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### EDUCATION:

- 1992 **Ph. D.** in English (specific area – **language acquisition & language testing**), Bhagalpur University, India
- 1990 **M.A. in Linguistics for ELT**, Lancaster University, England
- 1978 **M.A. in English** (with **specialisation in Linguistics & ELT**), Patna University, India
- 1987 Post-graduate Diploma in the Teaching of English (**PGDTE**), Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, India
- 1985 Post-graduate Certificate in the Teaching of English (**PGCTE**), Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, India
- 1976 **B.A. (Honours in English)**, Bihar University, India

### Master Thesis:

**An Instrumental Study of Hind Consonants: Evidence from Electropalatography** (submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirement of the MA in Linguistics for ELT, Lancaster University, England)

**Ph. D. Thesis:**

**The Teaching and Testing of English Grammar at the Intermediate Level in Bihar** (submitted at Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur, India)

**TRAINING COURSES:**

- 1999            A Computer Training Course in Microsoft Excel, 6 December 1998 – 5 January 1999, Computer Training Centre, Ministry of Health, Sultanate of Oman, Muscat
- 1998            A Computer Training Course in Microsoft Excel, 2 November 1998 – 2 December 1998, Computer Training Centre, Ministry of Health, Sultanate of Oman, Muscat

**SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS**

- **Awarded: Gold medal** for the first position in 1<sup>st</sup> class at the MA in English, Patna University
- **Awarded: Technical Co-operation Training Program Award (TCTP Award)** by British Council, London to pursue my Post-graduate study in the UK during 1989-90

**EXPERIENCE:**

- Sept 2006-Present    Assistant Professor of Linguistics, Department of Languages and Translation, College of Arts and Applied Sciences, Dhofar University, Sultanate of Oman
- Feb 2006 -Aug 2006    Assistant Professor of English Language, College of Education, Ibri, (under the Ministry of Higher Education,) Sultanate of Oman
- Sept 2002-Feb 2006    Lecturer, Higher College of Technology (under The Ministry of Manpower), Muscat, Sultanate of Oman
- Sept 1998-Sept 2002    Language Lecturer, Language Centre, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman
- Dec 1996-Aug 1998    Assistant Professor, English Unit, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University, Yemen
- Oct 1992-July 1995    Lecturer, English Unit, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University, Sana'a, Yemen
- Nov 1990-Sept 1992    Assistant Lecturer, English Unit, Faculty of Languages, Sana'a University, Sana'a, Yemen

Dec 1982-till date	Lecturer (till Dec 1990), Reader (Associate Professor from Dec 1990), C M College, Darbhanga (under L N Mithila University, Darbhanga, India) – presently on leave
Oct 1982-Dec 1982	Lecturer, Nalanda College, Biharsharif (under Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, India)
Dec1980-Oct 1982	Lecturer, J M S College, Munger (under Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur, India)

## **TEACHING**

### **Frequently taught courses:**

- ENGL 210 -- Introduction to Linguistics
- ENGL 215 – The Sounds of English
- ENGL 220 – Understanding English Grammar
- ENGL 285 – Writing Workshop
- ENGL 300 – Foundation of Linguistic Theory
- ENGL 420 – Second Language Acquisition

### **List of courses taught:**

- Theoretical Linguistics
- Modern English Syntax
- Morphology
- English Phonetics & Phonology
- Language Testing
- Second Language Acquisition
- TOEFL
- Business and Technical communications
- English for Specific Purposes (for Science, Business, Medicine and Engineering etc)

## **RESEARCH**

### **Research Interest:**

I am interested in researches in the following areas:

Language Testing  
 Second Language Acquisition  
 Bilingualism  
 English Syntax  
 Indian Writings in English

### **Research Guidance:**

### **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.):**

**Das, S.K. (2000)** *William Wordsworth and Walt Whitman as Poets of Man and Nature: A comparative study*. Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur, India

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **I. Articles in Refereed Professional Journals:**

**Sharma, A. K. and Roy, M. (2008)** The Sociology of Roald Dahl's 'Mrs Bixby and the Colonel's Coat', *The Indian Review of World Literature in English*, Vol. 4, No.2, July 2008, 59-63.

**Sharma, A. K.(2007)** Pedagogy of Pre-Writing, *Journal Of Communication Practices*, Vol. 4, No. 2, July-December 2007 , 57-64.

**Sharma, A. K. (2006)** Primary Stress in Medical Words: Implications for Teaching Pronunciation to Medical Students, *Journal Of Communication Practices*, Vol. 3, No. 2, July-December 2006, 33-38.

**Sharma, A. K. (1996)** Call and Language Testing, *International Journal of Communication*, Vol. V, 101-111.

### **II. Articles in University Journals:**

**Sharma, A. K. (2001)** The Sociology of Language Learning, Sultan Qaboos University *Language Centre Forum*, Issue 4, Spring, 41-44.

**Sharma, A. K. (1994)** Perspective on Code Switching on Hindi-English Discourse, *English Association Journal*, Univ. Dept. of English, L N Mithila Univ. India, 217-227.

### **III. Articles and Abstracts in International Conferences:**

**Sharma, A. K. and Thakur, V. S. (2009)**. Making 'skill-getting' and 'skill-using' a reality: A suggested approach. *Seventh International EFL Conference*, Pusan, South Korea (accepted).

**Thakur, V. S. and Sharma, A. K. (2009)** Engaging the learners in productive learning: Some pedagogical gateways. *Seventh International EFL Conference*, Pusan, South Korea. (accepted).

**Sharma, A. K. and Roy, M. (2008)** The Grammar of Conflicts in Shashi Tharoor's *Riot* , Paper presented at Gurukul Kangri University, Haridwar, India in 53rd All India English Teachers' Conference, December 18-20.

**Sharma, A. K. and Roy, M. (2006)** The Sociology of Roald Dahl's 'Mrs Bixby and the Colonel's Coat.' Paper presented at the University of Lucknow, India in 50<sup>th</sup> All India English Teachers' Conference, January 13-16.

### iii. Books/Supplements:

**Sharma, A. K.** (2001) *Teaching and Testing English Grammar*. New Delhi: Bahri Publications.

**Sharma, A. K.** (2001) *Writing Supplement* (for level four of Intensive English) Muscat: Language Centre, S Q University.

**Sharma, A. K.** (1995) *English 1 02* (English for Specific Purposes Book for Upper-Intermediate students in the Faculty of Commerce, Sana'a University). Sana'a University: Sana'a, Yemen.

**Sharma, A. K.** and **Razook, A.** (1993) *English 1 01* (English for Specific Purposes Book for Intermediate students in the Faculty of Commerce, Sana'a University). Sana'a University: Sana'a, Yemen.

### iv. Chapters in Books published or in progress:

**Sharma, A. K.** (2009). The Grammar of Conflicts in Shashi Tharoor's Riot in *Papers in Honour of Professor S. S. Prasad*, ed . Singh, A. K. Patna: AMS Publisher. (in press)

## **ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS / COLLOQUIUM**

- Workshop on *Student-Centred Teaching* in Collaboration with the American University of Beirut and CTL, Dhofar University at Dhofar University, Salalah, Oman, 3-5 January 2009
- Sixth Annual ELT Conference at S Q University, Muscat, 19 - 20 April 2006
- Pearson Education Teaching Training Seminar on *Trends in Teaching Grammar*, Higher College of Technology, Muscat, 16 March 2005
- Teacher Training Workshop entitled *Ten Conditions for Successful Language Teaching* (by Professor Jack C Richards), Higher College of Technology, Muscat, 14 March 2005
- Thomson ELT Workshop, Higher College of Technology, Muscat, 17 February 2005
- Garnet Education Workshop entitled *Teaching Skills in English to Arab Learners*, Higher College of Technology, Muscat, 13 February 2005
- *Tesol Arabia Conference*, at Dubai, UAE, 9– 11 March, 2005
- Fourth Annual National Conference, S Q University, Muscat, 20 - 21 March, 2004.
- *Tesol Arabia Conference*, at Dubai, UAE, 10 – 12 March, 2004
- Fourth Annual National Conference, S Q University, Muscat, 24 - 25 March 2004.

- Third Annual National Conference, S Q University, Muscat, in March 2003.
- *Tesol Arabia Conference*, at Abu Dhabi, UAE, 20– 22 March, 2002
- Second Annual National Conference, S Q University, Muscat in March 2002.
- First Annual National Conference (Theme - Excellence in Academic English) at S Q University, Muscat, 21 - 22 March 2001.
- *Tesol Arabia Conference*, Al-Ain, UAE, 22 -24 March, 2000
- *Colloquium of British Association of Applied Phoneticians (BAAP)*, Lancaster University, England, 9 -12 April, 1990.
- *A Refresher-cum-Seminar Course* at CIEFL, Regional Centre, Lucknow, India from 06.03.1989 to 17.03.1989.
- *A Refresher-cum-Seminar Course* at CIEFL, Regional Centre, Lucknow, India from 17.09.1979 to 28.09.1979

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **i. Academic Committees of the university:**

- Member, Equivalence Committee for Linguistics
- Member, Library Committee
- Member, Self-Study Committee (I contributed significantly by interviewing various officers of the university & by analysing students' responses to the information related to Students and Student Support Services.)
- Secretary, Department Council

### **ii. Academic Committees outside the university :**

- Journal Editor, English as an International Language Journals (<http://www.eilj.com/editorial.php>)
- Journal Editor, Chinese EFL Journal (<http://www.chinese-efl-journal.com/editorial.php>)
- Language Expert for a doctoral research (on a part time basis) being done at Napier University, UK by a faculty of College of Applied Sciences, Salalah (Under The Ministry of Higher Education, Oman).
- Member, Quality Control Team in the Ministry of Man-power, Sultanate of Oman, during 2003-2004
- Life-Member, Association of British Scholars of India
- Life-Member, All India English Teachers' Association
- Member, Lancaster University Career-talk networking
- Member, Lancaster University Alumni Association

### **iii. Community Services at large:**

- Life-Member, United Nations Foundations (UNF)
- Life-Member, The People Speak Organization (under UNF)
- Life-Member, National Campaign for People's Right to Information (NCPRI), India