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<b>Educational Qualifications</b>						
Degree		Institution			Year	
Phd		Pennsylvania State University, USA			1990	
		MA English, Miranda House, Delhi University			1984	
		BA English Honours, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, DU			1982	
<b>Career Profile</b>						
<p>I have been a researcher, writer, teacher and administrator in my almost twenty six years of life as an academe. Beginning my rewarding career at Lady Shri Ram College for Women in 1991, I taught there for 14 years and was in charge of many curricular and extracurricular activities. I was also HOD there for 2 years and also the Staff Advisor for the Dramatics Society for over ten years and helped mount annual plays with the doyens of theatre in India such as Habib Tanvir and NK Sharma to name two. I also successfully spearheaded LSR's first forays into international linkages with La Trobe University in Australia and then co wrote and won a two year Fulbright Faculty Exchange Grant with my affiliates in the foremost Liberal Arts Kenyon College in USA. (2001-3). I planned and executed many national and international level conferences and symposia in my 14 years at LSR.</p> <p>I joined the Department of English, Delhi University in 2005 and have been active in syllabi making, curricula design, text book compilation and editing, seminars and conferences and, most importantly, in teaching and supervising student research at all levels. I have also been part of and head of various departmental committees.</p> <p>I was away on deputation as the first Officer on Special Duty (OSD) and then the Founding Dean (Academic Planning) at the international Nalanda University from January 2011 to July 2015. I founded the first two Schools of History and Ecology and Environment Studies and also lead the first two rounds of student enrollment to create an internationally diverse faculty and student body at NU. I also organized two international conferences in Patna and Rajgir to build the academic image of NU. Additionally, I was responsible for forging the first set of international and national level collaborations for NU.</p> <p>On resuming my duties at the English Department I was immediately given the Teacher-in-Charge role for the South Campus and have revived the academic activities for the department in that campus through many initiatives while supporting all departmental activities in the North too. There have been talks and symposia that have been held at the English department South Campus that have greatly enriched the academic life of both the MA students at the aforementioned campus and also helped draw in more faculty from the South Campus colleges to be participative in such academic engagements.</p> <p>In February 2017, I organized a one day event on the history of Batik in collaboration with The Ministry of Education, Indonesia and the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, New Delhi. The lecture demonstration involved 19 Indonesian women academics, practioners of Batik and dance performers.</p> <p>Furthermore, I have designed a unique interdisciplinary MPhil course (certainly in Departments of English in India) on inter-Asian networks exploring civilizational dialogues and cultural encounters. I have also functioned both as a Special Invitee of the Academic Council at Nalanda university, the Chancellor's Nominee for faculty hiring and as Advisor, Academic Affairs at the aforementioned university till November 2016.</p> <p>In June 2016 I was awarded the prestigious Senior Fellowship by the Nalanda Sriwijaya Center at Yusof Ishak Instiute,</p>						

Singapore for a month from June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 to July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. I was invited to give two public lectures as I worked on the manuscript for a book that will be published by the Institute of South East Asian Studies, Singapore in early 2018.

#### Administrative Assignments

Faculty Advisor, Dramatics Society, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, 1991-1998.  
Faculty Advisor, English Literary Society, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, 1994-97  
International Faculty and Student Advisor, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, 1995-2004  
Fulbright Programme Coordinator, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, 2000-2004.  
Head, Department of English, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, 2003-05  
Convener, Refresher course, Department of English, February 2006.  
Member Text Book Committee, Department of English, Delhi University, 2005-7.  
Member, Committee of Courses, Department of English, Delhi University, 2007-10.  
Member, DSA Programme, Department of English, Delhi University, 2007-10  
Member, Departmental Research Committee, Department of English, Delhi University, 2007-09.  
Member, Non Collegiate Board, Department of English, Delhi University, 2009-10.  
Expert on IGNOU-CWDS Committee for Women's Studies to design the MPhil and Phd Programme, 2008-10.  
Officer on Special Duty, Nalanda University, 2011-2012  
Founding Dean, Academic Planning, Nalanda University, 2012-2015 (July)  
Acting Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University at various points  
Member Finance and Building and Works Committee at Nalanda University, 2012-2015.  
Head, Nalanda University International Fellowship Programme, 2013-14.  
Convener, Faculty Search Committees, Nalanda University, 2013-15  
Special Invitee, Nalanda University Academic Council, 2015-to date.  
Chancellor's Nominee for Faculty Hiring, Nalanda University, 2015-November 2016.  
Advisor, Academic Affairs, Nalanda University, 2015-November 2016.  
Co-Convenor, Integrated Syllabus Revision Committee, 2016-  
Member, Committee of Courses for Post Graduate Studies, 2016-  
Member, Textbook Committee, 2016-  
Special Invitee, PhD Committee, 2016-  
Member TimeTable Committee- August 2015-  
Member MPhil Committee-2016  
Member MPhil Sub Committee-2016  
Teacher In Charge, Department of English, South Campus, University of Delhi, August 2015-to date

#### Areas of Interest / Specialization

Jacobin Fiction of the 1790s, Romanticism, Revolutionary and Radical Polemics in late Eighteenth Century, Indian Writing in English, Gender and Writing, the British Public Sphere in the Eighteenth Century, Greek Tragedy, *Autos* and Writing the Self, Visual Culture in Eighteenth Century Britain and France, Media and Partition, and MK Gandhi in the year 1947-48. Asian Inter Connections and Cultural Exchanges.

#### Subjects Taught

The 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century British Novel, the Indian Novel in English, Greek, Latin and Sanskrit Classical literature, Romantic poetry and novel, Feminist literary theory, Literary Theory in 16<sup>th</sup> and 18-19century in Britain, Visual Culture in the late Eighteenth Century.

### Research Guidance

I have guided many MPhil dissertations and Individually Supervised Essays. I have been on the Doctoral Committees of Students at the Department. I have been External Examine of the MPhil dissertations for the Departments of English at JNU and the University of Hyderabad. I am also the External Examiner for Doctoral Dissertations for the Departments of English affiliated to the University of Madras.

### Publications Profile

I have published widely in national and international journals and edited volumes. I have also contributed to public debates on literature in various Indian newspapers and magazines. My key book length publications, both self authored and edited are as follows: Editor, *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein 1818 Text* (OUP, 2001), *Autobiography of Desire: English Jacobin Women Novelists of the 1790s* (Macmillan, 2004), Editor, *Frankenstein: Gender, Culture and Identity* (Macmillan, 2004), coedited with Terry Collits, *Agamemnon's Mask: Greek Tragedy and Beyond*, (Macmillan, 2007), Editor, *Civilizational Dialogue: Asian Inter-Connections and Cross Cultural Exchanges* (Manohar, 2013).

### Conference Organization/ Presentations (in the last three years)

I have successfully organized, single handedly, two conferences, one national and the other international:

1. "Cultural Heritage: Environment, Ecology and Inter-Asian Interactions," Collaboration between Nalanda University and the International institute of Asian Studies (IIAS), Rajgir, 2014.
2. Workshop in collaboration with the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) on "Excavated Ruins of Nalanda Mahavihara," Rajgir, 2013. This conference was a preliminary undertaking for creating the dossier for the Nalanda Ruins bid for the UNESCO Heritage Site which has now been successfully done. I collaborated with various scholars to help write up the section of the dossier detailing academic and historical scholarship on the site and its unique values.  
This work has just come to fruition with the announcement in July 2016 of ancient Nalanda university having being given the UNESCO Heritage site tag at the Paris Convention in July, 2016.
3. From 2012-15, I launched and successfully ran the *Distinguished Lecture Series* for Nalanda University on various subjects related to the mandate of the University. Distinguished speakers included, but were not limited to, the following, Professors Amartya Sen, Andre Beteille, Sugato Bose, Ayesha Jalal, Tansen Sen, Prasenjit Duara, Frederick Asher, Anne Cheng, Max Deeg, Lord Meghnad Desai, Sir Peter Crane, and Dr. Adam Lumpkin among others.
4. in early 2016, Chaired and commented on the lectures of two distinguished British Romanticists, Professors Nigel Leask and Nicholas Roe, and am currently working on collaborating on an international conference in the near future with them.
5. Invited by the Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), Patna, as Chairperson and Discussant, for the Seminar Session titled *Visual Cultures and Identities* (March 27, 2017) at the third and final ADRI Silver Jubilee International Conference on *Bihar and Jharkhand: Shared History to Shared Vision*, March 24-28, 2017.
6. "British Romantic Poetics and the Idea of Asia" at the International Interdisciplinary Conference *Imagining Asia(s): Networks, Actors, Sites* at the Nalanda Sriwijaya Centre and the Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore. October, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
7. Invited Public Lecture. "Cultural Heritage and Inter-Asian Interactions" at the Nalanda Sriwijaya Centre and the Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore. July 12th, 2016.
8. Invited Public Lecture. "The Ruins and the University: Connections, Convergences, Communities. June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
9. Invited Public Lecture. "The Netaji and the Mahatma: Trajectories of Nationalism and Blueprints of India." Seminar hosted by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and The Nehru Memorial Musuem and Library. 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. The lecture was subsequently telecast on Rajya Sabha TV.

### Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

I am currently working on a two book collaborative publication deal for Penguin Random House on the year 1947 in print media and Gandhi in print in 1947-48.

Edited volume entitled ***Records, Recoveries, Remnants and Inter-Asian Intercoenctions: Decoding Cultural Heritage***, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. MS has been submitted in April 2017 and forthcoming publication date is early 2018.

I have also successfully launched the Nalanda International fellowship programme and written a proposal—in consideration—for the setting up of Common Archival Resource Centre on the Mekong-Ganga region—to be housed at Nalanda University. The proposal has undergone two rounds of discussions that has been lead by the Ministry of External Affairs with Member States of the region.

#### Awards and Distinctions

**NV Thadani Memorial Prize for obtaining First Position in Delhi University in BA (Honours) in English, 1983**

**Delhi University Merit Scholarship, 1982-84**

**Second position in MA (English) in the University, 1984**

**Edwin Earle Sparks Fellowship awarded to a single student across the Humanities at Pennsylvania State University, 1989-90**

**Fulbright Faculty Exchange Coordinator and recipient of Fulbright, 2001.**

**Member, UNESCO Heritage Team for the Inscription of Nalanda University, 2014-15. Helped prepare the Dossier.**

**Senior Fellow, Nalanda Sriwijaya Center and Institute of South East Asian Studies, Singapore. 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2016- 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.**

**Officer on Special Duty, Nalanda University, 2011-2012**

**Founding Dean, Academic Planning, Nalanda University, 2012-2015 (July)**

**Acting Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University at various points**

**Chancellor's Nominee, Faculty Hiring, Nalanda University, 2015 –November, 2016.**

**Advisor, Academic Affairs, Nalanda University, 2015-November, 2016.**

**Special Invitee, Academic Council, Nalanda University, 2015-**

**Series Editor, Nalanda University publications, 2014-**

#### Association With Professional Bodies

1. International Association of Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (IACLALS)
2. Society for Utopian Studies
3. Association of Asian Studies (AAS)
4. International Convention for Asian Scholars (ICAS)
5. Nalanda Sriwijaya Center (NSC)
6. Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS)

#### Other Activities

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