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### **Academic Qualifications**

PhD: University of Kerala 2009  
MPhil: University of Kerala 2001 A Grade  
ATDOP: University of Oregon USA (online) 2012  
TET: University of Maryland USA (online) 2010 A Grade  
IELTS score (Academic) 8.5  
PGCTE: English and Foreign Languages University 2009 A Grade  
NET UGC, 1990  
MA English: University of Kerala 1989 First Class  
BA English: University of Kerala 1987 First Class

### **Teaching Experience**

- Taught in the Christian College Kattakada from 1993 to 2012 (18 years)
- Taught in the School of Distance Education, University of Kerala from 2012 to 2023
- Director of School of Distance Education (2022-2023)
- Joined the Institute of English in May 2023

### **Current Responsibilities**

- Member, Board of Studies English (Pass), University of Kerala
- Member, Faculty of Arts, University of Kerala
- Hon Director, Tagore Niketan, University of Kerala
- Hon. Director, KU Padasala, University of Kerala
- Member, Expert Committee for providing training to teachers in MOOC and creating e-content, University of Kerala
- Director, Centre for Internal Quality Assurance, SDE
- Nodal Officer for UGC, University of Kerala
- Chapter Head and Special Invitee, Executive Committee of ELTAI
- Member, English Board of Studies, Mar Ivanios College, Autonomous
- Involves in designing English texts books and training teachers for the Kerala Literacy Mission Authority.

- Master Trainer in the Access Microscholarship Program of the Regional English Language Office, US Embassy, New Delhi.
- Have been liaising the exchange programmes of the Canterbury Christ Church, Kent, UK with various centres of Higher Education in Kerala since 2009.

### **Training experience**

- Master Trainer (English language skills) in the Additional Skills Acquisition Programme, Govt of Kerala (2012 to 2016)
- Trainer and later Master Trainer in the ACCESS Microscholarship Programme of the Regional English Language Office, US Embassy, New Delhi. (2006 till date)
- Have visited the ETS Corporate Headquarters, Princeton during the IVLP visit to US in 2010.
- Business English Certificate (BEC) trainer.
- Have trained a few students to prepare for TOEIC (2010-2011)
- Considerable experience in training aspirants for IELTS

### **Programmes/Courses coordinated**

1. Coordinator, MA English, SDE, University of Kerala (Since 2018)
2. Coordinator, BA English, SDE, University of Kerala (2015 to 2019)
3. Online Course on Teacher Development (March/April 2015)
4. Certificate/Diploma/Advanced Diploma in Journalism and Written Communication in English (UGC Career Development Project) in Christian College (2010 to 2012)
5. Certificate/Diploma/Advanced Diploma in English for Communication (UGC Career Development Project) in Christian College (2008 to 2012)
6. BCA (UGC Special project) Programme in Christian College (2008 to 2010)

### **Former Responsibilities**

- Member, Curriculum Committee and Master Trainer in the ASAP programme of the Government of Kerala till 2017.
- Member, MOOC Advisory Committee, University of Kerala
- Public Relations Officer and Public Information Officer, University of Kerala from 2015 to 2016
- Member, UG English Board of Studies, University of Kerala, till 2013
- NSS Programme Officer, NAAC Coordinator, IQAC Coordinator and College Bursar in Christian College, Kattakada

### **Academic visits abroad**

- Academic visit to Syscoms, Doha, Qatar in 2016.
- Attended the ACTFL Conference at San Antonio, USA in 2014
- Presented in the IATEFL Conference at Harrogate, UK in 2014
- Workshop Session in the NELTA Conference at Kathmandu in 2013

- Workshop Sessions in UKRIDA Indonesia in 2012
- Academic visit to the Canterbury Christ Church University, UK in 2012
- Workshop Sessions in Busan Metropolitan City Office of Education, South Korea in 2011
- Poster Presentation in Seoul, South Korea in 2010
- Invited participant in the *International Visitors Leadership Program* of the US Department of State for English language teachers in 2010.
- Attended the TESOL Conference at Boston, USA in 2010
- Presented a paper in the IATEFL Conference at Cardiff, UK in 2009
- Academic visit to the Canterbury Christ Church University, UK in 2008
- Academic visit to the Canterbury Christ Church University, UK in 2006

### **Membership in Editorial Boards**

- Member, Editorial and Review Committee, *Journal of English Language Teaching*
- Associate Editor, *Littcrit: An Indian Response to Literature*
- Member, Editorial Board, *English Activities Update*

### **Awards Received**

- Salute the Silent Worker Award 2015, Junior Chamber International
- ELTAI Hornby Trust Award for use of ICT in Education

### **English Coursebooks Edited/Written**

1. *Monsoon English for Everyone*, Coursebook Classes 1 to 5 (CUP)
2. *Monsoon English for Everyone*, Workbook Classes 1 to 5 (CUP)
3. Equivalency Class IV English Coursebook (Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority)
4. Equivalency Class IV English Coursebook (Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority)
5. Good English Coursebook (Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority)
6. ASAP Teachers' Handbook (Additional Skills Acquisition Programme, Kerala)
7. ASAP Foundation Course (Additional Skills Acquisition Programme, Kerala)

### **Seminars/Workshops Organised**

1. Three-day National Webinar on *Content Based Language Teaching: Implications for ESL in India*, 23, 24 & 25 February 2023
2. National Workshop on *Developing Online Content Managing Blended Learning Tools* from 24 to 30 March 2021
3. Three-day International Conference on *Teaching English in the Post Method Era: Challenges, Possibilities and Solutions* 20 to 22 November 2019.
4. Three-day National Workshop on *Developing Content for Online Course on Functional English for Adult Learners* (2019)
5. Seven-day National Workshop on Multimedia E-Content Development (2018)
6. Two-day International Workshop on *Business English* (2018)

7. English Training Programme for the New Recruits of Women Police, Police Academy, Thrissur (Two spells of six-day training programme each, in Jan 2018)
8. The Whole Earth Campaign 2016-2018 (Display of Poster, Workshops Quiz in Colleges and Universities in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka)
9. Three-day National Seminar on *Contemporary Shakespeare: Culture, Language and Politics* (2016)
10. Two-day International Symposium on *Science Education and Sustainable Development* (2016)
11. Four-Day Teacher Development Workshop on Innovative Ways to Teach English, Gems Arts & Science College, Ramapuram, June 2015
12. Two-day International Seminar on *Bridging the Gaps: Education, Language and Culture*, (2014)
13. Three-day International Conference on *Humour: Texts, Contexts* (2013)
14. Three-day National Workshop on *Towards a Learner Centred Pedagogy in ELT* (2010)

### **Books Edited**

1. Lal C A and Neeraja R. *Teaching English in the Postmethod Era: Challenges, Possibilities and Solutions*. Ed. Bodhi Books 2021.
2. P P Ajayakumar, Lal C. A. et al, *Quality Models for Open and Distance Learning*, Ed. Bodhi Books 2020.
3. Lal C. A. and Vishnu Naryananan, *Thoughts of our Times*, Orient Blackswan, 2019.
4. Mohandas N K, Lal C. A. et. al, *Writing Today: Developing Skills in Academic and Workplace Writing*, Orient Blackswan, 2017.
5. Simon Hoult and Lal C A. *Bridging the Gaps: Critical Reflections on Intercultural Learning* Ed. Bodhi Books 2015.
6. P P Ajayakumar, Lal C. A. et al, *Humour Texts Contexts*, Ed. 2015, 182-186
7. Jamuma B. S. and Lal C. A. *New Strides in English Teaching*, Gowli Books: Kochi, 2011,
8. David, Chandhini and Lal C. A., *Towards a Student Centred Pedagogy in English Language Teaching*, Published with UGC funds by the Department of English, Christian College, Kattakada, 2010.

### **Papers in Books and Journals**

1. Lal C A and Sherly Thomas. "Continuous Professional Development of ESL Teachers" *The Scientific Journal of the Faculty of Education*, Thamar University, Yemen. Issue 17, No 1 2021
2. Simon Hoult and Lal C A. "What can be Gained from Intercultural Engagements?" *Perspectives on Educational Practice around the World*. Ed Sue Hammond, Margaret Sangster. Bloomsbury: London May 2019.
3. Simon Hoult and Lal C A. "An Imperial Relic or Preparation for Global Society: What are the Issues of having English Medium Schools?" *Perspectives on*

*Educational Practice around the World*. Ed Sue Hammond, Margaret Sangster. Bloomsbury: London. May 2019.

4. Joby Cyriac, Lal C A. 'TCI Didactic in the Higher Education Context of Kerala / India – Experiences and Insights of Teaching English Language and Communication at the Tertiary Level' *Theme-Centered Interaction (TCI) in Higher Education: A didactic approach for sustainable and living learning*. Ed Sylke Meyerhuber, Helmut Reiser & Matthias Scharer. Springer: New York. April 2019
5. Lal C A & Aahana Ranjith Balan, "Tempering Environmental Education with Sustainability Ethics." *GANDHIGRAM LITERARY REVIEW*, Vol 7, Summer 2018
6. Jalson Jacob, Lal C A, "English for Specific Purposes: Perspectives and Pedagogic Implications", *JELT*, Volume LX Number 5 September–October, 2018.
7. Lal C.A. "Emergent Language and the Exigency of Teaching English Unplugged", *JELT*, Volume LX Number 2 March–April, 2018
8. Leena T L, Lal C. A., "Reducing Monitor Overuse through Implicit Grammar Teaching", *JELT*, Volume LX Number 3 May–June, 2018
9. Joby Cyriac, Lal C A. "Theme Centred Interaction - Towards a Democratic Pedagogy in the English Language Classroom", *JELT*, Volume LX Number 1 January–February, 2018
10. Lal C A, Arun George. "Content and Language Integrated Learning", *JELT*, March–April 2017.
11. Simon Hoult and Lal C A. "Introduction: Negotiating Intercultural Learning Spaces", *Bridging the Gaps: Critical Reflections on Intercultural Learning*. Bodhi Books 2015.
12. Lal C. A., "Humour in the ESL Classroom: Keeping Affective Filters Down", *Humour Texts Contexts*, Ed. P. P. Ajayakumar et al 2015, 182-186
13. Lal C. A., Zainab Azmat. "Teaching and Learning English beyond the Classroom," *The Journal of English Language Teaching*, Vol. 52/4 July 2013
14. Lal C. A., "Topoi of Disease in Twentieth Century European Fiction," *English Activities Update*, Vol 4/1 Jan 2013, 58-68
15. Lal C. A., "Illness, Creativity and Art: Dominant Notions from the Classics to the Romantics," *Litcritt*, Vol 39/2 Dec 2013, 24-30.
16. Lal C. A. "Following Homer's Wandering Hero: A Look Back at The Odyssey," *Following the Gypsy's Foot: The Language of Travel*, Ed. Meera Baby R 2013, 1-7.
17. Lal C. A. "Narayan's Koccharethi: An Experience in Deep Ecology," *Mapping Marginality: Premises and Perspectives*," Ed. B. S. Jamuna and M. Dasan 2011, 112-121.
18. Balchin, Kevin., Lal C. A. "Towards a More Communicative Approach to ELT in India: The Missing Link Between Theory and Practice," *New Strides in English Teaching*, 2011, 93-99.
19. Lal C. A. "ICT in English language classes in Kerala: high end technology in limited Resource contexts," *Teaching English Communicatively: Principles, Practices, Perspectives*, Ed. Shaila Mahan 2011, 136-142.

20. Lal C. A. "Mistakes and Feedback in ESL Classroom: Impacts Desired and Undesired," *Towards a Student-Centred Pedagogy in English Language Teaching*, 2010, 47-50.
21. Lal C. A. "Suffering and Creation: Autobiographical Elements in Solzhenitsyn's The Cancer Ward," *Littercrit*, Issue 69, Vol 36, No 1 June 2010, 147-154.
22. Lal C. A. "Content Based Instruction: Towards Academic Language Proficiency," *English Activities Update*, Vol 1, No 2 July 2010, 86-93
23. Lal C. A. "Of the Crab and Corporations: The Growth Motif in Richard Powers' *Gain*", *Journal of Teaching and Research In English Literature*, <<http://sites.google.com/site/journalofenglishliterature>> Oct-Dec 2009.
24. Lal C. A. "Teaching English to Adult Learners in Kerala", *English Activities Update*, July 2009, 86-93.
25. Selvadas M. J., Lal C. A. "Sambathika paristhithika saarvathrikata: kanadayum bharathavum", *Vijnanakairali*, Kerala State Institute of Languages, February 2009, 29-33.
26. Lal C. A. "Communicative Language Teaching: Methodology and Context", *Littcrit*, Issue 63, Vol 33, No 1 June 2007, 90-95.
27. Lal C. A. "No Birds Sing: Ecocritical Readings of *White Noise* and *Gain*". *The New Frontier*, Institute of English, University of Kerala, 2007, 149-158.
28. Lal C. A. "The Convalescent Imagination in Basheer's *Pattumma's Goat*". *The New Frontier*, Institute of English, University of Kerala, 2006, 89-95.

## Research Guidance

Sl No	Topic	Scholar	Status
1.	<i>Theme Centered Interaction: Toward a learning –oriented didactics of ELT</i>	Joby Cyriac Assistant Professor of English	Awarded
2.	<i>Enhancing Communication Skills at the Workplace: Towards an ESP Curriculum for Polytechnic Students of Kerala</i>	Jalson Jacob Assistant Professor of English	Awarded
3.	<i>Monitor overuse as an Impediment to Communicative Competence in Govt. Primary and Secondary Schools in Thiruvananthapuram District</i>	Leena T L Assistant Professor of English	Awarded
4	<i>A Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) Model for English Proficiency at the Technical Diploma Level.</i>	Arun George Assistant Professor of English	Awarded
5.	<i>Wide Angle Lens as a Flaneur in Imagining the Cityscape of Kochi</i>	Pramod L. S. Assistant Professor of English	Submitted
6	<i>The Politics of Narrating the Nation : Contemporary "Liberal Israeli-</i>	Sarath S. Assistant Professor of	Awarded

	<i>Palestinian Wave Movies" and Palestinian Movies.</i>	English	
7	<i>Food as a Cultural Artifact in Select Hollywood Cinema</i>	Praseetha A Associate Professor of English	Awarded
8	<i>Pregnancy and Childbirth: An Exploration of Select American Women's Writing</i>	Minu G. S.	In Progress
9.	<i>Ecocritical Explorations of Urban Consciousness in Slected Works</i>	Aahana R Balan	In Progress
10.	<i>Bullying as a Post-Traumatic Defence Strategy: Critiquing the Culture of Violence in Select Films</i>	Anu Devadas	In Progress
11.	<i>Implicit Development of English Speaking Skills through Life Skills Training: A Case Study of High School Students in Shelter Homes across Trivandrum</i>	Ireena Nazirudeen	In Progress
12.	<i>Continuous Professional Development of English Language Teachers: A Study of In-Service ESL Training Programmes in Secondary Schools in Kerala</i>	Shirley Thomas	In Progress
13	<i>English for Medical Purposes: Analysing Linguistic Needs towards Developing an ESP Curriculum Framework for the Nursing Students in Kerala</i>	Christina Georgy	In Progress
14	<i>Indigenous Life Narratives in the Americas: An Energy Humanities Perspective.</i>	Meenakshy B. Sujanan	In Progress
14	<i>Integrating Environmental Awareness with ESL: A CBLT Approach</i>	Bhagya Rajeswari	In Progress

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