



FACULTY PROFILE

Name	VIDYA MERLIN VARGHESE
Designation	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Department	POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

PERSONAL VISION AND MISSION

To kindle sincere passion to learn, grow and make positive, meaningful contributions for academia and student community

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of entry into permanent service	14/08/2002 – 5/7/2011(HSST) 6/7/2011- Present (College Service in Baselius College, Kottayam and Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta)
Total teaching experience as on 01.11.2025	14 in college;9 in HSST (23years till date)
Age and Date of Birth	46years, 09/03/1979
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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Degree	Subject	Institution and University	Grade/
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UG	ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	Assumption College, Changanacherry Mahatma Gandhi University	First class
PG	ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	Marthoma College, Tiruvalla Mahatma Gandhi University	Second class
M Phil			
Ph D	ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	Bharathiar University Coimbatore	(2020 awarded)
Additional Qualifications B Ed	ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	Titus II Teachers Training College, Tiruvalla, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	First Class
NET	ENGLISH		

COLLEGE LEVEL DUTIES / MAJOR CHARGES

Duty	Position	Duration
BASELIUS COLLEGE Baselian Bi monthly Laurel's Day Music Club Quiz Club PTA Cooperative Bank Debate Club MGOCSM	magazine editor Coordinator Coordinator Coordinator Committee Member Member Coordinator Secretary	2011-2024
Catholicate College: Placement Cell Grievance Redressal Cell Life Skills Development Centre College Magazine	Coordinator Member Member Faculty Editor	2024 onwards

POSITIONS HELD/ AWARDS/ RECOGNITIONS/ MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS



Name	Details
Board of Studies Member	UG(BoS)Member,Mar Ivanios College Trivandrum
Question Paper Setter	For internal examinations UG and PG
Reviewer	
Best Paper Award	

RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY

Year of Award of Ph.D.	2020
No. of Publications	14
No. of Patents awarded	
No. of papers presented in Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and Symposia	
Year of Award of Research Guideship	
No. of Ph.Ds produced	
No. of Ph.D. students currently registered	
No. of Major Research Projects awarded/completed	
No. of Minor Research Projects awarded/completed	1: MRP UGC XII PLAN MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT
Total amount of research grant awarded	Rs 1,30,000/-
Area of Consultancy	
Income generated by consultancy during the last five years	

RESEARCH PROJECTS



Name	Details	Amount
UGC Minor Project DST Major Project	MRP UGC XII PLAN MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT Title: An Analysis of the Cultural Aspects in the Film and Fiction Versions of Alice Walker's <i>Color Purple</i> and Jane Austen's <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Amount: 1,30000

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

International/ 8 National Publications 3	• “Semiotics of Murals :Thoughts on Kottayam as the chuvarchitra nagari” in BaseliusResearcher ISSN 0975-8658 JULY –DEC 2013 VOL XIV NUMBER .2 pgs 166-171 • VOICING MULTICULTURALISM: RUMINATIONS ON YANN MARTEL’S LIFE OF PI in RESEARCH JOURNAL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ANDLITERATURE (RJELAL) VOL.4.ISSUE 3-2016, PAGES-445-448; ISSN 2395-2636: IMPACT FACTOR 5.002 JULY-SEPTEMBER2016 ISSUE • A CULTURAL READING OF ALICE WALKER’S THE COLORPURPLE in BASELIUS RESEARCHER, VOL XVII NUMBER 2 pgs 351-354; ISSN0975-8658;2016 • “Poppied Lives Off/On Shore: A Barthesian Reading of Amitav Ghosh’s Sea of Poppies” in International Journal of Research in Humanities ,Arts and LiteratureIMPACT:IJRHAL VOL 5 ,ISSUE 12,DEC 2017 • “The Charm and Charisma of Celluloid: A Mise-en –scene Analysis of the film <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> IMPACT: IJRHAL VOL 6,ISSUE 8 AUG 2018 ISSN 2347-4564 • “A Cultural Reading of the Film and Fiction Versions of Jane Austen’s <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>” IMPACT: IJRHAL VOL 6,ISSUE 11NOV 2018 ISSN 2347-4564 • Writing In/About Exile: A Close Reading of Salman Rushdie’s Joseph Anton Dr .Mathew P Joseph & Vidya Merlin Varghese published in IJRAR- International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews [VOLUME 6 I ISSUE 1 I JAN. – MARCH 2019] • Article titled "Contextualizing Cuisine,Love and Bonding in Anita Nair's Alphabet Soup for Lovers " published in The Text-An International Peer Reviewed Online Journal of Language,Literature and Critical Theory,ISSN:2581-9526 VOL 7,NO2 JULY 2025;pgs 32-41 • Article titled "Memoryscapes of Guilt,Grief and Loss in Jokha Alharthi's Bitter Orange Tree "published in Ishal Paithrkam UGC CARE LISTED Peer-Reviewed Journal Issue-35,December 2023 ISSN: 2582-550X • Article titled "Companionship beyond Words:An Anthropomorphic Reading of The Art of Racing in the Rain and The Guardian" published in
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	Teresian Journal of English Studies Peer-Reviewed International Quarterly Journal April-June 2025,VOL XVII,Issue II ,ISSN 0975-6302 Article titled Exploring the facets of toxic masculinity and family dynamics in the movie Joji published in International Journal of Science & Engineering Development Research (www.ijrti.org), ISSN:2455-2631, Vol.10, Issue 9, page no.b325-b328, September-2025, Available :http://www.ijrti.org/papers/IJRTI2509141.pdf
Chapters in Books 3	"Shifting Contours/Marring Boundaries: A Cultural Reading of Amitav Ghosh's <i>Sea of Poppies</i>" The Writings of Amitav Ghosh: Exploration of Multiple Worlds ISBN978-81-269-2943-6 Edited by P. V.Laxmiprasad ATLANTIC PUBLISHERS & DISTRIBUTORS(P) LTD. - Article titled "Transcending Borders and Partition Pangs : A Reading of Shiv K Kumar's Train to Delhi " Published in book titled Boundaries Beyond and After: Tracing the Contours of Literature and Partition ,Published by Co-Text Publishers,Kottayam ; ISBN:978-81-952253-2-3 - Article titled "Fractured Lives Fractured Lands: Bioregional Issues in Select Texts of Amitav Ghosh" Published in book: Nationhood and the Indian Subcontinent:Contemporary Cultural Reflections Edited by Himadri Lahiri and Srideep Mukherjee Published by: Centre for Language, Translation and Cultural Studies CLTCS, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, India. January 2025 ISBN:978-81-968283-6-3
Proceedings of international/ National symposiums	"Language Games as a Holistic Tool for Child Development " published in proceedings of National Seminar on "Emerging Trends in Sports Psychology" organized by Dept.of Physical Education ,Baselius College ,Kottayam on 25th & 26th Feb. .2015 pgs 7-9; ISBN 9788192210933
Paper Presentations (International/ National)	- Paper on "Maternal Psyche in Chemeen and Riders to the Sea" @ the Two day UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Literature & Psychology organized at Baselius College Department of English on 8th & 9th December 2011 - Paper on "Semiotics of Murals :Thoughts on Kottayam as the chuvarchitra nagari" @theUGC Sponsored National Seminar on The Politics Of Popular Culture: Current trends in Mass Media & Popular Fiction organized by Post graduated dept.of English Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla on 11th & 12th Sep.2013 - Paper on "Freudian Reading of The Secret Letters of the Monk who sold his Ferrari" @ theTwo day UGC Sponsored National Seminar on An Interface :Convergence of Theories and Techniques organized at Baselius College Department of English on 4th & 5th Oct.2013 - Presented a paper on "Voicing Multiculturalism:Ruminations on Yann Martel's Life of Pi" at the two day Inter National Seminar on MultiCultural India:Inclusiveness and New Humanities organized by Pondicherry University on 22nd and 23rd February 2016 - Presented a paper on "Poppied Lives Off/On Shore:A Barthesian Reading of Amitav Ghosh's Sea of Poppies" at the UGC recognized International Seminar on Sea & Literature organized by Association for Cultural



	&Scientific Research,Thrissur in collaboration with Dept. of English ,Sree Narayana College,Nattika on 29th &30thSeptember 2016 in Alleppey - Presented a paper titled “Entwining Lands, Lores and Lives: A Eco Cultural Reading of Amitav Ghosh’s <i>Gun Island</i>” at participants’presentation session on ‘Nation, Nation-State and Nationalism in the IndianSubcontinent’ on August 1, 2020 - Presented paper on “Lores Luring Lives and Lands: Exploring Eco cultural Elements in Gun Island- Dept. dialectics session-22/9/20 - Presented a paper on “Transcending Borders and Partition Pangs: A Reading of Shiv K Kumar’s <i>Train to Delhi</i>”,National Seminar organized by Post graduate Department and Centre for Research in English,Baselius College,Kottayam 6/2/21
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WORKSHOPS /SEMINARS/ CONFERENCES ORGANISED

Position	Details
Co-ordinator	- Two Day National Seminar on Narratives Of/On Sports: The Poetics and Politics,12th and 13 December 2023,Postgraduate Department of English and Centre for Research Baselius College Kottayam - National Seminar on Body Text and Performance:Theory and Praxis,30th January 2019, Postgraduate Department of English and Centre for Research Baselius College Kottayam - National Seminar on Crime Culture:Mediating Criminality in Literature ,Films and Media 16th December 2016, Postgraduate Department of English and Centre for Research Baselius College Kottayam - Three day Workshop MGOCSM Students at Sophia Centre 23-26 JANUARY 2020 - PG Students’ National Seminar PRAJNA 6th February 2023 - PUNARV: Workshop on the Art of Recycling 6th Sep 2024,Catholicate College Pathanamthitta - Online Webinar on “The Aesthetics of Food” 21 Feb 2025 , Catholicate College Pathanamthitta - Symposium on Aesthetic Traditions of India 6th January 2025 Catholicate College Pathanamthitta

WORKSHOPS /FDP/ORIENTATION/REFRESHERCOURSES ATTENDED

Name	Details
	- Orientation programme -Bharathiar University - Refresher Course in Comparative Indian Literature :UGC HRDC, Trivandrum - Refresher Course in English – UGC HRDC -Jamia Millia Islamia,New Delhi - Refresher Course in English – UGC HRDC- SV University,Tirupati



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short Term Course in Disability Studies -M G University ,Kottayam• 5 day FDP on MGU UG Honours Syllabus Revision , M G University ,Kottayam• NEP 2020 ORIENTATION & SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME-UGC MMTC Delhi• Short Term Programme on Indian Knowledge System ,MMTC -Jadavpur University |
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MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Membership in ELTAI

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Chair For Paper Presentations at National and International Seminars - 7
- Teacher Trainer Resource Person Bhavan's Vidyapeeth, Eroor, 2023
- Subject Expert for Guest Lecturer Interview at CMS College, Kottayam 2023
- Article in MGOCSM Magazine 2023-2024
- Article in College Magazine and Department publications 2023-2024
- Radio Mangalam 91.2 "Classico Times" programme 2016
- Faculty Coordinator of Radio Drama *Riders to the Sea* aired on Yuvavani AIR, Trivandrum 16 April 2022

Dr Vidya Merlin Varghese

Name and Signature of Teacher with date