

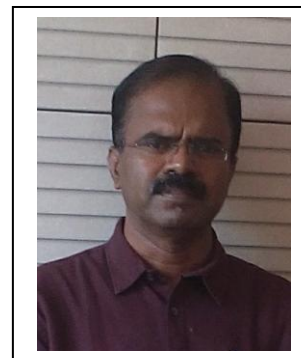
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Designation: Associate Professor &
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Educational Qualification:

Degree	Subject	College / University & Place	Year Completed
PhD	English	MKU, Madurai	2013
M.A.	Philosophy & Religion	DDE, MKU	2012
Certificate	German Language	Tamilnadu Theological Seminary (MKU)	2010
M.Phil.	English	St. Joseph's College, Trichy	1988
M.A.	English	Department of English (MKU)	1987
B.A	English	G.T.N. Arts College, Dindigul	1985

Specialisation in Teaching: Drama, Literary Criticism, Film Studies

Specialisation in Research: Philosophy & Phraseology

Research Interests: Lincoln Studies

Other Work Experience:

Designation	Institution / Company	Year - From (month/year) To (month/year)
Lecturer	G.T.N. Arts College, Dindigul	1989 (9 months)
Lecturer	The American College	1989-'90 (6 months)
Teaching Associate / Lecturer	The American College	June 1991-20/12/1999

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

Positions held / currently holding	Year - From (month/year) To month/year)
Head i/c (UG, PG & Research)	Since 01 July 2021
Chief Editor of ACJELL (International Peer-reviewed Research Journal)	Since 01 July 2021
Chairperson, English Dept. BOS	Since 01 July 2021
Governing Council Member	June 2006 to May 2010; June 2014 to May 2016
Faculty Secretary	2002-2003
Senatus Member	2001-2003
Autonomy Coordinator	July 1997 to July 2006
Staff Adviser for Student Forum	June 1998 to December 2006
Hall Superintendent	Dec 1989- May1990; 1991to 1995

Membership in Professional Bodies:

- English Language Teachers’ Association of India (ELTAI), Chennai
- Have been a subject expert on the Boards of Studies of Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women, MDU, M.T.N. College, MDU and G.T.N. Arts College, Dindigul.

Publications:**Book:**

- *Humayun* (A full length play in English). L Ordine Nuovo Publishers, 2022. ISBN:978-93-92995-17-0

Articles Published in International Journals:

- “O Captain! My Captain”—Guided by the Spirit of a ‘Great American’”, *Abraham Lincoln Abroad*, ILA, vol. 33, **2022**, pp. 22-24
- “Adaptability for Idioms toward Achieving Viability”, *International Journal of English and Studies*, Vol. 3, Issue 1, Jan **2021**, pp.105-110. ISSN 2581-8333
- “Danger of Teaching Literature *sans* Historical-Biographical Inputs”, *Research Journal of English Language and Literature*, Vol.9, Issue 1, Jan-March **2021**, pp.156-159. ISSN 2321-3108
- “The elms and a tamarind: A Study of the Tragic vein in O’Neill’s *Desire under the Elms* and Sundara Ramasamy’s *Story of a Tamarind Tree*”, *International Journal of Research in English*, Vol. 3, Issue 1, March-**2021**, pp. 09-11. ISSN 2664-8725
- “Global Power or Babel Tower?—Evaluating America against its Linguistic Backdrop”, *Our Heritage*, Vol. 68, Issue 1, Jan-**2020**, pp. 5594-5603. ISSN 0474-9030
- “Humor in Depicting Apostles of Jesus and Disciples of Paramartha Guru”, *Research Journal of English Language and Literature*, Vol.7, Issue 3 (July-Sep **2019**): 361-367. Electronic. ISSN:2321-3108. [Cited by:](#)

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- "Anticipating Christ in Plato's Socrates", *Eclectic Representations*, Vol 6, Issue1 (Jan 2016):83-90. Print. ISSN:2231-430X
- "Idioms: Reading the Unread", *Eclectic Representations*, Vol. 5, Issue1 (Jan 2015):102-109. Print. ISSN:2231-430X
- "Idioms and the Commonality of Human Experience", *Eclectic Representations*, Vol.4, Issue 1 (June 2014):72-90. Print. ISSN:2231-430X
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- "Idioms and Proverbs: A Philosophical Standoff", *The Journal for English Language and Literary Studies*, Vol. II, Issue ii (April-June 2012) 43-50. Electronic. ISSN (2249216X) [Cited by:](#)
Shobe, Elizabeth R. -"Independent and Collaborative Contributions of the Cerebral Hemispheres to Emotional Processing," *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, 8:230 (2014) doi.org/10.3389/fnhum.2014.00230
- "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. Pederson, William D., and Frank J. Williams, Pencraft (2007): 279-292. ISBN:81-85753-85-7 *

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- Lal, Vinay. -Defining a legacy: Lincoln in the National Imaginary of India. || *The Global Lincoln*, ed. Carwardine, Richard and Jay Sexton, OUP (2011), 172-189. ISBN-10: 019537911X
- Watson, Robert P., et al, editors. *Lincoln's Enduring Legacy: Perspectives from Great Thinkers, Great Leaders*, Lexington Books, (2010), 29. ISBN-10: 073914989X

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.

Webinars Attended:

- International webinar on Indian Literature Meet your Author: Bringing Books to Life. An Interactive session with Ms. Jaishree Mishra organized by Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai on 27 July 2020.
- Webinar “Doing Cultural Studies in India “ by Dr. Uma Maheswari Bhrugubanda organized by Research Department of English, The American College, Madurai on 25 June 2020.
- Two day workshop- “We the People” organized by Youth Resource Centre of Madras School of Social Work & OISCA Women’s Chapter, Chennai in commemoration of International Justice Day on 17 & 18 July 2020.
- ELTAI: An Hour-long Professional Development Webinar on Teaching Language and Literature: Need for Meaningful Integration on 10 July 2020.
- ELTAI: An Hour-long Professional Development Webinar on the Art and Craft of Short Story on 26 July 2020.

Webinar Organized:

- Acted as Convener of the International Webinar on E-Resources to Enhance English Communication Skills organized by the PG & Research Department of English, American College on 04 March 2022.

Lectures / Talks given:

Delivered a few lectures at colleges in and around Madurai

Doctoral Students: Ongoing: -03-

Name of the Student	Title of the Thesis
Ms. A.J. Glory Gursheth	English Translations by Lakshmi Holstrom, Usha Rajagopalan, and C.T.Indra: A Psychological Study
Ms. D. Archana	New Aestheticism: A Study of Select Postmodern Indian Women Novelists
Ms. J. Princy	Politics of Oppression: A Comparative Study in Select Novels of Richard Wright and Perumal Murugan

Other Activities / Academic Credentials:

My play *In the Name of God* (previous title of *Humayun* before revision) was staged by the Department of English in the year 1994. It was a huge success.
