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CAREER OBJECTIVE:

TO BE AN ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATOR WITH A FOCUS ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

PERSONAL DETAILS

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Kalmunai, Sri Lanka
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Present Post : **Senior Lecturer –I (Head of the Department)**
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South Eastern University of Sri Lanka,
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Nationality : Sri Lankan
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Present Assignment:

Head of the department and Coordinator for BA TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) special degree.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- **PhD** in Applied Linguistics/TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) at **University of Nottingham, UK**, November 2007 - May 2012.
- **Certificate in TESOL, University of Oregon, USA (Online course)**, 2012
- **MA in Linguistics (English)**, University of Kelaniya, 2001 - February 2002. One year Programme (Subjects: Applied Linguistics, Phonetics, Syntax, Communication Disabilities, Morphology, and Historical Linguistics)

- **Postgraduate Diploma** in Teaching English Language and Literature, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Distinction Pass (**batch top**) 2000 - September 2002.
- **B.Sc. Agric Science (Hons.)**; University of Peradeniya, **English Medium**, Second Class; 1991 - December 1995, Majoring in Agric Extension.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- English Teacher appointed on MERIT basis by the department of Education in 1990.

EXPERIENCE:

- English Assistant Teacher, Dept. of Education, Secondary level: 1990 - 1997.
- Temp. Asst. Lecturer, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya 07.08.1996 - 06.02.1997.
- Instructor/Lecturer in English, 1997 - 2012.
- Senior Lecturer –II July 2012 to December 2016
- Senior Lecturer I –December 2016 to date
- Head, English Language Teaching Unit May, 1997 – November, 2007 and April 2012 to date.

SHORT TERM TRAININGS ATTENDED (OVERSEAS):

- Training in Project Management, July 2007, **Bangkok, Thailand**.
- International Visitor Program in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), **USA**, 13 March – 5 April 2007
- A short course in ICT (Information and Communication Technology) & Teacher Development Training, **Reading University, UK**, 11 – 29 July 2005.
- A short course in EAP (English for Academic Purposes), **Lancaster University, UK**, 3 -28 September 2001, participant observer.

- A short course in ELT (English Language Teaching) Materials & Methodology, **Lancaster University, UK**, 6- 24 March 2000.
- And numerous training programmes locally.

Doctoral Research:-

Lecturer-Student Interaction in English-Medium Science Lectures: An Investigation of Perceptions and Practice at a Sri Lankan University where English is a Second Language

Present Research:-

- Discourse in content classes.
- Challenges of English Medium Instruction
- Use of Mother tongue in ESL Classes

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION:

- Navaz, AMM (2018) Mobile Assisted Language Learning (MALL): Will it be an English learning reality in Sri Lanka. Paper presented at the 6th International Conference on South Eastern University Arts Research Session, 18 June 2018.
- Navaz, AMM & Firzan Begum, S. (2018) Teaching of English Language VS English Literature: What factors impinge upon the success or failure. Paper presented at the 6th International Conference on South Eastern University Arts Research Session, 18 June 2018.
- Navaz AMM (2017) Analysing English Medium Undergraduate Lectures in Sri Lanka: Developing an Analytical Framework. Paper presented at the International Research Symposium on English Language Studies 2017, Department of English Language Teaching, University of Colombo. 28-29 September 2017.
- Navaz, AMM and Sama, FRF (2017) A study on Importance of Learning Grammar for ESL University Students: Students' Perspectives. Paper presented at the 2nd International Research Conference of Trinco Campus, EUSL. 13 & 14 September 2017.
- Navaz, AMM (2017) Writing Difficulties: An Investigation of Irregular Morpheme Errors Among the Students in the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Paper presented at the 7th International Symposium of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. 7 & 8 December, 2017.
- Navaz, AMM and Sama, FRF (2017) Teaching Grammar in the English Language Classroom: Perceptions and Practices of Students and

Teachers. Paper presented at the 7th International Symposium of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. 7 & 8 December, 2017.

- Navaz, AMM (2016) English Medium Undergraduate classes: Are they useful for students' Language Development. Paper presented at the 5th International Conference on South Eastern University Arts Research Session 2016. 17 January 2017.
- Navaz, AMM & Sama, FRF (2016) A study on inflectional morpheme errors made by arts undergraduates at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Paper presented at the 6th International Symposium held on 21-22 December 2016.
- Student Centred Learning: Are our students and lecturers ready to embrace this approach? Paper presented at the fourth International Symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, August 2014.
- Computer Assisted Language Learning: Perception and Practice of Undergraduate Students of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Paper presented at the third International Symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka 1 – 2 July 2013.
- Lecturer-student interaction: can it help overcome the language and comprehension problems of students in English medium lectures? Paper presented at the 2nd International Symposium at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Oluvil, Sri Lanka. 25 – 27 May 2012.
- 'Investigating Lecture comprehension and lecturer-student interaction in science undergraduate lectures'. Paper presented at the Postgraduate Student Conference, school of education, **University of Nottingham, UK**, July 2010.
- 'Lecturer-student interaction: Does it occur and can it help overcome the problems of students in English medium? Paper presented at the International Conference on ELT, Melaka, **Malaysia**; 10 – 11 November 2009.
- English Medium Teaching in the Ampara district, success or failure' - paper presented at the International Conference of Sri Lanka English Language Teachers Association, Colombo, 2002.
- 'Advanced Level General English Teaching in the Ampara district'. Paper presented at the International Conference of Sri Lanka English Language Teachers Association, Colombo, 2000.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Navaz, AMM & Firzan Begum, S. (2018) Teaching of English Language VS English Literature: What factors impinge upon the success or failure. Paper published at the 6th International Conference on South Eastern University Arts Research Session, 18 June 2018.
- Navaz, AMM (2017) Writing Difficulties: An Investigation of Irregular Morphem Errors Among the Students in the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Paper published at the 7th International Symposium of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. 7 & 8 December, 2017.
- Navaz, AMM and Sama, FRF (2017) Teaching Grammar in the English Language Classroom: Perceptions and Practices of Students and Teachers. Paper published at the 7th International Symposium of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. 7 & 8 December, 2017.
- Navaz, AMM (2016) English Medium Undergraduate classes: Are they useful for students' Language Development. Paper published at the 5th International Conference on South Eastern University Arts Research Session 2016. 17 January 2017.
- Navaz, AMM & Sama, FRF (2016) A study on inflectional morpheme errors made by arts undergraduates at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Paper published at the 6th International Symposium held on 21-22 December 2016.
- Navaz, A.M.M. (2016) Challenges Faced by Students in English Medium Undergraduate Classes: An Experience of a Young University in Sri Lanka. *Journal of Arts, Science and Commerce*. Vol VII 4(1). 158-166
- Navaz, A.M.M. (2016) Enhancing the Writing Skills of Weak Undergraduates: An action research conducted at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. A collection of Research Papers from the Sri Lankan Context. **Colombo: British Council.**
- Student Centred Learning: Are our students and lecturers ready to embrace this approach? Paper published at the conference handbook of the Third International Symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, August 2014.
- Navaz, A. M. M. (2013) A Study on Perception of Lecturer – Student Interaction in English Medium Science Lectures, *Novitas – ROYAL (Research on Youth and Language)*, 2013, 7(2), 117-136.

- Computer Assisted Language Learning: Perception and Practice of Undergraduate Students of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Paper published at the conference handbook of the Third International Symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, July 2013.
- Lecturer-student interaction: can it help overcome the language and comprehension problems of students in English medium lectures? A paper published at the conference handbook of the Second International Symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, May 2012.
- Navaz, A.M.M. (2004) The writing difficulties of second year Arts students of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, *SLELTA Quarterly*, 15th Issue, October, 2004. **A peer reviewed journal.**

AWARDS:

English Language Research Partnership Award. British Council Colombo. 2016

World Bank. Quality Enhancement Fund. PhD Studies.

CONSULTANCY

Developing a Test bank for University Test of English Language (UTEL) under the HETC Project of the World Bank. 2015

Developing language proficiency of Nenasala owners and operators. ICTA e-society project, commissioned through Skills International Pvt. Ltd. Colombo. 2013

Developing language proficiency of Administrative and Nonacademic staff of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka. HETC Project, UDG Grant. 2014

Developing curricula for English/ Technical writing subjects for the proposed Faculty of Engineering, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. 2015

National Contribution:

Developed and conducted the Certificate or Diploma in English

Training the Naval officers -

VISITING LECTURES/ RESOURCE PERSON

Eastern University:
MEd programme, BA Languages (Translation Studies), English for Economics.

Eastern University, Trincomalee Campus, BA Languages General/Special Degree programmes.

Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies. Eastern University.

Business English Course for Nonacademic staff of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka.

Diploma in English/ Certificate in English courses of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka.

Centre for External Degrees and Professional Learning. South Eastern University of Sri Lanka.

REVIEW OF PAPERS

University of Jaffna, Jaffna

University of Kelaniya, Colombo.

Eastern University of Sri Lanka

South Eastern University of Sri Lanka.

Have reviewed papers connected to general education, English language teaching, linguistics, applied linguistics, language education, etc.

CURRICULA/ MATERIAL PREPARATION

All undergraduate English courses of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Since 1997.

Faculty of Engineering – English. In use from 2013.

BA in TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) for the ELTU of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. In use from 2016.

BA English for the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. In use from 2014.

EXAMINER FOR ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS/SUPERVISION OF RESEARCH STUDIES:

- Examiner for PhD candidates – Baradidasan University, India

And Annamali University, India – last five years.

- Over 15 years of experience as a first examiner as well as a second examiner at universities. This includes theory examinations and dissertations.
- Since 2000 have supervised and marked Diploma/Advanced Diploma students' research studies and marked dissertations/project reports.
- Co-controlling Chief Examiner for GCE A/L English Examination. Department of Examination. Sri Lanka.
- External Examiner for MA students of Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Paper and Thesis.
- External Examiner (English) for undergraduate students of Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Svami Vipulananda Institute, Batticaloa. Trincomalee Campus of Eastern University.

INVITED TALKS:

- UTEL Examinations for university students, Eastern University of Sri Lanka, 2013.
- Career Guidance for A/L Students, Al-Manar Central College, Maruthamunai, Sri Lanka, 2012.
- English Language Education after the tsunami, Peace Foundation, Akkaraipattu, 2006
- 'ELT in Sri Lankan universities', EAP workshop, Kandy, Sri Lanka 2002

OTHER SERVICES:

- Research consultant and Editor of research reports for Human Link, a community based NGO at Kalmunai.
- Guest Editor for 'Learner's Time, a school based project journal.

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES:

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- **Founder president** of the **Child First** organization which started the first pre-school for the tsunami affected children at Maruthamunai, Kalmunai. The pre-school is being conducted successfully since 2005 as a semi charity.

WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCE/ SYMPOSIUM ATTENDED:

- 4th International symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka , July 2013
- 3rd International symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka , July 2013
- 2nd International symposium of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka , May 2012
- 3rd Enquire postgraduate conference 2010 – 'Opportunities and obstacles for social scientists', 20-21 July 2010, University of Nottingham, **UK**.
- TESOL International Convention, Seattle, **USA** 21-24 March 2007.
- A national conference in ELT, BCIS Colombo 2-4, June 2006 and many more.
- SLELTA Conference, Colombo – 2000, 2002 and 2003
- EAP workshop, British Council, Kandy 2002
- The Teaching of English Issues and Options, University of Colombo, 25-27 October 1999.
- Recent Development in Language Description and Lexicography - British Council, Colombo, 9 March 2002.
- ELT project workshops organized by the British Council and Reading University, UK.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- TESOL International.
- Member of Sri Lanka English Language Teachers' Association – from the inception.

- Member of Asia TEFL – Member ID SL13300

- **PROGRAMMES/PROJECTS COORDINATED:**

- **Deputy Coordinator/English**, UDG Grant of HETC Project, Higher Education Ministry of Sri Lanka and South Eastern University, 2012 to date.
- **Member of the Standing Committee** on English Teaching at the University Grants Commission 1997-2007. From April 2012 to date.
- **Coordinator** for Certificate in English & Diploma in English programmes 1998 – 2007 & 2012 onwards, Centre for Extension Studies, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Oluvil.
- **Coordinator and proposal writer for World Bank funded IRQUE** (Improving Relevance and Quality of Undergraduate Education) project: IBG-I & II - 2004 – 2007 at South Eastern University of Sri Lanka.
- **Coordinator and chief proposal writer for the World Bank funded IRQUE project**, Dept. of Languages, QEF Grant (Quality Enhancement Fund) (May, 2005 – November, 2007).
- **Programme coordinator/ Ampara**, Diploma in English for Teachers of English – 2004/2005 conducted by South Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the ministry of education.
- **Programme Coordinator**, English for Bankers course conducted by South Eastern University of Sri Lanka for the employees of the People's Bank, Ampara region, 2003/2004.
- **District Coordinator** for General English Language Teaching (GELT) programme, for the pre-university entrants, Ampara district, 1998 – 2002.
- **Link Coordinator**, DFID, UK funded Higher Educational Link project, 1999 – 2001; between ELT Unit of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and IELE of the Lancaster University, UK, under the patronage of the British Council, Colombo.

LANGUAGE ABILITY:

- English – Excellent
- Sinhala – High-intermediate spoken ability
High-elementary reading ability
- Tamil – Excellent

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS:

- MS office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- SPSS

REFEREES

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