash-purna/.

Dudenhoeffer, Diana, and Sujash Purna. "Intimate, Wistful and With No Shortage of Nostalgia." *The Standard*, Missouri State University, 26 Apr. 2021, www.the-standard.org/graduation/intimate-wistful-and-with-no-shortage-of-nostalgia/article_7ce1967e-a6ee-11eb-b07d-0331b5013ccc.html.

Rose, Sam, and Sujash Purna. "Ep 015 - Guest Episode: Sujash Purna." *Speaking Cat - The Peeking Cat Literary Podcast*, The Peeking Cat Literary Journal, 3 Apr. 2021, speakingcat.podbean.com/e/ep-015-guest-episode-sujash-purna/.

Purna, Sujash, and Rupert Dastur. "Smoke & Mirrors Interview with Rupert Dastur." *SmokeLong Quarterly*, 22 Mar. 2021, www.smokelong.com/smoke-mirrors-with-rupert-dastur/.

Literary Journals

Purna, Sujash. "Story City." *The South Carolina Review*, vol. 53, no. 2, 2021, pp. 106–107.

Purna, Sujash. "Windglass." *Slippery Elm Literary Journal*, 2021, p. 125.

Purna, Sujash. "Yellow Wallpaper Resident Alien." *Zócalo Public Square*, Arizona State University, 16 July 2021, www.zocalopublicsquare.org/2021/07/16/sujash-purna-poem-yellow-wallpaper-resident-alien/chronicles/poetry/.

Purna, Sujash. "Jonah in the Time of Climate Change." *Hawai'i Pacific Review*, Hawai'i Pacific University, 9 Aug. 2021, hawaiiipacificreview.org/2021/08/09/jonah-in-the-time-of-climate-change/.

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- Available at: <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/resonance/vol3/iss1/10>
- Purna, Sujash. "Miriam' & 2 Other Poems." *The Bombay Review*, The Bombay Review, 28 Feb. 2021, thebombayreview.com/2021/02/28/poetry-miriam-2-other-poems-by-sujash-purna-issue-38-feb-2021/.
- Purna, Sujash. "Curry Stains." *Decomp.*, Social Justice Institute at University of British Columbia, Jan. 2021, decompjournal.com/purna_1.
- Purna, Sujash. "Buypast." *Eunoia Review*, Eunoia Review, 15 Nov. 2020, eunoiareview.wordpress.com/2020/11/26/buypast/.
- Purna, Sujash. "Einaan See Eight." *Watershed Review*, Flume Press - CSU, Chico, Oct. 2020, watershedreview.com/poetry/sujash-purna/.
- Purna, Sujash. "Everything We Try to Be." *Belle Ombre*, Belle Ombre, Sept. 2020, www.belleombre.org/everything-we-try-to-be/.
- Purna, Sujash. "A Monologue of a Theater Teacher." *Plainsongs*, vol. 40, no. 2, Summer 2020, p. 108.
- Purna, Sujash. "Rotisserie Chicken." *Kansas City Voices*, vol. 15, Jan. 2019, p. 39.
- Purna, Sujash. "Temple Juniper." *Red Earth Review*, July 2019, p. 64.
- Purna, Sujash. "Breast Pocket; You'll Go." *Poetry Salzburg Review*, no. 34, 2019, pp. 55–56.
- Purna, Sujash. "Energized Waters; Epidemic of Nostalgia." *West Trade Review*, vol. 10, 2019, pp. 137–139.
- Purna, Sujash. "Wake Up, Romantic!" *English Journal*, vol. 108, no. 3, Jan. 2019, p. 101.
- Purna, Sujash. "Outliers." *Naugatuck River Review*, no. 20, Summer/Fall 2018, p. 31.
- Purna, Sujash Islam. "News from Kirksville." *34thParallel Magazine*, no. 41, Feb. 2017, pp. 44–47.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Readings

- Purna, Sujash (2021, July). Self-portrait of the Bilingual Immigrant. Poetry presented at the Hungry Young Poets Reading Series from the River Styx Literary Journal, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Open Mouth Poetry Retreat, Fayetteville, Arkansas, June 4-6, 2021
- Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference, Brevard College, Brevard, North Carolina, May 20-23, 2021.
- Purna, Sujash (2021, April). Dhaka. Poetry presented at the C.R.A.F.T. Poetry and Arts Festival, West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania.
- Purna, Sujash (2019, November). Biriya. Book presented at the For Words Reading Series, Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri.
- Purna, Sujash (2019, April). Biriya. Book presented at the North American Review Writing Conference, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Academic Conferences

- Purna, Sujash, (2018, April). How Multicultural Literature Impacts Perspective Building. Paper presented at the 31st Annual Student Research Conference, Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri.

LITERARY RECOGNITIONS

- 2021 Winner of the Moon City Review Student Creative Nonfiction Competition
- 2021 Nominated for the Best of the Net Anthology by Hawai'i Pacific Review
- 2021 Longlisted for Sexton Poetry Prize, Black Spring Press
- 2021 Open Mouth Poetry Retreat Scholarship
- 2021 Harbor Editions Marginalia Chapbook Series (Finalist)
- 2021 Zócalo Poetry Competition (Semi-finalist)
- 2020 Moon City Review Student Poetry Contest (Finalist)
- 2020 Vella Chapbook Prize (Finalist)

2019 North American Review Writing Conference Proposal Contest

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Connie Jones Foundation Scholarship. Awarded by Truman State University to support continuation or completion of degree. Received Fall 2017.

McClaskey TSU Foundation Scholarship. Awarded by Truman State University to support continuation or completion of degree. Received Spring 2016.

President's Honorary Scholarship for International Students, Truman State University. Competitively awarded among new international student admissions. Received 2012-2016.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Assistant Poetry Editor, Pyre Magazine (2021 – Present)

Interview Contributor, SmokeLong Quarterly (2021 – Present)

Assistant Poetry Editor, Moon City Review & Press (2019 – 2021)

Middle School Tutor, Blue Key Honor Society (2014-2016)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Bengali (Fluent/Native); Hindi (Intermediate)