

Visiting Faculty/Scholar

- **2015**

- (i) Ms. Natasha Narain, Visual Artist from Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane on 18.12.15 delivered a talk on 'Kantha Art work and Contemporary Art' in the Department of Visual Arts. She also interacted with the faculty and the students regarding contemporary trends in Australian art.
- (ii) Dr. Jyoti Nandan from Australian National University, Canberra on 13.8. 2015 gave a talk on Gender dimensions in the Department of English, H.P University titled "Madness as Protest".
- (iii) Dr. Amit Ranjan from Australia – India Institute Delhi, on 29.6.15 interacted with the Faculty members and students of Department of English apprising about various Fellowship programmes at post-graduate, Research and Post doctoral level in various Australian universities.

- **2014**

- (i) A **bilingual poetic symposium** was held on 28th October 2014 in collaboration with YWCA. 9 poets recited their poems - Ms . Virginia Jealous(Western Australia), Ms. Alisha Khan (West Indies), Dr. Kulrajeev Pant(former librarian from H.P University), Professor Neena Arora(H.P University), Professor Meenakshi F. Paul(H.P University), Dr. Papiya Lahiri(Banasthali university, Rajasthan), Dr. Richa Minocha, Mr. Kuldeep Raj Sharma(Project associate, CANZ, H.P University)
- (ii) Nicole Lee, an Asia link applicant for 2015 had several interactive sessions with the faculty of Department of English and History to research on her forthcoming book on Bangladesh war.

- **2013**

Bronwyn Emily Lang, Australian Prime Minister Endeavour Fellowship Awardee was associated with the centre for two months (12 August – 12 October 2013). During this course she gave lectures on Contemporary Australian Poetry.

- **2012**

- (i) A Power Point Presentation was made by **Ken Harper, Visiting Fellow from University of Melbourne, Australia** under the aegis of the Centre in the Department of English, H.P. University, Shimla on 29.11.2012 on 'The Story (very abbreviated) of Australian Drama' where he traced the evolution of Australian drama.
- (ii) The Centre organized the following Extension Lectures of **Professor Y. Yagama Reddy, Visiting Faculty from Shri Venkateshwara University, Tirupati:**

1. On 27.9.2012 in the Department of Sociology, H.P. University, Shimla on the topic 'Historical and Cultural aspects in India-Australia Relations' where he dwelled upon commonalities and differences, especially socio-cultural, in societies of India and Australia respectively.
2. On 01.10.2012 in the Department of English, H.P. University, Shimla on the topic 'Understanding Indian Diaspora in Australia' where he dwelled upon issues of integration of ethnic communities especially the Indian Diaspora in White-dominated Australian society.
3. On 02.10.2012 in the Refresher Course(Political Science) at Academic Staff College, H.P. University, Shimla on 'India and its Neighbors: The Tale of Missed Opportunities' where he discussed political implications of Indian policies vis-à-vis the neighboring countries.

(iii)The Centre organized following lectures of Ms. Virginia Jealous, Asialink Resident from Australia

1. In the Department of English, H.P. University, Shimla on 26.9.2012 on 'Writing Place' wherein she reflected on how travel journalism, creative travel writing and poetry of place feed each other and how these different ways of writings affect the relationship between the reader and the writer.
2. A poetry session was organized by the Centre in the Golden Lobby of Hotel Peterhoff in the honor of Ms. Virginia Jealous (Asialink resident) and Prof. Yagama Reddy (Visiting Faculty) on the evening of 02.20.2012. Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. A.D.N. Bajpai presided over the function. Prof. Girija Sharma, Chairperson, Department of English and other faculty members of the university were also present. Three other local poets – Prof. Meenakshi F. Paul, Kanwar Dinesh Singh and Akshay Kumar also participated.
3. The Centre also organized a lecture of Ms. Virginia Jealous at St. Bede's College, Shimla on 09.10.2012 on 'Writing Place' wherein she talked about the interface of travel, journalism and poetry of place and how they shape writing in general.

• **2011**

(i) Professor P.V. Rao, Professor of International Relations, and Former Director of Centre for Indian Ocean Studies (Area Study Centre) from Nalsar University, Hyderabad spent two weeks at the Centre as Visiting Professor in May 2011. During his stay he gave three lectures:

1. The first lecture was given on 24.05.2011 in the Dept. of English at HPU on 'Indian Immigrants in Australia'. He spoke about the Indian Diasporic community settled in Australia and their assimilation and integration with foreign culture and lifestyle. Diasporic writing is one of the important genres of literature today. He ended the lecture by focussing on the future of Indian immigrants in Australia.
2. The second lecture was given on 25.05.2011 in the Dept. of English at HPU on ' 'Racialism in Australia'. He spoke about the historical realities of both India and Australia focussing on

the cultural and political systems operative in the two different countries and the factors which can lead to harmonious relations between them.

3. The Centre also organized a lecture by Professor P.V. Rao on 27.05.2011 in the Dept. of Sociology at HPU on 'India-Australia Relation'. Here Prof. Rao spoke about the colonial background of the nations and other institutional commonalities between them. From the political point of view he gave a short history of the formation of the political structures in Australia and a democratic society in India and how both can work together for establishing better solidarity between them.

(ii) **Dr. Sylvie Haisman, a fiction writer from Wellington University at New Zealand** spent 4 months ,April to August 2011, at the Centre. She gave four interactive sessions at the Department of English, HPU:

1. The first lecture was given by Sylvie Haisman on May 3, 2011 on "Tell me a Shipwreck", a radio drama documentary aired by ABC in Jan 2009, which was followed by playing the documentary.
2. Another lecture was given by Sylvie Haisman along with Alexander Delas held on May 5, 2011 on "Introducing New Zealand: Youth Culture in New Zealand"
3. In the third session on 21 July, 2011 she dwelled upon 'Being a Creative Writer' and narrated how she wrote the story of her own ancestor's shipwreck and survival in the Southern Seas, historically tracing her roots in her book This Barren Rock.
4. The fourth session began on 22 July, 2011 with the performance of Sylvie's story 'How to Reverse Gravity'. She also spoke about the powerful impact India has had on her writings and gave a comparative view of New Zealand and India, speaking briefly about the two cultures.

- **2008**

The Centre organized a lecture by **Dr. Shirley Patton, Australia** in the Sociology Department, H.P University on "Domestic Violence and the State Policy" on 20 Sept 2008.