



Short Bio of Dr. Coomi S. Vevaina

CURRENT POSITION:

Professor in the Department of English, University of Mumbai, India.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Dr. Vevaina has two Ph.D. degrees to her credit – one in Literature and the other in Education.
- She has published 7 books and 56 papers that have appeared in refereed national and international journals and critical anthologies.
- Several students have completed their Ph.D., M.Phil. and M.A. thesis and dissertations under her guidance.
- Her current areas of interest in literature include Poststructural theory, Gender Studies, Children’s Literature, Ecocriticism, Ethical Criticism, Cultural Studies and New Literatures in English.
- In the field of Education, she is deeply involved in innovative, learner-centric curriculum designing, teaching pedagogy and evaluation techniques and has written a book on creative teaching-learning entitled *Source-full Intelligence: Understanding Uniqueness and Oneness Through Education* which has been selected as among the eighteen best books on Education published in the U.S.A. in 2013. Currently, she is involved in conducting workshops based on the book in Mumbai, across the country and in foreign universities.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Besides her regular teaching and research, Dr. Vevaina

- ✚ Is a creative writer of books for children
- ✚ Has been a keynote speaker and resource person at literature conferences in foreign countries and India and at UGC Refresher Courses all over India
- ✚ Has worked as a course designer, course coordinator and academic counsellor and helped set up learning centres in various institutions.
- ✚ Has conducted numerous Teacher-Training programmes in schools, colleges and universities in India and abroad for over fifteen years.
- ✚ Has been the coordinator of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's centre in the University of Mumbai since 2007.
- ✚ Has been the Subject Expert and the Vice Chancellor's nominee on UGC constituted Selection Panels and has been a member of the Board of Studies (of the University of Mumbai and M.S. University of Baroda), the Research and Recognition Committee, the Quality Assurance Committee of the S.N.D.T. Women's University and Syllabus committees of various autonomous colleges.
- ✚ She is a Subject Expert on the University Grants Commission Research Committee and the Special Assistance Programme (SAP) of this national body.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- In 1988, she received the Graduate Student Scholarship from the Canadian External Affairs Ministry in Ottawa for research in Canada
- In 1996, she was awarded the Shastri Faculty Research Fellowship for post-doctoral work on Afro-Caribbean Women Writers.
- In 2007, she received the Faculty Enrichment Fellowship also from the Shastri Institute, for syllabus designing and exchange programmes with Canadian universities.
- In 1999, one of her critical articles was selected as one of the ten best in the world on Canadian Literature and this won her an honorary position for three years on the Advisory Board of the International Journal for Canadian Studies. She was re-appointed on the Board from Fall 2007 to 2009.
- In February 2004, she received an Award of Merit from the Indian Association of Canadian Studies for her outstanding contribution to Canadian Studies.

- The University of Mumbai selected her as one of the best teachers and researchers in the university and, in July 2009, conferred on her the Performance Incentive Award year for her teaching, research and involvement with student activities.
- In September, 2012, the Higher Education Forum gave her an award for her outstanding contribution to the teaching of English.
- In 2014, her book *Source-full Intelligence: Understanding Uniqueness and Oneness Through Education* was selected as among the eighteen best books on Education published in the U.S.A. in 2013.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

- ✚ Dr. Vevaina is an administrator of Extended DISC Psychometric Test
- ✚ She is also a Spiritual Educator and a Peace Activist. She works tirelessly to enhance the EQ (Emotional Quotient), SoQ (Social Quotient) and SQ (Spiritual Quotient) of learners through her carefully-researched and highly interactive programmes.
- ✚ She is also a renowned storyteller. In February 2011, she and other storytellers got together to create *Word-fully Yours: World Storytelling Association* which aims to train people in the art and technique of effective storytelling for global harmony.