

# SARAH MERLYN JOSEPH

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## EDUCATION

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**Doctor of Philosophy, French Applied Linguistics** (Expected June 2027)

*University of Calgary, Alberta, CA*

- Major courses - Sociolinguistics, Research Methods in Applied Linguistics, Additional Language Pedagogy
- Dissertation on "A comparative study of Tamil and French - Pronouns, Direct and Indirect Objects" (*in progress*)

**Master of Arts, French** 2021

*The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India*

- Major courses - Discourse Analysis, Literature and Pedagogy of Teaching French.
- Dissertation on the title "The Role of ICT in virtual classrooms of French as a Foreign Language"

**Bachelor of Arts, French Literature** 2019

*Loyola College of Arts and Science, Chennai, India*

- Major courses - Introduction to Linguistics, Translation Theories, A brief overview of French Literature over the ages.

## RESEARCH

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**Role of ICT in Virtual Classroom Learning** 2021

*The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India*

- Observed a class of 10 undergraduate students in a French as foreign Language virtual class and it was noted that sessions with Audiovisual resources encouraged students to speak up more voluntarily.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University of Calgary** Fall 2023

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- Taught three labs of the course FREN209 and one of FREN211.
- Planned lessons, activities and assignments.
- Conducted summative assessments for speaking skills.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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### **Good Shepherd International School, Ooty, India**

2021-2023

#### *Teacher in French*

- Taught grades 7,8, 9 and 10 - Indian Certificate of Secondary Education ICSE board and the Cambridge IGCSE curriculum.
- Tutored students outside the classroom to help improve their speaking skills.
- Trained students for the internationally accredited DELF exam.
- As a house teacher, assisted students in preparing for various extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, leading them and promoting team spirit in them.
- In tutor ward and at the table, engaged with students on a personal level, helping them through any difficulties they may face and disciplining them when needed.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### **DELF Examiner-Corrector**

- Certified DELF Examiner-Corrector and served as an accredited DELF Examiner with the Alliance Française of Madras.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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### **International Graduate Tuition Award**

2023-2024

- Recipient of a sum of 3060 CAD at the University of Calgary.

### **Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship**

2023-2024

- Recipient of a sum of 5000 CAD at the University of Calgary.

### **LLAC Program Award**

2023-2024

- Recipient of a sum of 4105 CAD under the Languages, Literatures and Cultures Program at the University of Calgary.

### **Best Outgoing-Student Award**

2019

- Bagged the “Best Outgoing-Student of B.A French - Prof.K.H.Mahale” Prize at the Department of Foreign Languages, Loyola College, Chennai.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS(CONTINUED)

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### **Best Student Award** 2017

- Won the “Best Student Award” in the A2 category at the Alliance Française of Madras.

### **Best Volunteer Award** 2017-2018

- Won the Best Volunteer Award for Community Service through the Outreach Programmes, Department of Service Learning, Loyola College, Chennai.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Indianfolk.com** 2018

#### *Opinion Writer and Panelist*

- Interned for a month as opinion writer with the website *Indianfolk.com*
- Performed research on information generated by press releases.
- Developed and wrote unbiased opinion articles on society.
- Participated in panel discussions concerning current events of national relevance.

### **Anita Methodist School, Chennai** 2018

#### *Animator of a special French Club*

- Conducted a special French club for 10 days for Grade 6 students.
- Briefed them about French culture through various activities and sparked their interest in learning French.

## POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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### **Events Secretary** 2018-2019

- Served as the Events Secretary at the Department of Foreign Languages, Loyola College, Chennai.

## SKILLS

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- English - Professional
- French - DALF C1
- German - A2 level
- Tamil - Native language
- Microsoft Office
- Piano - Grade 5
- Music Theory - Grade 3
- Leadership
- Effective collaborator
- Creativity