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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- **PhD in English with specialization in American Literature** (1994), Calicut University
 Dissertation: "Gertrude Stein's Fiction: Painting as Design and Process"
- **MPhil in Modern English Studies** (1986) Calicut University
- **MA English** (1979), SB College, Changanacherry (Kerala University)
- **BSc Physics** (1977), SB College, Changanacherry (Kerala University)

PROFESSIONAL

Current Designation and Department

- Selection Grade Lecturer, Department of English
 † Re-designated reader with effect from 28th December 1994 [Communication from the University awaited]
- Research Guide, MG University Research Centre for English at UC College, Aluva

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Postgraduate: 1979–present

Union Christian College, Aluva

Undergraduate: 1979–present

Union Christian College, Aluva

- Date of joining the UC College/Teaching profession: 29th October 1979

RESEARCH

- Number of PhD's produced: Four
- Number of PhD programs currently guiding: Six
- UGC Major Research Project: Co-investigator with Prof. VM Johnappa and Dr. Thomas Mathew (ongoing)

OTHER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *Gertrude Stein: Beyond Modernist Issues* (work in progress, nearing completion)
- *American Literature and Indian English Literature: Studies in Cultural Contiguity*. Edited jointly with AM Geevarghese. New Delhi: Prestige Books, 1999

RESEARCH PAPERS

- "The Politics of Locating: America's Collective Identity and Some Indian Considerations." *Politics of Location in the Multi-ethnic Literatures of the Americas*. Eds. Anil Raina and Manju Jaidka. Chandigarh: Arun Publishing House, 2003.
- "Some Continuities in American Literature: Looking Back at a Century." *Indian Response to American Literature*. Ed. T.S. Anand. New Delhi: Creative Books, 2003.
- "A Note on Bharati Mukherjee's *Jasmine*." *Dialog: An Interdisciplinary Journal* No. 10

(Spring 2002). 84–88.

- "Margaret Atwood's 'Notes towards a Poem that can Never be Written.'" *Introducing Canadian Literature*. Ed. C. Jacob George. Alwaye: Jics Publishers, 2002. 16–18.
- "Gertrude Stein's *Blood on the Dining Room Floor*: Towards Postmodernist Detective Fiction." *Journal of Indo–American Studies* Vol.1 (2002) 84–93.
- "A Transcultural Rediscovery of America: Metaphor to Matters of Fact." *Rediscovering America: American Studies in the New Century*. Ed. Kousar J. Azam. New Delhi: South Asian Publishers, 2001.114–19.
- "Gertrude Stein's Feminist Writing: the Postmodernist Imperative." *Discourse(s): A Journal for Multidisciplinary Studies* 2: 1. (November 1999) 15–20.
- "Gertrude Stein and Women's Studies Since the Eighties" *American Literature and Indian English Literature*. Eds. Varghese John and A.M. Geevarghese. New Delhi: Prestige, 1999.150–55.
- "Chopin: Creating Artistic Space for a Reclaimed Self." *New Waves in American Literature*. New Delhi: Creative Books, 1999. 57–63.
- "The Modern and the Postmodern: Some Works of Picasso and Pollock." *Discourse(s): A Journal for Multidisciplinary Studies* 1: 1 (November 1998) 17–24.
- "Reading Paratactic Fiction." *Littcrit* 24: 1 & 2 (June, 1998) 61–5.
- "Gertrude Stein's *The Making of Americans* and Picasso's *Les Femmes d'Alger*." *Indian Journal of American Studies* 27: 2 (Summer 1997) 35–39.
- "The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas': A Significant American Autobiography." *Indian Views on American Literature*. Ed. A.A. Mutalik-Desai. New Delhi: Prestige, 1998.
- "Writing Difference: Some Trends in Twentieth Century Fiction by Women." *American Fiction in Perspective: Contemporary Essays*. Ed. Satish Gupta. New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers, 1997.

OTHERS

- "The Moment" (to be published)
- "Soul and Body in Andrew Marvell's Religious Poems" in *The Church Weekly*, Vol.51: Nos.13 & 14, (March 16–29), 1997.
- "The Marthoma Church in My View" (Malayalam). *New Vision* 24 (January–February), 1997.
- "Disasters: Media Coverage" (poem). *Poems 97* (An anthology of international poetry) Ranchi, India.

RESEARCH PAPERS AT CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2002** • "The Politics of Locating: America's Collective Identity and Some Indian Considerations." *International Conference of MELUS-India*, the India Chapter of the Society for the Study of Multi-ethnic Literature of the United States, Hyderabad, Jan. 3–5.
- 2001** • "Metaphors of Empire: Cultural Hegemony and Feminist Thought in *The Ivory Swing*." *International Seminar on Canadian Studies*, Alwaye, January 8–9.

- 2000**
- "Cultural Images in a Cross Cultural Context: Bharati Mukherjee's *Jasmine*." *International Conference of MELUS-India*, the India Chapter of the Society for the Study of Multi-ethnic Literature of the United States, Hyderabad. Jan. 8–10.
 - "Paradigms of Cultural Encounter: Jannette T. Hospital's *The Ivory Swing*." International Conference on *Encounter and Identity: Canada and India as Parallel Paradigms*, Always. Jan. 23–24.
 - "A Trans-cultural Rediscovery of America: Metaphor to Matters of Fact." *International Conference on Rediscovering America: American Studies in the New Millennium*. Indo-American Centre for International Studies, Hyderabad, March 15–18.
- 1998**
- "Feminist Consciousness to Postmodernism: The Imperative of Formal Innovation in Gertrude Stein's Writings." *International Conference on International Perspectives on English Studies, American Studies and Cultural Studies*, Bangkok. January 8–10.

NATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2001**
- "Some Continuities in American Literature: Looking Back at a Century." XXXIV Annual Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies, Annamalainagar, Dec. 12–14.
- 2000**
- "Changing Canonicity: Ways of Looking at American Literature." XXXIII Annual Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies, Madurai. June 23–25.
- 1999**
- "Imaginations and Images: Some American Literary Perceptions of India." UGC National Seminar on *The Image of India in World Literature*. Dept. of Foreign Languages, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin. January 14–15.
- 1998**
- "Flaubert, Spatial Form and Modernism." UGC National Seminar on *Indian Response to French, German and Russian Literatures*. Dept. of Foreign Languages, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin. December 8–10.
 - "The Problematic Search for Identity in the Multi-ethnic Literature of the United States." *Founding National Seminar* of MELUS-India, the Society for the Study of Multi-ethnic Literature of the United States, India Chapter. Hyderabad, Oct. 8–9.
- 1997**
- "Kate Chopin's *The Awakening*: "Creating Artistic Space for a Reclaimed Self." XXXI Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies. Pune, December 6–8.
- 1996**
- "Gertrude Stein and Women's Studies since the Eighties." ASRC-UC College Seminar on *The Major Trends In Post World War II American Literature*, September 9–10.
 - "Postmodernist Fiction: Spatiality as a Central Problematic." XXX Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies, Mysore. June 8.
- 1995**
- "The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas: A Significant American Autobiography." XXIX Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies, Pondicherry. January 28.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE AMERICAN STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER (ASRC), HYDERABAD

- 1991**
- "The *passage*: An Approach to Gertrude Stein's Language." Scholars' Meeting, December
- 1988**
- "Problems in the Comparison of Painting and Literature." Scholars' Meeting, October.
 - "American Painting: Cubism to Abstract Expressionism." (Paper submitted for the Course on American Civilization, May 2–27)
- 1987**
- "Literature and the Other Arts in the Modernist Era." Scholars' Meeting, May

SEMINARS AND OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COORDINATED

- **ASRC–UC College National Seminar** on the *Major Trends in Post World War II American Literature*, September 9–10, 1996. U C College, Alwaye. (Coordinator)
- **Meet the Writers: An Interactive Session with poets Jayanth Mahapathra and Kamala Das**, October 12, 1996. U C College, Alwaye. (Joint coordinator)
- **National Seminar on Indian Writing in English**, February 28–March 1, 1997. UC College, Alwaye. (Joint coordinator)

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- **Asian Christian Faculty Fellowship (Asia) Conference**, Madras Christian College, Chennai. November 18-21, 2004
- **Asian Christian Faculty Fellowship (India) Conference**, Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow. October 24-25, 2003
- **International Conference on Religion and Globalization**, Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 27–August 2, 2003.
- **University Teachers' National Training Conference on Religion and Society**, jointly sponsored by The Student Christian Movement of India and the Ecumenical Christian Centre, Bangalore. April 3–13, 1982.

LECTURES AND TALKS GIVEN

- "The Nature and Purpose of Cultural Studies." Lecture, Dept. of English, SS Vidyapeedhom College, Valayanchirangara (2004-05)
- "What 'Vidyodaya' has Been and Should Be." Talk as parent representative at the Annual Day of Vidyodaya School, Thevakkal, Kochi, 2004
- "The Language of Poetry." Lecture, Dept. of English, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery (2003-04)
- "The Use of Associations." Inaugural Address, Literary Association, Jyothi Nivas School, Aluva (2003-04)
- "The Nature of Modern Poetry." Lecture, Dept. of English, Sree Sankara College, Kalady (2002-03)

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED IN RECENT YEARS

- Three-day **Workshop on Restructuring the Syllabus for MA in English**, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. Jan 29–31, 2001.
- **Workshop on Degree Courses in English (BA)**, organized by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. Nov.10, 2000.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Life Member, American Studies Research Center (*now*, Inter University Center for International Studies), Hyderabad
- Life Member, Indian Association for American Studies
- Life Member, MELUS-India (the Society for the Study of Multi-ethnic Literature of the United States, India Chapter) Joint Secretary during 2001–03

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

- Travel grant from the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) for participation in the International Conference on Religion and Globalisation at Payap University, Thailand
- Fellowship awarded by the Asian Christian Higher Education Institute, Hong Kong, for

- participating in the above conference
- Grant from the United States Educational Foundation in India (USEFI) for presenting paper at International conference in Hyderabad
- PTAC (Participation of Teachers in Academic Conferences) grant from the UGC for presenting paper at a national conference in Hyderabad
- Travel grant from the UGC for presenting paper at an international conference in Bangkok, Thailand
- Thesis grant from the All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) for the preparation of the PhD thesis
- One Teacher Study Grant (TSG) and three Teacher Research Grants (TRGs) awarded by the American Studies Research Center, Hyderabad, during 1988–93, for short term study/research projects)

DURING STUDENT DAYS

- National Merit Scholarship from the Pre- degree to graduation
- Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary Scholarships awarded by the State Government during school days

POSITIONS HELD

IN THE COLLEGE

- Member, Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC), UC College (2004—present)
- Convener, CHPCD (Center for Human Potentials and Community Development), UC College (2002 — present)
- Member–Secretary, Executive Committee for the Institute of Communication and Information Technology, UC College (2001– present)
- Coordinator, January Term Activity of the India Study program of students from Austin College, Texas, USA, hosted by UC College (2003 and 2004)
- Member, Task Force for Planning the Future Development of the College (2004)
- Convener, Staff Recreation Club, UC College (2003-04)
- Member, UC College Standing Council (one part of a term and two full terms)
- Joint editor, UC College Platinum Jubilee Commemoration Volume (1997–98)
- Convener, UC College Platinum Jubilee Souvenir Committee (1996–97)
- Member, UC College Hostel Board (several years)
- Trainer, State Level Center for Training Services, UC College (1993-95)
- Warden, Men's Hostel (1981–83)
- Secretary, Teaching Staff Readers' Club, UC College (1981-82)
- Member, College Choir (several years)

OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

- Joint Secretary of ACFF India (Asian Christian Faculty Fellowship, India Chapter), 2004–present
- Member, Board of Directors, YMCA Alangad, 2001–04
- Joint Secretary of MELUS–India (the Society for the Study of the Multi-ethnic Literature of the United States, India Chapter) during 2001–03