

# NEWSLETTER

## ENGLISH (UGS), NUML

## MAY - JULY



**Prof. Dr. Arshad Mahmood**  
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities

### Message of the Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities

It is an honor to serve as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. I am deeply grateful to the university leadership for entrusting me with this responsibility. Our Faculty plays a central role in nurturing critical thinkers, creative minds, and socially responsible individuals. I look forward to collaborating with our esteemed faculty, dedicated staff, and inspiring students to foster an environment of innovation, inclusivity, and academic excellence. Committed to promoting interdisciplinary learning and research, I encourage active engagement in intellectual discourse, cultural activities, and community outreach. Together, we will continue to uphold the highest academic standards and achieve new milestones. I am excited for the journey ahead and confident in the potential of our vibrant academic community.



**Dr. Muntazar Mehdi**  
Head, Department of English (UGS)

### Message of the Head of Department of English (UGS)

It gives me immense pleasure to share with you the latest edition of our departmental newsletter. This platform continues to reflect the vibrant academic and co-curricular life of our students and faculty. The Department of English remains committed to excellence in teaching, constructive pedagogy, and holistic student development. I take great pride in the hard work, creativity, and dedication demonstrated by our students and colleagues. Our focus this semester has been on enhancing classroom engagement, fostering culture interactive learning, and promoting meaningful outreach to community. The achievements showcased here are a testament to our shared vision and collaborative spirit. I also extend a warm welcome to our new students and faculty members who have joined our academic community. As we move ahead, let us remain passionate, curious, and committed to lifelong learning. I encourage everyone to contribute actively and continue striving for excellence. Thank you for being an integral part of our department's journey.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Departmental Events & Activities

- Webinar on US Feminist Theory
- Vox Humana: Casebook Launch
- Board of Studies Meeting
- Climate Change & Sustainability Seminar
- Farewell of Ms. Fariha Rizvi
- Bilingual Debates Contest

### Student Achievements & Academic Progress

- 2nd Position in National Naat Competition
- Admissions 2025 (Detailed Coverage)
- Admissions 2025 (Parents' Facilitation)
- 8-Week Internships at Leading Organizations

# EVENTS AND SEMINARS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH UGS

## 1. The Emergence and Growth of US Feminist Theory: A Webinar at NUML

The Department of English (UGS), National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad, held an engaging and intellectually stimulating webinar on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 under the title "The Emergence and Growth of US Feminist Theory". The presentation was given by the renowned academician Dr. Colette Morrow who is serving as a Professor in the Department of English and World Languages at Purdue University Northwest, Indiana, USA. Hosted in the Video Conference Room, Rumi Block at the main campus of NUML the webinar provided insightful information on the historical evolution and growth of feminist thought in the United States. Dr. Morrow gracefully traced the path of feminist theory, with its key moments of initiation, decisive changes, and immense influence it has yielded on socio-cultural and academic discourses. Hosted by faculty and students, the conference offered an insightful platform for discussion and consideration of the revolutionary contribution of feminist theory to modern conceptions of gender, identity, and power.

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MODERN LANGUAGES, ISLAMABAD**  
 Department of English UGS is conducting a webinar on:  
**"The Emergence and Growth of US Feminist Theory"**

  
**Dr. Colette Morrow**  
 Professor at the Department of English and World Languages, Purdue University Northwest, Indiana, USA

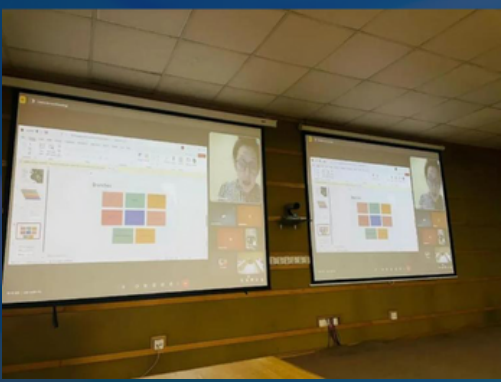
**7<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**

**9:00 - 11:30am**

**Video Conference Room, Rumi Block**


**FOCAL PERSONS:**  
 MS. AMBINA GAYLUM  
 DR. AMIRA GHAZANFAR  
 DR. NOUREEN NAZ  
 MS. SAJWA USMAN

**STUDENT ORGANIZERS:**  
 A.JAZZ, ARBAZ, ARSHAD,  
 SHAN, AMREENAH, MANAHIL,  
 AGSA, TABINDA, HADIA



## 2. Unveiling the Psyche: The Students of NUML Explore Ted Morrissey's short story Vox Human





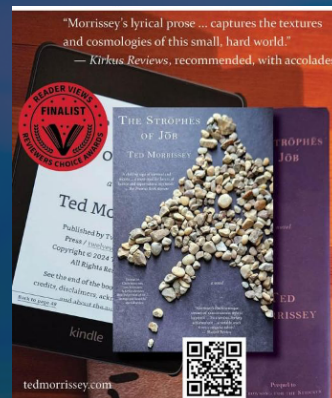
## 'Vox Humana'

A Casebook

A Project Focused on the Short Story "Vox Humana" by Ted Morrissey



When fiction becomes a mirror for the unconscious, interpretation becomes an act of discovery- an intellectually rich collection of psychoanalytic interpretations that bridges fiction and academic inquiry. This compelling volume is the result of a collaborative effort between Dr. Amina Ghazanfar of NUML Islamabad and acclaimed author Ted Morrissey. Compiled during the Fall 2024 semester, the casebook features analytical essays from undergraduate students who closely examined Morrissey's short story, "Vox Humana." Employing critical frameworks such as Freudian, Lacanian, Jungian, deconstructionist, feminist, and postmodern theory, the students offered multidimensional insights into the mental and emotional depths of the protagonists of the story, Harry Gale and his sister Annette, transforming the story into a literary case study of the human psyche. At the heart of this project lies the remarkable intellectual energy of the student contributors, whose sharp analytical skills and creative interpretations give this work its voice. Their essays showcase a keen understanding of psychoanalytic thought while fearlessly engaging with the story's emotional complexity and symbolic depth. In recognition of their academic excellence and contribution, the university formally appreciated their work in a dedicated ceremony where certificates of achievement were awarded. This celebration not only honored their scholarly commitment but also highlighted the role of critical thinking in literary exploration. Vox Humana: A Casebook now stands as a proud symbol of student-led academic research and interdisciplinary collaboration at NUML.



Ted Morrissey extended his heartfelt thanks to his friends and colleagues at NUML Islamabad for sharing additional photos from the launch event of "Vox Humana: A Casebook." Although he participated remotely, he expresses his deep appreciation for being included in such a meaningful and intellectually rich occasion. The book launch, hosted by the Department of English (UGS), was a celebration of scholarly collaboration, literary exploration, and academic excellence—hallmarks of NUML's commitment to fostering critical thought and creative expression. The event brought together students, faculty, and literary enthusiasts in an engaging dialogue around the themes of the book, highlighting the university's vibrant academic culture and its dedication to promoting global voices in literature and scholarship.

### **3.Pride for NUML: Student Achieves 2nd Position in National Naat Competition**

Excellence in co-curricular pursuits continues to distinguish the students of NUML on national platforms. Muhammad Sibghatullah, a student of 7th semester of BS in English, has brought great pride to the university by securing second Position in the All Pakistan Inter-University Naat Competition, organized by Rawalpindi Women University. This remarkable achievement stands as a testament to his dedication, talent, and commitment to cultural and literary expression.

### **4.The Department of English (UGS) Holds DBS Meeting to Advance Academic Excellence**

The Department of English (UGS) convened a meeting of Departmental Board of Studies (DBS) on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2025, under the chairmanship of Dr. Muntazar Mehdi. The meeting was attended by subject specialists from the fields of Literature and Linguistics, as well as Heads of Departments from regional campuses who participated virtually. The DBS serves as a pivotal academic forum for reviewing and enhancing the academic standards and curricular practices within the department. The session focused on evaluating and refining key academic components, ensuring alignment with contemporary educational trends and national academic benchmarks. The core agenda items for this meeting included a thorough review of the scheme of studies, updated policies for student internships, and the academic framework of the Associate Degree in English, among other relevant matters. The meeting demonstrated a strong spirit of academic collaboration and consensus, aimed at promoting academic excellence and innovation across all undergraduate programs. Constructive dialogue among the participants underscored the department's commitment to continuous improvement and the provision of quality education, thereby reinforcing the strategic vision of the department within the broader mission of the university







## 5. NUML Upholds the Tradition of Excellence in Admissions Process of BS in English Program

On July 28<sup>th</sup> 2025, the National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad, proudly upheld its tradition of academic excellence and organizational professionalism by conducting interviews of the applicants for the BS in English program. This significant stage in the admissions process brought together shortlisted candidates from the recent entrance examinations, marking a vital step toward shaping their academic futures. Held at the prestigious Iqbal Block, the interviews were carried out with meticulous coordination, reflecting NUML's unwavering commitment to maintaining transparency, fairness, and efficiency in its admissions procedures. The parents and guardians of applicants were graciously received at the Confucius Hall, where they were not only kept informed but also made comfortable in an atmosphere of warmth and respect. A dedicated team of well-trained volunteers was on hand throughout the day to provide guidance and assistance, ensuring a smooth and welcoming experience for all attendees. From logistical arrangements to interpersonal engagement, every element of the day reflected NUML's core values of respect, professionalism, and student-centered service. As a hallmark of NUML's commitment to academic distinction and holistic student support, this event stood as a testament to the university's dedication to nurturing future leaders in language, literature, and communication.



## 6.The Social Responsibility Society Hosts Seminar on Climate Change and Sustainability

On May 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Social Responsibility Society (SRS) of the Department of English (UGS), NUML Islamabad, reaffirmed the university's unwavering commitment to global sustainability and civic engagement by hosting a powerful and thought-provoking seminar on climate change. The event featured distinguished guest speaker Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ishtiaq Ali, a renowned environmental microbiologist from Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, whose enlightening discourse provided practical, science-based strategies to combat the growing climate crisis. Dr. Ali passionately emphasized the transformative role of youth in driving ecological responsibility and fostering innovative solutions for a more sustainable future. Adding a momentous dimension to the occasion, NUML proudly unveiled a series of commemorative postage stamps, officially authorized by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2025, in celebration of the UN's International Glaciers' Preservation Year. These stamps, creatively designed by Abu Obaidah Ayyaz Chaudhary—Campus Coordinator of SRS and the youngest stamp designer in Pakistan—stand as a visual and symbolic representation of Pakistan's national resolve toward environmental preservation. The event not only highlighted the academic and creative talents within the NUML community but also demonstrated the university's active leadership in climate advocacy. It served as a catalyst to inspire students, faculty, and society at large to move forward—not just informed, but empowered to enact change.



## 7.15 Years of Excellence: Department of English Hosts Farewell for Ms. Syeda Farihatulaen Rizvi

The Department of English (UGS) hosted a heartfelt farewell lunch in honor of Ms. Syeda Farihatulaen Rizvi, recognizing her remarkable contribution of over 15 years as a teacher, mentor, team player, and most recently, as General Coordinator Societies, along with numerous other roles that she fulfilled with distinction.

The event held at the Islamabad Club on July 28<sup>th</sup> was graced by Dr. Arshad Mehmood, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, and Dr. Muntazar Mehdi, Head of Department of English (UGS), along with a large number of fellow colleagues who gathered to celebrate her service. In his address, the Dean Dr. Arshad Mehmood praised Ms. Fariha as one of the faculty's most admired members, known for her consistently positive student feedback and an inspiring presence in the classroom.

The Head of Department Dr. Muntazar Mehdi, acknowledged her as a true team player whose dedication and professionalism have made a lasting impact in every capacity she served. The department bade her farewell with immense gratitude and affection, celebrating her legacy and wishing her the very best in the journey ahead.



## **8. NUML Conducted Interviews for Admission in BS in English Program**

On July 28<sup>th</sup> 2025, National University of Modern Languages conducted interviews for the BS in English program, featuring successful candidates from the admission tests. The interviews were held at the Iqbal Block and were executed with precision and efficiency.

Parents and guardians were courteously accommodated in the Confucius Hall, where they awaited the outcome of their children's interviews. A dedicated team of volunteers provided comprehensive support to both parents and candidates, ensuring a seamless and organized experience throughout the process. The event's successful execution reflects the university's commitment to maintaining high standards of professionalism and excellence.



## **9. The Students of NUML Embarked on 8-Week Internships at Leading Organizations**

The National University of Modern Languages Islamabad provided 8-week internships to its students after their 4th semester, giving them the opportunity to gain first-hand experience at world-class organizations. This video captures a glimpse of their ongoing journey as they continue to learn and grow in real-world environments.



## 10. Inter Departmental Bilingual Debates

The Department of English (UGS), in collaboration with the Debates and Declamation Society of NUML organized an Inter-Departmental Bilingual Debates Contest on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The event was a soaring success with its engaging debates in both English and Urdu, showcasing the articulatory skills and intellectual rigor of Pakistani youth. The contest was presided over by the Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Dr. Arshad Mahmood, who also served as the chief guest. While the Head of Department of English Mr. Muntazar Mehdi graced the occasion as a guest of honor. Furthermore, each segment of the contest comprised two venerated judges. The English segment of the contest was judged by the esteemed faculty members Dr. Zavar Hussain Hashmi and Dr. Attia Saman, while the panel for debates in Urdu included Dr. Ilyas Babar Awan and Dr. Rukhshanda Murad. The competition witnessed zeal and courage from the participants who won the hearts and made sure that the echoes of their voices sent ripples beyond the podium.





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