

## RESUME

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### PERSONAL

Date of Birth: 30<sup>th</sup> December 1963

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A – 802, Gundecha Heights, L.B.S. Road,  
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Kanjurmarg (West),  
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### EDUCATION

Ph. D: University of Mumbai, March 2008

Topic: 'Maratha Presence in Thane: A Study of Political, Socio-  
Economic and Cultural Aspects (1739 – 1818)

Research Guide: Dr. Euguene D'Souza

M.Phil: History in 1990 (University of Mumbai)

Dissertation: Age of Consent Bill (1892) –  
A Controversy in Bombay and Poona  
Research Guide: Dr. L.B. Kenny

M.A.: History in 1985, I Class

B.A.: History in 1983, II Class

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Head of Department of History and Foundation Course,  
V.G. Vaze College of Arts, Science and Commerce since 1986
- Recognised PG teacher from 2008
- Recognised Ph.D. Guide from 2013 at Vaze Centre
- Recognised Ph.D. Guide from 2013 at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous)

- Member of Board of Studies in History and Archaeology, Mumbai University since 2010
- Worked for T.Y.B.A. examinations of the University of Mumbai in the capacity of Chairperson, Paper-Setter and Examiner in History
- Chairperson and Member of the sub-committees formed by the Board of Studies in History for the revision of the syllabus of the TYBA papers
- Paper setter, examiner and moderator at the FYBA and SYBA examinations.
- Chairperson, Paper setter, moderator and examiner at the M.A. examinations.
- Appointed as the University and Management nominee on Selection Committee and Placement Committee for the selection and placement of candidates in other colleges

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Attained expertise in reading and transliteration of documents written in Modi script. Modi script was used extensively by the Maratha rulers and administrators from the 17<sup>th</sup> century for the maintenance of records. It is a highly specialized script that requires special training. There are very few persons possessing the ability to read documents and records written in Modi.
- Have utilized my expertise in this highly specialized area by offering consultancy to numerous individuals and corporate offices that are in possession of such 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century documents written in Modi.
- Have designed a curriculum for a ten week Basic Course and an Advanced Course to impart training in Modi script to students of various colleges in Mumbai. This curriculum is taught through a ten week certificate programme at Vaze College and Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. Several batches have successfully completed this course.
- Have been invited as resource person to several colleges to deliver a talk and/or conduct a workshop on the Modi script.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 4 students registered for Ph.D.
- Post Doctoral Research on Pre Colonial Sashti to Colonial Salsette: Landscape Changes in the Journey Towards Urbanization, October 2015 - ongoing
- Awarded a Research Project by Asiatic Society of Mumbai for a monograph on "Col. William Henry Sykes (1790 – 1872)" 2012

- Awarded Minor Research Project by UGC for a period of two years on 'Response of Linguistic Minorities and their Contribution to the development of the suburb of Mulund', 2010 – 2011.
- Awarded a Minor Research Grant from the University of Mumbai for a project entitled 'A Study of Some Important Historical and Architectural Structures of Thane City', 2009 – 2010.
- Commissioned by the Gazetteer Department, Maharashtra State Government to write the history of Pravara, Ahmednagar district, 2009.

## CONSULTANCY

- Offered consultancy service to Kanji Khetsey Charitable Trust Nasik for transliteration of documents dating to 1860s and 1880s.
- Offered consultancy service to Ms. Godrej & Boyce for transliteration of documents in Modi script pertaining to years 1907 and 1914
- Offered consultancy to Ms. Bharat Impex Corporation for transliteration of documents in Modi script pertaining to the financial year 1909 – 10
- Offered consultancy service in transliteration of documents written in modi script to numerous individuals.

## AWARDS AND PRIZES

- Heras Tata Post Doctoral Fellowship for one year for the topic Pre Colonial Sashti to Colonial Salsette: Landscape Changes in the Journey Towards Urbanization, October 2015 - ongoing
- Best Paper Award for a paper Benchmarking in Curriculum Design and Development' jointly presented with Mrs Alka Kelkar at NAAC sponsored Two Day National Conference on Quality Initiatives and Benchmarking in Higher Education Institutions, organized by Surana College, Bangalore, September 2015
- Best Paper Award Senior Researcher for paper presented on "Medieval Thane: A Tale of fluctuating Fortunes" at the 6<sup>th</sup> Mani Kamerkar Memorial National Seminar hosted by Ramnarian Ruia College, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012
- Awarded the Teacher Fellowship for two years from 2005 – 2007 under the X Plan of the U.G.C.
- Awarded the Late Dattatraya Krishnaji Mundle prizes for both the Modi Lipi Courses for securing the first rank at the examinations conducted in June & October 2003.

## SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

- Chairperson of Technical Session II, National Conference on Role of Indian National Congress in Shaping the Indian National Movement organized by Pragati College, Dombivli, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016
- Attended a NAAC sponsored Two Day National Conference on Quality Initiatives and Benchmarking, organized by Surana College, Bangalore, September 2015
- Member, Organising Committee, Two Day Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Labour: Issues and Concerns, organized at Vaze College, August 2015
- Attended a UGC sponsored National Conference on Rewriting Maratha History, Shivaji College, Kannad, Aurangabad, August 2015
- Sectional President, Medieval India section, Konkan Itihaas Parishad, organized at Sonubhau Basavant College, Shahapur, January 2015
- Convenor, Two Day Multidisciplinary Conference on Revisiting World War I, organized at Vaze College, December 2104
- Attended the International Conference on Higher Education organized by Athens Institute of Education and Research, Athens, May 2014
- Attended and Chaired a Session at a one day National Seminar on Quality Initiatives in Higher Education: Exploring New Frontiers, Hyderabad, August 2013
- Attended a one day NAAC sponsored seminar on Revised Methodology in Assessment and Accreditation, Bangalore, April 2013.
- Was Organising Secretary for a two day National Conference on Quality Education: Revised Methodology (2012) in Assessment and Accreditation, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012
- Organized a one day workshop on "Revised Syllabus for SYBA History" in June 2012 which was attended by teachers from over 60 colleges. Was Resource Person for the same.
- Attended two workshops on "Teaching History with Technology" and "Primary Sources" organized by Ed Tech Teacher at Robinson Hall, Harvard University, June 2011.
- Workshop entitled "Beyond Boundaries: Unconventional Sources for the History of Mumbai - II" organized by The Asiatic Society of Mumbai, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- National Seminar on NAAC sponsored "Third Cycle of Accreditation", organized by Birla College, Kalyan, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- Workshop entitled "Beyond Boundaries: Unconventional Sources for the History of Mumbai" organized by The Asiatic Society of Mumbai, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010
- Member of the Organising Committee for an UGC and ICSSR sponsored State level Mutlidisciplinary Conference on "Maharashtra 1960 -2010: Imaging the Past and Envisioning the Future", 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010.

- 31<sup>st</sup> Historians' Workshop organized by Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, St. Xavier's College on "Regional Language Sources for the History of Maharashtra", January 2009.
- State level Conference on "Transposing Images: History and Tourism of Konkan as an Aid to Socio-Economic Development", University Department of History, Mumbai, 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008.
- Visited the Universities of Toronto and Vancouver as a member of the Indian delegation for an international conference India Calling organized by the Indian Merchants' Chamber in July 2008
- U.G.C. sponsored National level seminar on "Institutionalization of IQAC" organised by A.S. Patil College of Commerce, Bijapur, 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
- National level seminar on "Dynamics of Educational Quality" organized by Education Management Services and Christ College, at Bangalore, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008.
- One Day CEP Course on "Socially and Culturally Sensitive Communication", IIT, Mumbai, August 2004
- Workshop on "Revised T.Y.B.A. Syllabus", Bombay History Teachers' Academy, June 2004
- National Seminar on "Interpreting Rationalist Thought in Modern Maharashtra: Exploring Reason & Secular Ethics", organized by the University Dept. of History, February 2004.
- Historians' Workshop on "Cartography in the Service of Historical Research" organized by the Heras Institute, St. Xaviers College, January 2004.
- Presented a paper on "Konkanastha Brahmins of Thana and Kalyan" at the State level Seminar on Issues of Migration organized by the Dept. of History, R. Jhunjhunwala College, U.G.C. sponsored, December 2003.
- Seminar on "Historiography: Changing Paradigms and Parameters" organized by the Univ. Dept. of History, S.N.D.T. Univ., Mumbai, October 2003.
- Delivered several lectures on "Recording of Islamic Dates in Historical Documents", for students of Modi Lipi .
- Successfully completed the Advanced Course in Modi Lipi conducted by the Modi Lipi Prasarak Mandal, Mumbai, 2003.
- Bombay Local History Seminar, St. Xaviers College, University level, September 2003.
- Delivered a talk on "Career, Scope and Avenues after graduating in History" for Std. XII students of the college, July 2003
- Successfully completed the Basic Course in Modi Lipi, conducted by the Modi Lipi Prasarak Mandal, Mumbai, 2003.
- D.D. Kosambi Memorial Lectures, Department of History, Univ. of Mumbai, March 2003.
- Seminar on Syllabus Restructuring for B.A. (History), organized by Bombay History Teachers' Academy, 2003.

- Refresher Course in Women's Studies, Centre for Women's Studies, S.N.D.T. University, Mumbai, March 2002.
- Workshop on Restructuring the Syllabi for FY/SY/TYBA History, organized by Khalsa College, 2002.
- Refresher Course in History, Academic Staff College, Nagpur University, U.G.C. sponsored, Feb – March 2001.
- Seminar on "First Person Narrations", organized by R.D. National College, U.G.C. sponsored, Jan. 1999.

## PAPERS PRESENTED

- Presented lead paper , 'Nationalist Fervour Beckons Bombay', National Conference on Role of Indian National Congress in Shaping the Indian National Movement organized by Pragati College, Dombivli, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016
- Sonali Pednekar & Alka Kelkar, 'Benchmarking in Curriculum Design and Development', NAAC sponsored Two Day National Conference on Quality Initiatives and Benchmarking in Higher Education Institutions, organized by Surana College, Bangalore, September 2015
- Presented a paper on 'Experiments Towards the Augmentation of Maratha Artillery', UGC sponsored National Conference on Rewriting Maratha History, Kannad, Aurangabad, August 2015
- Delivered the Presidential Address on New Areas of Research in Medieval Indian History at the Konkan Itihas Parishad, organized at Sonubhau Basavant College, Shahapur, January 2015
- Sonali Pednekar & Alka Kelkar, 'Towards Quality Education – A Teachers' Hurdle Race', NAAC sponsored National Conference on 'Quality Initiatives in Higher Education: Exploring New Frontiers', St. Mary's College, Hyderabad, August 2013
- Presented a paper entitled "Institutional Social Responsibility: Vaze Initiatives" at a one day NAAC sponsored seminar on Revised Methodology in Assessment and Accreditation, Bangalore, April 2013.
- Presented a paper entitled "Metamorphosis of Suburban Mumbai: A Case Study of Mulund", at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Humanities, Historical and Social Sciences organized by International Economics Development and Research Center (IEDRC) at Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012
- Presented a paper on "Medieval Thane: A Tale of fluctuating Fortunes" at the 6<sup>th</sup> Mani Kamerkar Memorial National Seminar hosted by Ramnarian Ruia College, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012.
- Presented a paper on "Port Custom duty in Thane during the mid eighteenth century" at Konkan Itihas Parishad organized at Dnyansadhana College, January 2012.

- Presented a paper on “Vaze College: A Case Study of Self-generative Endeavours in Academic – Industry Linkages” at a National Seminar on IQAC organized by R. Jhunjhunwala College, Mumbai, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2010.
- Presented a paper on “From Pagadi to Gandhi Topee” at a workshop organized by The Asiatic Society of Mumbai, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
- Presented a paper on “Reflections of Local History through Powadas” at the conference of Indian Historical Studies, LNJ College, Mumbai, October 2009.
- Presented a paper on “Migration: A Case Study of Eighteenth Century Thane” at State level Conference on “Transposing Images: History and Tourism of Konkan as an Aid to Socio-Economic Development”, University Department of History, Mumbai, 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008.
- Presented a paper on “Student Quality Literacy Index” at U.G.C. sponsored National level Seminar at Bijapur, March 2008.

#### GUEST LECTURES AND INVITATIONS

- Invited as Resource Person on Women in Maratha Society, Wilson College, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016
- Invited as Chairperson for a session at the National Conference on Role of Indian National Congress in Shaping the Indian National Movement organized by Pragati College, Dombivli, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016
- Invited as Resource Person on Hindu Iconography, JaiHind College, December 2105
- Invited as Resource Person on Relevance of History, SIES College, July 2015
- Invited as Resource Person on Workshop on Modi Script, R.K. Talreja College, Ulhasnagar, July 2015
- Resource Person on Teaching of History of Marathas at workshop, University Department of History, August 2014
- Invited as Resource Person on Importance and Relevance of Modi Script in Historical Research, Ruia College, July 2014
- Invited as Resource Person for the revised syllabus on the paper Archaeology and Heritage Tourism at workshop organized by NES Ratnam College, Bhandup on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Invited as Resource Person for the revised syllabus on the paper Archaeology and Heritage Tourism at workshop organized by Natu College, Marg Tamhane on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013
- Invited as Resource Person to address the students of Natu College, Marga Tamhane, Chiplun, Dist. Ratnagiri, December 2012
- Invited as Member of Mock Peer Team at K.B. College for Girls, Thane, October 2012
- Resource person for a ten week course on Modi Script at Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, July – September 2012.

- Invited as Guest Speaker for two sessions to address the students of Class V of Smt. Sulochana Devi Singhanian High School on "Thane History", August 2012
- Invited as Resource Person for a One Day workshop on "Revised Syllabus for SYBA History" organized jointly by Board of Studies for History and Archaeology and Shivale College on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012.
- Invited as Resource Person for a One Day State Level Seminar on "Role of IQAC in Quality Enhancement of Higher Education", organized by Dattajirao Kadam College, Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra, December 2011
- Invited as Guest Speaker for two sessions to address the students of Class V and X of Smt. Sulochana Devi Singhanian High School, September 2011
- Invited to inaugurate the activities of the Dept. of History, Elphinstone College, Mumbai. Delivered a talk on "Careers in History", August 2011
- Invited as Guest Speaker to Pragati College, Dombivli to speak on "History of Mumbai", July 2011
- Resource person at National Seminar on NAAC sponsored "Third Cycle of Accreditation", organized by Birla College, Kalyan, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- Resource person for a ten week advanced course on Modi Script at Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, December 2010 – March 2011.
- Invited as Resource Person to deliver a talk on "Modi – the unique script of Maharashtra" by the Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- Invited as Resource Person by Government of Maharashtra for the inauguration of the Tourism Youth Service Scheme (TYSS) launched by the University of Mumbai in Gogate- Joglekar College, Ratnagiri, October 2010. Delivered a talk on the 'Relevance of Historical Sites in Tourism'.
- Invited as Resource Person to deliver a talk on "The Relevance of the Study of History" at SIES College, September 2010.
- Resource person for a ten week basic course on Modi Script at Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, July – September 2010.
- Invited to present a paper on "From Pagadi to Gandhi Toppee" at a workshop organized by The Asiatic Society of Mumbai, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
- Resource person at a workshop on Manuscriptology held by St. Xavier's College, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010.
- Resource person for a ten week course on Modi Script at Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, October - December 2009.
- Resource person for a talk on "Sources of Maratha History" at Elphinstone College, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009.
- Delivered a talk on "Careers In History" in Vaze College, September 2009.
- Resource person at a workshop on Manuscriptology at Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture, December 2008.
- Invited to deliver a lecture on "Thane Fort and City: An Eighteenth Century Perspective" at the K.R. Cama Oriental Institute, Mumbai, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2008.



- Invited to deliver the inaugural address of the History Association of Joshi – Bedekar College, Thane on “Career options in History”, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008.
- Delivered a talk on “Maratha Presence in Thane (1737 – 1818”) at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Bombay Local History Society, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Sonali Pednekar, ‘Experiments Towards the Augmentation of Maratha Artillery’, in *Rewriting Maratha History*, edited by Dept. of History, Shivaji College, Kannad, Aurangabad, August 2015, (ISBN – 978 – 81 – 925220 – 3 – 6)
- Sonali Pednekar and Anushree Lokur, *Uchchashikshanatil Aavhane: Khasgi Bhagidari” Shikshanvedh*, Diwali visheshanka, October-November 2014, ISBN 978-91-927549-0-1
- Sonali Pednekar, Suhas Pednekar & Anushree Lokur, *Public Private Partnership in Higher Education in the Indian Context*, *Public Private Partnership in Higher Education in the Indian Context” ATINER’s Conference Paper Series*, No. EDU 2014-0988, ISSN: 2241-2891
- Sonali Pednekar, *Mirroring the Administrative History of the Marathas through Indigenous Sources*, *Indica* Vol 50, No. 1 & 2, (Commemorative Issue), December 2013. (ISSN. 0019-686X)
- Sonali Pednekar & Alka Kelkar, ‘Towards Quality Education – A Teachers’ Hurdle Race’ in Joseph Christadoss (ed.), *Quality Initiatives in Higher Education: Exploring New Frontiers*, Hyderabad, August 2013 (ISBN 978-93-81006-68-9)
- Sonali Pednekar, ‘Powadyatoon honare Mumbai Darshan’, *Bombay Explorer*, July 2013
- Dr. Sonali Pednekar & Alka Kelkar, “Institutional Social Responsibility: Vaze Initiatives” *Quality Improvement in Higher Educational Institutions: a Collection of Papers presented during the National Workshop on Revised Methodology in Assessment and Accreditation*, Bangalore, April 2013. ( ISBN-13-978-81-927564-0-0)
- Sonali Pednekar, ‘Port Customs duty in Thane in the mid eighteenth century’, *Shodh Nibandh Sangraha Khand – 2*, Gomant Samvardhan Sanstha, Phonda, Goa, 2013, pp. 90 – 102.
- Paper entitled “Metamorphosis of Suburban Mumbai: A Case Study of Mulund”, published in Han Yan (ed.), *International Proceedings of Economics Development and Research*, (ISSN: 2010 – 4626), Vol 48, September 2012
- Research Article entitled “Maratha Land Revenue Administration in Sashti (Salsette)”, *Indica*, Vol 49, No. 2, Mumbai, September 2012 (ISSN 0019-686X)

- Paper on “Role of Educators in the Changing Times” in the proceedings of the One Day State Level Seminar on “Role of IQAC in Quality Enhancement of Higher Education”, organized by Dattajirao Kadam College, Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra, December 2011
- Article entitled “Modi Lipi: Kaalachi garaj” in souvenir of 84<sup>th</sup> Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan, Thane, December 2010
- Article entitled “Thane Fort and City: An Eighteenth Century Perspective” Journal of the K.R. Cama Oriental Institute, No. 70, 2010, Mumbai (ISSN 0970 – 0609)
- Article entitled “Road Connectivity between Salsette and Thane in the early nineteenth century” published in The Explorer, June 2008
- Jointly compiled a reference book entitled “Panch Kala Rooplipi” September 2005
- Article entitled ‘Krishnarao Khanderao Mankeshwar- a centenary tribute’ published in The Hitvada, Nagpur, March 31, 2004
- Paper on “Konkanastha Brahmins of Thana and Kalyan” at the U.G.C. sponsored State level Seminar Proceedings on Issues of Migration Dec. 2003.
- Text book on History of the Marathas for students of TYBA (History), Manan Prakashan, Mumbai.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Convener, Academic Calendar Committee from 2015 to date
- Convener, Degree Distribution Ceremony, 2015-16
- Member, IQAC, Vaze College since 2015
- Member, Unfair Means Enquiry Committee, Vaze College, 2014-15
- Member, Graduation Ceremony Organising Committee, 2015
- Convener, Steering Committee for Re Accreditation of Vaze College by National Assessment and Accreditation Council, 2010 - 12
- Coordinator, IQAC, Vaze College from 2009 - 2015.