

Curriculum Vitae of Dr Aparna Bandyopadhyay



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Educational Qualifications: MA in History (First Class) from University of Calcutta, Awarded PhD from School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, in 2012 on the basis of dissertation titled 'Desire and Defiance: A Study of Bengali Women in Love, 1870-1920'.

Research Projects

Ongoing UGC sponsored Minor Research Project on 'A Leisure of Women's Own: Television Megasericals and Bengali Women in Contemporary Kolkata'.

Publications

Monographs

- *Desire and Defiance: A Study of Bengali Women in Love, 1850-1930*, Orient BlackSwan, Hyderabad, 2016. Monograph. ISBN 978-81-250-6235-6. Print.

Chapters in Books

International

- 'Love, the Novel and Hindu Nationalism in Late Colonial Bengal' in Angie Knaggs and Silke Frischmuth eds., *Gender, Love and Intimacy*, Inter Disciplinary Press, 2014. ISBN 978-1-84888-276-8. E-book.

National

- 'Hay Grihahara...' in Mahasweta Mukhopadhyay and Aparna Bandyopadhyay eds., *Nahi Samanya Nari: Itihase, Samaje o Chintay*, Women's Studies Centre, Lady Brabourne College, and Setu Prakashani, Kolkata, 2017. ISBN 978-93-80677-96-5. Bangla. Print.
- 'Revisiting the Women's Question in Late Colonial Bengal' in *The 'Other' Universe: An Anthology of Women's Studies*, Women's Studies Centre, Lady Brabourne College and Setu Prakashani, Kolkata, 2015, ISBN: 978-93-80677-73-6. Print.

- ‘Of Sin, Crime and Punishment: Elopements in Bengal 1929’ in Samita Sen, Ranjita Biswas and Nandita Dhawan (eds.), *Intimate Others: Marriage and Sexualities in India*, Stree, Kolkata, 2011. ISBN No. 81-906760-1-6. Print.
- ‘The Politics of Reading: A Study of the Critical Responses to Nirupama Devi’s Novels’ in Simonti Sen (ed.), *They Dared: Essays in Honour of Pritilata Waddar*, Bethune College, Kolkata and Gangchil, 2011. ISBN No: 978-93-81346-14-3. Print.
- ‘Governess ba Antahpur Shikshayitri: Ouponibeshik Banglar Jibone o Sahitye [The Governess or Zenana Instructress: In Life and Literature of Colonial Bengal], Proceedings of UGC sponsored Seminar on Colonial Bengal: The Making of Female Education Department of History, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata, in collaboration with Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, 2016, ISBN: 978-81-928421-0-5, Bangla. Print.
- ‘Chronicles of Love, Betrayal and Prostitution in Colonial Bengal’, *Proceedings of the 75th (Platinum Jubilee) Session of the Indian History Congress*, Indian History Congress, Aligarh, 2015. ISBN: 2249-1937. Print.
- ‘Samaj, Byaktijivan o Narisrijan: Nirupama Devi o Ashalata Singha’ [Society, Personal Life and Women’s Creativity: Nirupama Devi and Ashalata Singha’ in Manju Chattopadhyay ed., *Itihas Anusandhan 29*, Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, Kolkata, 2015, ISBN: 978-81-910874-5-1. Bangla. Print.
- ‘Snehalata: ‘The Silence and the Making of an Icon’ in Kakoli Sinha Ray ed., *History through Reminiscences: Diaries, Memoirs and Oral History*, Department of History, Lady Brabourne College, 2014. ISBN 978-81-928421-0-3. Print.
- ‘Tin Ain Sambandhe Dui-Char Katha’ [A Few Words about Act III] in Shubhrakumar Mukhopadhyay, Pratapkumar Sen, Eeshita Chattopadhyay eds., *Nari: Andare Bahire*, Hooghly Mohsin College, 2014. ISBN: 978-81-908801-6-9. Bangla. Print.
- ‘Oupanibeshik Juge Bangla Upanyaser Pathika’ [The Women Readers of Bengali Novels in the Colonial Period] in Subhasis Dutta, Basabi Roy Chowdhury et al (eds.), *Women and Literature: Different Faces, Different Voices*, National Seminar Proceedings Volume, Principal, Barasat Government College, Barasat, 2012. ISBN No. 978-93-80673-72-1. Bangla. Print.
- ‘Breaking Fetters: The Indissoluble Marriage and Strategies of Exit in Late Colonial Bengal’ in Madhabi Maity and Apranita Bhattacharjee (eds.), *Education, Marriage and the Bridal Industry*, National Seminar Proceedings Volume, Ashadeep Publishers, 2014. ISBN No. 978-93-81245-34-7. Print.
- ‘Streer Patra Ebang....’ [Apropos Streer Patra] in P.K. Das, S. Mukhopadhyay and N. Jana (eds.), *Technologies of Revolution: Society, Economy and Polity*, National Seminar Proceedings Volume, Barasat Government College, Kolkata, 2011. Bangla. Print.
- ‘Ashalata Singher Upanyase Nari Bhavna’ [The Women’s Question in Ashalata Singha’s Novels], *Itihas Anusandhan 14*, Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, Kolkata, 2000. ISBN: 81-7102-091-1.

Articles in Peer Reviewed/Refereed Journals with ISSN

- ‘Violence and Love in Late Colonial Bengal’ in *Lady Brabourne Journal of Social Sciences* Vol 5, 2016, ISSN: 2231-3400. Print.
- ‘The Novel Threat: Discourses on Hysteria and Suicide in Late Colonial Bengal’, *Lady Brabourne College Journal of Humanities* Vol 4, Platinum Jubilee Number, 2014, ISSN: 2394-045X. Print.

Articles in Non-Refereed but Reputed Periodicals/Journals with ISSN

- ‘Social Media and Women: Personal Observations and a Few Questions’, Newsletter Volume 7, Women’s Studies Centre, Lady Brabourne College, 2017. ISSN 2395-4299.
- ‘Swetanginir Day: Mary Carpenter and Annette Ackroyd’ [The White Woman’s Burden: Mary Carpenter and Annette Ackroyd], Newsletter Volume Six, Women’s Studies Centre, Lady Brabourne College, 2015. ISSN 2395-4299. Bangla.
- Review of Sharmistha Duttagupta and Ahana Biswas eds., *Egaroy Pa*, in Jadavpur University School of Women’s Studies Newsletter, Volume 33, February 2015, ISSN: 2394-2142. Bangla.
- ‘Bibahabihin Saha/Basabas o Koyekti Ray’ [Non-Marital Cohabitation and a Few Court Verdicts], Lady Brabourne College Women’s Studies Centre Newsletter, March 2014, ISSN: 2395-4299. Bangla.
- ‘Remembering Vina Mazumdar and Sharmila Rege’, Lady Brabourne College Women’s Studies Centre Newsletter, March 2014, ISSN: 2395-4299.
- ‘Bangla Dharabahik o Meyera’ [TV Serials and Women], Lady Brabourne College Women’s Studies Centre Newsletter, March 2013, ISSN: 2395-4299. Bangla.

Books /Journals edited

- Mahasweta Mukhopadhyay and Aparna Bandyopadhyay eds., *Nahi Samanya Nari: Itihase, Samaje o Chintay*, Women’s Studies Centre, Lady Brabourne College, and Setu Prakashani, Kolkata. ISBN 978-93-80677-96-5. Print.
- Aparna Bandyopadhyay and Krishna Dasgupta eds., *The ‘Other’ Universe: An Anthology of Women’s Studies* Women’s Studies Centre, Lady Brabourne College, and Setu Prakashani, Kolkata, 2014, ISBN: 978-93-80677-73-6.
- Annual Newsletter of Women’s Studies Centre, Lady Brabourne College, 2012, 2013 and 2014, along with Krishna Dasgupta, ISSN: 2395-4299..

Papers presented in Seminars and Conferences

- Presented Paper titled ‘Ouponibeshik Banglay Samjsanskar Andolon: Kolkata bonam Mafaswal’ at Annual Conference of SUCHI (Society for Understanding Culture and History in India) held at University of Calcutta, Alipore Campus, 11-13 April 2017
- Presented paper titled Presented Paper titled ‘Fiction as Resistance: Perspectives from Colonial and Contemporary Bengal’ at XV National Conference on Women’s Studies held at the University of Madras, Chennai from 22 to 25 January 2017
- Presented Paper titled ‘Re-reading Ashapura Devi’s Pratham Pratishruti and Subarnalata’ at International Conference on *Gender and Empowerment* organized by Bejoykrishna Girls’ College, Howrah, in collaboration with School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, 16-17 December 2016
- Presented Paper titled ‘Battalar Prahasan: Bikalpa ek Naitik Bishwa’ at National Seminar on *Nineteenth Century: A Capsule Survey* organized by Dwijendra-Doli Memorial library and Centre for Bangladesh Studies, Assam University, Silchar, 19-20 September 2016
- Presented Paper titled ‘Social Networking and Women: Personal Observations’ at National Seminar on *Globalization and Women: Issues and Concerns*, organized by Department of Sociology, Banaras Hindu University, Banaras on 14-15 September 2016

- Presented Paper titled ‘Meyeder Abasarjapan o Bangla Megadharabhik’ at 27th session of the Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad held at Derozeo Memorial College, Rajarhat, N 24 Parganas, 24-26 January 2016
- Presented paper titled ‘Rereading Pandita Ramabai’ at 76th session of Indian History Congress, University of Gour Banga, Maldah, 28-30 December 2015
- Presented Paper titled ‘Women, Culture and Leisure in Colonial and Contemporary Bengal: A Feminist Perspective’ at 4th International Congress of Bengal Studies held at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, 12-13 December 2015
- Presented Paper on ‘Soi, Sakhitwo o Ouponibeshik Juger Bangali Samaj’ at National Conference on Nari o Banglar Itihas: Samoy, Samaj O Sanskriti organized by Society for Understanding Culture and History in India in association with History Department, Vidyasagar College, Kolkata, 21-22 March 2015
- Presented Paper titled ‘Beyond Binaries: Revisiting Pandita Ramabai’s Stree-Dharma Neeti and The High Caste Hindu Women’ at UGC Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Non-Fiction Prose Writings of Rabindranath Tagore and his Contemporaries’ Department of English, Visva-Bharati University, 12-13 March 2015
- Presented Paper titled ‘Towards a History of Women in Love in Colonial Bengal’ at the International Conference on Shifting Contours, Widening Concerns: Women’s History, Historiography and the Politics of Representation organized by Research Centre for Women’s Studies, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai, 11-13 February, 2015
- Presented Paper titled ‘Chronicles of Love, Betrayal and Prostitution in Late Colonial Bengal’ at the 75th session of the Indian History Congress Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University JNU, 28-30 December 2014
- Presented Paper titled ‘The Gender Question in the Teaching Profession: Personal Observations’ at the 14th National Conference of the Indian Association for Women’s Studies held at Guwahati University, 4-7 February 2014
- Presented Paper titled ‘Samaj, Byaktijiban o Narisrijan: Nirupama Devi o Ashalata Singha’ at the 30th session of the Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad held at Palta College, N 24 Parganas 24-26 January 2014
- Presented Paper titled ‘Unchaste Widows and the Judiciary in Late Colonial Bengal’ at the 74th Session of the Indian History Congress held at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, 28-30 December 2013
- Presented Paper titled ‘The Politics of Love: Examining the Backlash against the Representation of Women’s Love in Novels in Late Colonial Bengal’ at the 3rd International Congress of Bengal Studies held at University of Calcutta, College Street Campus, 19-22 November 2013
- Presented Paper titled ‘Love, the Novel and Hindu Nationalism in Late Colonial Bengal’ at the 2nd Global Conference on *Gender and Love* organized by Inter-Disciplinary.Net, Mansfield College, Oxford, UK, 25-27 September 2012
- Presented Paper titled ‘Breaking Fetters’ at UGC sponsored National Seminar titled *Education, Marriage and the Bridal Industry* organized by Midnapore College, Midnapore, 19 January 2012
- Presented Paper titled ‘Oupanibeshik Juge Bangla Upanyaser Pathika’ at UGC sponsored National Conference on *Women and Literature: Different Faces, Different Voices* organized by Barasat Government College, Kolkata, 17 January. 2012

- Presented Paper titled ‘Asati Bidhabar Bishayadhikar Sankranta Mokaddama o Oupanibeshik Ain-Adalater Charitra’ at the 27th Annual Conference of Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, University of Calcutta, Alipore Campus, 24-26 January, 2011
- Presented Paper titled ‘Of Sin, Crime and Punishment: Elopement in Bengal 1929’ at National Conference on *Renegotiating Intimacies: Marriage, Sexualities, Living Practices*, School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, 21-23 December 2008
- Presented Paper on ‘Conformity or Rebellion? A Study of Nirupama Devi’s Novels’ at National Workshop on *Women’s Histories, Women’s Narratives* organized by School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, 29-30 March 2007
- Presented Paper on ‘Suicide and the Bengali Novel’ at the Sixty-Sixth Session of the Indian History Congress Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, 28-30 January 2006
- Presented Paper titled ‘The Novel and its Women Readers’ at International Seminar titled *History of the Book in India* sponsored by the UGC and organized by the Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on 8 February 2001

Invited Lectures/Sessions Chaired at National/International Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Refresher Courses/ University Departments and Colleges

- Invited to speak on ‘Love, Violence and Rights’ at National Seminar on at Women’s Christian College, Kolkata on 10 March 2017
- Chaired a lecture session by Dr Basabi Chakrabarty on ‘Naribad: Udbhav o Prekshapat’ at National Seminar on *Women’s Studies: Concepts, Facets, Prospects*, held at Diamond Harbour women’s University on 8 9 March 2017
- Chaired a paper presentation session on ‘Does Access to Education and Technology Empower Women?’ at UGC sponsored National Level Seminar on *Women’s Journey towards Empowerment: A Myth or a Reality?* organized by Ramkrishna Mission Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidyabhavan, Kolkata, on 7-8 April 2017
- Chaired Paper Presentation session in International Conference on ‘Swadhinata Parabarti Dui Banglar Anchalik Sahitya’ organized by the Department of Bengali, Diamond Harbour Women’s University and held on 9 November 2016
 - Invited to speak on ‘Women and Leisure in Colonial and Contemporary Bengal’ at National Seminar on *Women in Indian Society*, Coochbehar College, Coochbehar, 11-12 August 2016
 - Delivered lecture on ‘Literature and History’ at 10 Day Workshop on Feminist Research Methodologies titled ‘Cultural Politics, Identities and Gender’ organized by Sachetana and School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University from 6 April to 17 April 2016, 16 April 2016
 - Delivered Special Lecture on ‘Understanding Love from the Feminist Lens’ at the Department of Sociology, West Bengal State University on 29 February 2016
 - Invited lecture on ‘Women’s Movement in India’ at Department of Sociology, Rabindra Bharati University, on 19 November 2015
 - Invited lecture on ‘Gender, Love and Leisure’ at Seven-Day Interdisciplinary Research Methodology Workshop on Women’s Studies organized by Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata, in collaboration with Sachetana and School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, held at Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata, 10 October 2015

- Invited lecture on ‘Different Waves of Feminist Movement’ organized by Gender Studies Centre, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission College, Kolkata, on 29 September 2015
- Invited to speak on ‘Women, Culture and Leisure’ at the Refresher Course on *Women, Culture and Performance* organized by School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, 9 December 2014
- Invited to deliver lecture on ‘Interrogating History through Gender Lens’ at Department of History, Serampore College, Hooghly, on 31 March 2014
- Delivered Lecture on ‘Gender and Caste’ at the Interdisciplinary Workshop titled *Themes and Issues in Women’s Studies*, organized by School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, Deulti, Howrah, 26 May 2008

Research Supervision

Supervised the M.Phil dissertation of Shilpa Mondal at School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University in the session 2013-1014.

Membership of Professional/Academic Bodies

Life Member of Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad

Life Member of Indian Association of Women’s Studies

Annual Member of Indian History Congress

Annual Member of SUCHI (Society for Understanding Culture and History in India)