

The American College, Madurai
FACULTY PROFILE

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I. Educational Qualification:

Degree	Subject	College / University & Place	Year Completed
Ph.D	English	Gandhigram Rural Institute	Pursuing
MS (NGO & M)	NGO Management	Madurai Kamaraj University	2001
SLET	ENGLISH	Bharathidasan University, Trichy	2000
M.A	English	The American College, Madurai	1999
B.A	English	The American College, Madurai	1997

II. Specialisation in Teaching:

1. Poetry
2. Indian Literature
3. Creative writing
4. Film Appreciation
5. Language and Communication

III. Specialisation in Research: Indian English Literature

IV. Research Interests: English Language and Literature

V. Orientation / Refresher Programme

- Orientation Programme funded by UGC- HRDC & conducted by MKU between (16-11-2018 to 13-12-2018).

VI. 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

VII. 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)

VIII. Membership in Professional Bodies:

Member ELTAIC English Language Teacher association of India

IX. 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.

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 Department of English, Periyar University, Salem during September 3 & 4, 2012.
- “Developing Teaching materials for students of the technological era – A suggestive analysis” in International conference on “English Language, Literature and Linguistics” held at The American College on 26 July 2017.

Conference / Seminar/ Workshop Participation

- Management Development Programme on Marketing of Rural Products for NGOs at NMIMS, Mumbai, India during October 13 – 18, 2003.
- Certificate course for rural business consultants, EDII, Ahmedabad, India during December 2001-February 2002.
- 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 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.
- Research Writing Workshop conducted by 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

Technical session:

- Chaired a technical session in the International conference on “English Language, Literature and Linguistics” held at The American College on 26 July 2017
- Co-ordinator in the International conference on “Asian Literatures in English as an Asian Language” held at The American College on 23 January 2020.

Webinars:

- Participated in the web-event The Left Reflects on the Global Pandemic by Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak on 07 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.

Lectures / Talks given:

- Handled Sessions on American Literature, English Language Teaching, Indian Literature in English to Post graduate students of Lady Doak College, Madurai
- A session on preparing Documentary Films to 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

X. Any other activities / information / academic credentials you would like to mention:**Consultancy:**

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

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.

Trainings / 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 staff of Tamilnadu Social Service Society (TASOSS), Trichy. August 2010
- Resource person for A one day training on PME, Documentation and Communication to staff of Blossom Trust, Virudhunagar May 2007
- Resource person for A session on Documentation and Communication to partners of TNVHA, Chennai August 2006
- Participated in the training programme on Project Monitoring & Developing Monitoring Indicators held at Karl Kubel Institute for Development Education from 15-17 December 2005.

- 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 to community members of PWDS CCED Project partner organisations on Community Enterprise promotion 2002 – 2003.