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Education:

Ph. D. in English – Department of English, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, 2017; was awarded a fellowship by The Centre of Comparative Language, Literature and Culture at the university.

UGC-NET (English) - June, 2012.

M.A. (English) - Panjab University, Chandigarh, 2003.

PGDCA - Panjab University, Chandigarh, 2000.

M.A. (Economics)- Panjab University, Chandigarh, 1998.

B.Ed.- Panjab University, Chandigarh, 1996.

B.A.- Panjab University, Chandigarh, 1995.

Area of research: Indian Writings.

Career Profile:

1. Assistant Professor in English, Guru Nanak College for Girls, Sri Muktsar Sahib—since July, 2013.
2. Part-time Lecturer in English, School for Punjabi Studies, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar— Second semester (2012-13).
3. Part-time Lecturer in English at Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Architecture and Guru Ramdass School of Planning, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar— First semester (2011-12).
4. Part-time Lecturer-in-English at Department of Physics and Department of Architecture, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar— Two semesters (2010-11).
5. Lecturer in English on Ad hoc basis at Guru Nanak College for Girls, Muktsar (affiliated with Panjab University, Chandigarh)— from 01/08/2006 to 28/02/2007, from 02/07/2007 to 29/02/2008, and from 16/07/08 to 28/02/09.
6. Guest Lecturer in English at Guru Nanak College for Girls, Muktsar (affiliated with Panjab University, Chandigarh)—01/11/2005 to 28/02/2006.
7. Coordinator, English Speaking Course at Guru Nanak College for Girls, Muktsar (affiliated with Panjab University, Chandigarh)—01/08/2005 to 31/10/2005.

Consultancy Provided:

District Institute of Education and Training, Muktsar.

Punjab School Education Board, SAS Nagar.

Publications:

In Peer-reviewed Journals (International):

Neeta Kumari. "Translation: A Benediction with Constraints." *The Criterion: An International Journal in English* (ISSN 0976-8165) Vol.5 Issue 6 December 2014. 149-151. Web.

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Chapters in Books:

Neeta Kumari. "Reflections of Rural Punjab in the Confluence of History and Literature: Reading of Gurdial Singh's *Unhoye*." *Creative Zones: Critical Observations on English Literature* (ISBN 978-93-82246-52-7). Ed. Mandeep Sanahi, Chandigarh: Unistar Publications, 2013. 13-18. Print.

Paper presentations:

1. Presented a paper titled "Translation: A Benediction with Constraints" in the international seminar on Cross Cultural Nuances by Kanya Maha Vidyalyaya, Jalandhar, Punjab, India on October 30-31, 2014.
2. Presented a paper titled "Radicalising the Discourses of Novel and History: A Reading of the Select Fiction of Gurdial Singh" in the international seminar on Reading/Understanding Fiction in the Contemporary Times by Department of English, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on March 05-06, 2014.
3. Presented a paper titled "Violence in the Garb of Development: Mahashweta Devi's *Pterodactyl*, *Puran Sahay* and *Pirtha*" in the national seminar on Contextualising and Reorienting Violence and its Spaces in a Postmodern, Globalised World Order organized by Lovely School of Arts and Languages, Lovely Professional University, Punjab on December 07, 2013.
4. Presented a paper titled "Socio-Economic Situations and Existential Dilemmas: A Study of Gurdial Singh's *Unhoye* and Mahashweta Devi's *Pterodactyl*" in the national seminar on Comparative Study of Languages and Literature organized by Department of Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on September 27-28, 2013.
5. Presented a paper titled "Reflections of Rural Punjab in the Confluence of History and Literature: A Reading of Gurdial Singh's *Unhoye*" in the UGC sponsored national seminar on History, Literature and Punjabi Society organized by Department of History, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar on September 19-20, 2012.

6. Presented a paper titled "Existentialist Assertion in the Poetry of Protest: Faiz and Paash" in the national seminar on Prophetic Visions and Voices in Poetry: Writing Self and the World organized by Department of English, Punjabi University, Patiala on March 29-30, 2012.
7. Presented a paper titled "Multiple Indias: Facets of Indian Fiction in English and Bhasha" in the UGC sponsored national seminar on Prospects of Indian Writing in English: Issues and Expressions organized by Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozepur City on February 24, 2012.
8. Presented a paper titled "Mahesh Dattani's Vision of Drama" in the national seminar on Reassessing World Drama: Visions, Experiments and Traditions by Department of English, Punjabi University, Patiala on February 17-18, 2011.
9. Presented a paper titled "Mahesh Dattani's *Final Solutions*: A Play about Contemporary Communal Horror" in the UGC sponsored national seminar on Social Realism and Moral Concerns in Modern Drama organized by G.H.G. Khalsa College, Gurusar Sadhar, Distt. Ludhiana on January 28-29, 2011.
10. Presented a paper titled "Swami Dayanand's Political Ideology: A Cure for Contemporary Indian Polity" in the UGC sponsored national seminar on Political Ideas of Swami Dayanand: Impact and Relevance in 21st Century India organized by Radha Krishan Arya College, Nawanshahar on February 24, 2009.
11. Presented a paper titled "Domestic Violence: Social and Psychological Aspects" in a national seminar on Domestic Violence Against Women held by Guru Nanak College for Girls, Muktsar in collaboration with ICSSR, Chandigarh on March 18, 2008.
12. Presented a paper titled "Human Life and Cultural Themes: Existential Dilemma" in the seminar on Consciousness, Culture and Creativity: Indian and Western Perspective held by Department of Philosophy, Panjab University, Chandigarh under the Special Assistance Programme of UGC on December 4-5, 2007.
13. Presented a paper titled "Rhetoric of Women Participations in Panchayati Raj Institutions" in a national seminar on Engendering Panchayati Raj held by Guru Nanak College for Girls, Muktsar in collaboration with ICSSR, Chandigarh on March 03, 2007.
14. Presented a paper titled "Social and Political Philosophy" at 2nd Annual Conference of Bhartiya Mahila Darshnika Parishad held under the auspices of Panjab University, Chandigarh on February 1-2, 2007.
15. Presented a paper titled "Human Rights and Gender Justice" in the UGC sponsored national seminar on Ethical Dimensions of Human Rights: Perspective for Civil Society and Democracy organized by Government Ranbir College, Sangrur on December 1-2, 2006.

16. Presented a paper titled “Culture, Gender and Human Rights” in the UGC sponsored national seminar on Awareness and Promotion of Human Rights organized by D.A.V. College for Women, Ferozpur Cantt. on November 10-11, 2006.

National/International Seminars Attended:

1. Aatam Pragas Social Welfare Council, Ludhiana sponsored academic workshop on Effective Teaching: Methodologies and Responsibilities on 31 January, 2015 at Guru Nanak College for Girls, Muktsar.
2. UGC sponsored workshop cum seminar on Building a Play on 4-5 March, 2011 at Apeejay College of Fine Arts, Jalandhar.
3. UGC sponsored national seminar on Art, Culture and Theory—Mapping the Transition from Modernism to Postmodernism on 3-4 February, 2011 at Govt. Brijindra College, Faridkot.
4. National seminar on Towards Wellness on 22 May, 2009 at Bawa Nihal Singh B.Ed. College, Muktsar.
5. College Development Council, Panjab University, Chandigarh sponsored state level seminar on *Naari Vadi Vimarsh: Vivid Pariprekshya* on 10 March, 2009 at Guru Nanak College for Girls, Muktsar.
6. ICSSR, Chandigarh sponsored national seminar on Sociological Study of Punjabi Novel on 13 February, 2009 at Guru Nanak College for Girls, Muktsar.
7. UGC sponsored national seminar on World Scientists Warning to Humanity on 24 March, 2007 at Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozpur City.
8. College Development Council, Panjab University, Chandigarh sponsored seminar on Globalisation of Higher Education on 9 February, 2007 at Guru Nanak College for Girls, Muktsar.
9. UGC sponsored international seminar on Indo-Pak Relations: Strengthening the Ties on 18-19 November, 2006 at Govind National College, Narangwal, Ludhiana.
10. ICSSR, Chandigarh sponsored national seminar on Terrorism a Threat to Indian Nation State on 21-22 February, 2006 at Guru Nanak College for Girls, Muktsar.

