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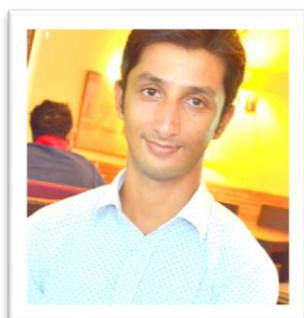


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Editor's Message

The 6th edition of *Humanities Bulletin* showcases the exuberance of our faculty and students whose tremendous efforts and unbounded enthusiasm made our journey throughout Spring 2018 brimming with successful events, cherishable trips, educational seminars and motivational workshops. It is a matter of immense pride that Humanities Department, under the visionary leadership of Dr Ammad Ul Haq, has embarked on a journey of achievements not only in co-curricular activities but also in research productivity exemplified through publications and conference paper presentations to its credit.

I profoundly thank the patron, Dr Ammad Ul Haq, for his support and insightful comments and my co-editors for their untiring efforts and exceptional skills to provide a delightful reading experience. Hopefully, the positive and creative energy reflected in the event reports will keep you glued to this issue.



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Workshop on Developing Critical Thinking and Improving Academic Writing



Ms. Amna Naveed, Associate Incharge, organized a two-day workshop titled "Developing Critical Thinking and Improving Academic Writing" on 17th -18th July 2018. The workshop was attended by undergraduate, post graduate students and early career researchers from various departments. The main goal of the workshop was to develop a richer understanding of research methodology and acquaint the participants with critical thinking skills which will lead to better academic writing. The workshop sessions were conducted by Ms. Javaria Farooqui, PhD scholar from University of Tasmania, Australia and Mr. Umer Azeem, teacher trainer from the US Consulate Lahore.

J ANDAL 2018





Maintaining the past tradition and adding a new taste to it, the CLS this time organized the event “JANDAL” which was comprised of “Mehfil e Mushaira” and “Bait Bazi”. The event took place on 3rd April, 2018 at N block .A team of 43 members comprising the campus societies of CORE, EC and the members under the supervision of its Faculty Adviser Ms. Saima Chattha, participated in making the event a success. Renowned men of literature



sparked the pleasant April evening with their spontaneous expression of poetry filled with love and aesthetics. Mr. Nazeer Qasir, a renowned poet, presided the mushaira. Mr. Abbas Tabish, Nadeem Bhabha, Afzal Aajiz, Shafqat ullah, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ata ullah ,Shah Nawaz Zaidi and Tajdeed Qaiser were the guests who came from Lahore, Azad Kashmir and Mianwali to grace the occasion. Renowned poet Mr. Ahmad Hammad hosted the mehfil-e-mushaira with all delicacies of a literary event which enthralled the audience to cherish it for a long time.

Mr. Atta Ullah from AJK and Mr Nadeem Bhabha were the jury members for Bait Bazi. Humza Iqbal the Co-Founder of CLS hosted the competition.

Following four universities were invited to the event of “BAIT BAZI”

- University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore
- GCU University
- University of Sargodha
- Lahore University of Management Sciences.

UET was the winner of Bait Bazi and got a trophy, certificates of appreciation, gift hampers consisting of books along with the refreshments. At the end of the event the worthy Director Dr.Qaisar Abbas distributed souvenirs among the worthy men of literature and participants.



TEDx COMSATS



COMSATS Literary Society organized TEDx COMSATS in collaboration with the Department of Computer Sciences at Aiwan-e-Iqbal on 13th February, 2018. Ms. Saima Chattha (Faculty Adviser of CLS), Ms Sumaira Saleem (Lecturer, Humanities) and Mr. Imran Raza (Assistant Professor, CS Department) were the chief organizers of the event. TED stands for Technology, Entertainment and Design. It is a platform for successful people to share their inspirational stories with the younger generation to motivate and encourage them. The event consisted of three sessions: the 1st session had three speakers namely Suleiman Arshad, Moiz Shaukat and Dr. Wajahat Mehmood Qazi who delivered motivational talks. In the second session Ms. Rehmat Ajmal & Mr. Mir M. Ali Khan shared their personal experiences and views regarding modern era respectively; in the third session Ms. Ayesha Samman and Mr. Bilal delivered influential talks which were thoroughly appreciated by the audience.



COMSATS Music Society, held a musical evening under the supervision of Ms. Huma Ejaz on April 4, 2018. The president of the society, Zaafer Dar made sure that it was a fun filled evening. More than 10 top universities participated in the event including **COMSATS Islamabad, Vehari, Abbotabad and Wah, LUMS, Kinnaird College, FAST, Punjab**

College, GCU, LCWU. Battle of bands along with individuals' singing competition was the main highlights of this event. The jury panel was of musicians from the music industry and the criterion for evaluation was coherence and relevance. COMSATS University Islamabad and Punjab College won 1st and 2nd positions respectively.

Inter-departmental Essay Writing Contest

Ms. Sadaf Fatima, along with Ms Sara Khan and Ms Sumaira Saleem, (Lecturer English) organized an Inter-departmental Essay Writing Contest on Friday, 20th April, 2018 preceded by a training workshop on essay writing held on Thursday, 19th April. Ms Ayesha Akram from the University of Education was the resource person of the workshop. The jury comprised of the following faculty members: Ms. Maryam Jahangir (English), Ms. Saleha Fatima (Islamic Studies), Ms. Sarah Saeed (Pakistan Studies), Ms. Maryam Amjad (Psychology), Ms. Sadaf Fatima and Ms. Sara Khan (2nd reviewers).

The 1st five positions were secured by the following students : Mehreen Fatima 1st BBA, Sehar Waheed 2nd BPY, Abdul Wadood Khan 3rd BBA, Zainab Tahir Raza 4th BPY and Komal Fatima 5th BEC.





ISLAMIC RESURGENCE IN MODERN SOCIETY-A SERIES OF EVENTS

Upholding her tradition of organizing Islamic themed events, Ms Saleha Fatima (Faculty of Islamic Studies) organized the following three events under inspiration of “[Islamic Resurgence in Modern Society](#)”:

Islamic Mode of Parenting and Child's Training against Abuse



Ms Saleh Fatima, Lecturer in Islamic Studies, organized a seminar on “Islamic Mode of Parenting and Child's Training against Abuse” in April, 2018. Mr Kamran Saeed, a recognized and ANSI-USA certified trainer from Franklin Covey Co., delivered the training session about how parents and elder siblings can train and save children from the prevailing evil of child abuse.

Islamic Techniques and Therapies of Aggression Management



To detach students from absorbing the effects of contemporary violent media visuals and socio-political aggression, Mr Rizwan-ul-Allah Khan was invited to conduct the second training session. The CEO of “RFT Brains” communicated methods and techniques of implying Quranic and Prophetic PBUH teachings to control aggression and to divert it towards construction rather destruction.



COMSATS Annual Photography Competition

Keeping in mind the central theme of Magnificence of Allah Almighty, Ms Saleh Fatima (Lecturer in Humanities Department) intended to provide the students with a platform for exhibiting their aesthetic skills towards a noble theme. Before opening the competition formally, a training session for short-listed candidates was held in May, 2018 which was conducted by Mr Adeel Chishti who is academic degree holder in photography and cinematics from National College of Arts Lahore (NCA), CEO of Real Clicks and is associated with numerous National and International Photography and Cinematic spheres including National Geographic Channel, Photo 18, Wekh Lahore, The Daily News, and Eyewin India.



Adjudication of Spelling Bee Competition

Ms. Sadaf Fatima participated as Judge in the "**Spelling Bee Competition**" organized by Ms. Shafaq Zia from EE Department in the students' week Spring18 on April 2, 2018.





Educational Trip to the Walled City of Lahore and Museums

An educational trip was organized for the students of Social Psychology by Ms. Shazia Gulzar, Lecturer in Psychology, on April 25, 2018 to the Walled City of Lahore along with three famous newly formed museums: Army Museum, Iqbal Museum and National History Museum. The students were given final term project to compare lives and societies within broader cultures focusing on how they were formed, maintained and developed with changed lives.

Pet Show

Ms. Ayesha Aziz organized a grand pet show on April 02, 2018. In this show students brought their pets for the competition, from adorable cats to incredibly viscous looking dogs. Shields and certificates were distributed among the participants and winners. General Zahid Mubashar (Sitara-e-Halal) was invited as the adjudicator who distributed the certificates among the owners of the best pet breeds.





Inter-university Drama Competition

Ms Ayesha Aziz, Lecturer in English, organized an inter-university drama competition on Monday, April 2, 2018. The Rafi Peer Theatre participated casting its famous puppet show. The dramatics team from COMSATS Psychological Society participated in the competition and secured 1st position. Mr. Imran Peerzada was the Chief Guest of the contest.



Workshops on Professional Communication



Tooba Ahmed (Lecturer in English) conducted three workshops on "Communication Skills", "Presentation Skills" and "Professional Writing" to the administrative staff from April 9-13, 2018 at the Karachi University. She was also invited as a trainer to conduct four workshops on "Communication Skills", "Presentation Skills", "Writing Techniques" and "Time Management" to the LIS professionals which were organized by PASTIC from May 2-18, 2018. Furthermore she delivered a session on "Presentation Skills" in a Two-Day Workshop on "Communication Skills and Leadership" organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission at University of Punjab, Lahore.





Auto Show

Ms. Tooba Ahmed (Lecturer in English) along with her team members, organized the fourth "Auto Show" in CUI, LHR on March 31, 2018. Boys with custom cars did some cool "driving" to arouse the crowd to start the event. The most curious part of the event was the female drivers symbolic of women empowerment. Group of six girls led by Ms. Tayyaba Tariq came on their personal bikes and inspired many female students and other girls. Ms. Tayyaba Tariq and owner of Saif Traders were chief guests. "We will provide free bike training for females on the show", they announced. "Tariq Carz" and "Saif Traders" sponsored the event.



COMSATS PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (CPS) ACTIVITIES

Mental Health Gala

Under the supervision of Ms. Maryam Akram (Lecturer Psychology) a two days Mental health Gala was organized on 3-4 April, 2018 by COMSATS Psychological Society at C Block shelter and ground which consisted of a stall by Rising Foundation (special children school), 8 mental health stalls, two game stalls, and food stalls. The inaugural of the Mental Health Gala was done by the Director Lahore

Campus Dr Qaiser Abbas and the faculty members from different departments also participated in the inaugural ceremony. The COMSATS Psychological Society is composed of students from all over the campus i.e. Humanities, CS, EE, CHE, and Physics. The function was a great success as students worked to resolve different issues of students in their daily life by little fun activities.





International Women's Day Walk

COMSATS Psychological Society (CPS), under the supervision of Ms. Mariyam Akram (Faculty Advisor), celebrated International Women Day on March 8, 2018. The students of the society distributed customized badges of Women Day among the students and faculty members. Furthermore, the Faculty of Psychology and the members of CPS (boys and girls) participated in a march from N-Block to Admin Block holding banners representing respect, gender equality and women empowerment.



Farewell Party of BS Psychology Students

The students of Psychology arranged a farewell of graduating batch fall 2014 on May 11, 2018 at Spicy Mango. All the faculty of psychology and the students of other batches celebrated the success of the graduating batch and revived their memories by giving them memory baskets.



Achievements

- The COMSATS Psychological Society took part in the Inter-universities Quiz and Poster Competition of Mental Health Day at Beacon house National University on February 22, 2018 and got 3rd position.
- COMSATS Psychological Society (CPS), under the supervision of Ms Mariyam Akram (Lecturer in Psychology), secured 2nd position in Inter-Universities Poster Competition in Mental Health Week organized by Department of Psychology at GCU on March 20, 2018.





- The CPS team secured 2nd position in the performing arts competition in Mental Health Week organized by Department of Psychology at GCU on March 20, 2018.



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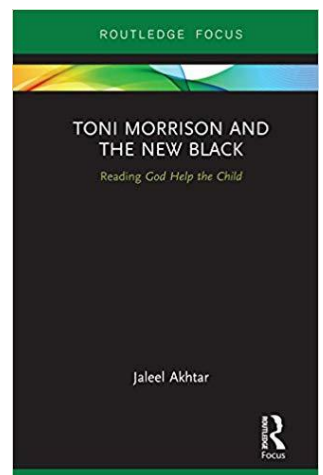
Book

Toni Morrison and the New Black: Reading God Help the Child



Dr. Jaleel Akhtar, Assistant Professor of English, authored a book titled *Toni Morrison and the New Black: Reading God Help the Child* published by Routledge Focus in June, 2018. The book examines how Morrison explores the concept of the new black in the context of post-soul, post-black and post-racial discourses. Morrison evolves the new black as symbolic of

unprecedented black success in all walks of life, from politics to the media, business and beyond. The author's work shows how the new black reaffirms the possibility of upward mobility and success, and stands as testimony to the American Dream that anyone can achieve material success provided they work hard enough for it.



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Saima Chattha. (2017). Persuasion and political discourse: A critical discourse analysis of Imran Khan's election speech. *Pakistan Vision*, 18 (2).

Conference Paper Presentations

Ms Shazia Aziz, Assistant Professor, presented two papers at the 3rd Conference on Linguistics: Linguistic Diversity and Cultural Preservation in South Asia" held at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir on 16-17 April, 2018. These articles were co-authored by Ms Umara Shaheen and Ms Amna Naveed and Dr Premlata Vaishnava respectively:

- *Meeting Diversity in ESL Classroom: A Pedagogical Model for a Globalised Milieu.*
- *Code switching-an asset or liability in a multilingual classroom? An Investigation into Students' attitudes towards Code Switching in L2 Classrooms*

She presented another article co-authored by Ms Rabia Ashraf, Ms Amna Naveed and Dr Rafi Amir-ud-Din at the 4th National Conference on Higher Education held on 3-5 August 2018 at Khanaspur, Ayubia. The article title is as follows:

- *Reading to Beat the Writer's Block: Using Task Based Reading to Develop Academic Writing of EFL Learners"*



Ms. Shazia Aziz chaired a session during the 3rd International Conference on Linguistics: Linguistic Diversity and Cultural Preservation in South Asia" held at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir on Apr 16-17, 2018.



Ms Tooba Sami Ahmad, Lecturer in International Relations, participated in “Economic, Sustainable Development, Energy International Conference (ESDEIC)” from June 25-27, 2018 at Queen Margaret University Edinburgh, Scotland. She presented her work entitled “Global Climate Change: Water and Food Security in South Asia” in this conference.



Ms. Sara Khan, Lecturer in English, presented the following paper at the 1st National Conference on Counterbalancing Politics and Aesthetics in Pakistani Literature on May 5, 2018.

- *Gender Oriented Ideology and Power Relations in the Films ‘Live from Baghdad’ and ‘Osama’: A Comparative Feminist Critical Discourse Analysis*



She also presented a research paper at the 3rd Kashmir International Conference on Linguistics organized by the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir at Muzaffarabad on April 16-17, 2018 whose title is as follows:

- *Russian Intervention in Syrian Political Turmoil: Cognitive Multimodal Discourse-Historical Analysis of Selective Political Cartoons Published on American and Arab-Muslim Digital Media*

Ms. Shaista Shahzadi, student of MS English Linguistics, presented a paper titled “*The English Language and Social Media as a tool for Sustainable Development in Pakistan*” at the 1st International Conference on Social Sciences held in Kinnaird College for Women University from April to 25-27, 2018.



Ms. Sadaf Fatima, Lecturer in English, presented a research papers in 1st International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities on April 25-27, 2018 organized by the Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore. The paper title is “Teaching English language through Literature: Watching English Fiction Movies in Pakistani ESL Classrooms”.