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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Research at the nexus of arts, design, and education within the realm of pedagogy, integrated teaching and learning, and curriculum innovation.

Early childhood pedagogy, primary education, play-based learning, and arts integration.

EDUCATION

Ph.D CANDIDATE

Dramatics and Arts-based Research in Teaching and Learning | 2023 - present
The Ohio State University, Columbus OH, USA
Advisor - Dr Patricia Enciso

MA

Teaching and Learning - Art + Design | 2018 - 2019
Rhode Island School of Design, Providence RI, USA
Advisor - Dr Paul Sproll

NON-DEGREE DUAL STUDIES

Theater Arts and Performance Studies | 2018 - 2019
Brown University, Providence RI, USA
Secondary Advisor - Prof Michelle Bach-Coulibaly

BDES

Industrial Design | 2012 - 2017
MIT Institute of Design, ADT University, India

WORK EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSOCIATE

Creativity and the Arts in Early Childhood Education | 2024 - present
Early Childhood Pedagogy
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice in Education
The Ohio State University, Columbus OH

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

Asynchronous Learning - Art and Design | 2021 - 2023
LearningMate Pvt. Ltd., India - USA (Remote)

CURRICULUM SPECIALIST

SEL - Synchronous Learning | 2020 - 2021
Chariot Foundation (nonprofit), India (Remote)

LEAD EDUCATOR

Early Childhood Education
Sunshine Academy, Boston MA, USA

| 2019 - 2020

LEAD EDUCATOR

Museum Education (summer program)
Newport Art Museum, Newport RI, USA

| 2019

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSOCIATE

Integrated Arts Education
Project Open Door (nonprofit), RISD, Providence RI, USA

| 2018 - 2019

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE (Peer Reviewed)

Pathak, R. (2026, March 17-19). *Seeing Through the Arts: A Multimodal Transmediation Practice with Poetics*. [Conference presentation]. Ohio University 6th Global Arts Festival, Athens, OH, United States.

Pathak, R. (2026, March 6-8). *Meeting Her: Generating shared meanings through multimodal transmediations with poetry*. [Conference presentation]. National Council of Teachers of English English Assembly for Research Conference 2026, Columbia, SC, United States.

Pathak, R. (2026, February 19). *(Re)Imagining Ways of Knowing: An Intermediary Epistemological Vehicle Between the East and the West*. [Conference presentation]. Education and Human Ecology Research Forum 2025, Columbus, OH, United States.

Pathak, R. (2025, March 20-22). *The Artistic Container – An Explorative Arts Integration Model*. [Poster presentation]. National Art Education Association Conference 2025, Louisville, KY, United States.

Pathak, R., Pinkerton, L. (2025, February 21). *Beyond Words: Creating Dialogue through Multimodal Poetry and Art*. [Conference presentation]. Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts Conference 2025, Newark, OH, United States.

Pathak, R. (2025, February 20). *The Poetic Container – Creating Dialogue through a Multimodal Integrated Arts Approach*. [Poster presentation]. Education and Human Ecology Research Forum 2025, Columbus, OH, United States.

Enciso, P., Price-Dennis, D., Edmiston, E., Feng, F., Bishop, A., Pathak, R., A., Warriach (2024, December 4). *Enacting Change and Supporting Equity Through Drama, Storytelling, and Examining Classroom Discourse*. [Conference presentation]. Literacy Research Association 74th Annual Conference 2024, Columbus, OH, United States.

WORKSHOP COLLABORATIONS

Pathak, R., Pinkerton, L. (2026, March 24 and 26). *Arts-based Critical Inquiry: A cross-disciplinary collaboration*. [Graduate and Undergraduate Student Workshop] Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University, + Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus OH, USA.

Pathak, R., Rhoades, M. (2026, February 24 and 26). *Arts-based Critical Inquiry: A cross-disciplinary collaboration*. [Graduate and Undergraduate Student Workshop] Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University, + Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus OH, USA.

Pathak, R., Pinkerton, L. (2025, September 25). *Poetry Unbound - A Poetic Exploration with Multimodal Arts*. [Graduate Student Workshop] Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH, USA.

Pathak, R., Jain, S. (2024, June 30-31). *Critical Design Thinking and Creative Learning through Arts-based Pedagogy*. [Graduate Student Workshop] Avantika University, Ujjain, MP India.

PUBLICATIONS

MASTERS THESIS (Open Source Digital Publication)

Pathak, R. (2019). The In-Betweens: Exploring Integration Within the Arts. *Masters Theses*. 392. DigitalCommons@RISD. <https://digitalcommons.risd.edu/masterstheses/392/>.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

ASSEMBLY FOR RESEARCH

NCTEAR Conference 2025, Columbus OH

| 2025, 2026

EDUCATION AND HUMAN ECOLOGY RESERACH FORUM

EHE Research Forum 2025, Columbus OH

| 2025, 2026

OHIO UNIVERSITY GLOBAL ARTS FESTIVAL

OU 6th Global Arts Festival, International Conference, 2026

| 2026

NATIONAL ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

NAEA Conference 2025, Louisville KY

NAEA Conference 2019, Boston MA

| 2019, 2025

GRADUATE RESEARCH IN ART EDUCATION

GRAE Conference 2025, Columbus OH

| 2025

OHIO COUNCIL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

OCTELA Conference 2025, Newark OH

| 2025

SERVICE

CHAIR OF ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS

Student Advisory Board		present
Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus		

MENTOR - STUDENT ALUMNI METORSHIP PROGRAM

Rhode Island School of Design		present
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PEER REVIEWER

Ohio Journal of English Language Arts (OJELA) - Fall Edition		2025
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JUROR - 9th annual NAHS and NJAHS Exhibition

National Art Honor Society, National Junior Art Honor Society		2025
National Arts Education Association		

DANCE EDUCATOR - KATHAK

Zankar Kathak Dance Academy, India		2021 - 2023
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ARTS EDUCATOR

Kavita Foundation Trust (nonprofit), India		2017 - 2018
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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

GRADUATE PROGRAM FUNDING

Department of Teaching and Learning	Full Tuition		2024 - 2027
The Ohio State University			

ART & RESILIENCE LEARNING IN PRACTICE FUND

Wexner Center for the Arts	\$750.00		2025 - 2026
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GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

Department of Teaching and Learning	\$350.00		2025, 2026
The Ohio State University			

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

Office of Research, Innovation and Collaboration	\$500.00		2025
The Ohio State University			

UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

Graduate School	\$64000.00		2023 - 2024
The Ohio State University			

GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

Department of Teaching and Learning - Art + Design	\$12000.00		2018 - 2019
Rhode Island School of Design			

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

HUMAN SUBJECTS PROTECTION (social and behavioral)

CITI Program, Credential ID - 60136141 | 2023 - 2026

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (social and behavioral)

CITI Program, Credential ID - 60136142 | 2023 - 2024

VISHARADH - KATHAK (7 year program)

Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, India | 2021

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Fisher College, Boston MA, USA | 2020

INTERNSHIPS

ADMINISTRATIVE ARTS INTERNSHIP

Providence CityArts (nonprofit), Providence RI, USA | 2019

DESIGN INTERNSHIP

Titan Company Ltd., TATA, India | 2017

TATA Elexsi, India | 2015
