

Ought: The Journal of Autistic Culture

Volume 3
Issue 2 *Family*

Article 3

May 2022

My Learning Circles

Archana Kadam

KEM Hospital Pune, Maharashtra, India, dr.archana.ped@gmail.com



This work is licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International License](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/)

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/ought>



Part of the [Poetry Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Kadam, Archana (2022) "My Learning Circles," *Ought: The Journal of Autistic Culture*: Vol. 3: Iss. 2, Article 3.

DOI: 10.9707/2833-1508.1089

Available at: <https://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/ought/vol3/iss2/3>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by ScholarWorks@GVSU. It has been accepted for inclusion in *Ought: The Journal of Autistic Culture* by an authorized editor of ScholarWorks@GVSU. For more information, please contact scholarworks@gvsu.edu.

My Learning Circles

In the centre am I; I draw circles around
I place you at different loci and radii.

Social greetings, high fives for the outer circle
hugs and stimming with the inner circle.

I understand social thinking with the inner
I practice and get better with the outer.

My inner circle defines my coordinates and axes
my outer circle tests my learning and skills.

I am autistic, a unique point, just like you
I belong to the universal set of life.

—Archana Kadam

Archana Kadam is a Developmental Pediatrician, working with autistic children for the last 16 years in KEM Hospital Pune, India. She is MD.DNB. in Pediatrics from University of Pune, Maharashtra, India and is neurotypical. Her work emphasizes family involvement, early diagnosis and intervention, and advocacy. Her work has helped her understand autism better and has inspired her to write poems, some from the perspective of autistic children.