

Shona Lynn Desilva has obtained her B.A. in English from St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa. She completed her M.A. in English Literature at St. Joseph's College, Autonomous, Bengaluru. Ms. Desilva has taught English language and Literature at Don Bosco College, Panjim and Goa University. She is interested in research, specifically the field of Cultural Studies. She likes to use innovative teaching methods and is passionate about music. The idea of the meeting of music with literature stimulated her to write songs based on literary texts. Besides literature and music, she is also fascinated by theatre performance and has been a part of two theatre productions.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor of English at Goa University · Full-time from Jun 2023 - Aug 2023
- Assistant Professor of English at Goa Salesian Society's Don Bosco College Panaji · Full-time from Sep 2022 - May 2023

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- Presented paper titled, "Instagram Writers and Writing: The Changing Notion of Authorship in a Digital Space" at Melange International Conference conducted by M.A. in English with Communication Studies, Department of English and Cultural Studies, Central Campus, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Bangalore on 11-13 April (2022)
- Presented paper titled, "On Becoming: Reflections on Coming Out and Coming of Age in *Tipping the Velvet* by Sarah Waters" at Two Day International Conference on Contemporary Discourses: Gender, Ecology and Literature of Protest organized by Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College, Assagao, Goa on 20-21 May (2022)
- Presented paper titled, "The Humans of Northeast India: An Exploration of Real Stories from Northeast India through Instagram" at the conference "New Textualities: Writing Worlds, Worlds Writing" at St. Joseph's College Autonomous Bengaluru (2022)
- Presented a research paper titled, "Romance and Robots: Reflections on ChatGPT Generated Love Letters" at the conference "New Textualities: Writing Worlds, Worlds Writing" at St. Joseph's University Bengaluru (2022)

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- Attended the workshop "Translating Film for the Person" conducted by Dr. Arul Mani at the conference "New Textualities: Writing Worlds, Worlds Writing" at St. Joseph's College Autonomous Bengaluru (2022)
- Attended the workshop "Writing from the Everyday" conducted by Ms. Vijeta Kumar at the conference "New Textualities: Writing Worlds, Worlds Writing" at St. Joseph's College Autonomous Bengaluru (2022)
- Attended the iHumanities Summer School of Critical Theory and Philosophy 2021 conducted by the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Lampeter, UK, in collaboration with St. Berchman's College, Changanacherry, Kerala, India, from 02 - 31 July (2021)
- Attended the 33rd Sheppard Memorial Lecture 2021 by Prof Stanley Fish, Davidson - Kahn University Professor and Professor of Law at Florida International University conducted on 5 August 2021 on the topic 'Speaking in Code: Why Textualism is a Non-Starter' (2021)

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Felicitated by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru for obtaining second rank in Master of Arts in English examination for the batch of 2020-2022. (2023)
- Awarded certificate for obtaining the First Rank at the Bachelor of Arts examination for the batch of 2017-2020 by Goa University. (2022)
- Awarded with the "Lions Club of Margao Silver Jubilee Scholarship" for obtaining highest marks at the B.A examination by Goa University. (2022)
- Awarded with the "Smt. Manju Ghanashyam Nagarsekar Memorial Prize" for obtaining highest marks in English at the B.A examination by Goa University. (2022)
- Awarded with the "Late Prof. Jose Carmelo Coelho Prize" for obtaining highest marks in English at the B.A examination by Goa University. (2022)
- Cleared the Maharashtra State Eligibility Test (M-SET) in English for eligibility to Assistant Professorship in Maharashtra and Goa. (2021)
- Winner of "Just a Minute", a speaking competition that tests one's command over the language and creativity. 1st place for the festivals "Intramural" and "Lingles" organized by St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Bengaluru. (2021-22)
- Awarded with the "Rev. Fr. Andrew Jorda Prize" given to the student securing highest marks in Compulsory English by St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa. (2020)
- Distinction in Grade 8, Rock and Pop Vocals from Trinity College London. (2019)
- Winner of intercollegiate singing competition "Inception" organized by Goa Institute of Management, Sanquelim, Goa. (2019)
- Winner of singing competition "Voice of Xavier's" organized by St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa. (2018)
- 1st place in Western Vocals category for state level "Goa Talent Search" organized by the Directorate of Art and Culture, Goa. Awarded scholarship to pursue music for two years. (2011)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Convenor of Performing Arts Society, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru. Part of organizing committee for inhouse theatre festival "Intramural" and intercollegiate theatre festival "Upstage" (2021-22)
- Event head and judge's coordinator for the literature festival "WordsUp" organized by the Department of English, St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa. (2018-2020)
- Participated in French cultural exchange programme titled, "French Connection" organized by Lycee la Providence, Montauban de Bretagne, France in collaboration with St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa. (2019)
- Classical voice training with Ms. Juliana de Sa which included Vaccai practical methods in Italian singing. (2010-2020)