

Curriculum Vitae

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Designation Dean Languages and Literature

Personal Information

Nationality	Pakistani	Passport style picture with white background 
Department	English Literature	
Faculty	Languages and Literature	
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Professional Summary

A brief description about the faculty member educational and research background.

As a distinguished academic with over 32 years of experience in higher education, specializing in Postcolonial Literature, Pakistani Literature in English, Women's Writing, and Gender Studies. I currently serve as Dean, Faculty of Languages and Literature, University of Balochistan, and a Professor in the Department of English Literature.

Throughout my academic career, I have held numerous leadership positions, including Head of the Department, Coordinator MPhil/PhD Programs, and Program In-charge (MS English) at COMSATS University.

I have published more than 40 research articles in national and international journals, authored a scholarly book, supervised numerous postgraduate researchers, and actively contribute to the academic community through editorial work, peer reviewing, conference presentations, and curriculum development.

Articles published (n)					
JCR Impact Factor / W-Category articles (n)	Two articles published in international journal. One in ISI indexed journal and second is on Thompson Reuters List.				
X-Category articles (n)	One				
Y-Category articles (n)	Thirteen				
Z-Category / None Impact factor international journals category (n)	Seventeen				
Books published (n)	One (1)				
Projects completed (n)	National		International		
PhD and MS./M.Phil. produced (n)	PhD	PhD	MS/ MPhil	MS	
Patents registered / Granted (n)	File/ Registered		Granted		

Areas of Research Interests/ Specialization

▪ Women's Writing and Feminist Literary Criticism
▪ Pakistani Literature Written in English
▪ Postcolonial Studies and Literature
▪ Gender Studies
▪ Representation of Women in Fiction and Autobiographical Writings
▪ Gender and Identity in Pakistani Fiction with special reference to Pakistani Woman
▪ Victorian Literature

Research Pages and Accounts

Title	Links
Web of Science	https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/QQB-9685-2026
Scopus	
Google Scholar	https://myaccount.google.com/?hl=en&pli=1
ResearchGate	https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Najia-Asrar-Zaidi?ev=hdr_xprf
ORCID	
Academia	https://xix.academia.edu/NajiaAsrarZaidi/Analytics/activity/overview
ScholarGPS® ID	

Education

Degree	Field of Study	Institution	Year
Post-Doctorate			
Ph.D.	English Literature	University of Balochistan	2012
M.Phil./MS	Education	Kansas State University, USA	1993
M.Sc./M.A.	English Literature	University of Balochistan	1989
B.Sc./B.A	English Literature and Political Science	University of Balochistan	1987

Honors and Awards

Title of Award (s)	Institutions	Year
Got 1 st position in MA English Literature	University of Balochistan	1989
Awarded a USAID scholarship to do master's from USA	Kansas State University, USA	1991

Thesis/Dissertations

Thesis Title	Degree	University	Year
Fiction and Autobiographical Writings by Pakistani Women depicting Socio/Political Status of Women in Pakistan.	PhD	University of Balochistan	2012

A Study of student Support Services Available to International students at a Major Mid-West University, USA.	MS/ MPhil	Kansas State University, USA	1993
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Academic Appointments

Position	Institution	Duration	Years
Professor	University of Balochistan	08 Years	2018
Associate Professor	University of Balochistan	03 years	2015
Assistant Professor	University of Balochistan	11 years	2004
Lecturer	University of Balochistan	10 years	1994

Administrative Roles

Role	Institution	Years
Dean	University of Balochistan	One Year since May 2025
Chairperson	Served as In charge MS English Program at COMSATS University, Islamabad. First Term Dec 2017- Dec 2020 as Chair English Department University Balochistan Second Term: from January 2024-2026 May. Also served as acting Head from March 2022 through June 2022	Two years 2012 -2014 First Term 3 years Second Term 2 years and five months For the period of Four months and ten days
Coordinator BS/MPhil/PhD Program	Served As Coordinator MPhil Program from 2016 through 17. Second Term from 2018 through 2019.	Two years
Focal Person of Turnitin		
Other	Served as Coordinator Literature Circle “to organize activities relating Literature and Culture at COMSATS, Islamabad 2013. Have the honor of taking minutes at Vice Chancellor’s Forum organized by COMSATS, Islamabad	2013-2014

Publications

Journal Articles		
No.	Title	Category/Impact Factor
	2026	
	2025	
1.	Hyper Reality and Social Control in the Giver: A Post-Modern Analysis of Utopian Illusions Unveiling the Disabilities:	(Y)

	A Study of Social Discrimination in the Memoir-Being Heumann. (X)	
	2024	
2.	Racial Discrimination in Young Adult Diasporic Fiction; A critical Analysis. Pakistan Languages and Humanities Review Fragmented Selves: Exploring Alienation and Contemporary Postcolonial Identity crisis in V S Naipaul's The Mimic Men.	(Y) (Y)
	2023	
3.		
	2022	
4.	Silenced Subjectivities in I am Malala, and Red and White and Muslim: An Interpretive Analysis of two Muslim Women Memoirs. The Invisible and the Silenced in Muslim Women's Memoirs: Marxist Study of the God of small Things. The Invisible and the Silenced in Muslim Women's Memoirs: An interpretive Analysis. The Suffocation of Motherhood in Three Shakespearean Plays; The tempest Romeo and Juliet and King Lear. Impact of Colonialism on Environment. A Socio-Ecological Study of Twilight in Delhi. Existentialism in the Works of Rabindranath Tagore and Ghani Khan.	(Y) (Y) (Z) (Y) (Y) Non-Hec International Journal (Z)
	2021	
5.	Quest for Female Identity: A Feminist Study of Shashi Deshpande's Selected Works Semantic Analysis of Hamlet in Changed Horizon: A Resistance to Traditional Interpretation. Displacement and Identity Problem in Amrita Pritam's Novel Pinjar. Women and Partition as Depicted in the work of Shahnawaz's The Heart Divided and Hosain's Sunlight on a broken Column. Large EFL Classes in Colleges of Kalat. A Study of Challenges and Strategies for EFL Teachers.	(y) (Z) (Z) (Z) (Z)
	2020	
6.	The Woman Question in QaisraS Shahraz's Novel The Holy Woman.	(Z)
7.		
	2019	
8.		
	2018	
9.	The Study of Ethnonymns in Balochistan.	(Z)

	2017	
10.	Women and Marriage in Middlemarch and Return of the Native. Creating an Academic Elite. Martin Andersen Nexø's Novel, Pelle the Conqueror: A Marxist Perspective. Saffron Dreams: A Journey of Evolving Identity. Factors Causing Hurdles in speaking English Amongst college students of Quetta. The Relationship between Ethnicity Among Baloch People. Teaching English Language in a Multilingual Setting. An investigation at government Girls Secondary Schools of Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan.	(Z) (Z) (Z) (Z) (Z) (Z) (on Thomson Reuters List)
	2016	
11.	Gender Relations in Bina Shah's Novel where They Dream in Blue. Empowering the Disempowered: Contesting Masculinities and Tradition. Hardy's Unequivocal and Obsessive Association with Gender Issues	(Z) Non-HEC International Journal (Z)
	2015	
12.	Female Body and Sense of Self Ownership in Tehmina Durrani's Blasphemy. Hardy's Attitude towards Modern Civilization with reference to his major Novels. Hardy's Attitude Toward's Gender Issues.	(Y) (Y) (Y)
	2014	
13.	2013 Tradition, Woman and Modernity in Bapsi Sidhwa's Novels Autobiography and Women Empowerment with reference to Tehmina Durrani's My Feudal Lord. Women entrepreneurship in Sindh. Developing Conceptual Framework from empirical evidence. 2012 From Victim to Survivor: A Critical study of Qaisra Shahraz's The Holy Woman. 2011 Glimpses of the New Woman in Sidhwa's Novels Self Representation in Sara Sulaeri's Meatless Days. 2009 Women subjection as Depicted in Sidhwa's Cracking India	European Journal of Scientific research (ISI indexed) (Y) (Z) (Y) (Y) (Z) (Z)
	Books / Book Chapters (Optional)	
	2025	
1.		
	2024	
2.		
	2023	

3.		
	2022 2021	
4.	For Love. ISBN: 978-969-7859-19-1.BTA Publishing House Karachi	

Citations [To date (please mention date)]

Google Scholar

Citations	109
Publications	39
h-index	3
i-10 index	3

Scopus / Web of Science

Citations	
Publications	
h-index	

Conferences Proceedings / Abstracts Publications

Year	Title	Conference	Location
2024	Acted as a core committee member and reviewer.	New Frontiers in English and Literature. Considering Multi disciplinarity, Digitalization, and Social Relevance.	University of Balochistan, Quetta
2021	Presented 3 Papers 1)Unveiling Bias: Image of Muslim Woman in English Literature. 2) Representation of the Other: A Comparative Analysis Of John Updike's Terrorist and H.M. Naqvi's Home Boy. 3) Impact of Colonialism on environment: A Study of Twilight In Delhi.	The International Conference on the Philosophy of Language, Literature and Linguistics.	Baku Azerbaijan Hybrid Mode
2018 2018	4) To Explore the long term Social, Economic and Political Imperatives of CPEC on Pakistan and suggest Policy Guidelines 5)The Rebellious Women in George Eliot's Middlemarch and Thomas	National Conference on CPEC, Institutions and Inclusive growth in Pakistan Women's Empowerment and Women Leadership Challenges and Opportunities	University of Gujrat, Pakistan Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University

	Hardy's The Return of the Native.		
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Conferences Organized

Year	Title	Conference	Location
2024 2021	Was a core committee member for this conference. Coordinated between the ICLAP team and the University of Balochistan to support the planning and organization of a conference. Also reviewed papers sent for Presentation At the conference.	New Frontiers in English Language and Literature. Considering multidisciplinary, digitalization and Social Relevance	University of Balochistan
2021	Coordinated between ICLAP/ Englishers and Registrar's office to help UOB act as partner University in organizing International Conference at BAKU	The International Conference on the Philosophy of Language, Literature and Linguistics.	Baku, Azerbaijan
2002 1991	Attended a workshop on Higher education at Quetta Serena Hotel Attended a Conference at University of Minnesota, USA	Higher Education International Conference Research to Practice	University of Balochistan University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA

Workshops and Seminars Attended

Title	Workshop/Seminar Name	Location	Year	Role
Workshop on	Computer Skills	At University of Balochistan	April/2016	Participant
Workshop on	SPSSX	HEC	April/2015	Participant
Workshop on	Strategic /Development workshop for Potential Leaders	Organized by FDA COMSATS, Islamabad	12-14/Nov/2014	Participant
Workshop on	Writing for Scholarly Publications	At University of Balochistan	7-9/December/2010	Participant
Workshop on	Teaching English for Academic Purposes	Organized by British Council & HEC of Pakistan	24-28/June/2005	Participant
Attended Training	English Language Teaching	At University of Balochistan	June/2003	Participant
Workshop on	Teacher Development	Conducted by British Council.	April/2001	Participant

Attended conference	Higher education	Orgazied by University of Balochistan.	2002	Participant
Attended Training	English Language Teaching	At University of Balochistan	11-16/June/2001	Participant
Attended Training	English language Teaching	At University of Balochistan	7-17/August/2000	

Research Supervision

Name of Students	Thesis Title	Ph.D. Degree	Year
Naheed Qasim	Looking Behind the Mirror: Comparative study of Racial Discrimination in Afro-American and Middle East Young Adult Diasporic Fiction.	Ph.D.	Degree awarded in 2025
Rohma Saleem	The Ambivalent Subjectivity of Caged Birds: A Textual Reading of Muslim Women's Memoirs,	Ph.D.	Degree awarded in 2024
Saima Yousaf Khan	An Exploration of Humanitarian Principles: A Comparative Study of Shelley, Arnold and Eliot from New Historicist Perspective	PhD	Degree awarded in 2023 (CO Supervisor)
Name of Students	Thesis Title	M.Phil. Degree	Year
Aliya Anwar	English literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2023
Abdul Hakeem	English literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2017
Abdul Khaliq	English literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2014
Abdul Shakoor	English Literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2019
Abdullah	English Literature & linguistics	M.Phil.	2018
Akbar Khan	English Literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2016
Aurangzaib	English Literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2016
Muhammad Akbar	English Literature & linguistics	M.Phil.	2018
Nasrullah	English Literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2016
Qaisar Khan	English literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2018
Sadia Zahoor	English literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2017
Shagufta Kakar	English literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2017
Shumaila Rasheed	English literature & Linguistics	M.Phil.	2014
Sikandar Hassan	English literature & Literature	M.Phil.	2017

University Committees Memberships

Name of Committee	Roles	Year
Member Dean's Committee	Varies according to the nature of discussion and issues	2025-26
Member Anti-Harassment Committee	Conducting or supervising a fair investigation	2025-26
Member departmental board of Studies	To discuss and take action on revising and designing new courses for the programs being offered in the department of English Literature. (BS, MS, PhD)	Since last 15 years
Chair Board of Faculty of Languages and Literature	Represent the Faculty in university level academic and administrative matters. Convene and conduct meetings on relevant academic matters. Guide discussion on curricula, courses, examinations, research and departmental proposals. Maintain impartiality during the meeting, signs and approves the minutes of the meeting. Forwards the board's recommendations to the academic council Monitors the implementation of approved decisions	20025-2026
Member Academic Council	Vote on academic matters and contribute professional opinions. Monitor the implementation of Academic council decisions.	Since 2021
Member Syndicate	Discuss and review administrative and financial policies	2025

Memberships of Professional Organizations

Name of Organization	Roles
Englishers	Attend meetings to promote research culture in Pakistan and abroad and discuss current
Member of Asian Council of Science Editors 2015-17	To promote original research
Was a member of South Atlantic Language Association, Georgia state University, USA 2008-09	Received the copies of their Research journal on regular basis to remain updated on the current issues of the time
Was a member of multicultural counselling and development 1995-95	Received latest updates in the field

Editorial Board / Reviewer Roles

Name of Journal	Role	Publisher	Since (Year)
Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Karachi, Karachi	Research Paper Reviewer	Karachi University	08 years

Was a member of Editorial board of Journal of Women studies, Karachi University Karachi	To ensure the quality of its content.	Karachi University	02 years

Languages Proficiency

Language	Proficiency
English	Read, write, understand, speak (Expert)
Urdu	Advanced
Balochi / Pashto/ Brahvi/ Sindhi/ Punjabi	
Other	

Softwares/ Analytical Tools

Software	Proficiency
MS Office	Expert
SPSS	Advanced
R Software	
GIS	
MATLAB	
Others	

References

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