

Amritha Selvarajaguru

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2027 MFA Creative Writing: Poetics, The School of the Arts Institute of Chicago (Anticipated)
- 2025 B.A. English and Creative Writing, University of Iowa
- 2025 B.A. Secondary English Education, University of Iowa

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2021 National Scholars Award
- 2022 Scott A. Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Sean Wu Memorial Scholarship, University of Iowa Annual Chapbook Prize Award for “Low Lies Uncanny Valley” (Short Story Anthology)
- 2023 Melvin J. Blough Scholarship Fund, Helen Aicher and Kenneth Ward Nelson Scholarship Fund, Longlisted for ABR Poetry Prize
- 2024 Melvin J. Blough Scholarship Fund, Helen Aicher and Kenneth Ward Nelson Scholarship Fund, Dietz Poetry Essay Prize
- 2025 Runner-Up 2025 Breakout! Prize with Epiphany Literary Magazine

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “The Everyman of Hell: On Satan’s Humanity in Paradise Lost,” Presented at the Sigma Tau Delta Convention: *In Flux*
- 2025 “Uneasy Lies the Head: On White Elitism in M.L. Rio’s *If We Were Villains*,” Presented at the Sigma Tau Delta Convention: *One of Ours*
- 2026 “Duck Poem, or Salvage,” Presented at *The Tightwires* Launch Party at the AWP Convention, Baltimore

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Classroom Associate at UI Reach, 3 Years
- 2023 Honors Writing Fellow at The University of Iowa, 2 Years
- 2023 Private Tutor at Varsity Tutors, 2 Years
- 2025 Teaching Assistant at The School of the Arts Institute of Chicago, “*Intro to Writing as Art*”
- 2026 Teaching Assistant at The School of the Arts Institute of Chicago, “*Contemporary*”

Practices

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 “when he tells me he loves me for my body” (Poetry), “12 Ways To Leave Home” (Poetry), “Bathroom Mirror Prayer” (Poetry), “Outlines” (Fiction), “Toxic Shock” (Fiction) in Ink Lit Magazine, Fall
- 2021 “if you don’t want to write about the ugly things / then /” (Poetry) in Broken Clock Magazine
- 2021 “The Immolated Girl” (Fiction), “Thoughtless” (Fiction) in Cave Writing Magazine
- 2022 “Love Letter to a Horticulture Major” (Poetry) in New Moon Magazine, February
- 2022 “Low Lies Uncanny Valley” (Short Story Anthology) in the University of Iowa Annual Chapbook Prize Award
- 2022 “Eulogy For A Poet” (Drama), “Astro Notes, Feb 11th” (Poetry), “my poetry gets political again, fuck” (Poetry), “For Auld Lang Syne” (Fiction), “Afternoon Tea” (Art) in Ink Lit Magazine, Spring
- 2022 “Love Letter to an Art Major” (Poetry) in Fools Magazine
- 2022 “turn around, touch the ground” (Poetry) in Patchwork Magazine
- 2022 “Son of a Witch!” (Fiction), “aphrodite on a thursday afternoon” (Poetry) in Wilder Things Magazine
- 2022 “Meryl Sweep is Missing” (Fiction) in Snapshots Magazine
- 2022 “hometown, after” (Poetry) in New Moon Magazine, November
- 2022 “young lover in august” (Poetry) in Interplay Magazine
- 2023 “Little Paper Hearts” (Fiction) in Snapshots Magazine
- 2023 “Iowa City, IA” (Poetry) in New Moon Magazine, February
- 2023 “Overwinter” (Fiction), “Improbabilities” (Poetry) in Wilder Things Magazine
- 2023 “The Ritual” (Fiction), “The Storm” (Fiction) in Cave Writing Magazine
- 2023 “oakland cemetery, iowa city, ia” (Poetry), “Ephemeral” (Poetry) in Ink Lit Magazine
- 2023 “same old” (Poetry) in Broken Clock Magazine
- 2023 “milkteeth & the love of the shark” (Poetry) in Fools Magazine
- 2023 “Bamboo Plant on the Morning I Realize I’ll Be Okay” (Poetry) in Horizon Magazine
- 2023 “22 Lies I Have Told My Younger Sister” (Fiction), “Diary Scraps From My Older Sister’s Trash Can” (Poetry) in Fools Magazine
- 2023 “Voicemails to a Mother Who Does Not Pick Up” (Fiction), “dear lover, who has rowed past me twice” (Poetry) in Wilder Things Magazine
- 2023 “skin hunger” (Poetry) in New Moon Magazine, November
- 2023 “from the sidewalk” (Poetry) in Ink Lit Magazine
- 2023 “India Jones and the Opposite Heist” (Fiction) in Snapshots Magazine
- 2023 “fruit love” (Poetry) in Catharsis Magazine
- 2023 “prayer fragments” (Poetry), “motherbird” (Poetry), “make a wish” (Poetry), “the woman

- sitting next to me on the bus back home” (Poetry), “Recipe For a Grandmother’s Hands” (Poetry) in Boundless Magazine
- 2024 “True Apotheosis” (Fiction), “one redeye flight i took” (Poetry), “Love Letter to a Computer Science Major” (Poetry) in Wilder Things Magazine
- 2024 “Diary Entries, Summer of 2009” (Fiction), “untitled iv” (Poetry) in Ink Lit Magazine
- 2024 “the performance poet i meet in kansas city” (Poetry), “mothertongue” (Poetry) in Catharsis Magazine
- 2024 “Froglets” (Drama) in Horizon Magazine
- 2024 “sthenos, on the murder of her little sister” (Poetry), Fools Magazine
- 2024 “xin zhui” (Poetry), New Moon Magazine, November
- 2024 “rodina feldevertova” (Poetry), New Moon Magazine, November
- 2024 “mary’s boy” (Poetry), Boundless Magazine
- 2024 “daf•fo•fil” (Fiction), “love letter to an astronomy major” (Poetry), Venus Magazine
- 2024 “coming of age in eight parts” (Poetry), “terrible writers” (Poetry), Catharsis Magazine
- 2025 “Duck Poem, or Salvage” (Poetry), Tightwires Anthology
- 2026 “Statement of Teaching Philosophy” (Poetry), Porcupine Literary Magazine

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The English Society, Education Chair (2022), Co-President (2023), President (2024-2025)
 IDEAS Committee, Undergraduate Representative (2022, 2023, 2024)
 Earthwords: the Undergraduate Literary Review, Nonfiction Editor (2022, 2023, 2024), DEI Committee Member (2023)
 Cave Writing Magazine, Writing Editor (2022, 2023)
 Snapshots Literary Magazine, Illustrator (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
 The Backpack Project, Volunteer Tutor (2021, 2022)

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

Tamil (fluent reading/writing/listening/speaking)
 Spanish (moderate reading/writing/listening/speaking)
 French (intermediate reading/writing/listening/speaking)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society, Alpha Tau Iota Chapter
 Iowa State Educators Association (ISEA)
 National Educators Association (NEA)
 Aspiring Educators