

**Usha Gurumurthy, Ph.D.**

## **EDUCATION**

### **TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY**

College of Education Corpus  
Christi, TX  
Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction (2016)

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**

New Delhi, India  
M.A. English Literature India Department of English

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**

New Delhi, India  
B.A. Honors, English Literature

### **SMITH COLLEGE**

Northampton, Massachusetts.  
Diploma in American Studies-Smith College

## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

### **Teacher Certification**

**English and Social Studies Composite Grade 5-12 State of Texas, USA**

### **Teacher Certification**

**English Education/ ESL K-12 B.E d. Program at Annamalai University, India**

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

### **ENGLISH TEACHER August 2020 to date**

Mirabeau Lamar High School, Houston Independent School District  
Houston, TX

### **ENGLISH TEACHER 2007-2020**

Ray High School, Corpus Christi Independent School District  
Corpus Christi, TX

### **SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER 2004-2007**

Ray High School, Corpus Christi Independent School District  
Corpus Christi, TX

**SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER 1/2003-12/03**

Miller High School, Corpus Christi Independent School District  
Corpus Christi, TX

**SECONDARY ENGLISH AND ESL TEACHER 7/96-12/02**

Delhi Public School Delhi, India

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE 1992-1994**

EKATRA, Non- Governmental Organization Delhi, India

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Sharma, S. & Gurumurthy, U. (2018). The Effects of Humanizing School Culture on the Literacy Engagement of Bilingual Students: Portrait of a High School in South Texas in Althier M. Lazar and Patricia Ruggiano Schmidt (Eds.). *Schools of Promise for Multilingual Students: Transforming Literacies, Learning, and Lives*. New York, NY: Teachers College Press.

Gurumurthy, U. (2017). Research Participant: for research on multilingual students.

Gurumurthy, U. (2002) Milestones in English: Grammar Workbook Series- grades 6 to 8 Suman Prakashan, Delhi.

Gurumurthy. Editor (2002) Milestones in English: Main Course Book Series - grades 6 to 8 Suman Prakashan, Delhi.

Gurumurthy, U. Editor (2000) Let Us Read and Understand: Reading Comprehension Exercises for grades 3 and 4. National Council of Educational Research and Training

**Refereed Presentations at Scholarly Meetings**

Sharma, S. & Gurumurthy, U. (2019). The Effects of Humanizing School Culture on the Literacy Engagement of Bilingual Students: Portrait of a High School in South Texas. Annual Meeting and Conference, Toronto, Canada.

Gurumurthy, U. (2015) International Baccalaureate: Creating Cultural Awareness and College Readiness. Annual Meeting and Conference Association, Chicago *Gurumurthy, U. (2015). International Baccalaureate: A Study in College Readiness. Poster Presentation. Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi. 2013:*

Gurumurthy, U. Presented at the TAGT Annual Conference, "Creating Cultural Consciousness through Literature in Translation" in Houston TX, December 4-6

## **Conferences:**

2009- First International Coaching Literacy Summit, Texas A & M University Corpus Christi, TX

2008: CEDER & Center for Education Development and Evaluation) Texas A & M University, TX

## **Local**

Gurumurthy, U. 2014. Guest of Honor at Academic Honor Roll Banquet. W.B. Ray High School

Gurumurthy, U. 2014. Presented ELL Teaching Strategies to teachers across the District as part of the American Federation of Teachers, Corpus Christi Chapter.

Gurumurthy, U. 2013- Guest speaker in a multicultural literacy class Texas A & M University

Gurumurthy, U. 2010: Presented for department faculty “Teaching writing skills to high school students”, High W.B. Ray High School, TX

Gurumurthy, U. 2009: Presented to department faculty “Teaching SAT strategies to high school students”, W.B Ray High School, TX

## **TEACHING**

### **Courses**

#### **Mirabeau B. Lamar High School, Houston, Texas - August 2020 to date**

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (Higher Level) English Language and Literature, English (Recommended plan)

#### **Ray High School, Corpus Christi, Texas - January 2004 to June 2020**

World History, Economics, Government, World Geography- Grades 9-12 January 2004- May 2004

Advanced Placement Human Geography, World Geography- Grade 9-August 2004 to May 2007

English Composition Advanced Placement Grade 11- August 2007 to May 2020

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (Higher Level) English Literature-2011 to May 2020

#### **Miller High School, Corpus Christi, Texas- January 2003- December 2003**

World Geography, World History, Economics, Government

## **Course Development**

Curriculum Writing for Twenty-First Century After School Program, 2017 District Curriculum Writing 2015, Corpus Christi ISD- Grade 11 District Curriculum Writing 2010, Corpus Christi ISD- Grade 11

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (Higher Level) English Literature - 2011, 2018; W.B Ray High School, Corpus Christi ISD - Grades 11-12

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (Higher Level) English Language and Composition- 2020

## **SERVICE**

### **Corpus Christi Independent School District Service**

- Member District Advisory Team, 2014-2016
- Member, Employee of the Month Initiative, Superintendent's Office

### **Ray High School, Corpus Christi**

- PSAT/SAT/ACT Academy for grades 9 to 11- 2015-2017
- University Interscholastic League Academics (Literary Criticism & Social Studies): 2007 to 2015; August 2017 to 2018
- Pre Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) Academy for incoming high school freshman: June- July2015
- Classic Literature Club Sponsor/Teacher Coach, 2015 to 2018 Board Game Theory and Application Club Sponsor- 2016 to 2018
- Ray Students Aim for SAT Success -PSAT/SAT/ACT Tutoring Club Sponsor 2016 to date Mock Trial Sponsor, 2011-2015 Started Peer Tutoring Program- 2009
- Program Developer, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Lab- 2005

### **Community Service**

- Awarded Community Service Certificate for volunteering at the District Academic Team 2016
- Volunteer - MissionFit Possible. A Student-created fitness and health program for elementary school students, in Corpus Christi ISD. 2013 to 2016
- Volunteer- Grader for University Interscholastic League Academics - Ready Writing 2011 Volunteer -Administrator for University Interscholastic League Academics - Literary Criticism- 2013, 2014, 2015
- Volunteer K.E.Y.S program for school dropouts- 2010 Volunteer - Grader for Academic Decathlon - 2008 to date

## **Membership in Professional Organizations**

American Educational Research Organization (AERA)

International Literacy Association (ILA)

## **HONORS/ SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

- Secondary Teacher of the Year, Corpus Christi Independent School District-2014  
Mirabeau B. Lamar Excellence in Education Award, Community Award by the Masons of Texas - 2014
- The State of Texas Resolution for Teacher of the Year, House of Representatives, Senator Abel Herrero District 34. 2014
- Islander of the Month Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi, 2014 for achieving success as teacher
- Teaching Excellence Honors Plaque for Teacher of the Year. Corpus Christi Education Foundation, 2014.
- Teacher of the Year for W.B Ray High School, 2013
- Teacher of the Year, W.B. Ray High School, 2010
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