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What subject did you study? *TESOL*

Year of Graduation *2012*

Current Job Title *Associate Professor*

Current Employer/Organisation Name *LCWU*

What have you been doing since leaving Exeter, and what are you doing now?

In terms of my career I have taught young adults, my aim being development of academic writing skills among them while teaching language. I have been teaching English language courses that include academic writing using different pedagogical strategies, linguistic knowledge and text evaluation. More recently I have taught M.A, PhD, and Mphil courses. I am taking research methodology and applied linguistics modules, my courses are designed to train future teachers of English language. I am keen to share my research and learn from other educators as well. Research is an opportunity for learning as well as of self-transformation, therefore I try to avail opportunities to present and publish my work at forums of international repute. I have presented at different venues of repute [with 25presentation & publications]. The passion that I have for my profession is the energy that fuels my desire to communicate and to know more.

Tell us about any particularly interesting things you get involved in. What's a typical day like?

Critical Literacy broadens my perspective on how to use a text as a tool to develop critical sense towards human relationship, change of attitude, and respect for the differences. My approach is distinct in that it does not focus on dialogue as a set of competencies, but as a mode of learning. As we live in a world of challenge in all areas, adopting such a stance becomes necessary to help society progress. When young learners develop vital positive attitudes towards second language literacy, they will lead their countries to higher levels that are essential for success in today's global linguistic environment. Being a teacher calls for an ample doze of enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is contagious if I am enthusiastic, I may spur my students into voluntary learning. I study the art of literature and at the same time take part in creative process as well writing poetry figures prominently in my academic and professional goals. Much of what I study, observe or experience finds place in my creative work as a subject. I am a published poet as well.

Did you gain any particularly useful skills? Are there aspects of your studies that apply directly to what you do now?

Yes my doctoral degree has helped in my career, I have a good job and am a better teacher and researcher now. Further more i feel Exeter is a university that has earned respect internationally and i am proud to be an alumna of Exeter university.

Do you have any advice for current students wishing to pursue your career?

I would advise students to select universities on the basis of their reputation and the courses they offer. Applying to different universities without doing a background research is a waste of time and money.

What are your plans for the future?

I would love to do a post doc at Exeter if I get an opportunity

Do you have any tips or advice on being employable?

My decision of choosing Exeter and the school of education has paved way for my good future [professionally].