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**Education:**

Ph.D. in English Literature, Jodhpur University (Jai Narain Vyas University), India, July 1997

M.A in English (with Distinction) from Jodhpur University (Jai Narain Vyas University), India, Valedictorian, 1993

Bachelor’s in Teaching (with Distinction) from Ajmer University, India, Salutatorian,

June1990

B.A from Jodhpur University (Jai Narain Vyas University), India, July 1989

**Experience:**

July 2014- English and Communications Faculty at Bryant and Stratton College

January 2014- SAGES Leader at Case Western Reserve University

June 01 2008-07/2014: Assistant Professor at Lake Erie College

August 20014- Teaching at Cuyahoga County community college, Lorain County Community College, Notre Dame College and South University

August 2004-2008: Taught as an adjunct faculty at ITT, DeVry University, Myers (Chancellor) University and Bryant & Stratton College

July 2002-May 2004: English Teacher at I. H. Kempner High School, FBISD, Houston, TX & adjunct Faculty of English/Journalism and coordinator in Houston Community College and Progressive Alternative School

July 2001-June 2002: Principal at Air Force School, Jodhpur, India and Instructor at Jodhpur University

July 2000-June 2001: English Teacher and Department Chair at Gandhi Memorial International School, Jakarta, Indonesia

July 1990-June 2000: Principal at Army School (K-12), Jodhpur, India and adjunct instructor at Jodhpur University, India

**Publications and Presentations:**

“Maya Angelou’s Quest” presented at International Journal of Arts & Sciences (IJAS)organized by the American University of Rome, October 2014

“Enchantment and Disenchantment” presented at the Virtual Literary Festival organized by Kaplan University, August 2014

“Recognizing Bias and Prejudice, Finding Common Ground and Engaging in Difficult Conversations” at Abrahamic Center, Notre Dame College, OH, February 2014

“Literature and its Impacts” presented at International Journal of Arts & Sciences (IJAS)organized by the American University of Rome, October 2013

“Assessments and Validity” presented at the workshop by Ohio Department of Education in conjunction with Pearson organized to assist with evaluation tools for educators of Theater, Columbus, September 2013

“Assessments and Validity” presented at the workshop by Ohio Department of Education in conjunction with Pearson organized to assist with evaluation tools for educators of TESOL, Columbus, May 2013

“Assessments and Validity” presented at the workshop by Ohio Department of Education in conjunction with Pearson organized to assist with evaluation tools for educators of English, Columbus, April 2013

“Classical Literature” presented at The Eleventh International Symposium on Comparative Literature: Creativity and Revolution organized by University of Cairo, Egypt, November 13-15, 2012

“Digging in African American Literature” a faculty fellowship with Dr. Joseph McLaren at Hofstra University, Long Island, New York, August 2012

“Literature: Eastern Effect” presented at the 5th International Indonesia Forum-Between Mountain and the Sea: Positioning Indonesia, Co-Sponsored by Yale University, Jakarta, Indonesia, July 2012

“Virtual Pedagogy” Guest Speaker at Faculty Appreciation Night held by Cuyahoga County Community College, Metro Campus, May 2, 2012

“Ethics and Education” presented at Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence and UCITE, organized by Case Western Reserve University, March 07, 2012

“Project Implicit and Teaching” presented at Lake/Geauga High School-Higher Education Alignment Kick-off work session, organized by Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, March 23, 2012

“Song of Morrison” presented at the International conference, organized by Central Michigan University, Nov. 11-13, 2011

“Pedagogy and Content” conducted a webinar organized by Kaplan University, January 13, 2011

“First World Andragogical Techniques” a faculty fellowship with Dr. Chantal Vogeli, University of Lucerne, Switzerland, Dec 19, 2011

“Literature of the West.” In *Literature for Children: A Reader.* Ed. Sharad Rajimwale and Kalpana Purohit, New Delhi, India: Sarup Book Publishers Ltd.: .204-213

“Western Literature and Eastern Readers” presented in the Sixth Biennial International Conference in Paris, France, November 4-7, 2010

“Intersections, Tensions and New Dimensions, Encounters in the Contact Zone in English Studies” hosted by the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH October 8-9, 2010

“World Literature” presented at Florida College English Association Conference, October 13-14, 2010

“Hybrid Learning and Teaching” presented at Lake Erie College, March 2009

“Language Acquisition” presented at Lake Erie College, September 2008

“Appeals and Writing” presented at Cuyahoga County Community College, Western Campus, July 2007

“Humor and Teaching” presented at Lorain County Community College, January 2006

“Professional writing and Portfolio” organized by Bryant and Stratton College, August 18, 2005

Facilitator for the 8th Annual Classic Teen Summit, Sugar Land, TX, March 2004

“Creative & Authentic Assessments” presented at Fortbend ISD, Houston, TX, January 2003

“Curriculum Alignment for English & Internet Integration” presented at Fortbend ISD, Houston, TX December 2002

“Teaching and Foreigners” presented for foreign educators, Vancouver, Canada, October 2002

“CRISS (Creating Independence through Students owned strategies)” presented at Kempner High School, organized by FBISD, August 2002

“Teaching and Foreigners” presented for foreign educators Dallas, TX, February 2002

“Media Literacy in the Classroom” organized by University of Jodhpur, India, October 2001

“Entrepreneurship and Teaching” organized by MBM Engineering College, Jodhpur, India, March 2001

“International Teaching” presented at International Baccalaureate Training, Jakarta, Indonesia, April 2000

“Nostalgia” published in The Jakarta Post, January 2000

“East and West: Pedagogical Gulf” presented at TEFLIN International Conference, organized by the University of Indonesia, September 1999

"Journeying toward selfhood: in the novels of Toni Morrison” presented at University of Jaipur, organized by Rajasthan University, India, January 1999

“International Language” presented at the Indian High School, Dubai, U.A.E., September 1998

“Yuva Vani Sessions” presented and broadcasted weekly on All India Radio, Jodhpur, India, 1990-2000

**Honors and Awards:**

Recognized and received excellence certificate at the KU Annual General Education Awards Night for providing a positive learning environment and overall radiating an educationally rich classroom experience for students, September 2014

105% grade in Online training, OH

Nominated as Top Ten online college Professor of the Year 2012

Invited by Toni Morrison Society to translate American novels

Awarded by the Indo-American Association

Won gold medal by topping the list of successful students in M.A., setting a record in the university (Valedictorian in both the years of M.A)

Won “D. S. B. Gold Medal” from Jodhpur University

II in merit in Bachelor of Education (Salutatorian)

Recognized and received Excellence in Teaching Award from Lake Erie College on May 16, 2012 which comprised of a memento and cash

Won semifinal in 1993 North American Open Poetry Contest

Offered a place in the University of Leicester, U.K.

Written and received Federal/Regional grants

Won the best and the most industrious teacher award in the Gandhi Memorial International School, Jakarta

Resource person in S.K.G. B.Ed. College, and MBM Engineering College, Jodhpur, India

Awarded the title of Educational Social Welfare Worker by Rajasthan, India

Edited Zero: The Core of Leadership by Mr. Ratanjit Sondhe

Published multiple book reviews

**Memberships and Affiliations:**

National Council for Teachers of English, USA

OCTEO- Ohio Confederation of Teacher Education Organizations

Academic Advisory Board for McGraw Hill Publishing Company

Academic editor for Norton Publishing Company

Journal Reviewer for The Blue Water Institute

Geauga County P-16 Council and P-12 College Readiness Committee

Bedford Publication World Literature Advisory Board

Education Workforce P-16 Alliance of Lake County

Curriculum Alignment Committee

OATYC Member & American Management Association

American Studies Research Center, New Delhi, India

English teachers' Association, Jakarta, Indonesia

Educational Institute of S.S.E. Thailand

Parent Engagement Program, Geauga County

Volunteer for Lake County Victim’s Assistance Program