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Professor Department : English  
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**Academic Qualifications**  
**M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.**

**Doctoral Research (Ph.D.) :**

**University:** Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, India

**Topic:** Racism and Feminism in the Select Novels of Afro-American Women Writers  
Toni Morrison and Alice Walker

**Year :** 2014

**M.Phil. :**

**University :** Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, India

**Topic :** - Indian Scenario in the Select Novels of R. K. Narayan

**Degree :** Master of Philosophy (M.Phil)

**Year :** 2008

**Post – Graduation:**

**Degree :** Master's degree in English Literature (M.A.)

**University :** Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, India

**Year :** 2002

**Under Graduation**

**Year :** 1999

**Degree :** Bachelor's degree in English Literature (B.A)

**College :** Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli, India

**Teaching Experience**

**Total years of Experience: 15 years**

**Areas of Specialization**

Teaching poetry

Literary Criticism and Theories

English Language Teaching & Linguistics

African American Literature

### **Orientation / Refresher /Short Term courses:**

#### **Orientation :**

Attended UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme conducted by Human Resource development centre , Madurai Kamaraj University held from 16/11/2018 to 13/12/2018.

Attended UGC sponsored Online Refresher Course in English, conducted by Pondicherry University (A central University) held from 6<sup>th</sup> January to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Attended UGC sponsored Online Refresher Course in English, conducted by Pondicherry University (A central University) held from 1/12/2021 to 14/12/2021

Attended Online Two week Refresher course in English conducted by Teaching Learning Centre and Department of English Ramanujan college , University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission of Teachers and Teaching held from 18<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Attended Online Two – week Refresher Course in English conducted by Teaching Learning Centre and Department of English Ramanujan College, University of Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission of Teachers and Teaching held from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

### **CHAIRING OF ACADEMIC SESSIONS**

- Chaired & judged a programme on Literary Models in the Science Innovative Expo in Ambika College of Arts & Science, on 28, December, 2017, Annanagar, Madurai.
- Chaired a session and presented a Paper on An Audacious ‘Trans’ formation in Living Smile Vidya’s “I Am Vidya: A Transgender’s Journey,” in the National Seminar, “Literature of the Transgenders.” The Gandhigram Rural Institute- Deemed University, Gandhigram. 30-31 January 2017.
- Chaired a session and gave a Speech in the State Level Student’s UG Seminar, Thiagarajar College, Madurai. 10 October 2016.
- Chaired a session and presented a Paper on Indigenous Cultural Hegemony in Afro-American females of Alice Walker’s “Possessing the Secret of Joy,” in the International Seminar, “Contextualizing Cultural Heritage in Literature.” Government Arts College, Salem. 30 January 2015

### **ADDITIONAL RESPOSIBILITIES**

Member in Public Relations Cell since 2019

Member in Planning and Development Committee since 2019

### **PROGRAMMES ORGANISED**

1. 90 days Skill Development Programme: “**Practical Spoken English Class**” was organised and conducted for the benefit UG students of all branches.
2. 1-day Faculty Development Programme: “**TTT Transformational Technology in teaching**” was organised and conducted on 15/07/2023 for the benefit of Professors of all branches.
3. A Guest Lecture: “**Breaking The Conventional Code: The Law of Survival**”

- skill**” was organized and conducted on 27/02/2024 for the benefit of the UG and PG students of all branches.
4. A Guest Lecture: **“Securing Innovation: The Imperative of IPR”** was organized and conducted on 01/03/2024 for the benefit of the UG and PG students of all branches.
  5. A Career Guidance Programme by the District Professional Employment & Career Guidance Centre was organized for the benefit of the UG and PG students of all branches.

## PUBLICATIONS OF ARTICLES

- Sumithra, M. An Audacious ‘Trans’ formation in Living Smile Vidya’s “I Am Vidya: A Transgender’s Journey,” in the National Seminar, “Literature of the Transgenders.” The Gandhigram Rural Institute- Deemed University, Gandhigram. 30-31 January 2017. ISSN: 23498684.
- Sumithra, M. Retrograde Enquiry of Ecowomanism in Alice Walker’s “The Third Life of Grange Copeland”, in Vol: 3, Issue 8, ROOTS, International Journal of Multidisciplinary Researches associated with the International Conference, “Literature: A Reflection of The Society.” Government Arts and Science College for Women, Bargur. 04 September 2016. ISSN: 23498684
- Sumithra, M. Individuation in Alice Walker’s “Possessing the Secret of Joy”, in Vol : 3, Issue ROOTS, International Journal of Multidisciplinary Researches associated with the International Conference, “Social Perspectives in Contemporary English Literature.” Mangayarkarasi College of Arts and Science, Madurai. 04 September 2016. ISSN: 2349-8684
- Sumithra, M. Shock in Shodh-A cultural Scrutiny of Taslima Nasrin’s Novel, in the International Conference, “Redefining Commonwealth Literature in English.” V. H. N. S. N. College, Virudhunagar. 27 February 2015. ISBN: 978-93-81723-34-0
- Sumithra, M. Reading Alice Walker’s ‘The Color Purple’ by Womanism Theory, in the National Conference, “Trends in Alternative Literature,” N. M. S. Sermathai Vasan College for Women, Madurai. 26 September 2014. Vergal Publication, Madurai. ISBN: 978-81-928113-9-0
- Sumithra, M. The Impetus of Social Media on English Language”, in the International Conference, Impact and influence of E- Communication on English.” Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli. 15 September 2014. ISBN: 978-817735870-7
- Sumithra, M. Tolerance of Other Religions in Chinua Achebe’s “Things Fall Apart,” in the International Conference, “Celebration of Ethnicity & Alterity for Cultural Diversity,” Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli. 5 April 2013. Sarah Publications, Tirunelveli. ISBN: 978-81927471-0- 1
- Sumithra, M. Redefining Motherhood in “Nectar in a Sieve” by Diasporic Indian Writer Kamala Markandaya, in the National Seminar, “Redefining Feminism: A Study of Indian Writing in English,” V. O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. 27 & 28 March 2013. PG & Research Department of English, Thoothukudi. ISBN: 978-81-928385-0-2
- Sumithra, M. Postcolonial Cultural Conflict in Ibo society “Things Fall Apart”-Chinua

Achebe, in the National Seminar, "Postcolonial Literature," The Madura College, Madurai. 11 January

2012. Department of English, Madurai. ISBN: 978-81-920310-1-9

## ACADEMIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- Presented a Paper on Transformation in Transgender the Conscience and Constitution – Literary Review, in the ICSSR sponsored International Seminar on "Emerging Trends and Issues in Status of Transgender Community," Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar. 23-25 August 2018.
- Presented a Paper on A Feministic or a Merchandising Novel – "Shodh" by Taslima Nasrin, in the National Seminar, "Explorations into South Asian Women's Writings," The Madura College, Madurai. 9 January 2015.
- Presented a Paper on Reading Alice Walker's "The Color Purple" By Womanism Theory, in the National Conference, "Trends in Alternative Literature," N. M. S. Sermathai Vasan College for Women, Madurai. 26 September 2014.
- Presented a Paper on Tolerance of Other Religions in "Things Fall Apart" by the Ethnic African Writer Chinua Achebe, in the International Conference, "Celebration of Ethnicity & Alterity for Cultural Diversity," Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli. 5 April 2013.
- Presented a Paper on Redefining Motherhood in "Nectar in a Sieve" by Diasporic Indian Writer Kamala Markandaya, in the National Seminar, "REFEMIN 2013," V. O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. 27 & 28 March 2013.
- Presented a Paper on Indiginity and Postcoloniality in "Things Fall Apart" the Tribal African Literature by Chinua Achebe, in the National Conference, "Tribal Literatures: Across Continents and Cultures," V. O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. 7 & 8 March 2013.
- Presented a Paper on The Women Issues in "Nectar in a Sieve" by Kamala Markandaya, in the National Seminar, "Diasporic Indian Literature in English: Comparing Nations and Cultures," Sourashtra Womens College, Madurai. 16 February 2013.
- Presented a Paper on Postcolonial Cultural Conflict in Ibo society of "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe, in the National Seminar, "Postcolonial Literature," The Madura College, Madurai. 11 January 2012.
- Presented a Paper on Imaginary Homelands in "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe, in the National Seminar, "Commonwealth Literature," Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai. 30 September 2011.
- Presented a Paper on The Cultural Gap in Jhumpa Lahiri's "The Namesake", in the State Level Seminar, "Indian Immigrant Writers in America," The Madura College, Madurai. 8 October 2010.
- Presented a Paper on Global Issues Relating to Millennial-Marital Incompatibility", in the National Seminar, "Voices from the New Millennium Writers," Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli. 30 September 2010.

## ACADEMIC PARTICIPATIONS

- Participated in Two Day International workshop on Literary Theories organised by

Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai. 07 & 08/02/2020.

- Participated in One Day International Conference on “The New Ways and Waves in Language and Literature” organised by Sourashtra College, Madurai. 27/02/2019.
- Participated in One Day UGC Grant workshop on “Approaches, Methods and Theories Towards reading and Rereadings of Literary Texts” organised by Vivekanatha College, Madurai. 02/02/2019. □ Participated in Twenty-Eight Days UGC sponsored Orientation Program organised by UGC HRDC, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai. 16/11/2018 – 13/12/2018 and obtained A Grade.
- Participated in Six Day Induction/Refresher Program on “Pedagogical Innovations and Best Practices for Skill Based Academic Leadership” organised by KLN College of Information Technology, Madurai. 07/05/2018 – 12/05/2018.
- Participated in One Day National Workshop on “The Glamour of Writing - Glow 2018” A. P. C. Mahalakshmi College for Women, Thoothukudi. 5, January, 2018.
- Participated in an “International Conference on Literary Theories” Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai. 17 December 2016.
- Participated in a “Regional Seminar on Comparative Literature” Lady Doak College, Madurai. 28 January 2015.
- Participated in an International Workshop, “An Introduction to Theatre Pedagogy” Madurai Kamaraj University College, Madurai. 24 February 2012.
- Participated in an International Workshop, “English Language Teaching by John Potts CELTA” Fatima College, Madurai. 14 February 2012.
- Participated in an International Symposium, “Indo-American Perspectives on Women” Fatima College, Madurai. 9 January 2012.
- Participated in a National Seminar, “Literary Theory” Fatima College, Madurai. 16 & 17 December 2011.
- Participated in a National Seminar, “Unique Indian Postcolonial Condition: Culture and Gender” V. O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. 25 March 2011.
- Participated in a National Seminar, “Incorporation of Learner- Centered Practice in Teaching English Globally” Ultra College of Engineering & Technology for Women, Madurai. 18 March 2011.
- Participated in an International Workshop, “Soft Skills for Indian College Teachers and Professionals” V. H. N. S. N. College, Virudhunagar. 14 October 2010.
- Participated in a National Seminar, “Cross Disciplinarity: Literature and other Disciplines” V. O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. 16 August 2010.
- Guided six M. Phil. Scholars in MKU College in 2014-15 and guiding M. Phil. Scholars in 2016-
- Guiding three Ph.D’s scholars under Madurai Kamaraj University

**PERSONAL DETAILS & ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION:**

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