

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sep 2015 to date	Department of English, International Islamic University, Islamabad
Aug 2006- Aug 2015	Assistant Professor Department of English, International Islamic University, Islamabad Teaching/ Research Associate (Equivalent to Junior Lecturer)

EDUCATION

March 2018	International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan PhD Thesis: "Knowledge and Power: A Critique of Representation of Islam in Selected Post-9/11 Fiction in English"
June 2010	International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan M.Phil in English Literature Thesis: "Literary Form and Ideological Critique: A Comparative Study of John Updike's <i>Terrorist</i> and Mohsin Hamid's <i>The Reluctant Fundamentalist</i> "
January 2006	International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan Masters in English Literature Gold Medal Award
May 2004	International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan B.A. (Hons) English Literature Gold Medal Award

RESEARCH INFORMATION

Publications:

2015	"Religification of Metrostanis in the Post-9/11 Era." <i>South Asia Research</i> , Volume 35, Number 33, pp. 318-333. (Research article co-authored with Dr. Munazza Yaqoob)
2014	"Mingling the Real and the Magical: Deconstructive Epistemology in Contemporary Fantasy Literature/Fiction." <i>Journal of Critical Inquiry</i> , Volume 12, Number 1, pp. 20-40. (Research article co-authored with Dr. Munazza Yaqoob)

2013 “Anger and Revolt in Contemporary Pakistani Fiction in English: A Nietzschean Critique.” *Journal of Critical Inquiry*, Volume 11, Number 1, pp. 38-57. (Research article co-authored with Dr. Munazza Yaqoob and Ms. Sofia Hussain)

“Postmodern Epistemological Relativism: Reconstruction of Ethics and Morality in Contemporary Popular Vampire Narratives.” *International Journal of the Humanities*, Volume 9, Issue 12, pp.33-44. (Research article co-authored with Dr. Munazza Yaqoob)

Conferences and Seminars Attended:

October 2017 Three day International Conference Organized by the Department of English and Department of Politics and IR, International Islamic University: “Local Cities, Foreign Capitals: Finding the Local Anchor in the Global Cultures”

Paper Presentation: **“Postcolonial Appropriation of Modernity in Islamicate Contexts: Cosmopolitan Visions in the Fiction of Kahf and Yassin-Kassab”**

May 2016 Two day International Conference Organized by the Department of English, University of North Carolina, Wilmington: “The New Global City: Presenting and Translating Cultures Within a Worldwide Citizenry”

Paper Presentation: **“Towards an Islamic Modernity: A Critical Investigation of Syncretic Imaginaries in Mohja Kahf’s *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf* and Robin Yassin-Kassab’s *The Road to Damascus*”**

Nov 2012 Two Day International Conference Organized by the Department of English, International Islamic University Islamabad: “The Literary Present and the Postcolonial Condition”

Paper Presentation: **“Religious and Nationalist Revivalism in Muslim Diasporic Youth in the Post-9/11 Era: A Critical Analysis of Hamid’s *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* and Naqvi’s *Homeboy*”**

Jul 2012 3rd Derrida Today Conference Organized by University of California, Irvine

Paper Presentation: **“Mingling the Real and the Magical: Deconstructive Epistemology in Selected Contemporary Fantasy Fiction”**

Mar 2012 I-SAPS Colloquium at Higher Education Commission, Pakistan: “Public Action in Pakistan: From Anger to Apathy”

Paper Presentation: **“Anger and Revolt in Contemporary Pakistani Fiction in English: A Nietzschean Critique”**

October 2011 Two Day International conference organized by Society of Pakistani English Language Teaching (SPELT) at Fatima Jinnah Women University: 27th International Conference ELT: Building Bridges

Paper Presentation: **“Critical Pedagogical Strategies in the EFL Classroom”**

- June 2011 Ninth International Conference at Universidad de Granada, Campus La Cartuja, Granada, Spain: “New Directions in the Humanities”
Paper Presentation: **“Postmodern Epistemological Relativism: Reconstruction of Ethics and Morality in Contemporary Popular Vampire Narratives”**
- Nov 2010 Two Day International Interdisciplinary Conference at International Islamic University Islamabad: “Women Universities as Agents of Change”
Paper Presentation: **“Current Trends in Gender Studies in selected universities of Pakistan versus Representation of Women in Pakistani Fiction in Pakistan: A Comparative Study”**
- Oct 2010 Two Day International conference organized by Society of Pakistani English Language Teaching (SPELT) at Fatima Jinnah Women University: “ELT: Mapping Unmapped Territories”
Paper Presentation: **“Teaching Grammar through Social and Cultural Issues”**
- Nov 2007 Two Day International conference organized by Society of Pakistani English Language Teaching (SPELT) at Fatima Jinnah Women University: 23rd SPELT International ELT Conference
Paper Presentation: **“Task Based Approach to the Teaching of English Language”**

Workshops Conducted:

- May 2011 One day Workshop organized by Department of English (F.C.), International Islamic University Islamabad:
Topic of Sessions: **“Literary Theory as a Tool of Critical Pedagogy”** and **“Communicative Language Testing: Theory and Practice”**
- Mar 2010 One day Workshop organized by Department of English (F.C.), International Islamic University Islamabad: “ELT Teachers’ Training Workshop”
Topic of Session: **“Using Authentic Materials in the teaching of Reading”**
- Apr 2008 Workshop Organised by Department of English, IIUI in collaboration with University of Wales, Newport, Sponsored by HEC-British Council: “ELT- TESOL”
Topic of Session: **“Task Based Language Learning (TBLL) and the Role of Context”**
In collaboration with Dr. Munazza Yaqoob & Ms. Sofia Hussain, Department of English, IIUI

Conferences/Seminars Organized:

- Dec 2011 Seminar Organized by Critical Thinking Forum and Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD), International Islamic University Islamabad: **“The Culture of Neoliberalism”**

Seminar Organizer

- Nov 2011 Two Day International Conference Organized by Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD), Critical Thinking Forum, International Islamic University Islamabad and International Institute of Islamic Thought: **“Impact of Globalization on Indigenous Cultures”**
Programme Committee Member
- Nov 2010 Two Day International Interdisciplinary Conference Organized by Female Campus and Iqbal International Institute of Research and Dialogue (IRD), IIUI: **“Women Universities as Agents of Change”**
Academic and Logistics Coordinator

Research Projects:

- June 2011-June 2012 ELT Research Project: **“A Task Based Approach to Language Learning (TBLL): The Role of Context” Phase II**
Co-investigator with Dr. Munazza Yaqoob & Ms. Sofia Hussain of Department of English, IIUI Funded by International Islamic University, Islamabad
- Sep 2007- May 2008 ELT Research project: **“A Task Based Approach to Language Learning (TBLL): The Role of Context”**
In collaboration with Dr. Jennifer Cann University of Wales, Newport, & Dr. Munazza Yaqoob & Ms. Sofia Hussain of Department of English, IIUI Funded by International Islamic University, Islamabad

FELLOWSHIP

- May 2016 Visiting Scholar at Department of English, University of North Carolina Wilmington as part of the IIUI-UNCW Exchange Programme

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/SERVICES

- Reviewer for *Pakistani Journal of American Studies*
- Reviewer for *Journal of Contemporary Poetics*
- Member, South Asian Literary Association (SALA)
- Member, Research Committee, International Islamic University Islamabad

UNIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Founder Member, Critical Thinking Forum (CTF) (2011)
- “2004 Best Student Award”, Department of English
- Department Magazine: Articles Editor (2003-2004)
- Seminar Organiser: “Feminist Literary Theory and Literature” (November 2005) and “Trends in African Literature” (October 2004)
- Culture Committee Student Member: Cultural Events Organiser (drama, story writing and debates competitions) in Annual Students’ Week, 2003-2004

- Actively participated in extra-curricular activities: debates, drama writing and acting, story writing competitions (1st and 2nd position awards in university competitions 2002, 2003, 2004)
- Coordinated 2005 Pakistan Earthquake Relief funds collection and distribution at Department of English, International Islamic University, Islamabad

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality: Pakistani **Date of Birth:** 4 May 1983

Languages: Bilingual: English and Urdu

Interests: Reading(fiction, critical theory, philosophy, history, autobiographies), film, travel