

SUDHAKAR RATNAKAR JAMKHANDI, PH.D.

Sudhakar R. Jamkhandi, professor of English and coordinator of Bluefield State College's Office of International Initiatives, has demonstrated a unique ability to bring together people from very different cultures to explore the underlying commonality of their problems and expectations, and from this to develop new visions of the possible.

EDUCATION

- AMA Certificate in Management, Bluefield State College, 1991-92 (Fundamentals of Marketing; Managing Credit and Collections; First Line Supervision; What Managers Do; Fundamentals of Finance and Accounting; Rhetoric and Composition)
- Ph.D., English, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX, 1980 (Emphasis on British and Commonwealth Novels in English)
- M.A., English, Karnatak University, Dharwar, India, 1973
- B.Ed., English & Geography Methods, Poona University, India, 1974
- B.A., English; Minors in Geography and Educational Psychology, Poona University, 1971

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Quality Matters: Designing your online course (DYOC), May 2020
- UNC & US Department of State, and World Learning: January 2020: <https://www.studyabroadcapacitybuilding.org/capacity-building-initiatives/>
- AASCU/NAFSA Institute for Senior International Officers, February 2017, Washington, D.C.
- Webinars of international student recruitment, integration, and retention: 2014 –
- EducationUSA Forums, Washington, D.C., 2016, 2017, 2018
- Measuring Workplace Performance Program, State of West Virginia Organization and Human Resource Development, Division of Personnel, May 1999
- Employee Performance Appraisal Program, State of West Virginia Organization and Human Resource Development, Division of Personnel, May 1999
- Introductory Diversity Training, Bluefield State College, November 1997
- "Training the Trainer," Certificate of Completion, Fred Pryor Seminars, January 1997
- Electronic Commerce, Certificate of Completion, Regional Contracting Assistance Center, June 1996
- Research Associate, Summer Research Laboratory, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Russian and East European Studies Center, 1994
- "The Changing Face of Russia," West Liberty State College, West Virginia, June 1994
- Introduction to College Teaching, Bluefield State College, 1991
- NEH Fellow, Indiana University, Summer Institute on Post-Colonial Literature, 1985

HONORS:

- Recognized by USDOS as Fulbright HBCU Institutional Leader, 2019
- The William D Goodman Faculty Service Leadership Award for Outstanding Service to the Community, Bluefield State College, and the Nation, April 2019
- On the Roster as Fulbright Senior Specialist in Internationalizing Institutional Capacity, March 2011-March 2016:
Major accomplishment as Senior Specialist: BSC signed MOUs to partner with National Ilan University (Taiwan), William V. S. Tubman University (Liberia), Kazan National Research Technological University (Russia), and Holy Cross College (India) to support study abroad and faculty exchanges. Sustained ties with Kostroma State University (Russia).
Secondary accomplishment: Grant applications approved to host Fulbright Scholars in Residence Dr. Mariya Kharina of Kazan National Research Technological University (2016) and Jackson Tamba of William V S Tubman University, Liberia

- Member of review panel for Fulbright Scholar in Residence Program administered by CIES for the US Department of State, 2012- 2014;
- Honorary Chair of United Nations Day in West Virginia, appointed by Governor Joe Manchin III;
- 2003 Appointed to WV Commission on International Education by Governor Bob Wise;
- 2002 Cyrus R. Vance Award for International Education in West Virginia from the Governor's Office of the Secretary for Education and the Arts;
- 1990 – 91 Bluefield State College President's Community Service Award;
- 1990 Inducted to Phi Eta Sigma by students for excellence in teaching;
- 1988 Selected to teach Advanced Composition and Modern World English Literature at West Virginia Governor's Honors Academy, Shepherd College;
- 1987 Inducted to Alpha Chi, a national honors society;
- 1987-90 Honored by Bluefield State College's Campus Activities Office for Student Involvement in International Education;
- 1987 Selected by Faculty and Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS) Consortium to do site study for West Virginia's study abroad program in Italy;
- 1974-91 Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society;
- 1967 Senior All-Rounder, St. Peter's Boys' High School, Panchgani, India

WORK HISTORY

1. Tenured Professor of English, Bluefield State College, 1986 –
2. Director, Bluefield State College's Office of International Initiatives, 2006 – 2012; 2014 -

Work Experience as Academician at Bluefield State College:

Teaching, Curriculum Development, Scholarship, Community Service - Since 1974 (and also at Bluefield State College, beginning in 1986), taught undergraduate Writing and Literature Courses, including Developmental English, Freshman Composition, Research, Advanced Composition, Surveys of British and World Literature, World Prose Fiction, World Drama and Poetry, Teaching of Rhetoric and Composition.

Coordinator for BSC's Humanities Challenge (Fall 2013-) and Agora: A Celebration of Creative Expression (Spring 2014 -).

Created curriculum for Technical Writing and Advanced Technical Writing and taught these courses beginning in 1995 at Bluefield State College to students enrolled in professional degree programs such as health sciences, engineering, business administration, technical communications, criminal justice, etc. Developed Minor in International Studies for Bluefield State College, 1987

Beginning in 1987, taught graduate courses and was an examiner for graduate comprehensive examinations for the West Virginia Graduate College, Charleston (currently under the auspices of Marshall University, Huntington) and since 1985, external examiner/referee for doctoral dissertations for Indian universities' English Departments (Karnatak and Sambalpur Universities).

Recent course development, fall 2015: Creative Writing (poetry, short stories, vignettes, one-act play), which is enriched with guest writers from Appalachia; MA in International Studies (revising for submission to Higher Learning Commission in fall 2021); BA in International Studies (for implementation in fall 2021 upon approval by the college's Board of Governors and the WV Higher Learning Commission)

Created and coordinate Humanities Challenge (2013) and Agora, A Celebration of Creative Expression (2014) to recruit students from area schools

Other institutional teaching experience:

Spicer Memorial College (Poona, India: 1975-76)
 Tarrant County Junior College (Fort Worth: 1977-78)
 University of Texas at Arlington (1979-84)
 University of Texas at Austin (1984-85)
 Austin Community College (1984-86)

Designed and implemented Study Skills Course for migrant children enrolled in migrant education program held at St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas, 1986

Wynberg-Allen Schools, Mussoorie, India, 1974: Taught High School Geography and Indian History

Scholarly Research/Publications and Conference Presentations:

Have published several articles/essays in reputable journals/anthologies including *The Library Chronicle* (Austin); *Literary Endeavour*, *Indo-English Women Novelists: An Anthology*, *Journal of Indian Writing in English* (India); *South Asian Review* (Florida); *Commonwealth* (France), *Journal of Commonwealth Literature* (England); *Commonwealth Novel in English*; *Perspectives in Australian Literature* (Austin).

Presentations and/or moderated sessions, 1981 – to date, on Commonwealth Literature, International Trade Development and Short-term Training Programs for International Executives, and International student recruitment and retention and internationalization of the curriculum of rural higher education institutions at regional, national, and international conferences of associations such as the MLA and NAFSA.

Edited and published *Commonwealth Novel in English*, 1981 – 2004, total 10 volumes with two issues annually which was subscribed to by higher education institutions and national libraries in 34 countries. This peer reviewed semiannual scholarly periodical provided scholars worldwide a forum to assess socio-political-economic issues of former British colonies and analyze the rewriting of colonial histories conveyed in novels in English by indigenous writers. Cengage will shortly make this available through its online database services. Have handed over the publication to Cengage.

Internationalization of the college curriculum (1987-1994):

- Initiated and Supervised Study Abroad/Exchange and Faculty Exchanges with Hebei Teachers College and Shandong Institute of Mining and Technology, People's Republic of China (1989-93);
- Coordinated presentations and forums on international affairs, non-credit beginning foreign language workshops; multi-cultural activities (musicals, food fairs, art exhibits, movies, etc.)

Work Experience as Coordinator of Bluefield State College Office of International Initiative (2006-12; 2014-):

- Ensure international education is specifically included among the priorities in BSC's current and future strategic plans;
- Develop guidelines that specify international work or experience (not necessarily overseas) as a consideration in faculty promotion and tenure decisions;
- Coordinate the BSC International Initiatives' Team efforts to advance the internationalization of the college;
- Disseminate by email information about the college's international education activities and opportunities to faculty, students, public and the media; Provide data and updates

- about international education opportunities, activities, and resources to this office's web site manager;
- Collaborate with the Vice President for Student Affairs, Enrollment Manager, and Registrar about international student recruitment opportunities, advising, and strategies for integration and retention of international students at the college and in the community (internships at area organizations, sharing of their cultures with area schools and civic organizations, teaching foreign languages at the college and/or at area institutions, exposing American students to indigenous speakers of foreign languages);
 - Collaborate with the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost and the Deans of the Schools to internationalize the curriculum (international studies, area studies and foreign languages programs, study abroad, international institutional linkages);
 - Represent BSC in the absence of the college President/Vice President for Academic Affairs-Provost at formal meetings to establish international institutional linkages that foster mutually beneficial exchange of information, students and faculty;
 - Pursue grant opportunities to fund study abroad and international institutional linkages; mutually beneficial exchange of information; students and faculty exchanges; travel to meetings or conferences abroad; internationalization of courses; and the administrative costs of the Office of International Initiatives;
 - Collaborate with the College's Development Office to raise funds for study abroad program(s) and scholarships for international students;
 - Oversee, and collaborate with, the office(s) responsible for study abroad advising and international institutional linkages for compliance with US Department of State Travel Advisories, issuance of J-1 visas (and dependent's visas) for visiting international faculty/researchers; Select/nurture College faculty to lead undergraduate students on study abroad programs;
 - In collaboration with the affected Schools within the college, oversee the delivery of the minor in international studies (proposed a graduate degree for adoption in 2020);
 - Compile international initiatives data for inclusion in college's accreditation materials and COMPACT, as needed;
 - Compile, and update as needed, BSC Personnel's International Experience Inventory (citizenship, possession of a valid passport, foreign language ability—reading, writing, speaking, comprehension, travel abroad as tourist or in professional capacity, degree obtained abroad) to inform the college's international initiatives.

Activities/Projects that manifest the Office's goals/responsibilities:

- Passport to the World: Raise funds from community organizations to support annual passport giveaways to up to 20 BSC students
- Coordinating annual **Congress to Campus**, starting with a virtual event in 2020 (November 9 and 10).
- Mentor Humphrey Fellow Dr. Kouame Remi Oussou from Cote d'Ivoire, May-June 2019
- Study abroad: Since AY2008, assist faculty with travel logistics for faculty-led study abroad (Costa Rica; Bermuda).
- Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant Program: AY2008 – 2012: BSC offered Arabic and Kiswahili; in AY2010; requested for 2021-22: Arabic, Brazilian, and Russian
- Fulbright Undergraduate Scholars: One from Senegal and from Burkina Faso.
- Fulbright Scholars in Residence: Dr. Sergey Zhigulev, Fulbright Scholar from Russia taught Russian, The Psyche of Communist Russia, and People's History of 20th Century Russia.

- Fulbright Occasional Lecture Fund: Since AY2010, coordinated visits by Fulbright Scholars at other US higher education institutions to deliver presentations to students and faculty of Bluefield State College, Concord University, National College, Southwest Virginia Community College (VA), and Bluefield College (VA) and high schools in Mercer, McDowell, Wyoming Counties in WV and Bland and Tazewell Counties in VA.
- Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program: Since 2007, BSC hosted two German students annually, several of whom have been selected to participate in the Congressional Internship Program.
- Designated School Official for SEVIS Compliance and international student related matters
- Alternate Responsible for US Department of State for the issuance of J1 visas for Exchange Scholars
- Designed (and administering) English for International Students, a pre-baccalaureate college preparatory/pathway for entry into college's degree program

Grant Writing and Fund-raising, 1987 onward:

OPTIONS Speaker Bureau, 1992: \$3,000;

US Department of Education Title III Funds for Historically Black Colleges to fund the Center for International Understanding (CIU), 1987-1995;

Appalachian Regional Commission to fund the CIU's Export Assistance Services Project, 1996: \$69,742.

In 1988, raised \$10,000 to revive *Commonwealth Novel in English*;

Awarded Travel Grant by FACDIS to present conference paper at George Mason University, 1987;

Administer the State Department funded Community Connections grant, revenues exceeded \$700,000 (1997-2001). This grant was renewed (FY2001-2004: approximately \$700,000).

1994-2007: awarded USAID training program contracts (between 4 to 5 million US dollars).

WV Humanities Mini-grants averaging \$1,500/semester to fund honoraria for Fulbright Scholars at BSC and area high schools sponsored by Occasional Lecturing Program at BSC, AY2009-11; 2015-2017.

WV Humanities Council Travel Grant of \$500 to attend 2010 NAFSA Conference to chair a panel session on internationalizing American rural higher education institutions.

Passport Caravan, 2019, when 50 free passports were given to Bluefield State Students. Obtained Bowen Foundation Scholarships to support two BSC students' study abroad in London and one student's study abroad in Japan in summer 2019; (\$3500 apiece)

Other Related Professional Experience:

Former Member (July 2010) WV Chancellor's Diversity Council tasked to help initiate diversity practices in WV's higher education institutions;

Member of West Virginia Commission on International Education (appointed by Governor Bob Wise in 2003) to review the state's international education offerings and for preparing the Commission's report which included numerous far-reaching recommendations to internationalize West Virginia K-20 education.

Trainer at First Annual Governor's International Education Institute coordinated by the WV Center for Professional Development and the Governor's Office of Education and the Arts, July 2003; Curriculum Development; Visiting Professor, Vanadzor Polytechnic College, Vanadzor State Teacher Training Institute, and Vanadzor School No. 20, Armenia, December 2007 – January 2008, and at Sissian and Goris colleges and secondary schools in 2008

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

President, Center for International Understanding, Inc. (implement short-term intensive study programs on capacity building, rule of law, and democratic institution building for professionals from emerging democracies funded by US federal agencies). Currently implement programs for the US Congress funded Open World Leadership Center.

Former Member of Board of Directors, Regional Contracting Assistance Center, Charleston, 1996-2012;

Member of Consortium of West Virginia State Colleges for Regional Economic Development and Global Economics, 1995-97;

Member of Advisory Board, Mercer County Adult Learning Center, 1995-2000

Member of Northeast Regional Screening Panel for National Security Education Program for Undergraduate Study Abroad Scholarships, 1994, 1996;

Member of Board of Directors, Bluefield Community Center, 1990-1992

Outreach Presentations on CIU's International Trade and Investment Opportunities to area Rotary Clubs, Phi Beta Kappa, the Methodist Women's Group, Quota International, Kiwanis, Concord College, Civitans, Bluefield's Chamber of Commerce Leadership Development Programs, Retired Federal Employees Association, the first International Governor's Summer Institute for WV Educators and other civic entities, The Woman's Club of Charleston, National Business College (Bluefield, VA); Member of Higher Education Committee, Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, 1987-89

Professional travel:

- a. Capacity and democratic institutions building: Russia (1996 – 2005); Ukraine (2000); Armenia (2002-2007); Rep of Georgia (2007); lead capacity building teams for various sectors, including education PK-20
- b. Initiate institutional partnerships: China (1990-93); Armenia (2007); Russia (2011)
- c. International student recruitment: Turkey and Turkish Republic of North Cyprus (2009)
- d. Diversifying education/Expanding the canon of literary studies: Vancouver, Canada (NAFSA); New Zealand (1981); Guelph, Canada (1981), and Dijon, France (1981)
- e. International trade development: Brazil (1993); Slovakia (1998).
- f. Appointed by West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin III to head West Virginia goodwill and trade delegation to Republics of Armenia and Georgia in summer 2007.
- g. Short-term Teaching abroad: Russia (1998-2005: grant proposals writing); Armenia (winter 2007: writing, grant proposal writing)