



## Dr. Tyagraj Thakur - Ph.D.

**Name** : Tyagraj Thakur  
**Designation** : Senior Assistant Professor  
**Department** : Basic Science & Humanities (English)  
(Joined the institute in 2009)  
**Contact** : +919861511651 (M)  
**Email** : tyagraj@silicon.ac.in

### AREAS OF INTEREST

Postcolonial Studies  
Subaltern Studies  
World Literature  
Indian & Western Philosophy  
Language Teaching  
Corporate and Media Communication  
Creative Writing  
Editing & Proofreading

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph. D. (English) Utkal University, Odisha, India  
M. A. (English) Utkal University, Odisha, India

### TEACHING /INDUSTRIAL/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2019 - Present	Senior Assistant Professor of English Silicon Institute of Technology, Sambalpur
Dec. 2013 – Dec. 2018	Assistant Professor of English Silicon Institute of Technology, Sambalpur
Aug. 2011 – Nov. 2013	Assistant Professor of English (On Deputation) Silicon Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar
Aug. 2009 – Jul. 2011	Lecturer in English Silicon Institute of Technology, Sambalpur

#### **JOURNAL**

1. "Reclaiming the African Identity in a Globalised Era: The Postcolonial Narrative Ambition in Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's Novels," *SEARCH: A Journal of Arts, Humanities and Management*

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

1. "'Basanti': A classic but experimental Odia novel from the 1920s is reinvented in English translation," published in *Scroll.in*

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

1. "Reorienting humanities in the wake of corporate communication," *Corporate Communication: An Insight* published by Bahri Publication, New Delhi
2. "Culture, Identity and Language in Chinua Achebe's Narrative: Exploring the Postcolonial Hybrid Space," *The Unbilled Hour: Essays on Literature, Culture and Theory*, published by Kitab Bhavan, Bhubaneswar

#### **EDITED BOOKS**

1. *The Unbilled Hour: Essays on Literature, Culture and Theory* (Co-edited), Published by Kitab Bhavan, Bhubaneswar
2. *BE THE CHANGE: Lesser Known Change Agents of Odisha, Vol. I, II & III* (Co-edited), Published by YESWECAN Foundation, Bhubaneswar

#### **ANY OTHER**

#### **INVITED TALKS**

1. Career after Graduation: Possibilities and Prospects, OPS College, Hindol Road, Dhenkanal, Odisha. 29th November 2019
2. The Language of Literature in Pursuit of Cultural Identity: Perspectives from India and Africa, Seminar on English Studies amidst Cultural Globalization: New Perspectives, Sonapur College (Autonomous), Sonapur, Odisha. 11th February 2017

#### **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR PAPERS PRESENTED**

1. Representation of gender and education in early Indian fiction: From Basanti in oblivion to writing the 'New Woman', International Seminar on Revisiting Early Indian Fiction: Representation of Reading, Writing and Society organised by the Department of English, Karanjia Autonomous College, Karanjia. 22nd November 2019
2. "Teaching English in its De-centred Avatar: Language Acquisition and Inclusive Reading through 'Oratures' and Indigenous Literature," National Seminar on Teaching English to Tribal Learners through Indigenous Literature: Challenges and Prospects organised by Government Autonomous College, Bhawanipatna, Odisha. 23rd to 24th February 2019
3. "Ngugi's Globaleclectical Reading: An Approach to Read World Literature Anew," International Conference on 'Politics and Letters: The Function of Criticism at the Present Time,' organised by the PG Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 23rd to 25th January 2018
4. "Reclaiming the African Identity in a Globalised Era: The Postcolonial Narrative Ambition in Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's Novels," International Conference on 'Decentring English Studies: Studying Literature in the Global South' organised by the PG Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 19th to 21st January 2017
5. "'Re-storying' the African Nation: Mapping the National Psyche Through Chinua Achebe's Novels," National Seminar on 'Writing the Bildungsromane in the Postcolonial [Con]text' organised by the PG Department of English, Sambalpur University, Odisha. 15th to 16th March 2013

6. "Translating Culture: Chinua Achebe's other tongue narrative on the mother tongue experience," UGC Sponsored State Level Seminar on 'From Mother Tongue to Other Tongue: Perspectives on Translation Studies' organised by the Department of English, Betnoti College, Mayurbhanj. 28th to 29th February 2012
7. "The Oral Substratum in Chinua Achebe's Later Novels," Seminar on 'Language, Literature, Culture: New Perspectives' organised by the P G Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 26th to 27th November 2011
8. "Learning Expression from Literature for Language Competence," International Conference on 'Strategic Communication: Learning from Mistakes' organised by Centre for Communication, University of Petroleum & Energy Studies, Dehradun. 4th to 5th November 2011
9. "Restoring liberal arts literacy: a way to healthy corporate communication," National Conference on 'Emerging Trends in Communication: Corporate and Academic' organised by Centre for Communication, University of Petroleum & Energy Studies, Dehradun. 3rd to 4th December 2010

#### **SESSION CHAIRED**

1. National Seminar on Teaching English to Tribal Learners through Indigenous Literature: Challenges and Prospects organised by Government Autonomous College, Bhawanipatna, Odisha. 23rd to 24th February 2019

#### **FDP ATTENDED**

1. 'Happiness Programme' by Art of Living at Silicon Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar. 8th to 12th December 2014
2. Faculty Development Programme titled 'Shikshak' organised by Silicon Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar. 28th to 29th December 2012
3. Faculty Enablement Program (FEP) on 'Soft Skills' organised by Campus Connect, Infosys, Bhubaneswar DC. 30th July to 1st August 2012
4. Winter School on 'Imaginative Reading and Creative Writing: Language, Literature and Teacher' at IIT Kharagpur. 1st to 7th February 2010

#### **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/SYMPOSIUM/WORKSHOP ATTENDED**

1. National Symposium on "The Empty Page" organised by the PG Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 6th April 2018
2. Seminar-cum-Workshop on "Research in English Studies: Trends, Methods & Mechanics" organised by the PG Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 12th to 13th November 2015
3. National Seminar on "Publishing and Editing" organised by the P G Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 28th to 29th March 2014
4. Seminar on "Communication Skill – Teaching and Applications: Is there a Mismatch?" organised by Silicon Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar. 30th to 31st December 2013
5. Seminar on "The Mechanics of Language Use: Trends and Boundaries Today" organised by the P G Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 1st February 2013
6. Bhubaneswar Literature Festival organised by The Times of India. 7th to 8th December 2012
7. Seminar on "Topographies of Mind Society and Culture: Identities and Crossovers" organised by the P G Department of English, Utkal University. 9th to 10th November 2012
8. Orissa Literature Festival organised by The New Indian Express. 6th to 7th October 2012
9. Workshop on "Theories of Literature", organised by DDCE, Utkal University in collaboration with Academic Staff College, Utkal University. 17th to 18th March 2012
10. Seminar on 'Professional Ethics & Human Values for Engineers' organised by Silicon Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar. 23rd to 24th December 2011
11. Seminar on "The Magic World of Manoj Das: Making and Mystery of His Short Stories" organised by Khaira College, Balasore in collaboration with H.K. Mahatab College, Kupari Balasore. 21st to 22nd October 2011

12. Seminar on 'Odia Writers Writing in English & Odia Literature in English Translation' organised by the P G Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 30th to 31st March 2011
13. National Symposium on 'Human Sciences in the Time of Disciplinary Decadence' organised by Balvant Parekh Centre for General Semantics and Other Human Sciences, Baroda. 10th to 12th February 2011
14. National Workshop on 'Research Methodology' organised by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, ITER, Bhubaneswar in collaboration with P.G. Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 21st to 22nd December 2010
15. Lecture on 'Independence or Interdependence: Is Postcolonial Literature Truly Postcolonial?' by Prof. Alestair Niven, Principal, Cumberland Lodge, UK at Utkal University. 5th October 2010
16. Conference on the 'Role of Media in Times of Crisis' organised by NSHM Institute of Media and Communication in Bhubaneswar. 9th February 2009
17. International Conference on 'Chutnefying English' organised by MICA in Mumbai. 10th to 11th January 2009
18. UGC seminar on 'The Subaltern Speaks: Their Projection in Indo-Anglian Fiction' organised by the Department of English, Betnoti College, Baripada. 22nd to 23rd August 2008
19. National Seminar on 'Recent Critical Theories & the Teaching of English Literatures' organised by the Department of English, Vikram Dev Autonomous College, Jeypore, Koraput. 24th to 25th February 2008

#### **PROGRAMMES ORGANISED**

1. Train the Trainers Workshop at Silicon Institute of Technology, Sambalpur. 21st to 23rd June 2018
2. 'A Meet on Industry Academia Integration' organised by Silicon Institute of Technology, Sambalpur in collaboration with BPUT at Hotel Mayfair, Rourkela. 26th June 2015
3. 'A Tribute to Chinua Achebe' in PG Council Hall, Utkal University. 21st April 2013
4. Seminar on 'Language, Literature, Culture: New Perspectives' in the PG Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 26th to 27th November 2011
5. Seminar on 'Reading English in the 21st Century' in the PG Department of English, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. 2nd April 2008

#### **AWARD/ACHIEVEMENT**

1. Winner of Best Poem Award by 'Your Space, Muse India - an online journal' April 2013
2. Semester Question Paper Setter for OUAT, Bhubaneswar. 2017