

RUCHI PATHAK

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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 STUDENT

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

MA

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

NON-DEGREE DUAL STUDIES

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

BDES

Industrial Design		2017
MIT Institute of Design, ADT University, India		

WORK EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSOCIATE

<i>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion</i>		2024 - present
<i>Early Childhood Pedagogy</i>		
The Ohio State University, Columbus OH		

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

<i>Asynchronous Learning - Art and Design</i>		2021 - 2023
LearningMate Pvt. Ltd., India - USA (Remote)		

CURRICULUM SPECIALIST

<i>SEL - Synchronous Learning</i>		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. (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 (Invited)

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 ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NAEA Conference 2025, Louisville KY NAEA Conference 2019, Boston MA		2019, 2025
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH ASSEMBLY FOR RESEARCH NCTEAR Conference 2025, Columbus OH		2025
OHIO COUNCIL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OCTELA Conference 2025, Newark OH		2025
EDUCATION AND HUMAN ECOLOGY RESERACH FORUM EHE Research Forum 2025, Columbus OH		2025
GRADUATE RESEARCH IN ART EDUCATION GRAE Conference 2025, Columbus OH		2025

SERVICE

CHAIR OF ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus OH, USA		present
STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus OH, USA		present
PEER REVIEWER Ohio Journal of English Language Arts (OJELA) - Fall Edition		2025
JUROR - 9th annual NAHS and NJAHS Exhibition National Art Honor Society, National Junior Art Honor Society National Arts Education Association		2025
DANCE EDUCATOR - KATHAK Zankar Kathak Dance Academy, India		2021 - 2023
ARTS EDUCATOR Kavita Foundation Trust (nonprofit), India		2017 - 2018

SCHOLARSHIPS

GRADUATE PROGRAM FUNDING Department of Teaching and Learning The Ohio State University	Full Tuition		2024 - 2027
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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 The Ohio State University	\$350.00		2025
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GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

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

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

Department of Teaching and Learning - Art + Design Rhode Island School of Design	\$12000.00		2018 - 2019
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LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES**HUMAN SUBJECTS PROTECTION (social and behavioral)**

CITI Program, Credential ID - 60136141		2023 - 2026
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RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH (social and behavioral)

CITI Program, Credential ID - 60136142		2023 - 2024
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VISHARADH - KATHAK (7 year program)

Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, India		2021
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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Fisher College, Boston MA, USA		2020
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INTERNSHIPS**ADMINISTRATIVE ARTS INTERNSHIP**

Providence CityArts (nonprofit), Providence RI, USA		2019
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DESIGN INTERNSHIP

Titan Company Ltd., TATA, India		2017
TATA Elxsi, India		2015
