



Clafin University

Dr. Mitali P. Wong

Dr. Mitali P. Wong is the 2022 SCICU Excellence In Teaching award recipient for Clafin University. She chairs the Clafin English department and has been a member of the Clafin faculty since 1998. Wong earned multiple

degrees in English – a Ph.D. from the University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, Canada), an M.A. from Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India, and a B.A. from University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India.

Dr. Wong brings international teaching experience from Canada and India to the Clafin classroom. Her research in South Asian literature, 16th and 17th century British Literature, Gender Studies, and Postcolonial Studies adds depth to her teaching. Her philosophy of teaching incorporates a variety of learning styles. She stresses the importance of innovative hands-on, student-generated projects to foster lifelong independent learning. Her lesson plans are crafted to meet the needs of each learning group with the goal of building critical thinking skills. She incorporates intensive writing and research methods into all her courses as a foundation for independent scholarly research in graduate school.

Advisement with frequent conferencing is an important aspect of Dr. Wong's teaching methodology. She is available to students after 5 p.m. and on weekends if needed. Dr. Wong is committed to the belief that nurturing Clafin students in a pleasant and friendly environment builds their trust and self-confidence.

Dr. Wong is an active grant writer and project director for Clafin. Her extensive scholarly presentations and publications include three books: *The English-Language Poetry of South Asians: A Critical Study* (McFarland & Company), *Politics and Tropes in Renaissance History Plays: Understanding Neglected Genre* (Mellen), and *Fiction of South Asians in North America and the Caribbean* (co-authored by Clafin colleague Dr. Zia Hasan, McFarland & Company).