

The American College, Madurai

FACULTY PROFILE

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1. Educational Qualification:

Degree	Subject	College / University & Place	Year Completed
Ph.D.	English	Gandhigram Rural Institute	2023
MS (NGO & M)	NGO Management	Madurai Kamaraj University	2001
M.A	English	The American College, Madurai	1999
B. A	English	The American College, Madurai	1997

2. Other Qualifications

- October 13 – 18, 2003 NMIMS Mumbai, India
Management Development Programme on Marketing of Rural Products for NGOs
- December 2001-February 2002 EDII Ahmedabad, India
Certificate course for rural business consultants
- 2000 Bharathidasan University Tiruchirapalli, India
State Level Educational Testing (SLET)
 - Eligible for teaching in Universities / Colleges throughout India.

3. Specialisation in Teaching:

1. Poetry
2. Indian Literature
3. Creative writing
4. Film Studies
5. Cultural Studies
6. American Studies
7. Language and Communication

4. Specialisation in Research:

Indian English Literature,
Diasporic Literature,
Postmodern literature,
Postcolonial literature,
Sociology and literature.
Film and Literature

4. Research Interests:

English Language and Literature, Indian Literature, Regional Literature,
Film Studies and Cultural Studies

5. Book Contribution:

As Domain Expert, contributed to the following in-house Part II English textbooks for the students of The American College.

- Language through Literature – I
- Language through Literature - II

6. Orientation / Refresher Programme

- Orientation Programme funded by UGC- HRDC & conducted by MKU between 16-11-2018 to 13-12-2018.
- Online Refresher Course in English funded by UGC- HRDC & conducted by Pondicherry University between 06-01-2021 to 19-01-2021.
- Participated in the two-day In-Service Training Programme in English at MVM Government Arts College for Women, Dindigul, on May 9 & 10, 2022.
- Online Refresher Course on "Indian English Literature" funded by UGC-HRDC and conducted by Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad from 13-02-2023 to 27-02-2023.

7. Any Other Work Experience:

Designation	Institution / Company	Year - From (month/year) To (month/year)
Programme Officer –Documentation	Palmyrah Workers Development Society (PWDS) – HIV/AIDS CBCS Project, Marthandam (Supported by International HIV/AIDS Alliance, UK and Abbott Laboratories, USA	March 2004 to September 2009
Programme Officer	PWDS – DATA, Madurai	Oct 2001 – Feb 2004
Project Coordinator	Blossom Trust Virudhnagar	July 2001 – Sep 2001

8. Administrative /Academic Position/s (held / currently holding):

Positions held / currently holding	Year - From (month/year) To month/year)
President, English Literary Association, The American College	(June 2015- April 2016)

Academic Advisor	20 PGE Series, 22 PGE Series and 24 PGE Series
Coordinator	PEGASUS 2023
Convenor	Sponsorship Committee for Pegasus 2022, 2023, & 2024
Coordinator	Public Relations and Registration Committee for Othello Play Production from 11.09.23 to 16.09.23
Quiz Anchor (Literary Quiz)	PEGASUS 2024
Faculty Secretary	2024-25

9. Membership in Professional Bodies:

Member ELTAIC English Language Teacher Association of India

10. Academic or Professional Honours

July 22, 2024

INDO – TIMOR SPECIAL AWARD

Received the award from Mr.Mariano Assanami Sabino, The honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Timor, for continuous service in equipping the student community

11. International Teaching Experience

Handled an online session on Gender: Religious and Family Values and Culture as part of the course titled Indian Literature and Culture to the students of Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra, Slovakia.

12. Publications:

Articles Published in International Journals:

- “Developing Teaching materials for students of the technological era – A suggestive analysis” in ROOTS: International Journal of Multidisciplinary Researches Vol:1 ISSN: 2349-8684, January 2017.
- Published an article titled “A Feminist Reading of Tabish Khair’s Jihadi Jane” as a co-author in *Language in India* ISSN 1930-2940 Vol. 21:10 October 2021

13. Conference / Seminar Presentations:

- “Chetan Bhagat’s Three Mistakes of My Life as a Realistic Reflection of Life in India” in International Conference on “Enriching the Connection between Literature and Life” organised by the Department of English, Periyar University, Salem, on September 3 & 4, 2012.
- “Developing Teaching materials for students of the technological era – A suggestive analysis” in the international conference on “English Language, Literature and Linguistics” held at The American College on 26 July 2017.

14. Conferences / Seminars / Workshops Organised

- Served as Organising Committee member in the International Conference on Postmodernist Perspectives in English Language, Literature and Cultural Studies on 18.3.2023

- Served as Organising Committee member in the International Conference on “Myriad Mysteries: Contemporary Global Perspectives on Language & Literature” organised by the Postgraduate & Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai on 27 March 2024.
- Served as convenor of the one-day workshop on “Hey! I wrote an ad: A Look at Ideas and Copywriting” organised by the Postgraduate & Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai, on 21 September 2024.
- Served as convenor of the two-day workshop on “Academic Writing Norms, Genres, and Language for International Studies” organised by the Postgraduate & Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai, in collaboration with The American Center, US Consulate General, Chennai on 9 & 10 December 2024.
- Served as convenor and organised a lecture on Professions for Women: the Quiet Intimacies of Lucy Moten by Dr. Rachel Elin Nolan, Lecturer, English Manchester Metropolitan University, organised by the Postgraduate & Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai on 08 January 2025.
- Served as convenor of the International Conference on “Literature, Art, & Culture” organised by the Postgraduate & Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai on 07 February 2025.

15. Conference / Seminar/ Workshop Participation

- Participated in the Project Monitoring & Developing Monitoring Indicators training programme held at Karl Kubel Institute for Development Education from 15-17 December 2005.
- Workshop on English Language Teaching organised as part of America Days by US Consulate, Chennai at The American College on September 29, 2010.
- Regional Seminar on Emerging Techniques and Trends in Drama organised by the Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai on February 20, 2014.
- Inter-Faith Dialogue on Policy and Programme Development held at The Christ University, Bengaluru from 27th to 29th January 2015.
- AIACHE Golden Jubilee Grand Finale Celebrations held at The American College, Madurai from 7th to 11th October 2016.
- Participated in the NAAC-sponsored National Conference on “Strategies of Quality Initiatives, Enhancement and Sustenance in Higher Education organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), The American College, Madurai on 21 & 22 February 2017.
- Research Writing Workshop conducted by the Postgraduate Department of English (SF), The American College on 19 February 2019.
- International seminar on “Globalization of English and Changing Definitions of Proficiency” held at The American College on 3 June 2019.
- Special lecture on Toni Morrison by Dr. Nancy Ellen Batty, Professor of English, Red Deer College, Alberta, Canada, jointly organised by the Research Department of English and the Study Centre for Indian Literature in English and Translation (SCILET) at The American College, Madurai on 16 August 2019
- Attended the web event *The Left Reflects on the Global Pandemic: Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak* on the 7th of May, 2020
- Participated in the webinar on „Doing Cultural Studies in India“ by Dr. Uma Maheshwari

Bhrugubanda on 25 June 2020.

- Participated in the international webinar on Energy Humanities by Dr. Imre Szeman, University Research Chair & Professor of Communication Arts, University of Waterloo, Canada on 09 July 2020.
- Participated in the interactive session with Jaishree Misra as part of the Indian Literature International Webinar series organised by The Department of English, The American College on 27 July 2020.
- Participated in the Three-Day Bodhi International Congress, an International Online Conference on Paradigm Shifts in Teaching Language, Literature and Culture on 30, 31 October 2020 & 1 November 2020.
- Participated in the Three-day National Webinar series “Education for Social Emancipation” organized by the Department of English (SFW), Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Pasumalai, Madurai – 625004.
- Participated in the workshop on Art and Science of Methodical Scientific Writing & Publishing in a High Impact Journal conducted by IQAC and office of the Dean Research, The American College, Madurai on 6 March 2023.

16. Technical session:

- Chaired a technical session at the International Conference on “English Language, Literature and Linguistics” held at The American College on 26 July 2017
- Co-ordinator at the International Conference on “Asian Literatures in English as an Asian Language” held at The American College on 23 January 2020.
- Chaired a technical session at the International Conference on “Myriad Mysteries: Contemporary Global Perspectives on Language & Literature” organized by the Postgraduate & Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai on 27 March 2024.

17. Lectures / Talks given:

- Handled Sessions on American Literature, English Language Teaching, and Indian Literature in English to Postgraduate students of Lady Doak College, Madurai
- A session on preparing Documentary Films for undergraduate students of Lady Doak College, Madurai
- Offered lecture on „Facing the University Exams with Language Skills“ to 1st year Engineering Students of K.L.N. College of Engineering, Madurai on November 20, 2014.
- Resource person for a one-day workshop on „Communicative Skills in English“ for the first-year undergraduate students of Vivekananda College, Thiruvudakam on December 1, 2014.
- Offered a lecture on “Documentation and Communication” for III-year undergraduate students for LiFE (Life Frontier Engagement) in the Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai on 31 September 2016 and 20 February 2020.
- Resource person for “Let’s Write: A workshop on Creative Writing” organized by the Department of English, The American College, Satellite Campus on 11 September 2024
- Resource person for the workshop on “Communication: An Inside-Out Approach” organized by the American School of Business Administration on 30 September 2024.

18. External Examiner

- External Examiner for PG Board of English, Madurai Kamaraj University.
- External Examiner for Mother Teresa University, Kodaikanal.

- External Examiner for Life Frontier Engagement Project Viva of the III UG Students of the Department of English, Lady Doak College, Madurai on 19.04.2021 and 24.05.2022.
- External Examiner for Lady Doak College, Madurai.
- External Examiner for Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli.
- External Examiner for Annamalai University, Chidambaram.
- External Examiner for Fatima College, Madurai
- External Examiner for Valuation of Project and conducting Viva Voce of M.A.Social Work students of the Department of Social Work, Lady Doak College, Madurai on 20.04.2023.

19. Projects guided:

- Kazuo Ishiguro's *When We Were Orphans*: A Postmodernist Study by P. Adeline Shelsea (17PSE01)
- Chetan Bhagat's *One Indian Girl*: A Feminist Reading by P. Anandhiniyan (17PSE04)
- Mohsin Hamid's *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*: A New Historicist Reading by J. John Steward Raj (18PGE19)
- Translation of Lyndsey Stonebridge's *That Which You Are Denying Us* into Tamil by N. Lavanya (18PGE22)
- Magical realism: a study of Murakami's *Kafka on the Shore* by S. Praveen Kumar (18PGE29)
- Reflection of Violence In Temsula Ao *These Hills Called Home: Stories From A War Zone* by Noel Ela (19 PGE 24)
- Psychosexual Development in Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *Memories of My Melancholy Whores* by R. Nympha Timothy (19 PGE 25)
- Eco-feministic approach to the stories of Naguib Mahfouz in *The Quarter* by Persis A. (19PGE26)
- Chimamanda Adichie's *Purple Hibiscus*: A Postcolonial Reading by C. Immanuel Williams (21PGE16)
- Jesmyn Ward's *Salvage the Bones*: A Psychoanalytical Reading by S. Indhumathi (21PGE17)
- Edward. P Jones's *The Known World*: A Post Colonial Reading by M. Jones David (21PGE18)
- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's *Purple Hibiscus*: A Feminist Reading by S.B.HemaVarshini (22PGE14)
- A Marxist Analysis of Megha Majumdar's *A Burning* by S. Irwin (22PGE15)
- Taslima Nasrin's *French Lover*: A Feminist Reading by J. Jane Jaculin Silviya (22PGE16)
- Arundhati Roy's *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*: A Queer Study by M. Janet Evangelin (22PGE17)

20. Consultancy:

- "Forgotten Families: Older People as Carers of Orphans and Vulnerable Children" – a policy study for the International HIV/AIDS Alliance and Help Age International. Involved in developing the policy report from India in April 2003
- Provided consultancy on documenting best practices to the Knowledge Management Centre of Gandhigram Rural University Trust, Gandhigram, Dindigul District during April 2011

21. Conference and Presentations:

Participated and presented a paper on "Involving Community in Community support structures that promote sustainable care of orphans and vulnerable children – experiences from the PWDS-

Alliance programme, Tamilnadu” at the 8th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) at Colombo, Sri Lanka during August 18-24, 2007.

22. Training / Workshops

- Resource person for training on Project Management and M & E to CSR staff of Larson & Toubro Ltd., Coimbatore on August 1, 2015.
- Resource person for A two-day training on Project Monitoring and Evaluation to the staff of Tamilnadu Social Service Society (TASOSS), Trichy. August 2010
- Resource person for A one-day training on PME, Documentation and Communication to the staff of Blossom Trust, Virudhunagar May 2007
- Resource person for A session on Documentation and Communication to partners of TNVHA, Chennai August 2006
- Resource person for training on Marketing Rural Products to FRLHT partners from Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Kerala at KKID, Coimbatore. December 2003.
- Resource person for training community members of PWDS CCED Project partner organisations on Community Enterprise promotion 2002 – 2003.

23. Volunteer experience

- Worked as a volunteer for three months and helped in writing profiles of organizations for Profile 500, a directory of selected NGOs in India released by Murray Culshaw Advisory Services, Bangalore.
- Involved in collecting data for a project on “feeding the hungry” for Bangalore Cares, an initiative to support fundraising.

24. Internships

- 2001 - A project on “Analysing Training needs of Voluntary Organisations in Communication and Fundraising” under the guidance of Murray Culshaw Advisory Services, Bangalore.
- 2000 - A study on the New Entity for Social Action (NESA), Bangalore and its HIV/AIDS sector support team. (An internship for 45 days)
- 1998 – 1999 Worked as a research assistant to Wisconsin University, USA students in translating and documenting their field observations and interactions.

25. Extra-Curricular activities

- 1999 - 2001
Secretary of SAGA (Students Action for Greater Achievements) - A development forum initiated, supported and run by students of MS (NGO) Management.
- 1994 – 1997
Cadet in 2(TN) Naval Unit of the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)** in The American College
 - Possess a „C“ Certificate in NCC Navy.
 - Served as Cadet Captain during 1996-1997
 - Participated in the Ocean sailing expedition from Point Calimer to Chennai covering 422 Km in February 1995.
 - Participated in the Trekking expedition from Shillong to Cherapunjee in November 1995
 - Participated in the Ship Attachment camp in INS Godavari in Mumbai during May 1996.
- Sep-Dec 1993
Served as a Constable in the 136 Auxillary Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force at

Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh and during the 1993 elections in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

26. Social Activities

- **Secretary (honorary)** - Association for Integrated Rural Development (AIRD), Ramanathapuram – a non-profit development organisation that works for the socio-economic development of excluded communities in Ramanathapuram and Madurai districts.

27. Others

- Served as Jury Member for the Youth Talk – 2023 organised by Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College in Association with ICT Academy on 22.09.2023.