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Designation : Associate Professor

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Educational Qualification:

Degree	Subject	College/University & Place	Year of Completion
Ph.D	English	Madurai Kamaraj University	2008
PGP in PM & IR	Personnel Management & Industrial Relations	St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore	1996
M.Phil	English Literature	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry	1990
M.A	English Literature	The American College, Madurai	1989
B.A	English Literature	St. Joseph's College, Trichy	1987

Specialisation in Teaching:

- South-African Literature

Specialisation in Research:

The Bread of Freedom: A Study of Select Novels of J.M. Coetzee (M.Phil)

Repentance & Reconciliation in Select Novels of J.M. Coetzee South African Literature (Ph.D)

Research Interests: South African Literature

Other Work Experience:

Designation	Institution / Company	Year - From (month/year) To (month/year)
Lecturer in English	Christ College, Bangalore	June 1991-Feb 2000

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

Positions held/currently holding	Year- From (month/year) To (month/year)
President, PG English Literary Association	From June 2007 to April 2019

Membership in Professional Bodies: 02

Board of studies – Member for Kodaikanal Christian College, Kodaikanal

— Member for St.Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai (23 April 2022)

Staff Selection Committee Member: 02

1. Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai
2. Central Electro-Chemical Research Institute, Karaikudi

Publications:

Books: 14

Coauthored and along with Dr S. Vincent the following books:

1. *Let’s Speak English Level 1* Soundara Publications, Madurai. 2013
2. *Let’s Speak English Level 2* Soundara Publications, Madurai 2013
3. *Let’s Speak English Level 3* Soundara Publications, Madurai. 2013
4. *Let’s Speak English Level 4* Soundara Publications, Madurai. 2013
5. *Let’s Speak English Level 5* Soundara Publications, Madurai. 2013
6. *The Bridge*, Soundara Publications, Madurai. 2014
7. *The History of Prathaba Mudaliar* which is an English translation of *Prathaba Mudaliar Charithram* by Vedanayakam Pillay, Pollachi: Ethir Veliyudu, Oct, 2016.
ISBN: 978- 93 - 84646 - 80 - 6
8. Sheridan’s *The School for Scandal* edited with introduction and notes. Dr. S. Vincent and Dr. Lawrence. Madurai: Manimekala Publishing House, 2017
ISBN-10 93-82241-72-8, ISBN-13: 978 938 2241-72-0
9. *India 2020 (for students)* by S. Vincent and M. Lawrence, an English Translation of abridged

Tamil version of India 2020 (Dr. A.P.J.. Abdul Kalam and Y.S. Rajan) by S. Thothari
Chennai: New Century Book House, March, 2017. ISBN: 978 - 81 - 2343 - 351 - 6

10. ***Soft Skills: Develop Yourself***. Dr. S. Vincent and Dr. Lawrence. Chennai: New Century Book House, March, 2017. ISBN: 978 - 81 - 2343 - 368 - 4. May 2017
11. ***The Count of Monte Cristo*** (Alexandre Dumas) abridged edition, Dr. S. Vincent and Dr. Lawrence. Chennai: New Century Book House, June, 2017. ISBN: 978-81-2343-383-7
12. Tamizh Uthaya's ***Bleeding Blossoms on Bodhi Trees (Witnesses of the Voiceless of the Eezham War)*** Translated by Dr. S. Vincent and Dr. M. Lawrence. Chennai: Sandhya Publications. 2018. ISBN: 978- 93 - 87499 - 50 - 8
13. ***Pale Twilight: A Collection of Short Stories*** by Kumaranthan Translated by Dr. S. Vincent and Dr. M. Lawrence. Theni: Panmuga Medai, March 2019. ISBN 978-81-940714-0-2
14. ***1098 (A Novel)*** by Subrabharati Manian. Translated by S.Vincent and M. Lawrence. New Delhi: Authors Press, 2020. ISBN 978-93-90459-98-8
15. Edited **Listening and Speaking Skills** Workbook, an in-house publication for First Year UG students. (Semester I) Department of English, The American College.
16. Edited **Reading and Writing Skills** Workbook, an in-house publication for First Year UG students. (Semester II) Department of English, The American College.

Articles Published in International Journals: 02

1. "Self-discovery as a Means of Redemption in Coetzee's Fiction" The American College Journal of English language at literature (ACJELL), Madurai No. I Aug 2012 ISSN 1725 2278 876x
2. "Fluency Development in Spoken English" BODHI, International Journal of Research in Humanities, Arts and Science, Vol. I Special Issue 16, July 2017. ISSN: 2456-5571

Articles published in National Journals:

Articles Published in Books: 01

"Rebuilding the Rainbow Nation through liberalism: A postcolonial Reading of J.M. Coetzee's select Fiction". *Alternate Identities: Essays on commonwealth literature* G. Baskaran Yking Books, Jaipur 2010, ISBN: 978 – 81 – 910588-0-2

Conference / Seminar Presentations: 06

1. "**Communication Skills**" during National Seminar on The Role of Language in Communication at Dept. of Linguistics, Madurai Kamaraj University, 13-14 Feb 2003

2. **“Earthbound Characters in Select J.M Coetzee’s Fiction”**. P.S.G.R Krishnammal College for women, Coimbatore – 7 Feb 2005
3. **Synergistic language of ‘*rasa*, emotion and body’ in Vijay Tendulkar’s Benare** during National Seminar on Indian Drama in English at Gandhigram Rural University, 7 Feb 2008
4. **"Perceptions and Beliefs about English Language Teaching and Learning"** during International Conference on Emerging Trends in Teaching Language & Literature at Alagappa University, Karaikudi 4-5, Dec, 2009
5. **"Communication Skills in the Classroom”** during Conference on The Problems of Teaching English for ELTAI English language Teachers’ Association of India, Madurai Jan 2010
6. **“Fluency Development in English Speaking Skill ”**during the International Conference on English Language, Literature and Linguistics” on 26 July 2017 jointly organised by the Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai and L Ordine Nuovo Publication, approved by Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Agency for ISBN, New Delhi, Madurai
7. Acted as a convenor and chaired sessions during the International Conference on English Language, Literature and Linguistics” on 26 July 2017
8. **Chaired** online technical session I during International Conference on **Postmodernist Perspectives in English Language , Literature and Cultural Studies (Hybrid)** on 18 March 2023 organised by PG and Research Department, of English, The American College, Madurai

Webinar participation- 02

1. **Webinar on Doing Cultural Studies** in India conducted by Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai on 25 June 2020.
- 2 **International Webinar on Energy Humanities** by Dr. Imre Szeman, Canada organised by Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai on 9 July 2020.

Consultancy/Lectures / Talks/Workshops given: 58

1. Delivered the Valedictory Address during Regional Seminar on **Current Teaching Techniques of Developing Communication Skills** in English at **Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women**, Periakulam 30th July 2009
2. Resource person for the One-Day Workshop on **“Energizing the Challenged”** for students with special needs (Differently Able) held on **December 7th, 2012** at **Gandhigram Rural Institute-Deemed University**, Dindigul in view of the “World Disability Day” on 03-12-2012

3. Trained the students during the two-day workshop on **“Personality Development and Soft Skills”** held on **14th and 15th of Feb. 2013**, at **Sethu Institute of Technology**, Kariapatty.
4. Coached the students during **One-Day Freshers’ Orientation** held on **July 5th, 2013** at **Kodaikanal Christian College**, Kodaikanal.
5. Delivered a guest lecture on fluency during the workshop on **“Communicative Competency in English”** (CCE’13) at Anna University: Chennai BIT Campus, Tiruchirapalli on **17-12-2013**.
6. Trained executives during the Three Day Certificate Programme on **“Management of Marketing of Crop Protection Chemicals”** conducted by **Directorate of Agri Business Development**, Tamil Nadu Agricultural Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad held from **22 – 25 August 2013** at Coimbatore. Topics were **Communication Skills, Attitude, Self-management, Time management and Motivation**.
7. Trained the college teachers during the One-Day Staff Orientation Programme held on **05-12-13** at Madurai Kamaraj University College, Sattur.
8. Acted as a resource person for the Faculty Development Programme on **Teaching and Learning English for Communication Skills and Soft Skills(TLECSS’13)** at Anna University: Chennai, BIT Campus, Tiruchirapalli on 06-12-2013.
9. Functioned as a resource person for the Two-Day Training Workshop on **Effective Teaching Skills for College Teachers** on **20,21 January 2014** at Christ University Nodal Centre Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
10. Acted as a resource person for the One-Day workshop on **Career Competence Development for students of Dr. Zakir Hussain College**, Ilayangudi on **12-02-2014**
11. Invited to be a resource person for the **One-Day Freshers’ Orientation** held on **July 4th, 2014** at **Kodaikanal Christian College**, Kodaikanal.
12. Delivered the **inaugural address (Communicative Skills) for English Literary Association** on **26-08-2014** at **VVV College of Arts and Science for Women**, Virudhunagar.
13. Invited to be a resource person for the **One-Day Freshers’ Orientation** held on **3 July 2015** at **Kodaikanal Christian College**, Kodaikanal.
14. Acted as a resource person for **“Motivational Program”** on **4 Sep 2015** organized by the Department of Information Technology, **M Kumaraswamy College of Engineering, Karur**.
15. Invited as a resource person during **Capacity Building Workshop** (Topics: **Communication Skills , Instructional Strategies and Classroom Management**) for professors of Bishop Heber College, Tiruchi on **6 August 2015**.

16. Acted as a resource person for the workshop on “**Classroom Communication and Emotional Quotient**” during the FDP for professors of **Bishop Heber College, Trichy** on **27 October 2015**.
17. Invited as a Guest Speaker to deliver a talk on “**Literature of Non Sense**” during the Inaugural Meeting of **MANNAR FEST 2016** at **Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai** on 6 Feb 2016
18. Delivered a guest lecture on "**Nonverbal Communication Skills for Empowering Women**” conducted by the **Women’s Studies Centre, Thiagarajar College, Madurai** on **15 March 2016**.
19. Coached the Agro based personnel in **Personal Effectiveness and Self-management Techniques** during a One-day Skill Development Program on Empowering Warehouse Personnel at Hotel Rathna Residency, **Coimbatore** conducted by **Interface Agricultural Technologies** on **20 March 2016**
20. Invited as resource person to deliver a lecture on “**Nonverbal Communication**” at **St. Joseph’s Institute of Management, Trichy** on **20 April 2016**
21. Delivered a talk on "**Interview Skills**” at the meeting organized by Career Guidance & Counselling Cell, **Saiva Bhanu Kshatriya College, Aruppukottai** on **12 Aug 2016**
22. **Communicative English: An Employability Skill** at **Thiagarajar College, Madurai** on 17 Aug 2016
23. Conducted a workshop on “**Scientific Writing and Publishing**” at **Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Centre of Innovation & Research Department of Biotechnology, Agricultural College & Research Institute, Madurai** on **26 Aug 2016**
24. **Communication, Self-management, Leadership, Empowerment** during a two day Management Development Program organised by **Interface Agricultural Technologies**, at Hotel Abode, **Hyderabad** on Sep 16, 2016
25. Effective classroom communication skills and Classroom management during a two day national workshop on **Consultation and Discourse on Teaching for the Fresh Teachers in Colleges and Universities** organised by **Christ University, Bangalore** on 19 Oct 2016
26. **Leadership Program for Managers** organised by **Interface Agricultural Technologies**, at Regenta Almeida Zirakpur, **Chandigarh** on 11 Nov 2016
27. Delivered the inaugural session on **English for scientific articles** for 45 Assistant Professors of **Agricultural College and Research Institute, TNAU Madurai**. in July 2016
28. Functioned as a **Selection Committee member during interview** at CSIR, **Central Electro-Chemical Research Institute, Karaikudi**.
29. Delivered the Inaugural Address on "**The Changing World**” during the workshop “**Discover Yourselves**” organised by **Young Indians and Confederation of Indian Industry** at **Thiagarajar College, Madurai** on 27.02. 2017

30. Delivered a keynote address for a workshop on South African Fiction at **St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai** for the B.A, M.A, M.Phil students and faculty of the English Department on 31 Aug 2017
31. Delivered a special lecture on "Profile building of a teacher "for AICTE-QIP sponsored one week short term course on" **DESIGN THINKING FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH LANGUAGE**" on 1 Feb 2018 at Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai
32. Conducted a one day workshop on "**Teaching English: a Treasure Hunt**" organised by **Dr. Zakir Husain College, Ilayangudi** on 14 March 2018.
33. Acted as a resource person for the **UGC sponsored Faculty Development Program (Topic: Teachers as Change Agents)** under "College of Excellence" Scheme organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, **Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli**, on July 28, 2018.
34. Delivered a motivational talk on "Communication, attitude, aptitude and leadership skills " at **Mepco Schlenk Engineering College, Sivakasi** for 800 First B.E and B. Tech students and 100 parents during their orientation program on 16 Aug 2018
35. Conducted half a day workshop on English Fluency Development at **SBK Arts and Science College, Aruppukottai** on 15 Sep 2018
36. Conducted a one day **UGC sponsored Faculty Development Program (Topic: Quality Teaching and Presentation Skills)** under "College of Excellence" Scheme organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, **Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli**, for 40 Mathematics Professors on 28 Jan 2019.
37. Conducted a five-day workshop on **Communicative English** for all the second year B.E. Students at Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai between 10 June 2019 to 14 June 2019 with a 17 member team through TEQIP.
38. Delivered the Inaugural Address on "**Thinking through Literature**" for the English Literary Association at **Thiagarajar College, Madurai** on 2 Sep 2019.
39. Delivered the Inaugural Address on "**Victorian Age- A Revisiting**" for Arcadia 2019 at **Lady Doak College, Madurai** on 01-10-2019
40. Delivered the Inaugural Address on "**Communication Skills**" for the English Literary Association (Albatross) at **Sethu Institute of Technology, Pulloor**, on 21 Oct 2019.
41. Conducted a three-day workshop on "**Integration of Mind, Body and Voice in Communication Skills**" at Lady Doak College, Madurai for B.A and M.A. Literature Students from 18 Feb 2020 to 20 Feb 2020.
42. Delivered the Chief Guest address during one day Motivational Programme on "**Mind Power**" at **Sethu Institute of Technology, Kariapatti, Virudhunagar** on 4 March 2020 for the first year students.

43. Acted as a resource person for **Webinar on Strategies to Overcome Pandemic Diseases** (Specific Topic for Day 2: **Self Development During and Post Covid -19**) organised by The Department of Home Science, **V.V.Vanniaperumal College for Women, Virudhunagar** on **25 May 2020** through Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4253101435?pwd=N094TjUr-OUplWUR1bFFxcndlaJWZz09>
44. Acted as a resource person for **Webinar on Interview Skills** organised by Department of English, **Saranathan College of Engineering, Trichy** on **01 June 2020 through Google Meet for Batch I**: <https://meet.google.com/iem-xzoq-vtz?hs=122&authuser=0> and for Batch II: <https://meet.google.com/iqy-kmbb-ipd?hs=122&authuser=0>
45. Coached the students organised by Rotary clubs of Dindigul, Kodaikanal and Theni Metro Kings in **Confidence Building through Public Speaking** through Zoom Webinar on 25.09.2020.
46. Delivered a guest lecture on Virtual Presentation Skills for Teaching Literature online during a seven day Online Faculty Development Program on **Technology Enhanced Language and Literature Teaching in Higher Education** on 20 Jan 2021 organised by Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Deemed to be University, Chennai. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_twJygYIM44&t=1680s
47. Conducted a session on “**From Learner to Leader: Mind, Body and Voice for Effective Communication**” on **4 June 2021** during the **Three Day National Webinar Series "Education for Social Emancipation"** from 3 June 2021 to 5 June 2021 organised by the Department of English [SFW] **Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai 625004**.
48. Delivered a guest lecture on “**Self-management: Building the New You**” during the National Online Webinar on Leadership and Participation of Persons with Disabilities towards Inclusion and Accessibility on 3 Dec 2021 between 11.15 and 12.15 PM organized by The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu.
49. Delivered a guest lecture on “**Virtual Presentation Skills**” during the **Online Faculty Development Webinar** (under CPE Grant) organised by PG and Research Department of Commerce, **The Standard Fireworks Rajaratnam College for Women, Sivakasi** on **18 Feb 2022** through G-Meet. <https://meet.google.com/xvg-gqdb-smf>
50. Acted as an external member of Board of Studies of Department of English, St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai on **23 April 2022** and gave suggestions to improve BA, MA and General English Syllabi.
51. Delivered a Motivational talk on "**Holistic Personality Development: Physical, Mental, Emotional/Social and Spiritual Domains**" at Anna University Regional Campus, Madurai during the **Induction Program on 15.11.2022**.
52. Conducted a Workshop on **Effective Communication through Mind, Body and Voice** organised by the Department of English, **Luxor World School, Dindigul** on **16 Nov 2022**.
53. Conducted a workshop on **Soft Skills for Data Science** for M.Sc Data Science Students at The American College on **10 July 2023**.

54. Delivered a guest lecture on “**Personality Development**” for **PG Commerce Students, The American College, Madurai on 06.08.2022.**
55. Conducted a workshop on **Body Language and Social Skills** for **B.Sc Data Science students, The American College, Madurai on 9 Sep 2023**
56. As Chief guest delivered an interactive session on **Communication Skills** during **Plascia 2023 (Plant Science Association)** organised by the Department of Botany, The American College on **01.09.2023.**
57. Conducted a **Soft Skill Training Program** for **M.Sc Computer Science Students, The American College, Madurai on 19 October 2023.**
58. Conducted a workshop on **Communication Skills** for candidates who had cleared the first round of selection process conducted by **Accenture** organised by **the Placement Cell, The American College, Madurai on 28 Nov 2023.**

Refresher courses and Orientation and Faculty Improvement programs

1. **Refresher course** at Academic Staff College, MKU from 16.5.2003 to 5.6.2003
2. **Orientation Programme** at Academic Staff College, MKU from 7.7.2004 to 3.8.2004
3. **Refresher course** at Academic Staff College, MKU from 18.2.2009 to 10.03.2009
4. **Faculty Improvement Programme** for English Lecturers on Teaching New Areas at PG Level at State Institute of English, Chennai from 21.1.2002 to 25.1.2002.

Research Guidance: Madurai Kamaraj University Guideship No.1985/20 — -Ph.D (06 scholars) Registered in 2020 (in progress)

1. Mr. Moses: Teaching, Learning and Evaluation of English Studies in India: An Attitudinal Study
2. Mr. Immanuel: Cultural Symbolism in Dan Brown's Robert Langdon Pentalogy
3. Mr. Joseph: Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Diane Glancy's Novels: A Study in Survivance”
4. Ms. Sharon: Voice of the Subaltern in C.S. Lewis's *The Chronicles of Narnia*
5. Ms. Charanya: Ecocritical Reading in Amish Tripathi's Select Novels
6. Ms. Abinaya: Reinventing English Studies in India

Co-guide for the following candidates

1. **Mrs. R.P. Jeswill** Reg.No. P9973, **MKU Part-Time Ph.D Research Scholar** who completed her Viva Voce Examination for her thesis titled, “**Women in Manju Kapur's Novels: A Study**” at **PG and Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai on 25 Jan 2023.**
2. **Mr. K. Ravi** Reg.No. P9331, **MKU Part-Time Ph.D Research Scholar** whose Viva Voce Examination for his thesis titled, “**Deep Ecology in the Novels of Thomas King: A Study in Eco Aesthetics** ” at **PG and Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai (scheduled on 15 Dec 2023)**

Research Guidance: (M. Phil.) 30 (The American College) + 1+2 (MKU)-

	At the beginning of the year	Registered during the year	Completed during the year
M.Phil.	5	2009 – 2010	2009 – 2010
	3	2011– 2012	2011 – 2012
	2	2012 – 2013	2012 – 2013
	5	2013 -- 2014	2013 -- 2014
	6	2014 -- 2015	2014 -- 2015
	3	2015- 2016	2015- 2016
	3	2016- 2017	2016- 2017
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	1	2018 - 2019	2018 - 2019
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