

# DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH DYAL SINGH COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI FACULTY DETAIL



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Degree		Institution			Year		
Ph. D		Jamia Milia Islamia			2003		
M. Phil		Jamia Milia Islamia				1996	
M.A		Jamia Milla Islamia				1994	
B.A, English (Honors)		Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi			1992		
Career Prof	Career Profile						

She is currently working in the capacity of an Associate Professor and has held various administrative duties like that of the In-Charge of her department. She has been the convener and member of various committees in the college, like the Environment club, Arts and Culture society, Drama Club, Gandhi Study Circle. She has the credit of introducing a number of new course papers in her department.

# Administrative Assignments (From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)

# Areas of Interest / Specialization

African-American Literature, Post-colonial literature, Contemporary Literature, Translation Studies, Indian Literature in translation and Mass Media, Journalism and Communication are herareas of specialization. Her specialization is in the field of African-American Literature, with a Doctoral thesis on the works of the Nobel Laureate African-American writer Toni Morrison, from Jamia Milia Islamia. Her M. Phil Dissertation was on Black American writer Alex Haley's, Pulitzer award winning novel *Roots*. She has to her credit an edited collection of essays on Toni Morrison's novel *Beloved*, titled *Beloved*: A *Readers Companion*, published by the Asia Book Club. She is also a translator and she translates' from

Urdu and Hindi. She has helped in organizing a number of seminars and conferences in the college and has always worked very enthusiastically with the English Literary society in organizing various literary society activities. In her capacity as a convenor of Literary Society she organized a successful conference useful for both the students and the faculty. In 2019, she organized a conference on *Partition Literature*, and an exhibition by partition archives was also held in the college. A synopsis that she had submitted to the University Grant's Commission for a Conference was accepted and she in the capacity of a convenor of this conference helped in organizing a very successful National conference on *A Comparative Study of African-American*, *Dalit and Minority Literature*, held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2019, this was sponsored by the UGC. This brought together some interesting papers from prominent Academics and research scholars in this area.

Her translations from Urdu Literature have appeared in major journals like Journal *Indian Literature* and *Journal School of Language Literature and Cultural Studies*. Her translation of major Urdu writer QurratulainHyder's short story, *NazaraDarmiyan Hai*was published by journal *Indian Literature*, Sahitya Academy. Her areas of interest also include Dalit and Minority Literature.

### Subjects Taught

Undergraduate courses: European Classical Literature, British Poetry and Drama: 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, American Literature, British Poetry and Drama 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century, Victorian Literature, Postcolonial Literatures, Literary Theory, Partition Literature, Women's Writing, GE courses: Academic Writing and Composition, Media and Communication Skills, Readings on Indian Diversities and Literary Movements.

Postgraduate courses: 19<sup>th</sup> century fiction, Literary Theory, American literature, 18<sup>th</sup> century English Literature, Post-colonial literature and theory, Gender Studies, Academic Writing, British Drama 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> century.

# Research Guidance

### **Publications Profile**

1. She has edited a collection of essays on Toni Morrison titled Beloved: A Readers Companion published

by Asia Book Club, New Delhi.

- 2. A piece of translation by her from the work of a major Urdu writer Masud Hasan Rizvi Adeebwas published from the book *Urdu Drama and Stage: The Royal Stage of Lucknow, by the journalLapis Lazuli, an International Literary Journal, Vol- no 1, Spring, 2018.*
- 3. She contributed a chapter in book titled (RE) Defining Marginalities, published by Book Age Publications, her essay is titled 'Black American Marginality and Toni Morrison.'

# Conference Organization/ Presentations(From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)

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- 1.She presented a paper at the IACLALS annual conference on 'Circulations, Mediations, Negotiations: New Perspectives on Translation from South Asia' held on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Her paper was titled 'Indar Sabha: A Transitional Moment in Indian History, It's Print, Stage and Film Adaptations.'
- 2. She presented a paper at the *South Asian Literature Association (SALA)* annual conference, titled, 'Existential Creativity' and Reflections on the Pandemic and War in Ahmed Ali's *Twilight in Delhi* and Intizar Hussain's *Basti*' held on 11 and 12 March, 2022.
- 3. She presented a paper at a National Webinar on 'Multidisciplinary Approaches to Folklife: Challenges and Perspectives, held on 21<sup>st</sup> to 23 October, 2020, organized by 'The Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies.' She spoke on 'The Rise of Urdu Drama in Vajid Ali Shah's Lucknow and its Obligation to Popular Folk Music and Theatre.
- 4. She chaired a session on Race and Marginality at a conference organized by Dyal Singh evening college titled, 'Resistance and Revolutions: The Politics of Marginality, in December, 2021.
- 5.She has presented a paper at the IACLALS annual conference at Jadavpur university held on 5,6 and 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 on "Reimagining Identities in the Global South". Her paper is titled *Rememorizing Toni*

Morrison: Myths, Music, Oral Tradition and Memory in Morrisons Works.

6. She chaired one session and also read a paper at the Osmania University Centre for International Relations, Hyderabad. The conference was from 2-4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020 and was titled Globalization:

Prospects and Challenges. She spoke on African-American and Dalit Autobiographical Narratives.

7.She read a paper at a National conference in JNU on *Dalit Studies in India* in March, 2019, her paper

was titled Dalit and African-American voices in the Autobiographical Narratives.

7. She read a paper at a conferenceon (Re)Defining Marginalities at Zakir Hussain college, University of

Delhi in March 2019, her paper was titled African- American Marginality and Toni Morrison.

8. She lectured at a refresher course on Comparative Literature at Jamia Milia Islamia on A Comparative

Study of African-American and Dalit literature in November, 2019.

Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration) (From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)

Awards and Distinctions (From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)

### **Association With Professional Bodies**

(a) Life Member of the "Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies" IACLALS

(b) Life Member "South Asian Literary Association" SALA

Other Activities like MOOCs/ Patents etc. (From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 onwards)

Ayesha Irfan Signature of Faculty Member