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Education

- **Ph.D** English Literature, Department of English Literature, University of Balochistan, Pakistan (2012).
- **Concentrations:** Postcolonial Literature, Postcolonial studies, Women Writings, Gender Studies.
- **Specialization:** Women Writings.
- **Dissertation:** Fiction and Autobiographical writings by Pakistani women depicting Socio-Political Status of Women in Pakistan.
- **MS:** Kansas State University, Kansas, USA. G.P.A. 3.81 on the possible scale of 4.00 with thesis (1993).
- **Thesis:** A Study of Student Support Services Available to International Students at a Major Mid-West University, USA.
- **M.A.** English Literature, University of Balochistan, Quetta, Pakistan. (1991)
- **B.A.** University of Balochistan, Quetta, Pakistan (1987).

Experience

- **Designation:** Professor since 2018, in the Department of English Literature, University of Balochistan. Currently working as HOD, Department of English Literature, University of Balochistan, Pakistan
- Worked as Head of the department of English Literature, University of Balochistan from December 1st, 2017, through December 16th 2020.

- 29 years of Teaching and Research Experience in the Department of English Literature, University of Balochistan.
- Served as Coordinator M.Phil/Ph.D English Program University of Balochistan in 2016-18.
- Served as In Charge Program MS English, COMSATS, Islamabad, 2012-2015
- Remained Associate Professor from August 2015 through July 2018.
- Remained Assistant Professor from September 2005 through July 2015
- Remained Lecturer from March 1st, 1994, through September 2005
- Also Served as a visiting Faculty at Iqra University, Quetta 2002.

Publications (Book)

- Zaidi, N. (2021). For Love. This book covers the spiritual journey of Junaid Jamshed (A popular singer converted to a Preacher) from music to mosque. ISBN: 978-969-7859-19-1. BTA Publishing House Karachi.

Research Article Publications

1. Qasim, N. & Zaidi, N. A (2024). Racial Discrimination in Young Adult Diasporic Fiction: A Critical Analysis. Pakistan Languages and Humanities Review. Vol 08, No 4. 148-155 (Y)
2. Akram, M., Zaidi, N.A. (2024). Unveiling the Disabilities: A Study of Social Discrimination in The Memoir- Being Heumann. Journal of Migration Letters. 1626-1639. (X)
3. Afzal, M., Zaidi, N.A. (2024). Fragmented Selves: Exploring Alienation and Contemporary Postcolonial Identity Crisis in V S Naipaul's The Mimic Men. Journal of Social Science Review. Vol 02. No.04. (Y)
4. Saleem, R. & Zaidi, N. A. (2022). Silenced Subjectivities in I am Malala, and Red and White and Muslim: An Interpretive Analysis of two Muslim Women Memoirs. Journal of Contemporary Politics. Vol 06,2, 68-90. (Y)

5. Afzal, M., Zaidi, N. A., Abbas, Z. (2022). Marxist Study of The God of Small Things. Pakistan Languages and Humanities Review. Vol 6, No 2. (Y)
6. Saleem, R., Zaidi, N. A. (2022). The Invisible and the Silenced in Muslim Women's Memoirs: An Interpretive Analysis. Pakistan Journal of Women's Studies: Alam-E-Niswan Vol, 29 No 2. (Y)
7. Akbar, M., Zaidi, N. A. (2022). The Suffocation of Motherhood in Three Shakespearean Plays. The Tempest, Romeo and Juliet and King Lear. Pakistan's Multidisciplinary Journal for Arts and Science. Vol 3, No 3.
8. Akram, M.M. (2022). Impact of Colonialism on Environment: A Socio-Ecological Study of Twilight in Delhi. Khazar Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences.
9. Khan, Q. & Zaidi, N. A. (2022). Existentialism in the works of Rabindranath Tagore and Ghani Kahn. A Comparative Study. Global Scientific Journals. Vol 10, Issue 2.
10. Afzal, M., Zaidi, N.A. (2021). Quest for Female Identity: A Feminist Study of Shashi Deshpande's Selected Novels. University of Chitral Journal of Linguistics and Literature., Vol 5 issue 2. (Y)
11. Akram, M.M. & Zaidi, N. A. (2021). Impact of Colonialism on Environment: A Study of Twilight in Delhi. Khazar Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences. (Publication in an International Journal) (Z)
12. Abdullah, & Zaidi, N. A. (2021). Semantic Analysis of Hamlet in Changed Horizon: A Resistance to Traditional Interpretation. Pakistan Studies. Bilingual/ Bi-annual Pakistan Studies, English/ Urdu Research Journal. Special Edition 2021. (Z)
13. Aurangzeb & Zaidi, N. A. (2021). Displacement and Identity Problem in Amrita Pritam's Novel Pinjar. Bilingual /Bi-Annual Pakistan Studies, English/ Urdu Research Journal. Special Edition. (Z)

14. Abdul Hakeem & Zaidi, N. A. (2021). Women and Partition as Depicted in the Works of Shahnawaz's *The Heart Divided* and Hosain's *Sunlight on a Broken Column*. *Bilingual/ Bi-Annual Pakistan studies, English/ Urdu Research Journal . Special Edition. (Z)*
15. Nasrullah & Zaidi, N. A. (2021). Large EFL Classes in Colleges of Kalat, Pakistan. A Study of Challenges and Strategies for EFL Teachers. *Bi-Annual Research Journal Pakistan Studies. Vol 13, Issue 1. (Z)*
16. Khan, A., Zaidi, N. A. (2020). The Woman Question in Qaisra Shahrzad's Novel *The Holy Woman*. *Journal of Pakistan Studies. University of Balochistan. 2 (1) 100-116. (Z)*
17. Khan, F., Abbass, Sohaila., Zaidi, N.A. (2018). The Study of Ethnonyms in Balochistan. *Hanken. Journal of Balochi Department. University of Balochistan. Volume X. (Z).*
18. Zaidi, N. A., Khan, F. R., & Manzoor, S. (2017). Women and Marriage in *Middlemarch* and *Return of the Native*. *Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities. University of Karachi. Volume 56 (2) 129-144. (Z)*
19. Zaidi, N.A., Khan, F.R & Ali, H..(2017). Creating An Academic Elite. *Journal of Science, Technology and Development. Islamabad. 36, (4), 211-214 (: Z).*
20. Akhter J. Zaidi, N, A. & Mohammad, S. S.(2017). Martin Andersen Nexø's Novel, "*Pelle the Conqueror*": A Marxist Perspective. *Bilingual/Bi-Annual Pakistan Studies English/ Urdu Research Journal. University of Balochistan. 05 (1). (: Z)*
21. Majeed. S., Zaidi, N. A. (2017). *Saffron Dreams: A Journey of Evolving Identity*. *AlBurz. University of Balochistan. Volume and Issue No (9). 30-54. (Z)*

22. Khaliq, A., Zaidi, N. A., Pathan, Z. H., Ahmed, N. (2017). Factors Causing hurdles in Speaking English Amongst College Students of Quetta. Alburz. University of Balochistan. 9.246-258. (Z)
23. Khan, F. R., Zaidi, N.A., Rauf, S. (2017.) The Relationship between Ethnicity among Baloch People. Kolachi, 20 (1),9-22. (Z)
24. Abdullah S., Zeeshan, M., and Zaidi, N. A. (2017). Teaching English Language in a Multilingual Setting: An Investigation at Government Girls Secondary Schools of Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan. International Journal of English Linguistics. 7, No 4. (On Thomson Reuters List)
25. Zaidi, N., Khan, F.E., Manzoor, S. (2016). Gender Relations in Bina Shah's Novel; Where they Dream in Blue. Al-Burz, University of Balochistan. 08. 97-122. (Z)
26. Zaidi, N. A. and Manzoor, S. (2016). Empowering the Disempowered: Contesting Masculinities and Tradition. American International Journal of Contemporary Research. Volume 6. (2) (International Journal).
27. Manzoor, S., and Zaidi, N.A. (2016). Hardy's Unequivocal and Obsessive Association With Gender Issues. Volume xxxv. (2). Balochistan Review. University of Balochistan (Z)
28. Zaidi, N. (2015). Female Body and Sense of Self-Ownership in Tehmina Durrani's Blasphemy (2015). Pakistan Journal of Women Studies. Karachi University. 22 (1). 15-26 www.pakistanwomenstudies.com. (Y)
29. Manzoor, S., Zaidi, N. A. (2015). Hardy's Attitude Towards Modern Civilization with Reference to his Major Novels. The Journal of Humanities and social Sciences. Volume xxiii, (1). The Journal of Humanities and social Sciences. Peshawar University (Category:Y)
30. Manzoor, S. and Zaidi, N. A. (2015). Hardy's Attitude Toward's Gender Issues. 31, (2). Gomal University Journal of Research. (Y)

- 31.Zaidi, N. and Zafar A. (2013) Tradition Woman and Modernity in Bapsi Sidhwa's Novels". European Journal of Scientific Research. 102, (3). (ISI indexed journal). www.europeanjournalofscientificresearch.com
- 32.Zaidi, N.A, (2013) Autobiography and Women Empowerment with Reference to Tehmina Durrani's 'My Feudal Lord. Annual Research Journal The Women. Sindh University. 4 (Z)
- 33.Jathial,, A., Zaidi,N. A., Jarikho,Ghulam, A., and Rajar, A,H.(2013). Women Entrepreneurship in Sindh: Developing a Conceptual Framework from Empirical Evidence. Annual Research Journal The Women. Sindh University (4) (Z)
- 34.Zaidi, N. A. (2012) From Victim to Survivor: A Critical Study of Qaisra Sharaz's 'The Holy Woman'. Pakistan Journal of Women Studies, Karachi University. (19), 2.www.pakistanwomenstudies.com. Abstracted/Indexed in Alternative Press Index, EBSCO, Index Islamicus, ProQuest. (Y)
- 35.Zaidi, N. A. (2011). Glimpses of the New Woman in Sidhwa's Novels" (2011). Journal of Women Studies. Karachi University. 18 (1). www.pakistanwomenstudies.com Abstracted/Indexed in Alternative Press Index,EBSCO, Index Islamicu..(Y)
- 36.Zaidi, N.A. (2011) Self-Representation in Sara Suleri 'Meatless Days. International Research Journal of Arts and Humanities. Sindh University www.usindh.edu.pk/irjah 39 (39) (Z)
- 37.Zaidi, N. A. (2009) "Women Subjection as Reflected in Sidhwa's Cracking India" Journal of Gender Studies, Karachi University. 2. 79-90 (Y)

NON-HEC Publications

1. Zaidi, N.A. (2006). Significance of the Socio-economic Status of women with Reference to Tess of The D'Urbervilles. Research Journal University of Baluchistan. 4, (1). 35-42.
2. Zaidi, N.A. (2003). Emma, From Self-Deception to Self-Awareness. Research Journal University of Baluchistan. 1(4). 106-112.
3. Zaidi, Najia, A. (2002). Lamb: The Moderate Romantic. Research Journal University of Baluchistan. 1 (2). 99-104.
4. Zaidi, Najia. A. (2002). A General Estimate of Bacon as an Essayist. Research Journal University of Baluchistan. 1. (1). 1.

Professional Development: Conferences and Workshops

- Helped organize an International Conference last year in October and also presented a paper at 10th International Conference of Linguistic Association of Pakistan in collaboration with University of Balochistan on October 3rd 2024.
- Presented three papers at an International Conference (virtual conference) on 23-24 September 2021, Baku Azerbaijan.
- Paper presentation at University of Gujrat, February 2018.
- Paper Presentation at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University, October 2018.
- Attended a seminar on Semester System arranged by QEC, 2016, at UOB.
- Attended a Workshop on Computer Skills April 2016, at UOB.
- Attended a Workshop on SPSSX arranged By HEC April 2015.
- Attended a three-day workshop on “Strategic Development Workshop for Potential Leaders”. Organized by FDA COMSATS. 12-14 November 2014.
- Attended Workshop on “Writing for Scholarly Publications” 7-9 December 2010.

- Attended Workshop on “Teaching English for Academic purposes” 24-28 June 2005. Organized by British Council and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.
- Attended training course in English Language Teaching at the University of Balochistan in June 2003.
- Attended a Teacher Development workshop in April 2001 conducted by the British Council.
- Attended a Conference on Higher Education organized by University of Balochistan, 2002.
- Attended training course in English Language Teaching at the University of Balochistan during 11-16 June 2001. Conducted by University Grants Commission.
- Attended training course in English Language Teaching at University of Balochistan, Quetta during 7-17 August 2000. Conducted by University Grants Commission.
- Attended Midwest research to practice conference in October at University of Minnesota, USA, 1991.

Research Supervision and Research Journal Reviewer ship

- One PhD scholar completed her PhD in April 2024 and the second PhD scholar is about to defend her dissertation.
- Remaining two PhD scholars would submit their doctoral dissertation soon
- **M.Phil/PhD Scholars:** 13 MPhil/MS scholars have completed their research under my supervision..
- **Research Paper Reviewer:** Journal of Humanities and social Sciences, Karachi University, Karachi.
- **Research Paper Reviewer:** Pakistan Journal of Women’s Studies, University of Karachi, Karachi.

Professional Affiliations:

- At present a member of Englishers (which is an international organization working to promote research culture especially in Pakistan)
- Was a member of Asian Council of Science Editors (since 2015-17)
- Was a member of South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Georgia State University, USA 2008-2009.
- Was a member of Multicultural Counseling and Development, USA. 1993-95

Honors and Awards:

- Also have the honor of publishing first newsletter for the Department of English Literature in 2018
- Honor to hold book exhibition for students of the department of English Literature in 2018
- Have the honor of taking “Minutes” at Vice Chancellor’s Forum organized by COMSATS, Islamabad, September 2013.
- Also served as Coordinator ‘Literature Circle’ to organize activities relating Literature and Culture at COMSATS, Islamabad, 2013
- Remained Editor “Shalian” Newsletter, University of Balochistan from 2010-2012.
- Was awarded USAID scholarship for doing Master’s from USA, 1991.
- First Position holder in MA English from University of Balochistan, 1990.