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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Philosophy, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, 1994
- M.A. Philosophy, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 1970
- B.A. Government College, Lahore, 1968

HONOURS, PRIZES & AWARDS

- Pride of Punjab Award (Poetry: Punjabi Language), Information & Culture Department, Government of the Punjab: Punjab Institute of Language, Art & Culture, 2018
- Khawaja Fareed Life Time Achievement Award, Khawaja Fareed Foundation, Kot Mithan, Rajanpur, 2017
- Sitara-i-Imtiaz (Literature), 2009
- President's Award for Pride of Performance (Literature), 1998
- Khawaja Ghulam Farid Gold Medal, Islamia University, Bahawalpur, 1998
- Allah Nawaz Khan Tareen Gold Medal, PhD Philosophy, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, 1994
- Waris Shah Award in Punjabi Literature, Academy of Letters, Islamabad, Pakistan, 1994
- Crest Award for participating in Islamic Philosophical Association, Pakistan, Lahore, 1992
- Pitras Bokhari Award in English Literature, Academy of Letters, Islamabad, Pakistan, 1991
- Certificate of Merit, M.A. Philosophy, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 1970
- Sheikh Nanak Baksh Silver Medal for standing first in M.A. Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 1970
- Begum Iqbal Rashid Gold Medal, for standing first in the Social Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 1970
- Arnold Gold Medal for First Class First in M.A. Philosophy, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 1970
- Academic Roll of Honour, B.A. Government College, Lahore, 1968

MAJOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- Vice President Iqbal Academy Pakistan, Lahore
- Member Punjab Public Service Commission, Lahore
- Special Secretary to the Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Secretariat, Islamabad
- Secretary Tourism Division, Islamabad
- Additional Secretary, Public Affairs Wing, Prime Minister's Secretariat, Islamabad
- Director General Punjab Institute of Language, Art and Culture, Lahore
- Director (Studies), Pakistan Administrative Staff College, Lahore
- Director (Management), National Institute of Public Administration, Lahore
- Member, Board of Revenue (Judicial-I)/ Chief Settlement Commissioner Punjab, Lahore
- Secretary Education, Punjab, Lahore
- Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Rawalpindi
- Deputy Managing Director, Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation, Islamabad
- Additional Secretary (Implementation & Coordination), Services & General Administration Department, Lahore
- Additional Secretary, Education Department, Lahore
- Deputy Commissioner, Multan

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Pakistan Administrative Staff College, Lahore - Third Course on Information Technology and Electronic Government (12.03.2001 to 17.03.2001)
- Pakistan Administrative Staff College, Lahore - 72nd National Management Course (07.02.2000 to 10.06.2000)
- Punjab Institute of Human Resource Development, Lahore - Three day's Workshop on Procedure / Methods for preparation of PC-I, PC-II, Monitoring & Evaluation of Development Schemes (16.04.1998 to 18.04.1998)
- Colombo Plan Staff College Manila, Philippines-Participation in Senior Administrator's Conference for CPSC Corporate Plan Manila, Philippines (02.12.1997 to 4.12.1997)
- National Institute of Public Administration, Lahore A Course on Labour Management Relations (21.11.1992 to 26.11.1992)
- National Institute of Public Administration, Lahore 16th Review and Evaluation Session (16.07.1984 to 22.07.1984)

- National Institute of Public Administration, Lahore 42nd Advanced Course in Administration and Development (12.09.1982 to 30.12.1982)
- National Institute of Public Administration, Lahore Special Course in District Administration and Development for Officers of the DMG (28.02.1982 to 15.04.1982)
- Local Government Training Institute, Lalamusa Two Weeks Training Course for Project Managers Rural Development (16.12.1978 to 28.12.1978)
- Pakistan Academy for Rural Development, Peshawar One Week Workshop in Area Development Planning (1.11.1978 to 7.11.1978)
- Project Training Cell, Planning & Development Board, Lahore, Short Course in Project Preparation and Appraisal (26.10.1978 to 02.11.1978)
- Assistant Commissioner (under training), Dera Ghazi Khan and Multan (1977-1979)
- Academy for Administrative Training, Lahore - Stood First in the CSS / Final Passing out Examination (20.02.1976 to 05.04.1977)

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/CONGRESSES

- Paper Presented: "Sufi Heritage: Counterculture Narrative and Peacebuilding in the Era of Globalisation" in the 4th International Sufi Conference 2018 held on April 13th-14th 2018 in Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan, organised by Sindh Culture, Tourism and Antiquities Department, Provincial Government of Sindh, Pakistan.
- Presented Paper: "Khawaja Ghulam Farid's Transcendent Love for Humanity and its Imperative Need in the Contemporary World" in the "First International Conference on Peace and Harmony In the Light of the Holy Qur'an and the Prophet ﷺ Teachings (Importances, Needs and Implications in the Current Era), held on 18-20 December 2017 under the auspices of the Department of Islamic Studies, Lahore Garrison University, Lahore.
- Presented Paper: "Finding God in the 'Other' (Rumi-Shams-i Tabrizi & Khawaja Ghulam Farid-Fakhr-i-Jehan) in the 3rd International Conference of Shams-e-Tabriz and Rumi, on 7-8 October 2017 in Khoy, Iran.
- Paper Presented: "Khawaja Ghulam Farid's Poetry of Transcendent Unity of Existence (Wahdat al-Wujud) and its impact on Humanity" in Two Day National Conference on Sufi Literature, 19-20 May, 2017 held in Multan, organized by Pakistan Academy of Letters, Islamabad in collaboration with Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan.
- Presented Paper: "Khawaja Ghulam Farid's Sufi Poetry of Transcendence and Humanity: transforming otherness into Oneness by virtue of love and gnosis" in the SAARC Literary Festival 27th-29th February 2016, February 2016 in New Delhi, under the auspices of the Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL) in India.

- Presented Paper: “Bridging Historical Traumas in the Light of the Metaphysical Principles” in the SAARC Literary Festival 13th-16th February 2015 in Agra, under the auspices of the Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL) in India.
- Presented Paper: “Baba Farid’s Sufi Message of Knowledge, Wisdom and Love in the Contemporary times” International Sufi Festival Organized by the Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature: SAARC Apex Body on 20th, 21st and 22nd October 2013 in Jaipur, India
- Delivered a Lecture: “Iqbal and Khawaja Ghulam Farid on Dimensions of Spirituality” on 18th October 2013 in Pakistan High Commission, New Delhi, India
- Presented Paper: “Israeli Oppression and the Need of Awakening World Conscience on the Plight of the Palestinian and Arab Prisoners and Detainees in Israeli Jails”: The International Conference of Solidarity with the Palestinian & Arab Prisoners in Israeli Jails sponsored by the League of Arab States and hosted by the Republic of Iraq on 11th & 12th December 2012 in Baghdad, Iraq
- Presented Paper: “Iqbal on the Development of Religious Consciousness”, Iqbal International Conference, Organized by Government College University, Faisalabad on 29-30 November 2012
- Presented Paper in the Seminar on Muslim Poet and Philosopher Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Organized by the Iqbal Chair and The University of Sarajevo, BiH, in Collaboration with the Embassy of Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 18th May 2012
- Presented Paper on The Political Thought of Allama Iqbal, International Conference, Milan, Italy, 16th May 2012
- Presented Paper in the International Allama Iqbal Conference, Ferdowsi University, Mashhad, Iran, 18th-19th April, 2012
- Presented Paper: “Empty-handed from an Orchard”: The Role of Muhammad Iqbal’s thought in Awakening Universal Sense of Justice on Jerusalem, International Conference on Jerusalem at Doha, Qatar, on 26th, 27th February 2012.
- Participated in Dialogue on “Universal Values as the Foundation for Social Transformation” Organized by Global Peace Initiative of Women (GPIW) in partnership with Imam Bashar of the Civilization Exchange & Cooperation Foundation at Cairo, Egypt on 13th to 18th November 2011.
- Presented Paper on Iqbal’s Metaphysics of Culture and the Arab Awakening Organized by Iqbal Academy Scandinavia (IAS), Islamic-Christian Study Centre (IKS) and the Centre for European Islamic Thought (CEIT) held at Copenhagen University, Denmark on 12th November 2011.
- Participated in A Sufi- Yogi Dialogue, Organized by the Global Peace Initiative of Women and Shinnyo-En, November 15th-19th (2010) Kyoto, Japan.

- Participated in A Sufi-Yogi Dialogue: Discovering and Sharing the Wisdom of the Sages: Organized by the Global Peace Initiative of Women, April 8th-12th, (2010) Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Official visit to Turkey from 27th to 31st Oct (2008)
- Presented Paper in the International Conference on “Resurgence of Sufism as a Universal Movement for Peace and Development”, held from 18-20 July, (2008) at Hafiz Hayat Campus, University of Gujrat, Pakistan.
- Represented Pakistan in the 20th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific from 9-11 June, (2008) at Kobe, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan
- Represented Pakistan in South Asia Tourism and Travel exchange (SATTE) Openworld-2008 held in New Delhi, India from 18-20 April, (2008)
- Represented Pakistan in the World’s second largest travel trade event World Tourism Mart-2007 held from 12-15 November in London
- Represented Pakistan as Head of Pakistan’s Delegation in the 2nd International Conference on Climate Change and Tourism held in DAVOS, Switzerland (2007)
- Presented Paper in the International Symposium on the 800th birthday of Mawlana Jalaeddin Rumi organized by UNESCO and Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Turkey in (Istanbul & Konya), Turkey (2007)
- Presented Paper at the SAARC Conference of Writers and Intellectuals under Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL), New Delhi, India. (2007)
- Presented Paper at the International Conference on “Religious Tolerance and Inter-Faith Harmony” at Sheikh Zayed Islamic Centre, Karachi University, Karachi (2007)
- Presented Paper at the International Conference on Sufism: Sufi Traditions, Philosophy and Poetry under the Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL), New Delhi, India (2006)
- Participated as leader of the official delegation to the World Punjabi Conference held at the Patiala University, Patiala, India (2004)
- Participated in the Third Allama Iqbal International Congress, Lahore. (1998)
- Delegate to the Second International Iqbal Conference, Tehran, Iran (1986)

COUNTRIES VISITED

United States of America, China, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, Turkey, Italy, Netherlands, Singapore, Denmark, Belgium, Luxembourg, Egypt, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Sarajevo-Bosnia- Herzegovina, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Iran, India, Iraq, Nepal, Philippines, Qatar, Syria, Thailand, and Vatican.

MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATIONS

- Resource Person/Panellist OIC Activities, OIC General Secretariat, Jeddah
- Member Syndicate, Islamia University, Bahawalpur
- Member Philosophical Association of Pakistan, Lahore
- Secretary Research, Iqbal Forum International, Lahore

BOOKS

English Language: Metaphysics, Religion, Philosophy, Literature, Culture & Spirituality

- Quest for the Eternal
- Of Intellect and Reason
- The Metaphysics of Khawaja Ghulam Farid (Doctoral Dissertation)
- The Message of Diwan-i-Farid (Translation and Introduction)
- Iqbal and Khawaja Ghulam Farid on Experiencing God
- Dimensions of Kh. Farid's Metaphysics
- Metaphysics and Tradition
- Beyond the Manifest
- Understanding Diwan-i-Farid (Translated and Explained)
- The Metaphysical and Cultural Perspectives of Khawaja Ghulam Farid's Poetry and Iqbal
- Culture and Spirituality: Punjabi Sufi Poetry of Baba Fariduddin Masud Ganj-i-Shakr: As Recorded in Guru Granth Sahib (Rendered into English Prose and Explained in the Light of Tradition)
- Husayn's Choice of the Transcendent
- Khawaja Ghulam Farid: In the Sanctuary of Truth, Beauty and Love

اُردو

- کلیئر نس سیل (انشائیے)
- صاف چھتے بھی نہیں (انشائیے)
- آئینہ بنے ہے پیر، بن (انشائیے)
- لطفِ آگاہی (انشائیے)

پنجابی: (شاعری)

- دُجی اکھ (نظمیں)
- آسماناں دے بوہے کھول (کافیاں)
- میں ناہیں سبھ توں (کافیاں)
- گل وچ پائیم پریت مہار (کافیاں)
- تلاوتِ وجود (کافیاں)
- عشقِ فقر دے سنگ (کافیاں)
- کافیاں (چونواں کلام)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Father's Name : Dr. Nazir Qaiser, M.A. Ph.D., Philosophy
- Date & Place of Birth : 6th March, 1950, Lahore, Pakistan
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