



NARAJOLE RAJ COLLEGE

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FACULTY PROFILE

BASIC PROFILE

Name : PRAGNA PARAMITA MONDAL
Designation : Assistant Professor
Department : English
E-mail : pragna0909@gmail.com
Academic Qualification : PhD, University of Calcutta (ongoing)
M.Phil., University of Calcutta (First Class)
M.A., University of Kalyani (First Class First)
B.A., University of Kalyani (First Class First)



AWARDS

1. Travel Grant for Participation in International Conference awarded by the University of Calcutta for attending the International Symposium on *Consuming Gender: Intersections on Identity and Consumption in the Global South* at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, in October 2019
2. UGC NET Junior Research Fellowship in December 2010
3. Manish Ranjan Basu Silver Medal awarded by the University of Kalyani for obtaining a First Class First Degree in M.A. in 2009
4. Karuna Chandra Majumdar Memorial Prize from the English Language Lovers' Association, Chandannagar, on the 15th Annual Prize Distribution Function, January, 2010, at the Institut de Chandernagor, for securing the highest marks in English in the M.A. Examination of University of Kalyani
5. Annapurna Memorial Award from the Kalyani Civic Association for obtaining a First Class First Degree in B.A. English (Hons.), Kalyani University, in 2007

SERVICE HISTORY

Year of Joining:	Joined Narajole Raj College as Assistant Professor in April 2017
Previous Employment:	Full Time Contractual Lectureship at Victoria Institution (College), Kolkata, University of Calcutta, from January 2010 to May 2012 Academic Counsellor in English for the Bachelors' Degree Programme at IGNOU, Kolkata, from July 2010 to July 2012



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Teaching Experience (in years):	5.5
Areas of Teaching:	Phonetics, Old English Literature, Restoration Drama, Romantic Literature, Modern Poetry, Novels and Short Story, American Literature, Rhetoric & Prosody
Areas of Specialization:	Literary Theory, British Poetry, American Literature, Women & Gender Studies

Administrative Responsibilities at Narajole Raj College:

Acted as -

Convenor of the Equal Opportunity Cell & Member of the Technology Committee and Career Counseling Cell since July 2019

Coordinator of the Data Capturing Team in January 2020

Coordinator of the Language Lab since July 2018

Member of the Film Club since July 2019

Member of the Service Book Committee, Sports & Culture Committee, Career Counseling Cell, Entry into Service Cell from July 2017 to June 2019

Member of the Departmental Committee, Dept. of English since April 2017

Assisted the Library Committee, NAAC Committee, Extension Service Cell and Alumni Association in documentation and content creation

RESEARCH PROFILE

Areas of Research Interest :	Women & Gender Studies, Development Studies, Health Sociology, Economic Sociology, Medical Anthropology
Research Experience:	<p>Pursuing PhD at Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta (2015 onward). Conducted field research on Indian surrogacy in the cities of Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, Anand (Gujarat) and Howrah (2014-17) with Ethical Clearance from the Institutional Bioethics Committee for Human, University of Calcutta</p> <p>M.Phil from the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, University of Calcutta, in 2014. Dissertation title - <i>Performing Maternity: Globalization, Surrogacy and the Indian Matrix</i></p> <p>Conducted household survey in Daiji village of Magrahat Block-II, South 24 Parganas, as part of M.Phil coursework at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata in 2014</p>



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Assisted in preparing English transcripts of qualitative data (In-Depth Interviews and Focus Group Discussions) in the Post-doctoral project *Second Demographic Transition in Kolkata* of Dr. Saswata Ghosh, Sir Ratan Tata Post-Doctoral Fellow at Asia Research Centre, London School of Economics & Political Science in 2015

Conference/Seminar/ Workshop Attended: (Title)	Year	Role	Organizer
1. International Symposium on <i>Consuming Gender: Intersections on Identity and Consumption in the Global South</i> under the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation funded project 'Governing Intimacies'	30 October 2019	Presented the paper <i>Consuming gendered intimacies: Indian surrogacy and the boundaries between the market and the state</i>	School of Literature, Language and Media (SLLM), University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
2. Third International Conference on Law and Economics	18-19 November 2017	Presented the paper <i>Contracting Altruism: The Case of Indian Surrogacy</i>	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur & Gujarat National Law University
3. UGC Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on A Socio-Legal Study on Surrogacy: A Rented Accommodation for the Foetus	8-9 March 2017	Presented the paper <i>Rethinking surrogacy in the Indian context: Notes on shifting paradigms</i>	Surendranath Law College, University of Calcutta
4. Seven Day TOT on Gender Sensitization	21 February - 1 March 2017	Participant	Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta, in collaboration with Department of Gender Studies, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu



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5. 6 th National Bioethics Conference	13-15 January 2017	Presented the paper <i>Rethinking Ethical Positions in Surrogacy</i>	Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES), Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME) & Mahila Sarvangeen Utkarsh Mandal (MASUM), Pune
6. ICSSR Sponsored Three Day National Seminar on "Son Preference in India: A Patriarchal Legacy; Socio-economic and Socio-cultural Perspectives"	3-5 February 2016	Presented the paper <i>Traversing a Culture of Choice and Valuing: The Dynamics of Preference in New Reproductive Technologies</i>	Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta
7. ICSSR Sponsored Three Day Multi-disciplinary Conference on <i>Examining Intersections: Caste/Gender Narratives in India</i>	8-10 February 2016	Presented the paper <i>Tracing the caste/gender polemics in labour participation: SumangaliThittam and Dalit women in the garment manufacturing industry in Tamil Nadu</i>	Institute of Development Studies Kolkata
8. ICSSR Sponsored Three Day Economic Sociology Conference on <i>Trust in Transactions</i>	16-18 November 2015	Paper titled <i>Markets in Choice: Warranted and not Warranted? Problematizing Trust through Disclaimed Transactions in the Matrimonial and the Medical Aesthetics Industry</i> accepted for presentation	Institute of Development Studies Kolkata in collaboration with Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies
9. Week-long Workshop on <i>Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences</i>	27-31 July 2015	Participant	Institute of Development Studies Kolkata
10. Week-long Workshop on <i>Qualitative Methodology</i>	21-25 July 2015	Participant	Institute of Development Studies Kolkata



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11. Brocher Symposium on <i>Between Policy and Practice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Equitable Access to Health Care</i>	5-7 July 2015	Paper titled <i>Commercial Surrogacy and the Indian Experience: Revisiting Legal, Cultural and Ethical Issues</i> accepted for presentation	Brocher Foundation, Hermance, Switzerland
12. 12 th International Conference of Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the World (MELOW)	8-10 February 2013	Presented the paper <i>Female Martyrdom: Tracing the Politics of Body and Performative Identity</i>	MELUS-India in collaboration with Dept. of English, Panjab University, Chandigarh
13. Week-long workshop on <i>Human Development</i>	3-7 December 2012	Participant	Institute of Development Studies Kolkata
14. Indian Council of Historical Research funded Week-long National Workshop on <i>Planet, People or Profit? The Perilous Passage and the Capitalist Transformation of the Natural World</i>	10-14 September 2012	Presented the paper <i>Mythopoeia and Apocalypse: Ecological Visions in Kurosawa's Dreams</i>	Institute of Development Studies Kolkata
15. IACLALS Annual Conference 2012 on <i>Text, Culture and Performance: Postcolonial Issues</i>	2-4 February 2012	Presented the paper <i>Performing Maternity: Globalization, Surrogacy and the Indian Matrix</i>	Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (IACLALS); co-hosted by Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi
16. ENGCONF 2012, 2 Day International Conference on <i>Recent Trends in Literature: A Global Perspective</i>	27 - 28 January 2012	Presented the paper <i>Metafictional Introspection and Generic Ideology in Robert Coover's Noir</i>	Dept. of English, Garden City College, Bengaluru
17. MELUS-MELOW Eleventh International Conference In <i>Search of Solutions: The Conventional, the Experimental and the Bizarre</i>	22-24 September 2011	Presented the paper <i>La tiniebla blanca: Paraguayan Liminality and the Crises of Alterity in Augusto Roa Bastos's Madama Sui</i>	MELOW (The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the World) & MELUS-India (The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the U.S. - India Chapter) in collaboration with OUCIP (Osmania University Centre for International Programmes)



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18. 12 th Anniversary Seminar on "Provincializing America : Diasporic Mediations and Culture Studies"	August 2009	Participant	American Literature Study Circle, American Center, U.S. Consulate, Kolkata
19. International Shakespeare Conference on "Staged Encounters: History, Society, Identity and Shakespeare"	December 2008	Participant	Center of Advanced Study, Department of English, Jadavpur University in collaboration with the Shakespeare Association of America and with support from the British Council, East India
20. International Conference "On the Road : Writing Travel and Travellers"	November 2008	Participant	Centre for Advanced Study, Department of English, Jadavpur University
21. International Conference on "India in/and American Literature and Thought"	September 2008	Participant	Jadavpur University Society for American Studies (JUSAS)
22. 11 th Anniversary Seminar on "Changing Strategies: Intersection of Literature and Activism in 20 th century American Literature"	July-August 2008	Participant	American Literature Study Circle, American Center, U.S. Consulate, Kolkata

Chapters in Books :

1. *Understanding infertility treatment and policy invisibilization in the context of India's Surrogacy Law: Notes from Kolkata and its suburb* in A. Chattopadhyay and S. Ghosh (Eds.) *Population Dynamics in Eastern India and Bangladesh: Demography, Health and Development Issues*. Springer Nature: Singapore (forthcoming)
2. *"Ghosts of the Republic": Statelessness and children born through transnational surrogacy in the context of India's ban* in T. Bloom and L. Kingston (Eds.) *Statelessness and Governance: Rights, Identity, Citizenship*. Manchester University Press (forthcoming)



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Journal Publications:

1. *Aamar kukurer jonyo ekti epitaph* (Translation of Marcel Proust's *Epitaph pour un chien*) in *Ebang Mushyera*, Vol. IV, January-March 2019, ISSN 0976-9307 (UGC Journal No. 40946)
2. *The Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016: In Search of Non-tangential Premises* published in the *Economic & Political Weekly*, Vol. 53, Issue No. 14, 07 April, 2018 ISSN (Print) - 0012-9976, ISSN (Online) - 2349-8846 (UGC Journal No. 12473)
3. *Smritir nirman/binirman: Chronicle of a Death Foretold o Marquesiyo kahinikolpo* published in *Ebang Mushayera*, Vol. I, April- June 2018, ISSN 0976-9307 (UGC Journal No. 40946)
4. *Arthyer Adhyas O Bhashar Anweeksha: Julio Cortázar er Sutrogato Binirmaner Alope 62: A Model Kit* published in *Ebang Mushayera*, January-March 2015, ISSN 0976-9307 (UGC Journal No. 40946)
5. Bengali translation of Julio Cortázar's lecture *The Present State of Fiction in Latin America* published in the Julio Cortázar Special Issue of *Ebang Mushayera*, January-March 2015, ISSN 0976-9307 (UGC Journal No. 40946)
6. *Paraguayan Liminality and the Crises of Alterity in Augusto Roa Bastos's Madama Sui* published in the *MELUS-MELOW International Journal*, 2013 (ISSN-2249-4839)
7. Book review of Alexs Pate's *In the Heart of the Beat*, published in *Rupkatha Journal on Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities* (3.2), Ed. Tirtha Prasad Mukhopadhyay. URL of issue: <http://rupkatha.com/v3n2.php>
URL of review: http://rupkatha.com/V3/n2/17_Review_of_Alexs_Pate_In_the_Heart_of_the_Beat.pdf
E-ISSN 0975-2935 (UGC Journal No. 33091)

Conference Proceedings:

- *Metafictional Introspection and Generic Ideology in Robert Coover's Noir* published under Seminar Proceedings ENGCONF 2012, Garden City College, Bangalore (ISBN-978-93-81361-84-9)



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Other Publications:

1. *Goriber surakshar odhikar nei* published in Post-editorial, *Anandabazar Patrika*, on 26 May, 2018
2. Poem *Mousumi Tarange...99.9* published in *Ebang Mushayera*, Vol. I, April- June 2018, ISSN 0976-9307 (UGC Journal No. 40946)
3. English translations of Barsha Bhattacharya's poems *A Sudden Meeting & Daughter of Clay* and Sudam Pal's poem *My Soul* published in Shilpa Anand & Nandini Ghosh eds. *Café Dissensus* (New York, USA) Issue 17 on *Disability: Art and Culture*, August 2015 (ISSN 2373 1778)
URL: <http://cafedissensus.com/2015/08/14/content-disability-art-and-culture-issue-17>
4. Poem *Bindutey Biroti* published in *Ebang Mushyera*, April-June 2015, ISSN 0976-9307 (UGC Journal No. 40946)
5. *Interview of Dr. Taimur Rahman* published in Titas Dasgupta and Subhoranjan Dasgupta eds. monograph *Dialogues on Democracy and Politics of the Left* in 2014 as part of the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung South Asia funded project *Exploring Means of Democratic Transformation: Theory and Practice in South Asia* at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata
6. Poem *Gati-Bimba* published in *Ebang Mushyera*, April-June 2014, ISSN 0976-9307 (UGC Journal No. 40946)
7. Poem *Precognition* published in *The Unrorean*, Vol X Issue 2, Winter/Spring 2011, Encircle Publications, Farmington, Maine, USA
8. Article on the city of Kolkata titled *Tilottama: The Mistress and the Muse* published in the May 2011 issue of *EWomen: Empowerment, Enrichment, Enlightenment and Entertainment*.
URL: <http://www.the-indian-subcontinent.org/content/city-diary-tilottama-mistress-and-muse>
9. Poem *Blood* published in Issue 18 *Over the Moon*, a subscribed edition of e-zine *firstwriter.com* in 2011.
URL: <https://www.firstwriter.com/Magazine/issue18/short.cgi?type=poetry>



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10. Interview snippet published under *Kolkata-r bairey meyeder prothom college* in the *Campus Theke* section of the Nadia-Murshidabad supplement of *Anandabazar Patrika* on 11 June 2005

Language Skills:

1. Completed level A1 in French from Alliance Française du Bengale securing 90% in the DELF1 examination conducted by the Commission Nationale, CIEP (2008-09)
2. Studied Spanish at the School of Languages, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark (2009-12)
3. Studied Urdu at the West Bengal Urdu Academy, Kolkata (2012-13)
4. Studied Japanese at Bharat Japan Sanskriti Kendra, Rabindra Okakura Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata (2016-17)

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