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#### **OBJECTIVE**

Seeking Excellence in STEM Education Research, Practice and Leadership.

#### **EDUCATION**

## Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Johor Bahru, Malaysia PhD in Engineering Education

*September 8, 2015* 

Supervisors: Dr. Fauzi Bin Othman and Dr. Yudariah Binti Mohammad Yusof

Thesis Title: "Blended Learning Environment to develop Personas and Themes in Engineering

Students using Mathematical Oriented Activities"

## Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore, Pakistan Masters of Science in Computer Engineering

June 18, 2011

Relevant Courses: Problems of Learning; Computer Vision; Machine Learning; Digital System Design; Applied Probability; Design and Analysis of Algorithms; Computer Architecture; Advanced Computer Architecture; Data Mining; Operations Research.

# University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Lahore, Pakistan Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering

January 1998

Final Year Project "Traffic Signal Control Using PLC."

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### University of Education, Township Campus Lahore

April 2018 to date

Assistant Professor (Department of STEM Education, Division of Education)

#### Namal College, Mianwali, Pakistan

Assistant Professor (Department of Electrical Engineering) &

April 2015 to May 2017

Registrar

June 2016 to May 2017

[Head of Student Support Office (SSO)/ Head of Admissions and Placement Office (APO)/

Head of Exams and Placement Office (EPO)]

#### Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

October 2011 to August 2014

Research Assistant

#### Allama Iqbal Open University, Lahore, Pakistan

March 2011 to September 2011

IT Professional OG-II / Department of Computer Sciences

#### Beacon House National University, Lahore, Pakistan

Jan 2011 to June 2011

Assistant Professor (Visiting Faculty)

#### Megaplus, Lahore, Pakistan

Jan 2003 to July2009

**ERP** Coordinator

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Continued)

Informatics, Bahria University & SZABIST ISD, Pakistan

Sep 2001 to Dec 2002

Assistant Professor (Visiting Faculty)

The University of Lahore, Pakistan

January 2000 to Aug 2001

**Assistant Professor** 

National Engineers Training Services, Lahore, Pakistan

Nov 98 to June 2000

Manager SAP Operations

Systems Research Pvt. Ltd., Rawalpindi, Pakistan

Feb 98 to Oct 98

**SAP** Functional Consultant

Control Systems Engineering Pvt. Ltd.

April 96 to Sep 96

Project Internee

#### **RELEVANT SKILLS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### Interpersonal, Communication & Entrepreneurial Skills:

- Working as Education Consultant in the Project "Rehabilitation and Revitalization of Science Labs across Selected Schools in Punjab" under FAME Educations and PMIU (September 2019 to date)
- Worked as Principal Investigator of the project "Integration of Design Thinking and
   Inventive Problem Solving for Prospective Engineers" at Namal College, Mianwali (April
   2016 to May 2017)
- Worked as Team Lead of the project "Namal Initiative of Social Transformation (NIST)" at Namal College, Mianwali (February 2016 to May 2017)
- Worked as Patron of **Namal Society of Social Impact (NSSI)** at Namal College, Mianwali (September 2015 to June 2016)
- Worked as Coordinator Workshops and Seminars at Namal College, Mianwali (September 2015 to May 2017)
- Worked as Mendeley Advisor for the Namal College, Mianwali (2015 to 2017) and Conducted basic and advanced level workshops on Mendeley (2015) for undergraduate students of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering
- Worked as Engineering Education Consultant in Ce-TIDE, Namal College, Mianwali (2015)

- Worked as Mendeley Advisor for the *UTM*, *Skudai Campus* (2012 to 2015) and conducted basic and advanced level workshops on Mendeley (2012, 2013, 2014) for postgraduate students
- Worked as research assistant on a project "Study of Mathematics Learning Methods among Malaysian using fMRI" and sharing engineering education perspective to facilitate and make sense of the fMRI results (2011-2014) at Universit Teknologi Malaysia.
- Worked as Vice President, *Postgraduate Student Society-School of Graduate Studies* (*PGSS-SPS*) (2014-2015) at Universit Teknologi Malaysia
- Participated in a National Science Foundation (NSF) funded project "Engineering
  Education Research Leadership NetWorkshop" (2013 to 2015) as a mid-career faculty to
  get a support to move into leadership roles, building my communication skills in difficult
  situations, and developing strategies to raise awareness of and appreciation for the field of
  EER in the broader engineering community.
- Participated in a *National Science Foundation (NSF)* funded project "*Engineering Education Pioneers and Trajectories of Impact*," (2014) to gain a contextualized understanding of past transformation efforts in engineering education by documenting and analyzing pioneers' "impact trajectories" (contributions, influences, challenges, and successes) and to catalyze and study the development of prospective change agents.
- Participated in a National Science Foundation (NSF) funded project "Refining the
  Taxonomy for Engineering Education Research" (August 2013 to September 2013) and
  several follow-up sessions with the broad engineering education research community to
  refine the taxonomy for engineering education research. These include online audio, video
  and written interactions and a workshop at REES 2013.
- Worked as Female Representative, *International Student Society, Pakistan (ISS-PAK)* (2012)
- Worked on project proposal writing for online BS (CS) program under the Department of Computer Science AIOU, Pakistan (2011)

#### **ROLE IN ADMINISTRATION & SERVICES**

#### Registrar/Head of SSO, APO, EPO

As *Head of Student Support Office (SSO)*, I was responsible for supporting the academic environment and enhancing the student experience at Namal College through advising and counseling, liasoning the academic as well as non-academic misconduct cases, developing the policies and procedures of SSO, smoothly executing standard operating procedures (SOPs)

related to the student services and providing a healthy learning environment for extra-curricular activities including student societies and clubs.

As *Head of Admissions and Placement Office (APO)*, I planned and executed the admission drive, developed and improved the admission process. I also managed the graduation ceremonies and headed the placement drives for fresh graduates in the industry.

As *Head of Exams and Partnership Office (EPO)*, I supervised exam and partnership office for pre-, post- and during exam activities and facilitate the partnership SOPs with local and foreign universities.

#### **Student Advising & Mentorship Activities**

## Academic Year 201617:

- o An allocated group of 15 students has been advised (as Academic Advisor).
- o Most of the DPS (Developing Professional Skills) module's students were advised for skill building on regular basis (as a Teacher/Mentor).
- Event management team has been advised throughout the year for leadership skills (as Coordinator Seminars and Workshops).
- o Fresh Graduates have been advised/mentored for their further studies and Jobs (as Mentor).

#### Academic Year 201516:

- o An allocated group of 14 students has been advised (as Academic Advisor).
- Most of the DPS (Developing Professional Skills) module's students have been advised for skill building on regular basis (as a Teacher/Mentor).
- o NSSI (Namal Society of Social Impact) management team has been advised throughout the year for leadership skills (as Patron).
- Event management team has been advised throughout the year for leadership skills (as Coordinator Seminars and Workshops)
- o Fresh graduates have been advised/mentored for their higher studies and jobs (as Mentor).

#### HONORS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Received "Partial Support for PhD Studies Abroad" for my last year of PhD at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Malaysia from HEC, Pakistan

  2013
- Achieved First Place award on Final Year Project "Traffic Signal Control Using PLC"
   1997
- Received National Talent Scholarship & Silver Medal for obtaining the 2nd position among girls in F.Sc.
- Received Shamshad Memorial Gold Medal & Silver Medal for standing first in Lahore College for Women

  1993
- Received Academic Roll of Honors from Lahore College for Women 1993
- Achieved Final Award of Govt. Scholarship
- Achieved President's Talent Farming Scholarship

#### RESEARCH & PROJECTS

- "Rehabilitation and Revitalization of Science Labs across Selected Schools in Punjab"
  September 2019 to date
- "Innovating and Designing Applications in STEM Education (IDEA-STEM)"

April 2018 to date

- "Integration of Design Thinking and Inventive Problem Solving for Prospective Engineers" April 2016 to May 2017
- "Study of Mathematics Learning Methods among Malaysian using fMRI"
  October 2011-to August 2014
- "Engineering Education Pioneers and Trajectories of Impact"
   January, 2014-to-December 2014
- "Refining the Taxonomy for Engineering Education Research"

August-September, 2013

- "Anomaly Detection in Data Sets" (Problems of Learning)
  For the Course Project of "Problems of Learning"
- "Anomaly Detection in Data Sets" 2011 (Domain specific applications for Anomaly detection and prediction).
- "Traffic Signal Control Using PLC"

  (Adaptive Control and Time division Control).

#### PUBLICATIONS (REFERRED/INDEXED)

- Sterrett, William; Azam, Rauf; Moallem, Mahnaz; Boersma, Jess; Bashir, Ahsan; Ricanek, Karl; Saeed, Mohammad; Butt, Intzar; *Mahmood, Aisha*; Sukhera, Sohail; Gordon, Chris (2020) "Sharing a Powerful IDEA: Learning Organizations Collaborating to Innovate and Design Engaging Applications in STEM Education" accepted for publication in Development and Learning in Organizations.
- Aisha Mahmood, Zulhasni Abdul Rahim, Muhammad Mansoor and Mariam Altaf Tarar "Redesigning the way future engineers learn to solve inventive problems" in The TRIZ Journal (online), June Issue, 2016 [https://triz-journal.com/triz-journals-june-issue/]
- Yusof, Y. M., Othman, M. F. Bin, & Mahmood, A. (2014). Making Students' Thinking Explicit: Learning What They Know about Functions. In International Conference on Teaching and Learning in Computing and Engineering (pp. 256–261). Kuching, Malaysia: IEEE Computer Society Press. doi:10.1109/LaTiCE.2014.56 [Scopus Indexed]
- Mahmood, A., Othman, M. F. Bin, & Yusof, Y. M. (2013). Activity Theory Model to
   Cultivate Higher Order Mathematical Thinking. In Research in Engineering Education
   Symposium (REES2013) 4-6 July, 2013, ISBN 978-967-0194-35-6 (pp. 263–275). Putrajaya,
   Malaysia. [Scopus Indexed]
- Mahmood, A., Othman, M. F., & Yusof, Y. M. (2012). A Conceptual Framework for Mathematical Ability Analysis through the Lens of Cultural Neuroscience. Procedia Social and Behavioral Sciences, 56(8 October), 175–182. [Science Direct Indexed]

#### **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (PEER REVIEWED)**

Aisha Mahmood, Yudariah Mohammad Yusof<sup>\*</sup> Mohd. Fauzi Bin Othman "Making Sense of my Reflective Practice: A Journey from practice to praxis" The 2nd International Conference on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education 2018 (ICSTEM2018) 2-4 October, 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- Aisha Mahmood, Yudariah Mohammad Yusof<sup>9</sup> Mohd. Fauzi Bin Othman "Evidence-Based Personas of First Year Engineering Students as Potential Pedagogical Tool" Regional Conference in Engineering Education & Research in Higher Education (RCEE & RHED 20116) 9-10 August, 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Scopus Indexed Conference)
- Aisha Mahmood, Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, Aleena Hasan Qurashi "Redesigning the way Teams Work Smarter using Comprehensive Assessment of Team Member Effectiveness (CATME)" in PICMET '16 Conference, "Technology Management for Social Innovation" on September 4 8, 2016 at Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa Honolulu, Hawaii, USA (Core A Conference)
- Muhammad Adil Raja, Sarmad Ali, Aisha Mahmood "Simulators as Drivers of Cutting Edge Research" in ISMS2016, IEEE 7th International Conference on Intelligent Systems, Modelling and Simulation in Bangkok (Thailand), 25 27 January, 2016 at Century Park Hotel hosted by King Mongkuts University of Technology Thonburi. (IEEE Explore pp. 114-119, doi: 10.1109/ISMS.2016.30, http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/7877199/)
- Malik Shahzad Iqbal, Syed M. Mustafa, Aisha Mahmood "Examining the Reliability of Past Entrance Tests for a Private Sector university, A Case Study", in 8th International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation, ICERI2015, in Seville, Spain. 18-20 November, 2015. ISBN: 978-84-608-2657-6 / ISSN: 2340-1095, Publisher: IATED, Proceedings, pp. 2726-2734.
- Aisha Mahmood, Zulhasni Abdul Rahim, Muhammad Mansoor and Mariam Altaf Tarar "Redesigning the way future engineers learn to solve inventive problems" in the 11<sup>th</sup> International MATRIZ Conference, TRIZfest-2015, September 10-12, 2015, Seoul, South Korea.
- Yudariah M. Yusof, M. Fauzi Bin Othman, & Aisha Mahmood "Manipulating Students'
   Met-befores in Mathematical Thinking and Problem Solving through Blended
   Learning" (Poster Presentation) for the 8<sup>th</sup> IMA Conference on Mathematical Education of
   Engineers, April 2015 at Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire, United
   Kingdom
- Aisha Mahmood, M. Fauzi Bin Othman, & Yudariah M. Yusof "Systematic Qualitative Data Management (SQDM) during an Interpretive Action Research" in the 5th International Graduate Conference on Engineering, Science and Humanities IGCEH 2014 "Towards Synergy in Multidisciplinary Research" 19-21 August, 2014, Johor Bahru, Malaysia
- Yudariah M. Yusof, M. Fauzi Bin Othman, & *Aisha Mahmood "Making Students' Thinking Explicit: Learning what they know about Functions"* in International Conference on Learning and Teaching in Computing and Engineering (LaTiCE) in conjunction with Regional Conference in Engineering Education & Research in Higher Education (RCEE; RHEd) April, 2014, pp. 256-261, Kuching, Malaysia (Scopus Indexed Conference)
- Aisha Mahmood, M. Fauzi Bin Othman, & Yudariah M. Yusof "Activity Theory Model to Cultivate Higher Order Mathematical Thinking" in Research in Engineering Education Symposium (REES2013), July, 2013, pp. 263-275, Putrajaya; Malaysia (Scopus Indexed Conference)

• Aisha Mahmood, M. Fauzi Bin Othman, & Yudariah M. Yusof "A conceptual framework for mathematical ability analysis through the lens of cultural neuroscience" in International Conference on Teaching and learning in Higher Education (ICTLHE) 2012 in conjunction with the Regional Conference on engineering Education & Research in Higher Education (RCEE & RHED 2012) 10-12 April, 2012, Seremban, Malaysia

## LIST OF INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS ATTENDED DURING/AFTER PHD STUDIES

| Title of the Workshop  | Facilitator(s)   |
|--|--|
| <ul> <li>Effective Teaching for Outcome-Based Education (20/05/2014-21/05/2014)</li> <li>Designing and Presenting Effective Teaching Workshops in Technical Disciplines (23/05/2014)</li> </ul>                        | Dr. Richard Felder (North<br>Carolina State University) &<br>Dr. Rebecca Brent (North    |
| <ul> <li>How (and How Not) To Evaluate Teaching<br/>(23/05/2014)</li> </ul>  | Carolina State University)   |
| <ul> <li>Cooperative Learning and Assessment (28/10/2013)</li> <li>Structured Controversy (15/12/2011)</li> <li>Future Direction of Engineering Education (17/12/2011)</li> </ul>                                      | Dr. Karl Smith (Purdue<br>University)  |
| <ul> <li>Design-Based Research (10/07/2013-11/-7/2013)</li> </ul>  | Dr. Anette Kolmos (Aalborg<br>University)  |
| <ul> <li>Research Design in Qualitative Research (8/04/2012)</li> <li>Techniques for Engaging Students in Deep Learning (13/4/2012)</li> </ul>   | Dr. Elliot Douglas (University of Florida)   |
| <ul> <li>Crafting Problems for Engaging Learning (9/4/2012)</li> <li>Integrating Engineering into Secondary and Pre-University Curricula (10/4/2012)</li> <li>Model Eliciting Activities (MEAs) (11/4/2012)</li> </ul> | Dr. Johannes Strobel (Texas A & M University) & Dr. Heidi Diefes-Dux (Purdue University) |
| <ul> <li>Concept inventory: What is it and how do I write one?<br/>(04/10/2013)</li> </ul>   | Prof. Ronald Miller (Colorado<br>School of Mines)  |
| <ul> <li>Writing High Impact Research Proposals in<br/>Engineering Education (10/12/2012)</li> </ul>   | Maura Borrego (Virginia Tech)  |
| <ul> <li>Making Academic Change Happen (MACH) (30/11/2013)</li> <li>Implementation of students' learning and assessment using e-Portfolio (02/12/2013)</li> </ul>  | Prof. Julia M. Williams (Rose-<br>Hulman Institute of Technology)                        |
| <ul> <li>Software Tools for Qualitative Data Analysis<br/>(9/04/2014)</li> </ul>   | Dr. Neena Thota (University of<br>Saint Joseph, Macau S.A.R)                             |
| <ul> <li>Problem-Based Learning (10/04/2014)</li> <li>Planning, Preparing and Publishing Research in Engineering Education (9/04/2014)</li> </ul>  | Dr. Lyn Brodie (University of<br>Southern Queensland)                                    |

## LIST OF INTERNATIONALWORKSHOPS ATTENDED DURING/AFTER PHD STUDIES (CONTINUED)

| Title of the Workshop   | Facilitator(s)  |
|---|---|
| TRIZ Level 1 Practitioner Workshop & Certification (26/01/2015-27/01/2015)                              | Dr. Yeoh Teong San (Principal<br>Engineer & MyTRIZ President) |
| ■ TRIZ Level 2 Practitioner Workshop & Certification (27/07/2016-28/07/2016)                            | Dr. Yeoh Teong San (Principal<br>Engineer & MyTRIZ President) |
| ■ TRIZ Level 1 Instructor Workshop & Certification (17/10/2016-18/10/2016)                              | Dr. Yeoh Teong San (Principal<br>Engineer & MyTRIZ President) |
| <ul> <li>Hands-on Workshop on Design Course for<br/>Engineering Faculty (06/04/2017) at GIKI</li> </ul> | Prof. Dr. Abdul Fazal M. Arif<br>(KFUPM, Saudia Arabia)       |

## PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL TRIZ CERTIFICATIONS

- Theory of Inventive Problem Solving (TRIZ) Level-1 Practitioner Certification (MyTRIZ) 2015
- Theory of Inventive Problem Solving (TRIZ) Level-2 Practitioner Certification (MyTRIZ) 2016
- Theory of Inventive Problem Solving (TRIZ) Level-1 Trainer Certification (MyTRIZ) 2016

## LIST OF COURSES COMPLETED DURING PHD STUDIES

| Course name  | Session/<br>Semester | Course<br>Type<br>Core/<br>Elective | Instructor(s)' Name           | Total credits of course | Grade<br>/GPA |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Fundamentals of<br>Engineering<br>Education                        | 20112012/1           | Core                                | Multiple Instructors          | 3                       | -             |
| Research<br>Methodology in<br>Engineering<br>Education             | 20112012/1           | Core                                | Multiple Instructors          | 3                       | -             |
| Quantitative Data<br>Analysis                                      | 20112012/2           | Core                                | Dr. Hamidreza                 | 3                       | -             |
| Current Issues of<br>Engineering<br>Education                      | 20112012/2           | Core                                | Dr. Helmi                     | 3                       | -             |
| Seminar on Global<br>Development,<br>Economic and<br>Social Issues | 20112012/2           | Elective                            | Ahmad Shukri Bin<br>Mohd Nain | 3                       | A+/4.0        |
| Malays Society and<br>Culture                                      | 20132014/1           | Elective                            | Norlin Ahmad                  | 3                       | A/4.0         |
| CGPA   |                      |                                     |                               |                         | 4.0           |

## LIST OF MOOCS COMPLETED

| Course name                            | Date of completion | University          | Instructor(s)' Name         |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Introduction to Mathematical Thinking  | November 3, 2012   | Stanford University | Keith Devlin                |
| Design Thinking<br>Action Lab          | September 25, 2013 | Stanford University | Leticia Britos<br>Cavagnaro |
| How to Learn Maths                     | September 28, 2013 | Stanford University | Jo Boaler                   |
| Effective Thinking Through Mathematics | May 8, 2014        | UTAustinX           | Michael Starbird            |

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC No. Elect/30772) since 2009.
- Professional Member of IEEE (# 93706706) since 2015
- SEEM (Society of Engineering Education, Malaysia) Student Membership since 2012.
- ASEE (American Society for Engineering Education) Student Membership since 2013.
- MyTriz (Lifetime Membership)

#### LIST OF REFERENCES

| Mentors/ Di    | r. Ayaz Muhammad Khan   |
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| Colleagues Di  | irector Division of Educationn, University of Education, Lahore, Pakistan |
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| Dı             | r. Mohd. Fauzi Bin Othman   |
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