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**Department** : English  
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**Educational Qualification:**

Degree	Subject	College / University & Place	Year Completed
PhD	English	Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai	2013
M.A	Philosophy & Religion	ICC, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai	2012
Certificate	German Language	Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, MKU, Madurai	2010
M.Phil	English	St.Joseph's College, Trichy	1988
M.A	English	Madurai Kamaraj University	1987

**Specialisation in Teaching:** Literary Criticism, Literary Theory, Contexts of Literature, Prose

**Specialisation in Research:** Idioms, Proverbs, Philosophy

**Research Interests:** Lincoln Studies

**Other Work Experience:**

Designation	Institution / Company	Year - From (month/year) To (month/year)
Lecturer	G.T.N. Arts College, Dindigul	December 1988- December 1989
Teaching Associate / Lecturer	The American College	June 1991- November 1999

**Administrative /Academic Position/s (held / currently holding):**

<b>Positions held / currently holding</b>	<b>Year - From (month/year) To month/year)</b>
Governing Council Member	June 2014 –till date
Governing Council Member	June 2006-2010
Faculty Secretary	2002-2003
Senatus Member	2001-2002
Autonomy Coordinator	June 1991 to May 1995
Staff Advisor for Students Forum	June 1998 to December 2006
Hall Superintendent	1997-1998 to 2005-2006

**Membership in Professional Bodies:**

1. Forum on Contemporary Theory
2. Abraham Lincoln Abroad Advisory Board, USA
3. Association of 3<sup>rd</sup> World Studies, USA
4. Board of Studies, Department of English, The American College, Madurai

**Publications:**

**Articles Published in International Journals:**

- “Idioms and the commonality of human experience”, **Eclectic Representations, Vol.4, Issue 1 (2014):72-90. Print.**
- “Idioms as Vehicles of the Existential Angst”, American College Journal of English Language and Literature, 2 (2013): 142-147. Print.
- “Idioms and proverbs: a philosophical standoff”, The Journal for English Language and Literary Studies, Vol. II, Issue ii: 43-50. Electronic.
- “Abraham Lincoln’s Reputation among the Tamils of South India: A Professional and Personal Influence” in **Creative Breakthroughs in Leadership: James Madison, Abraham Lincoln, and Mahatma Gandhi**, ed. William D. Pederson and Frank J. Williams, Pencraft, New Delhi (2007): 279-292.\*  
[\*Catalogued in the Library of Congress, USA]

**Conference / Seminar Presentations:**

- **“Idioms: Reading the Unread”** at the First International Conference on “Pragmatic Facets of English Language Teaching”, Dept. English Language Studies, MKU, Madurai--2013.
- **“Thinking Territory: Affect and Attachment in Tamil Cinema”** at the Ninth International Conference, Forum on Contemporary Theory, Goa—December 2007.
- **“Lincoln’s Legacy among the Tamils”** at the Ninth International Conference, Forum on Contemporary Theory, Udaipur, Rajasthan—December 2006.
- **“Rigidity Vs Flexibility: Idioms in a Multilingual Context”** at the World Congress on “World Languages in Multilingual Contexts”, CIEFL, Hyderabad—Jan 2001.
- **“Linguistic Uniformity as the Strength of the American Nation”** at the Annual Workshop of the South Indian American Studies Network, Chennai—August 2000.

**Lectures / Talks given:**

- “Changing Trends in the Use of English Language” at the Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Madurai.
- “Leader as Teacher” at Rotary Club, Madurai
- “Communication and Personality” at G.T.N. Arts College, Dindigul.
- “Language and Leadership” at Christ Hall, Karumathur
- “Story of Literature” at M.T.N. College, Madurai
- “Literature as Mirror of Life” at G.T.N. Arts College, Dindigul.

**Other activities / information / academic credentials you would like to mention:**

Wrote a full length English play “In the Name of God” in seven scenes that was staged by the department of English in February 1994.