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**Area of Specialization and Research:** Counselling Psychology, Career Counselling and Development, Rehabilitation Psychology (with focus on Physical and Sensory Disabilities).

**Paper Presentation in International Conferences:**

- “Understanding Vocational Competence in Persons with Disabilities: A Factor Analytical Study”, presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on Excellence, held at Panjab University, Chandigarh from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2015.
- “Career Concerns of Students with Visual Impairment in Higher Education: Evolving Workable Theory”, presented at National Career Development Association (NCDA) Global Conference (NCDA, 100 years celebration conference) 2013, Boston, USA held between 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.
- “The Role of Locus of Control and Optimism as Predictors of Quality of Life among the Elderly”, presented at the Gerontology International Synthesis Conference- Youth is a Gift, Age is an Art, organized by AU-NCSA centre for Gerontology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam from 12th to 14th March, 2009.

Apart from these, I have presented 9 research papers and 2 theoretical papers in **National and State level seminars and conferences**, and have won best paper (teachers’ category) and young scientist awards in one of the conference.

**Journal Publications:**

- Gonsalves, W. (2009). Self- esteem and normative beliefs about aggression among private and municipality school going students: An associational study, *Journal of Psychology: Applied to Life and Work*, 1, 153- 160.
- Gawali, G., Gonsalves, W., & Tambe, N. (2012). Correlates of Assertiveness: A Study of Adults with Visual Impairment. *Journal of Psychological Researches*, 55 (1&2), 82-88.
- Gawali, G., Gonsalves, W. & Shinde, N. (2012). Personality determinants of attitude towards persons with physical disability: An associational study. *International Journal of Disability Studies*, 6 (4), 214- 223.
- Gonsalves, W., Khattar, T., & Gawali, G. (2013). The Effect of Physical Disability Labeling on Facial Attractiveness Ratings among Youth. *Disabilities and Impairment*. 27 (2), 104-110.

**Book Chapters:**

- Gawali, G. & Gonsalves, W. (2012). Assistive Technology for Persons with Disability. In G. Gawali (Ed), *Vocational Rehabilitation of Persons with Disability: Psychosocial and Legal Perspectives*. Mumbai: Himalaya Publications.
- Gawali, G. & Gonsalves, W. Understanding Locus of Control and Optimism as Predictors of Quality of life among the Elderly. Raju, M.V.R. (Ed.), *Psychology of Aging: Millenium Perspectives*. NewDelhi: Prasad Psycho Corporation (In press).

**About Me:**

I completed my MA in Counselling Psychology, and PhD from the Department of Applied Psychology and Counselling Centre, University of Mumbai. My doctoral research work has been on psycho-social competency factors influencing vocational rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. During the course of my PhD, I secured Vice Chancellors Research Fellowship for two years and UGC, Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF) for following two years. I have also worked as a Teaching Assistant for Counselling Psychology at the Department of Applied Psychology and Counselling Centre, University of Mumbai, for four years. For a short stint, I was also appointed as Assistant Professor in Psychology (full-time) in Parvathibai Chowgule College, Goa, where I worked for a period of 3 months, teaching at the undergraduate course. After which I joined the Department of Applied Psychology University of Mumbai, as Assistant Professor (full-time) from October, 2013. As a part of professional extension activities I have served as a resource person in several workshops/guest lectures on Research, Psychological Testing, Counselling areas such as communications skills, self-awareness, stress management etc and Disability related issues. Presently I'm on the Board of Studies of Psychology at Parvathibai Chowgule College, Goa. I'm a life member of academic bodies such as Bombay Psychological Association (BPA), Marathi Manasshashtra Parishad (MMP) and Indian Science Congress (ISC).