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Education

- 2019-2020 Universidad *Autónoma Madrid*
 MA in English Studies
- 2003-2006 Middlesex University, London (UK)
 BA in Creative Media and Writing
- 2001-2003 Li Po Chun United World College, Hong Kong
 International Baccalaureate

English Teacher

- March 2020 – Present English Teacher
 Astex
- Sept 2018 - Oct 2019 Business English Teacher
 Laudo Formacion
- Oct 2017 - June 2018 English Teacher
 Colegio Augustiniano and Colegio Sagrado Corazon
- Oct 2017 - March 2018 English Teacher, Trabasse Language Academy
 Cambridge First (FCE)

- Designed and delivered business English classes catered to the needs of senior professionals in the recruitment and technology sectors
- Set individual and group objectives that matched the immediate and long-term needs of the students and assess the students on the progress made
- Utilized multimedia strategies and technology in order to make classes more interactive and engaging

Assistant Editor of Poetry

September 2015 – Present

[La.Lit: A Literary Magazine](#)

- Review poetry submissions and decide whether they are suitable for publication
- Identify and commission writers to produce work guided by the thematic direction of each issue
- Offer concise and constructive editorial feedback to poets.
- Determine the readiness of written pieces.
- Proofread, edit, and evaluate final copy before publication

Co-creator, Producer, and Host

Boju Bajai: A monthly podcast

May 2015 – Present

- Build a content pipeline around pertinent themes aligned with the podcast's mission and values
- Discuss, plan and prepare scripts for each episode
- Co-host and work on post-production
- Plan and execute social media strategy for promoting the podcast
- Identify and apply for investment and grants in order to make the podcast more sustainable

The podcast received a two-year investment grant from the [Open Society Foundations](#) in order to expand and enhance the podcast's frequency and reach.

Instructor: Poetry Writing Workshop

October 2019

[Quixote's Cove](#)

- Conceived and designed a four-week long poetry workshop for emerging poets
- Used different writing prompts and reading materials to introduce the poets to different styles and forms of poetry
- Created an environment that was conducive to peer-based feedback
- Provided editorial feedback on poems written during the workshop

Interpreter

April 2019 – May 2019

EASO

- Worked as a Nepali/English interpreter at the Moria Refugee Camp (Lesvos)
- Worked on behalf of EASO to assist Nepali asylum seekers during registrations and interviews

Selector

April 2018 – November 2018

UWC International Office

- Used the online platform Fluid Review to review and assess applicants for the United World Colleges IB programme maintain an impartial attitude at all times
- Interviewed the selected candidates face-to-face and assessed them on the basis of pre-agreed selections criteria
- Worked alongside a team of over thirty selectors based in different parts of the world

Freelance Editor (PR and Communications)

2016-2018

USAID Nepal

- Reviewed and edited content for correct grammar and style.
- Provided concise and constructive editorial feedback to writers
- Proofread, edited, and evaluated final copy to verify content aligned with established guidelines.

Selections Committee

2014 – 2016

UWC Nepal

- Responsible for the outreach programme which involved travelling to different schools and introducing the IB curriculum and the UWC movement
- Took part in designing and executing a new assessment and selections criteria for UWC applicants that was digital and available in Nepali as well
- Took part in grading, assessing, and selecting UWC students

Advertising Director

2011 – 2014

[Centaur Media](#)

- Managed advertising revenue streams across offline, online, awards sponsorships, supplements, roundtables, whitepapers and bespoke events for the Marketing Week brand portfolio
- Managed a senior display team and a junior classified team that worked across various revenue streams for the brand
- Worked alongside the editorial team to ensure that commercial opportunities were identified and new revenue streams were delivered whilst maintaining editorial integrity of the product
- Took the lead in identifying the latest trends in the media landscape to identify new revenue streams and increased market-share against competitor titles
- Responsible for budgeting, forecasting and submitting estimates to the Publisher
- Responsible for recruiting and training staff at both senior and junior levels

Ad Manager

2009 – 2011

Centaur Media

- Successfully managed a team of six sales executive and secured annual contracts from leading advertising agencies and recruitment consultancies
- Managed the biggest revenue generating stream of the third biggest business title in the UK responsible for a turnover of over a million pounds
- Submitted annual budgets, quarterly forecasts and estimates considering the trends in the market
- Responsible for increasing market-share to record levels against trade and national press

Publications

2020

["An Archive of Consonants"](#)

The Aerogram

2017

Various poems: "The Migrant's Wife", "When I Have a Daughter", "On My Wedding Day", "Home", "My Bastard child", "Locker Rooms", "I Have Created", "The Autopsy of Mr X", "Zebra Crossing" and "Dear Door".

Carme Castells (coord.)

Poesia: XIX Festival de Poesia de la Mediterrània.

(Palma de Mallorca: Fundació Casa Museu

Llorenç Villalonga).

2016

Various poems: "I Have Created", "Building Houses", "When I Have a Daughter", "Zebra crossing" and "Home".

VVAA, *House of Snow: An Anthology of the*

Greatest writing about Nepal.

(London: Head of Zeus, UK).

2016

Editor - Introduction and various poems:

"Home", "The Autopsy of Mr X", "The Physical".

Itisha Giri (ed.) *These Fine Lines: Poems of*

Restraint and Abandon. (SAFU).

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Nov 2015

"The Artist and the Individual"

La.Lit, volume 5, pp. 74-80.

2006

"Reverence"

R. J. Burgess (ed.) *Metrophobia: A Selection of Short Stories.* (London: Tall Guy Publishing).

Other Merits

- August 2020 Invited Poet and Translator
Malta Literature Festival
- Oct – Nov 2019 Invited Poet
Translation Residency, Galicia
- 9-14 May 2017 Invited Poet
XIX Festival de Poesia de la Mediterrània, Palma de Mallorca.