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Educational Qualification:

DEGREE	SUBJECT	COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY & PLACE	YEAR COMPLETED
Ph. D	English literature	M S U, Tirunelveli	August 2014
M.Phil	English literature	M S U, Tirunelveli	November 2008
M.A	English literature	M S U, Tirunelveli	May 2002
B.A	English literature	Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli.	April 1999

DISSERTATIONS

- **Ph. D** - *Racism and Feminism in the Select Novels of Afro-American Women Writers
Toni Morrison and Alice Walker*
- **M. Phil.** - *Indian Scenario in the Select Novels of R. K. Narayan*

Specialisation in Teaching:

- Teaching poetry
- Literary Criticism and Theories
- English Language Teaching
- Linguistics

Specialisation in Research:

Feminism and Post Colonial Theory

Teaching Experience

- Worked as a Teaching Assistant in English Literature in Madurai Kamaraj University College, Madurai from June 2010 to June 2016.
- Working as an Assistant Professor in English Sourashtra College Madurai from June 2016 to present time.

Chairing of Academic Sessions

- Chaired & Judged a programme on Literary Models in the *Science Innovative Expo* in Ambika College of Arts & Science, on 28, December, 2017, Annanagar, Madurai.
- Chaired a session and presented a Paper on *An Audacious 'Trans' formation in Living Smile Vidya's "I Am Vidya: A Transgender's Journey,"* in the National Seminar, "Literature of the Transgenders." The Gandhigram Rural Institute- Deemed University, Gandhigram. 30-31 January 2017.
- Chaired a session and gave a Speech in the State Level Student's UG Seminar, Thiagarajar College, Madurai. 10 October 2016.
- Chaired a session and presented a Paper on *Indigenous Cultural Hegemony in Afro- American females of Alice Walker's "Possessing the Secret of Joy,"* in the International Seminar, "Contextualizing Cultural Heritage in Literature." Government Arts College, Salem. 30 January 2015.

PUBLICATIONS OF ARTICLES

- Sumithra, M. *An Audacious 'Trans' formation in Living Smile Vidya's "I Am Vidya: A Transgender's Journey,"* in the National Seminar, "Literature of the Transgenders." The Gandhigram Rural Institute- Deemed University, Gandhigram. 30-31 January 2017. ISSN: 2349-8684.
- Sumithra, M. *Retrograde Enquiry of Ecowomanism in Alice Walker's "The Third Life of Grange Copeland,"* in Vol : 3, Issue 8, ROOTS, International Journal of Multidisciplinary Researches associated with the International Conference, "Literature: A Reflection of The Society." Government Arts and Science College for Women, Bargur. 04 September 2016. ISSN: 2349-8684
- Sumithra, M. *Individuation in Alice Walker's "Possesing the Secret of Joy,"* in Vol : 3, Issue ROOTS, International Journal of Multidisciplinary Researches associated with the International Conference, "Social Perspectives in Contemporary English Literature." Mangayarkarasi College of Arts and Science, Madurai. 04 September 2016. ISSN: 2349-8684
- Sumithra, M. *Shock in Shodh-A cultural Scrutiny of Taslima Nasrin's Novel,* in the International Conference, "Redefining Commonwealth Literature in English." V. H. N. S. N. College, Virudhunagar. 27 February 2015. ISBN: 978-93-81723-34-0
- Sumithra, M. *Reading Alice Walker's "The Color Purple" by Womanism Theory,* in the National Conference, "Trends in Alternative Literature," N. M. S. Sermathai Vasan College for Women, Madurai. 26 September 2014. Vergal Publication, Madurai. ISBN: 978-81-928113-9-0
- Sumithra, M. *The Impetus of Social Media on English Language,"* in the International Conference, Impact and influence of E- Communication on English." Sarah Tucker College,

Tirunelveli. 15 September 2014. ISBN: 978-817735870-7

- Sumithra, M. *Tolerance of Other Religions in Chinua Achebe's "Things Fall Apart,"* in the International Conference, "Celebration of Ethnicity & Alterity for Cultural Diversity," Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli. 5 April 2013. Sarah Publications, Tirunelveli. ISBN: 978-81-927471-0-1
- Sumithra, M. *Redefining Motherhood in "Nectar in a Sieve" by Diasporic Indian Writer Kamala Markandaya,* in the National Seminar, "Redefining Feminism: A Study of Indian Writing in English," V. O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. 27 & 28 March 2013. PG & Research Department of English, Thoothukudi. ISBN: 978-81-928385-0-2
- Sumithra, M. *Postcolonial Cultural Conflict in Ibo society "Things Fall Apart"-Chinua Achebe,* in the National Seminar, "Postcolonial Literature," The Madura College, Madurai. 11 January 2012. Department of English, Madurai. ISBN: 978-81-920310-1-9

ACADEMIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- Presented a Paper on *A Feministic or a Merchandising Novel – "Shodh" by Taslima Nasrin,* in the National Seminar, "Explorations into South Asian Women's Writings," The Madura College, Madurai. 9 January 2015.
- Presented a Paper on *Reading Alice Walker's "The Color Purple" By Womanism Theory,* in the National Conference, "Trends in Alternative Literature," N. M. S. Sermathai Vasan College for Women, Madurai. 26 September 2014.
- Presented a Paper on *Tolerance of Other Religions in "Things Fall Apart" by the Ethnic African Writer Chinua Achebe,* in the International Conference, "Celebration of Ethnicity & Alterity for Cultural Diversity," Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli. 5 April 2013.
- Presented a Paper on *Redefining Motherhood in "Nectar in a Sieve" by Diasporic Indian Writer Kamala Markandaya,* in the National Seminar, "REFEMIN 2013," V. O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. 27 & 28 March 2013.
- Presented a Paper on *Indigenity and Postcoloniality in "Things Fall Apart" the Tribal African Literature by Chinua Achebe,* in the National Conference, "Tribal Literatures: Across Continents and Cultures," V. O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. 7 & 8 March 2013.
- Presented a Paper on *The Women Issues in "Nectar in a Sieve" by Kamala Markandaya,* in the National Seminar, "Diasporic Indian Literature in English: Comparing Nations and Cultures," **Sourashtra Womens College,** Madurai. 16 February 2013.
- Presented a Paper on *Postcolonial Cultural Conflict in Ibo society of "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe,* in the National Seminar, "Postcolonial Literature," The Madura College, Madurai. 11 January 2012.
- Presented a Paper on *Imaginary Homelands in "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe,* in the National Seminar, "Commonwealth Literature," Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai. 30 September 2011.
- Presented a Paper on *The Cultural Gap in Jhumpa Lahiri's "The Namesake",* in the State Level Seminar, "Indian Immigrant Writers in America," The Madura College, Madurai. 8 October 2010.

- Presented a Paper on *Global Issues Relating to Millennial-Marital Incompatibility*”, in the National Seminar, “Voices from the New Millennium Writers,” Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli. 30 September 2010.

ACADEMIC PARTICIPATIONS

- Participated in One Day National Workshop on “The Glamour of Writing - Glow 2018” A. P. C. Mahalakshmi College for Women, Thoothukudi. 5, January, 2018.
- Participated in One Day National Workshop on “Ideologies and Perceptions of Ambedkar in Subaltern Studies” Sourashta College for, Madurai. 20-21, March, 2017.
- Participated in an “International Conference on Literary Theories” Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai. 17 December 2016.
- Participated in a “Regional Seminar on Comparative Literature” Lady Doak College, Madurai. 28 January 2015.
- Participated in an International Workshop, “An Introduction to Theatre Pedagogy” Madurai Kamaraj University College, Madurai. 24 February 2012.
- Participated in an International Workshop, “English Language Teaching by John Potts CELTA” Fatima College, Madurai. 14 February 2012.
- Participated in an International Symposium, “Indo-American Perspectives on Women” Fatima College, Madurai. 9 January 2012.
- Participated in a National Seminar, “Literary Theory” Fatima College, Madurai. 16 & 17 December 2011.
- Participated in a National Seminar, “Unique Indian Postcolonial Condition: Culture and Gender” V. O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. 25 March 2011.
- Participated in a National Seminar, “Incorporation of Learner- Centered Practice in Teaching English Globally” Ultra College of Engineering & Technology for Women, Madurai. 18 March 2011.
- Participated in an International Workshop, “Soft Skills for Indian College Teachers and Professionals” V. H. N. S. N. College, Virudhunagar. 14 October 2010.
- Participated in a National Seminar, “Cross Disciplinarity: Literature and other Disciplines” V. O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. 16 August 2010.
- Guided six M. Phil. Scholars in MKU College in 2014-15 and guiding M. Phil. Scholars in 2016-17.