

Resume of
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Summary & Objectives

I am a Professor of English with specialization in TESOL and ELT. Have taught English in various programs at home and overseas for more than forty years. After completion of my first Honors degree in English and then my first Masters in English Literature with components of American Literature, I received some in-service educational training under the auspices of the British Council and the USIS. Later as a Fulbright scholar, on successful completion of pre-academic ALIGU courses at Georgetown University, Washington DC, I obtained my Masters with specialization in TESOL from Temple University, USA. Also completed an Advanced PG Certificate Course in TEFL at Ohio University, USA. I did my PhD in an interdisciplinary field of language, intercultural communication, spoken genre and acculturation at Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia in 2009.

My participation as a Fulbright scholar in the US and later as a research fellow in Australia has been a major breakthrough in my professional career. While the western education has enabled me to acquire the graduate skills like business acumen, teamwork, leadership, problem solving, working independently and calmly in crisis, the practical experience of teaching and other academic engagements in the western and non-western educational landscapes have made me aware of institutional standards like code of conducts, pre planning including setting goals, strategies for achievement, and cultural sensibility.

I have taught English in its various programs to different professional groups and postgraduate courses in (Applied) Linguistics, ELT and translation studies, Bengali (to foreigners) in Bangladesh and overseas. I have also taught courses in *Culture and Communication*, and *Problem Based Learning (PBL)* and *ESL* and edited theses of Aus Aid grantees and at Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia.

Besides teaching, I have been involved in four UNDP Bangladesh and EU supported projects as consultant-cum-vendor and provided services that included editing, translating various reports in both Bengali and English, compilation of the Codes of Ethics of Lawyers of the Bar Council of Bangladesh, and preparation of training module for the judicial staff. Have also trained for SAT test designed for UN Peace Keeping Missions. I have also been an adjunct faculty at different (non)govt. and corporate training institutes. My involvement with UNDP Bangladesh and EU has provided me with a high standard of professionalism compatible with the world bodies.

I worked as a medical interpreter Melbourne between 2003 and 2008, and with the visiting Canadian research team. The documents that I usually translate and edit range from official letters to Govt. policies, travelogue, legal documents, and parliamentary acts.

I have been a certified examiner of several internationally recognized English language proficiency tests (e.g. **DELNA, ACCESS, IELTS,**) since 1995.

Recently I have retired from the service of Dhaka University, and have been very much involved in academic engagements at several universities that include a US university and Bangladesh University of Professionals where I supervise some MPhil and PhD researchers.

Personal Information

Marital Status: **Married**

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Nationality: **Bangladeshi**

Education:

- 2003- 2008 Ph D Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia** (on campus full time)
1987-'89 M TESOL, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA, (on campus full time)
specialization in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
1971-'72 M. A. in English Rajshahi University, Bangladesh (full time)
1967- 71 B. A. (Hons) in English Rajshahi University Bangladesh (on campus full time)

Professional Training:

- 7/89 to 8/89 OPIE, Ohio University, Ohio, USA** (on campus full time)
Advanced Certificate Course in TEFL, (with special focus on Applied Linguistics, TEFL theory and Methodology, Designing, planning and implementation of training, Testing, Material development, and using teaching aids etc)
7/87 to 8/87 American Language Institute, Georgetown University (ALIGU) Wash D.C. USA
(on campus full time)Pre academic Courses (Research Methodology & Academic English)
1976 and 1977 The British Council, Dhaka, (on campus full time)
Two short courses on TESL (Focusing on teaching English at Tertiary level)
1975 and 1977 USIS, Dhaka (on campus full time)
Two short courses on TEFL.
7/95–9/95 Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages (CIEFL), Hyderabad, India Summer Course on ELT, (on campus full time)

Professional Experience:

- 1/2019-12/2020 Visiting Professor,** Independent University, Bashundhara Res Area, Dhaka
- 4/2018-1/2019 Dean, FASS, and Chairman,** English Dept. Southeast University, Banani
- 7/2016- 2/2019 Professor and Chairman,** Dept. of English, Stamford University Bangladesh, Dhanmondi
- 5/2013 to 6/2016 Professor of English,** Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka. Have taught EAP as well as postgraduate courses in TESOL (SLA, Discourse Analysis, Applied linguistics, Syntax, Morphology, Testing & Evaluation, Research Methodology etc) to DU students; Communicative English to different professional groups including govt. executives. Have supervised M. Phil and PhD students. Have provided specialist services to UNDP and EU projects.
- 5/2001- 5/2013 Associate Professor of English, Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka.** Have taught EAP as well as postgraduate courses in TESOL to DU students; Communicative English to different professional groups including govt. executives, Defence personnel; and ESP to medical students; and Business English to corporate staff members. Have supervised research students for M. Phil and PhD.
- 3/2004-10/'08 Visiting Lecturer, Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia.** Have taught courses on Communication and culture in the faculty of Arts, and Problem Based Learning (PBL) courses in the Engineering faculty of the University, and also ESL in VU Youth Transition program.
- 10/91-5/01 Assistant Professor of English,** Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka. Taught EAP to D.U. students, Communicative English to different professional groups including govt. executives, defense personnel, and Syntax, Morphology, Applied Linguistics to postgraduate TESOL students.
- 2/1973- 9/91 Lecturer in English,** under Ministry of Education, Bangladesh. Taught English as FL at pre-university and undergraduate levels in different colleges.

- 7/83 – 9/84 **Master Grade I**, Ministry of Science & Technology, Sokoto, Nigeria (with lien). Taught technical English at pre-university level.
- 11/79- 8/80 **Education Officer**, Ministry of Education, Ethiopian Govt. Addis Ababa (with lien). Taught EFL at pre university level.
- 1992- 2011 **Head of the Dept of English** (3 terms), Institute of Modern Languages, Dhaka University.

Research Supervision:

Have supervised postgraduate research projects leading to MPhil and PhD degrees since 2009. Have been a member of **PhD Adjudication Panels** at several universities home and overseas for last five years. At present have got 11 M.Phil and PhD research-students from DU and Bangladesh University of Professionals.

Other Academic Engagements:

- Since 1/ 2015 **Adjunct Faculty**, Bangladesh University of Professionals, Mirpur Cantonment.
- Since 5/2012 **Consultant, UNDP Bangladesh & EU**, (Village Court Cluster)
Consultant, Judicial Strengthening Facility, Bangladesh Bar Council)
Consultant/Vendor, JUST Project- Judicial Administration and Training Institute (**JATI**)
Consultant/Vendor, JUST Project (Bangladesh Supreme Court)
- Since 2008 **Research Supervisor**. Have supervised postgraduate research students and examined theses (at home & overseas).
- Since 12/ 2011 **Coordinator, UNDP** sponsored Capacity Building Training Program at Bangladesh Supreme Court.
- 1992–12/2012 **Adjunct Faculty Member**, Bangladesh Police Academy, Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (**BIAM**), Institute of Chartered Accounts of Bangladesh (**ICAB**), Bangladesh Civil Service Administration Academy, Bangladesh Foreign Service Training Academy; ASA University, Dhaka; **Advisor-cum-Graduate Coordinator, State University of Bangladesh (SUB)**, Dhaka
- 4/ 2015- 2/2018 **Adjunct Faculty & Advisor (English)**, Stamford University Bangladesh, Dhanmondi.
- Since 1/2019 **Guest Professor, Jahangirnagar University, Savar**

Publications:

Three research books published:

- i. Islam, W. (2010) *Ways of Becoming: A study on adjustment experiences of South Asian postgraduate Students in western university*, VDM Publishers, Germany
- ii. Islam, W. (2011) *I Repeat...: A study of stress management in intercultural communication*, Ittady Publishers, Dhaka
- iii. Islam, W. et al (1995) *Certificate for English Language Proficiency*(CELP), Bangladesh Open University

Video Materials:

- i. Islam, W. et al (1995) *Hello There*, Video Teaching materials, Produced and distributed by Bangladesh Open University

Published articles in refereed journals

- a. Islam, W (1992-93), The Dictogloss Method: A Teacher's Experience in interactive communicative approach, *Journal of the Institute of Modern Languages*, pp. 81-84.
- b. Islam, W (1995-1996), Error Analysis and Role of Error Correction in the Classroom, *Journal of the Institute of Modern Languages*, pp.57- 66

- c. Islam, W (1996-1997), Acquisition of English Question Forms: A case study with IML students, *Journal of the Institute of Modern Languages*, pp.52-58
- d. Islam, W (1997), Should English Grammar be Taught in Bangladesh, *Journal of the BAFOLTA*, pp.24-31
- e. Islam, A.W, (1999), Acquisition of English Article system: A case study on IML students, *Research Monograph, Vol 1, the Institute of Modern Languages*, pp.41-54
- f. Islam, W (1999-2000), ESP in Medicine: Bangladesh Perspective, *Journal of the Institute of Modern Languages*, pp.91-110
- g. Islam, Waliul and Borland, Helen (2006) *South Asian Students' Adaptation Experiences in an Australian Postgraduate Coursework Environment*. In: 17th International Conference ISANA, 5-8 Dec 2006, Sydney. http://www.international.ac.uk/sources/Article_from_ISANA_CD.pdf [Double blind reviewed article published electronically (also in E-print repository)]
- h. Islam, W (2008-2009), International Students' Strategic Management of Spoken Genres, *Journal of the Institute of Modern Languages*, pp.15-24
- i. Islam, FS & Islam, W (2010), Globalization, English Hegemony and Cultural Imperialism: The Bangladesh Context, *Journal of SUB*, pp. 9-24
- j. Islam, W. (2011) Nazrul in Australia: A reflection on teaching Nazrul in an Australian University, *SUB Journal* 2011, pp 1-10
- k. Islam, W. & Stevenson, M (2012), Raising a Flag for Nazrul: Poetry, Language and Bangladesh's National Profile, *Journal of the Institute of Modern Languages, Vol. 23pp.145-157*.
- l. Islam, W (2014) , Live TV coverage in Bangladesh: A genre locally and socially constructed, *BUBT Journal*

Skills Acquired:

- Ability to take initiatives and work under pressure.
- Demonstrated ability to take proactive leadership roles.
- Proven ability to design, develop, teach and coordinate need based courses in English as a foreign/ L2 language at Pre-university and Tertiary levels in CLT mode.
- Demonstrated knowledge of assessing needs, designing and preparing tailored materials for target groups.
- Ability to teach EFL/L2 using relevant audio-visual materials to develop communicative skills.
- Ability to adapt teaching techniques using constructive alignment approach to fit in heterogeneous class and multi-cultural groups.
- Proven ability to conduct research in academic and social settings.
- Ability to train, coordinate and facilitate training programs based on Problem Based Learning (PBL).
- Comprehensive Computer literacy (subsumes Net searching, MS Office, NVivo, Endnote, Dragon Naturally Speaking)
- Eloquent translator from Bengali to English and vice versa.

Scholarships & Awards received

- Fulbright Scholarship (in the US) 1987–1990
- Bangabandhu Overseas Scholarship, University of Dhaka (for PhD program in Australia)
- Victoria University (Australia) Postgraduate Research Award (2004-2008)
- Secomb Award (Australia) 2006

Language Proficiency

Bengali (L1); English (Excellent); Urdu, Hindi, Amharic, Hausa (survival level), Spanish (A-1 ongoing)

Computer Literacy

MSW, Excel, Endnote, NVivo, ppt, WebCT, and very efficient in Internet browsing

Professional attainment & involvement:

- Member, International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language(IATEFL) since 2008
- Founding General Secretary, Bangladesh Foreign Language Teachers Association (BAFOLTA) (1998-7/2003)

- Participated Penn East TESOL Conference, Temple Univ. Philadelphia, 1987, 1988 & 1989
- Participated Conference on *Marking Our Differences*, held at University of Melbourne, Melbourne 2003
- Advisor, Academic Committee, AIAET, Int'l Conference on Educational Challenges in 21st Century, India, 1999
- Moderator and Paper presenter at AIAET Int'l Conference on Educational Challenges in 21st Century, India, 1999
- Moderator and Paper presenter at International Conference on CUSUE, 2006, Auckland, New Zealand
- Moderator and Paper presenter at ISANA International Conference 2006, Sydney, Australia
- Paper presenter at International Conference on Language & Development, 2009 The British Council, Dhaka
- Joint presenter at the 3rd International Conference on English and Empire, 2010, East West University, Dhaka.
- Member, Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (BELTA)
- Examiner of an *international English language proficiency tests* since 2000.
- Student Mentor, Victoria University, Melbourne 2006 academic year.
- Student Rover, Victoria University, 2005- 2007 (provided academic support to undergraduates & postgraduates).
- Member, Graduate Committee, Victoria University, 2006.
- Director-member, Victoria University Postgraduate Association, VUPA) 2005.
- Director –member, International Students Association, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA 1988.
- President, International Students Association, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA 1989.

Interests:

- ***Traveling*** (have traveled to India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Nigeria, Ethiopia, England, Egypt, Netherlands, UAE, Belgium, USA, Italy, Bahrain, Greece, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand etc.)
- ***Photography***

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