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PERSONAL SUMMARY

As an English Literature Teacher with a deep passion for storytelling, my research interests vary from narratives of conflict, to cross-cultural encounters, and transnational literatures with a focus on South Asian Diaspora, including gender and women's studies. I also bring a particular focus to Gothic Literature and folktales, exploring the shadows and symbols that shape our cultural imagination. With a background rooted in literary analysis and creative pedagogy, I strive to make literature accessible and resonant, encouraging students to engage critically and emotionally with texts. Whether unraveling the eerie mysteries of the Gothic tradition or delving into the rich oral histories of folktales from around the world, I aim to foster a classroom environment where curiosity thrives, and every story opens a door to deeper understanding.

CAREER HISTORY

Kinnaird College for Women

Head of the Department of English Language & Literature
Lecturer

23rd January 2024 – present
8th August 2014 – present

Duties:

- Planning, preparing and delivering lessons to a range of English classes.
- Devising and writing new curriculum materials.
- Creating a classroom atmosphere which is comfortable and at the same time stimulating.
- Helping students to grasp grammar and furthering their knowledge of literature.
- Encouraging students in class by demonstrating energy, vision and creativity.
- Teaching students how to read, write and speak English in a large and successful comprehensive.
- Providing a classroom presence and contributing to the positive ethos of the institution.

Lahore School of Economics - Burki Road, Lahore.

Visiting Faculty (Department of Social Sciences)

September 2013 – August 2014

Duties:

- Helping students to improve their conversational English as well as improve their written expression.
- Taught a variety of English College Courses; including Creative Writing, Academic writing and Language, Culture and Society.
- Stressing the importance of context to language learning.
- Planning, preparing and delivering lessons to a range of English classes.
- Devising and writing new curriculum materials.

SICAS (Boys Branch) - Gulberg, Lahore.

English Literature Teacher (O Levels)

January 2013 – August 2013

Duties:

- Teaching English Literature to O Levels (9th and 10th grade).
- Helping pupils to define and identify different types of texts.
- Tailoring English teaching methods to suit the needs of individual students.
- Conducting up to 5 classes in one day.
- Recording and monitoring students' attendance.
- Marking work and giving appropriate feedback to pupils.
- Preparing pupils for external examinations, such as GCSE and A-level.
- Managing pupils' behaviour in the classroom and on school premises.
- Administering examinations.
- Preparing coursework for students and the class.

KEY COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS

Teaching skills and Personal attributes

- Discussing course objectives, expectations & homework policies with pupils.
- Focusing on teaching basic appreciation of any literary text.
- Able to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Flexible and adaptable.
- Considerate and patient.
- Enjoy working with young people.
- Can involve and inspire students from all levels.
- Can form quick and productive relationships with pupils and staff.
- Can assimilate within a department and school quickly and effectively.
- Teaching has been a great learning experience.
- Reading has enriched my intellect and has helped me gain a wider perspective.

Professional

- Able to use computer-assisted educational resources.
- Researching new topic areas and maintaining up-to-date subject knowledge.
- Able to teach vulnerable and sometimes challenging students.
- A committed and organized professional.
- Experience of the independent sector and of teaching O levels and college students.

- Fully aware of diversity and cultural issues.
- Able to teach across all key stages.
- Contacting parents and outside agencies to resolve pupils' problems.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Kinnaird College for Women

2010-2012

MPhil English Literature

CGPA: 3.67

Average Grade: A

Kinnaird College for Women

2004-2008

BA (Hons) English Literature

CGPA: 3.20

Average Grade: B+

Lahore Grammar School (DHA Branch)

2002-2004

A-Levels

Lahore Grammar School (M.M.Alam Branch)

1991-2002

Till O-Levels

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Arizona State University (U.S.A)

Research Scholar at ASU in a University Partnership Programme between ASU and Kinnaird College titled "Globalizing Research and Teaching American Literature" (8th January – 15th May 2015)

University of Oxford England

Literature Summer School (5th July - 25th July 2009)

University of Cambridge England

Literature Summer School (9th July - 29th July 2006)

RESEARCH WORK

- Research Paper titled: Internationalizing the Teaching of US American Literature in Pakistan: Immigrant Writings, Transnational Theory, and Empathy
- M.Phil thesis titled: Diaspora as a Transnational Dynamic in Lahiri and Aslam
- B.A (Hons) thesis titled: The Myth Of The Tragic Hero In Death Of A Salesman
- Translated Saadat Hassan Manto's short story from Urdu to English
- Research Paper titled: "The interplay of symbolism and satire in the relationship of the rulers and the ruled in Ahmad Ali's novel Twilight in Delhi." This research work is published in the South Asian Fiction issue of Kinnaird College's research journal.

Activities and Honours

- Participation in a workshop organized by the Department of English in collaboration with ORIC on Innovative Communities.

- Participated as a Moderator at Kinnaird's 2nd International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities.
- Participated in Kahrur Pakka Project: Voices of the Land and conducted a workshop titled "Teaching with Clarity: Essential Communication Skills for Educators" to train the faculty visiting from Kahrur Pakka.
- Participated as a Trainer in the USEFP-KINNAIRD program and successfully taught a course titled "Travelling Identities: Immigrant Writings of Transnationalism & Empathy"
- Participated as a Moderator at the USEFP-KINNAIRD conference.
- Attended a workshop on Literary & Historical Approaches to Peace Studies organized by ASU in collaboration with the Department of English at Kinnaird College.
- Conference participant in the Society for the Study of American Women Writers held in Philadelphia, U.S.A (4th – 8th November, 2015)
- Conference participant in the International Conference on Advances in Education and Social Sciences held in Istanbul, Turkey (12th – 14th October, 2015)
- Member of the English Club (2004-2008)
- Class Representative (2005-2006)
- Member of "Lahore Education Society" (2002)
- Visits abroad: U.S.A, U.K, France, Spain, Greece, Netherlands, Italy, Austria, India, and UAE. Travelling to different countries has been an educational and culturally liberating experience, helping me to grow as an individual with a better understanding of the world.