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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2016 University of Kentucky, Graduate Certificate in Social Theory
- 2014-present University of Kentucky, Doctoral Student, Department of Anthropology
- 2010 University of Rome, International Course in Applied Anthropology in Development Process, Department of Sociology and Communication
- 2005 University of Madras, M.A. (First Class), Department of Anthropology
- 2002 University of Jaffna, BA (Hones), Department of Sociology

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2014-present Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky
- 2009-present Lecturer (probationary), Department of Social Studies,
The Open University of Sri Lanka
- 2006-2007 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts, University of Peradeniya
- 2013-2014 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts, University of Peradeniya
- 2005-2007 Temporary Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Peradeniya
- 1995-2003 Private Tuition Teacher, Arul Teaching Center (ATC), Jaffna, Sri Lanka

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

- 2008 Guest Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2009 Guest Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2008 Guest Lecturer, Department of Peace and Development Studies, Tribhuvan
University, Nepal

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2013 The Open University of Sri Lanka, Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education
- 2010 University of Rome, Certificate in Italian Language
- 2005 CSC Computer Education PVT LTD, South India, Diploma in MS-Office

AWARDS, TRAVEL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2016 Travel grant, American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies.
- 2016 Travel award, Graduate Student Congress Travel Funding, University of Kentucky
- 2016 Lambda Alpha Graduate Research Grant Award, Department of Anthropology, Ball State University
- 2016 Travel award, University of Kentucky
- 2016 SEMPRE (Society for Education, Music and Psychology Research) Travel Grant Faculty of Music and Science, University of Cambridge
- 2016 Teaching Assistantship, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky
- 2016 Susan Abbott-Jamieson Pre-Dissertation Research Fund Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky
- 2015 Student Research Award at the Graduate Research Competition, Kentucky Academy of Science 101st Annual Meeting, Northern Kentucky University
- 2015 Travel Grant, American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies
- 2014 Travel Grant, American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies
- 2015 Teaching Assistantship, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky
- 2014 Travel Grant from the Center for South Asia, Stanford University, California
- 2014 Teaching Assistantship, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky
- 2013 Honorary Citizen of the City of Pensacola, City of Pensacola, Florida
- 2013 International Visitor Leadership Program, United States Department of State, Bureaus of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Washington, D.C., U.S.A funded by the Department of State, U.S.A
- 2010 SEMPRE (Society for Education, Music and Psychology Research) Travel Grant, Faculty of Music and Science, University of Cambridge

- 2009 The Scholarship from the Italian Foreign Ministry
- 2008 A bursary from SAMReN (South Asia Migration Resource Network)
- 2007 A scholarship from the Research Centre Vergelijkende, Cultuurwetenschap, Universiteit Gent, Belgium
- 2006 A scholarship from the Research Centre Vergelijkende, Cultuurwetenschap, Universiteit Gent, Belgium
- 2004 Participated and awarded Third Place in the Bharathnattiyam competition organized by the Foreign Students Advisor Bureau, University of Madras, South India.

TRAININGS

- 2013 Online Course Design and Development conducted by the Center for Educational Technology, and Media in collaboration with the Staff Development Center of the Open University of Sri Lanka on the 17th, 18th, and 21st January, 2013.
- 2013 International Visitor Leadership Program: Alternatives in Higher Education in the states of Washington (District of Columbia) Pensacola (Florida), Reno (Nevada) and (Chicago) Illinois organized United States Department of State, Bureaus of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Washington, D.C., U.S.A, 08th-26th April, 2013.
- 2010 Italian language training, University of Rome (La Sapienza Università Di Roma, Italia) 19.10.2009-30.10.2009 (40 hours covered)

ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Conducted a preliminary fieldwork among the Jaffna Tamil Hindus focusing on the Ph.D. research proposal.
- 2015 Conducted a joint research with Dr. Mark Whitaker on the New Religious Sites, New Gods, Choices among the Post-war Tamils in Sri Lanka.
- 2011 Preliminary field visits among the long-term internally displaced people in different welfare centers at Jaffna in December 2008, February 2009, March, June, September, November 2010, March and May 2011.
- 2011 The fieldwork at temple-centered community which deals with temple culture, community formation based on temple and undertook research among people, youth and priests (Brahmin) of the temples at Inuvil village in Jaffna in different times such as 2002, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- 2010 The fieldwork among the Sri Lankan immigrants in Rome for the partial fulfillment of the requirements for the second international course on applied anthropology in development processes at University of Rome.
- 2010 The field work conducted among the *Periya Melam* musicians (*Isai vellalars*) at Inuvil village in Jaffna Peninsula.

- 2007 Research assistant (RA) of the ICES (International Centre for Ethnic Studies) project on Diaspora, Transnationalism and Global Engagement: Tamil and Sinhala Transnational Communities and Networks in Canada and their Nexus in Sri Lanka
- 2006 Fieldwork regarding the research on impact of war on obligations and rights among the different caste groups at Inuvil village in Jaffna Peninsula.
- 2005 Fieldwork among the *Kotas* of Nilgris, Tamil Nadu, South India for the M.A. dissertation project research under the guidance of the Department of Anthropology, University of Madras, May-June 2004.
- 2004 Research Assistant for conducting a pilot study among the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees at the Kumidipoondi, Veloore and Palavi refugee camps in Tamil Nadu.
- 2004 Summer internship for the Srivasan Services Trust (TVS) under the guidance of the Department of Anthropology, University of Madras, May-June 2004.
- 2003 Research Assistant for Community development project undertaken by Srinivasan Service Trust (TVS) among *Malayali* tribal people of Javadu Hills of Tamil Nadu, India under the guidance of the Department of Anthropology, University of Madras, May-June 2004
- 2003 Research Assistant for the Baseline Survey as a part of a Participatory Development Planning Project among the *Malayali* tribal people of Javadu Hills of Tamil Nadu, South India.
- 2003 Fieldwork among the *Bhadagas* of Kothakiri, Tamil Nadu, India.
- 2002 Fieldwork research on kinship and its changes among the Jaffna Tamils (case study of the Inuvil village) for the B.A dissertation project research.
- 2001 Fieldwork research on comparative study of ākamic temple and non-ākamic temple at Inuvil village in Jaffna (application of great tradition and little tradition).
- 2001 Social work programme in ARK (helping handicapped children) (Uduvil village, Jaffna District) during the undergraduate program.

PUBLICATIONS

Unpublished reports and manuscripts

- 2007 A report of the summary of literature review and annotated bibliography of the Influence of Tamil Diaspora and Transnationalism on Gender and Family Dynamics, a report submitted to the ICES's (International Center for Ethnic Studies) project on Diaspora, Transnationalism and Global Engagement: Tamil and Sinhala Transnational Communities and Networks in Canada and their Nexus in Sri Lanka.
- 2005 Kinship and Social Organization among the Kotas of Sholur Kokkal of Nilgiri District of Tamil Nadu of South India, unpublished M.A dissertation submitted to University of Madras, Tamil Nadu, South India.
- 2004 Identifying Problems and Awareness Campaigning on Health, Water and Sanitation and Education among the Malayali tribal community at Javadu Hills of Tamil Nadu in South India, a report submitted to the Department of Anthropology, University of Madras, Tamil Nadu, South India.
- 2002 Kinship System and its Changes in Jaffna Society: a Social Anthropological Study based on Inuvil village, unpublished B.A dissertation submitted to University of Jaffna, Thirunelvely, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- 2016 Cosmopolitanism, Migration, and Transnationalism: An Interview with Nina Glick Schiller (Co-author with Lauren Copeland and Agata Grzelczak), *disClosure: A journal of Social Theory*, University of Kentucky, Vol-25, May 2016, Article-17, pp.181-192
- 2016 Uprooted Inhabitants of Northern Sri Lanka: Questioning of Boundaries of Belongings, a chapter in the book of "Borders at crossroads: regional and international experience National University of Malaysia (Forthcoming).
- 2012 Thavil Master of V.Thadchināmurthy: An Ethnomusicological Analysis of the Contribution of a Tamil Musician, *Under Construction: Trans- and Interdisciplinary Routes in Music Research*, Wewers, Julia and Seifert, Uwe (Ed) *epOs-Music, Studies in Cognitive Musicology*, Vol-1, pp. 159-176, Universitat Osnabrück 2012, ISBN 978-3-940255-32-7
- 2012 Sri Lankan Immigrants in the City of Rome: A Sociological Study on Migration and Livelihood Nexus, *The International Journal's Research Journal of Social Science and Management*, Singapore, Volume-1, Number-12, April 2012, pp 32-39 Old ISSN-2010-257X, New ISSN-2251-1571, Available at <http://www.theinternationaljournal.org/>
- 2011 Ethnic conflict, Displacement and Poverty in Sri Lanka: A Sociological Investigation VISTAS- *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, The Open University of Sri Lanka, 2011, ISSN 1391-7943

Peer-reviewed book chapters

- 2016 Ethnographic Research Methods, Social Science Research Methods Block 1 and 2, Lesoon-9, Colombo: The Open University of Sri Lanka (ISBN: 978-955-23-1596-1)
- 2015 Conservation and Development, Environmental Communication, Block-1, Colombo: The Open University of Sri Lanka, 2015, ISBN: 978-955-23-1514-5.
- 2014 Peasant Production and Rural Development, Understanding Sri Lankan Society and Culture, Lesson-9, Module-1, Colombo: The Open University of Sri Lanka, ISBN: 978-955-23-1474-2
- 2010 A Social Anthropological Analysis of a Temple-Centered Community: Jaffna in Northern Sri Lanka”, a volume of the Annual Research Conference, the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, 2010, ISBN: 978-955- 0585-01-04.
- 2010 Migration as a Livelihood Option of the Poor: A Study of the Sri Lankan Immigrants in the City of Rome, Immigrants in Rome: Case Studies of selected Immigrant communities and Issues prepared by graduates of the 2nd International Course on Applied Anthropology in Development Processes, Paolo Palmeri (ed), published by Nuova Cultura, Roma, 2010, ISBN: 9788861344402.
- 2009 Education as a Social Institution”, Foundation of Sociology, study volume-01, Colombo: The Open University of Sri Lanka, 2009, ISBN: 978-956-23-1134-6.

Virtual material publications

- 2009 Three visual presentations CDs on (1) “Sri Lankan Society: Society and Culture, (2) Sri Lanka as a Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Religious Society, (3) Marriage Systems in Sri Lanka” for B.A. Degree in Social Sciences at The Open University of Sri Lanka

Presentations and, abstract and extended abstract publications

- 2016 The Rise, Decay, and Reform of Ilantari and Annamar in Jaffna. Presented at the 45th Annual Conference on South Asia, organized by Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison October 21, 2016.
- 2016 Reclaiming Rāvaṇa: Indigenism, Geography and the National Past in Indian and Sri Lankan Tamil Discourse on the Ramayana, Co-author with Justin Henry. Presented at The Presence and Absence of the Ramayana in Sri Lanka workshop, Salon Jasmin, Galadari Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka July 22, 2016.
- 2016 *Parai Melam* Music in Jaffna Tamil Culture, Sri Lanka: An Ethnomusicological Study. Proceedings of the 9th International Conference of Students of Systematic Musicology (SysMus16), Jyväskylä, Finland, 8th-10th June 2016. Birgitta Burger, Joshua Bamford, & Emily Carlson (Eds.) (A brief article)
<https://jyx.jyu.fi/dspace/bitstream/handle/123456789/51141/Pathmanesan.pdf?sequence=1>

- 2016 *Parai Melam* Music in Jaffna Tamil Culture, Sri Lanka: An Ethnomusicological Study. Presented at the SysMus 16, 9th International conference of students of systematic musicology, Finish Center for Interdisciplinary Music Research, Department of Music, University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland. (An abstract form)
- 2015 *Uurkoovil* (Village Temple) Consciousness: Recent Post-War Changes in Hindu Religious Practice for Tamils in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Presented at the 101st Annual Meeting of Kentucky Academy of Science, Northern Kentucky University, Kentucky, November 13-14.
- 2015 Searching for *Sakti*: New gods, Site and Choices in Postwar Tamil Sri Lank, Co-author with Dr. Mark P. Whitaker. Presented at the 44th Annual Conference on South Asia, organized by Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison October 25.
- 2013 From the Earliest Times...There were Neither Men, Nor Living Beings: Traditions of Masculinity in Sinhala and Tamil Folktales. Presented at the Annual Academic Sessions-2013, The Open University of Sri Lanka, November 27-28. ISSN 2012-9912.
- 2013 Cultural Expressions of Kāthavarāyan Koothu in Tamil Culture of Sri Lanka: Anthropological Questioning of Tradition in the Contexts of Changes and Continuity. Presented at SAARC Regional Seminar in Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions, SAARC Cultural Centre, Sri Lanka, April 29-30.
- 2013 Temple Centered Community in Jaffna Society of Sri Lanka: Caste, Temple, Politics and Modernity. Presented at the School of Social Development and Environmental Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (The National University of Malaysia), February 21.
- 2012 Indian Tamil Diasporic Culture in Sri Lanka: Mānika Vinā yakar Kōvil as a Centre for Cultural Circulation. Presented at SAARC Regional Conference on Circulation of Cultures and Culture of Circulation: Diasporic Culture of South Asia, during 18th to 20th Centuries, SAARC Cultural Center, Sri Lanka, March 15-18.
- 2011 Thavil Master of V.Thadchinā murthy: An Ethnomusicological Analysis of the Contribution of a Tamil Musician. Presented at Third International Conference of Students of Systematic Musicology (SysMus11), Cologne University, Germany, October 5-7.
- 2011 A Kō vil- Centred Community: A Social Anthropological Study of the Shree Pararā jasekara Pillaiyā r Kō vil in Jaffna. Presented at the Annual Academic Sessions 2011, the Open University of Sri Lanka, 15 September, 2011, ISSN 2012-9912.
- 2011 Questioning of Boundaries of Belongings: Caste based Exclusion among the Long-term Internally Displaced People in Jaffna Peninsula. Presented at the Caste conference at Batticaloa organized by International Centre for Ethnic Studies, May 22.
- 2011 *Thai Pongal* Festival: A Social Anthropological Analysis. Presented at the Fourth

- Annual Research Conference of Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Sri Lanka, March 25, ISSN 1800-4067.
- 2010 Preserving Sustainable Natural Resources in Northern Sri Lanka: Socio- Economic Implications of Jaffna Palmyra Palm Culture. Presented at the Fifteenth International Forestry and Environment Symposium of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka, November 27, ISBN-978-955-9054-87-0.
- 2010 A Social Anthropological Analysis of a ‘Temple-Centered’ Community: Jaffna in Northern Sri Lanka. Presented at the Annual Research Conference (ARC- 2010) University of Jaffna, November 15, ISSN: 2012-8614.
- 2010 Uprooted Inhabitants of Northern Sri Lanka: Questioning of Boundaries of Belongings. Presented at the International Conference of Reflections 2010: Managing Diversity, Reconciliation and Development, FLICT, Colombo, November 1.
- 2010 Exploring the Elements of Ethnomusicology in Periya Mē lam Music in Tamil Culture. Presented at the third International Conference of Students of Systematic Musicology (SysMus10) at the Center for Music and Science, Faculty of Music, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, September 15.
- 2010 Does Migration help to improve Livelihoods? A Sociological Study on the Sri Lankan immigrants in Rome. Presented at the Third International Symposium-2010, Sabaraganuwa University of Sri Lanka, August 26. ISSN: 1800-4407.
- 2010 Migration as a Livelihood Option of the Poor: A Study of the Sri Lankan Immigrants in the City of Rome. Presented at the Annual Academic Session-2010, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, The Open University of Sri Lanka, July 16. ISBN 978-955-23-1223-6.
- 2009 Ethnographic Journey: Sharing fieldwork experiences among the Tribes in South India. Presented at the Annual University Academic Session 2009 organized by the Open University of Sri Lanka, October 1. ISBN 978-955-23-1127-7.
- 2009 Ethnic conflict, Displacement and Poverty in Sri Lanka: A Sociological investigation with a focus on theoretical implication. Presented at the Annual Academic Session 2009 organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Open University of Sri Lanka, June 15.
- 2008 Increasing female-headed households in Sri Lanka: Problems, Obstacles and Challenges Presented at the first international conference on social sciences 2008 organized by the Research Centre for Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, and University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, July 20. ISBN 978-955-9044-64-2.
- 2008 Why is Communication Strategy essential for Tribal Development Research? An Anthropological study based on Malayali Tribal Community of Javahdu Hills, Tamil Nadu, South India. Presented at the first international conference on social sciences 2008, Research Centre for Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, and University of Kelaniya , Sri Lanka, July 20. ISBN 978-955-9044-64-2).

- 2008 Rising Malnourished Generation: A Study on Food Poverty and Malnutrition in the Northeast of Sri Lanka. Presented at the British Sociological Association Food Study Group Conference, Food, Society and Public Health, British Library Conference Centre, London, July 14-15.
- 2008 Emerging Multi-Images of Women in Sri Lanka: A Sociological Analysis on Changing Womanhood in Tamil and Muslim Culture. Presented at the Second International Conference, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, July 08 2008, ISSN: 1800-4407
- 2008 Livelihoods at risk and uncertainty due to market-related vulnerability: A study based on Northeast Province in Sri Lanka. Presented at the Nirma Conference for doctoral students, Nirma University of Science and Technology, Ahmadabad, Gujarat, India, April 09
- 2007 Emerging Stereotypical Images and the Challenge of Culture. Presented at the first annual symposium, Faculty of social sciences and languages, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, 11 July 2007, ISBN: 978- 955-644-023-2).
- 2006 Where have the notions of pure, impure and pollution gone? Its changes and continuity in South Asia. Presented at the Postgraduate Research Symposium 2006 University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, February 24.
- 2006 Impact of war on obligations and rights of so-called low castes in Jaffna. Presented at the Peradeniya University Annual Research Session. (PURSE), Sri Lanka, 2006, ISBN 955-589-092-7, ISSN 1391- 4111.

Peer-reviewed journal articles in Tamil

- 2014 Social Exclusion, Manudam-06, Sociological Society. Jaffna: University of Jaffna.
- 2006 An Introduction to Sociology of Islam, Muslim Majilis Journal. Kandy: University of Peradeniya.
- 2006 Tree worship: An anthropological perspective, Hindu Dharmam, Hindu Students' Union. Kandy: University of Peradeniya.
- 2006 An Introduction to Sociology of Violence, Ilankathir-37, Tamil society. Kandy: University of Peradeniya.
- 2002 A society without violence against women, Women journal -Surya Women Development Centre, Batticaloa, ISSN: 1391-6122.
- 2001 Kinship system, Manudam-4, Sociological Society. Jaffna: University of Jaffna
- 2000 Unstructured Interview, Manudam-3, Sociological Society. Jaffna: University of Jaffna

Non peer-reviewed chapters, journal, and newspaper articles in Tamil

- 2013 Tamil Diaspora and Rural Development: A Sociological perspective on the Rasiah and Rasama Information Technology Center, Rasiah and Rasama Information Technology Center Building Opening Ceremony Special Issue, August 24. Jaffna: Inuvil Public Library
- 2011 Marriage in the East and Life in the West: A Social Anthropological Perspective Chenkathir (a Tamil journal), Batticaloa, Issue: 47, November
- 2010 Jaffna Temple Society: An Introduction and Social Anthropological Discourse Chenkathir (a Tamil journal), Batticaloa, Issue: 34, October.
- 2010 The event of Vēlveduthal in Tamil Marriage: A Social Anthropological Discourse Chenkathir (a Tamil journal), Batticaloa, Issue: 31, July.
- 2010 Cultural Interpretation of Water: A Social Anthropological Perspective. Chenkathir (a Tamil journal), Batticaloa, Issue: 29, May.
- 2009 An Introduction of New Glossary Terms in Tamil Marriage System: A Social Anthropological Perspective, Chenkathir (a Tamil journal), Batticaloa, Issue: 24, December.
- 2009 An Introduction to Self-Selection System in Tamil Marriage: A Social Anthropological Perspective, Chenkathir (a Tamil journal), Batticaloa, Issue: 18, June.
- 2009 Inuvil Sri Pararajasekara Pillaiyar Temple: A Social Anthropological Perspective, Jaffna: Inuvi Sri Pararajasekar Pillaiyar Temple Thiruneriya Tamil Maraikazham.
- 2009 Exiting Thaipongal Festival for survival of Tamil Culture, in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper Dated, 11.01.2009, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.
- 2008 Tamils Marriage in Tamil Diaspora – part-8 in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper Dated, 28.12.2008, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.
- 2008 Tamils Marriage in Tamil Diaspora – part-7 in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper Dated, 21.12.2008, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.
- 2008 Tamils Marriage in Tamil Diaspora – part-6 in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper Dated, 14.12.2008, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.
- 2008 Tamils Marriage in Tamil Diaspora– part-5 in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper Dated, 07.12.2008, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.
- 2008 Tamils Marriage in Tamil Diaspora– part-4 in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper Dated, 30.11.2008, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.
- 2008 Tamils Marriage in Tamil Diaspora – part-3 in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper

Dated, 23.11.2008, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.

- 2008 Tamils Marriage in Tamil Diaspora – part-2 in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper Dated, 16.11.2008, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.
- 2008 Tamils Marriage in Tamil Diaspora– part-1 in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper Dated, 09.11.2008, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.
- 2002 Through paths strewn with thorns and briars-women” in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper Dated, 31.03.2002, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.
- 2002 Women are always second class citizens”, in Sunday Thinakkural Newspaper Dated, 17.02.2002, Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd, Colombo: Thinakkural Pvt.Ltd.

ARTICLES REVIEWED

- 2016 Speaking in Tongues: Language and Belonging in Globalizing Europe, disClosure: A Journal of Social Theory, University of Kentucky
- 2017 Transnational Identities and Religious Traditions. A Case of Religious Double Belonging in India, disClosure: A Journal of Social Theory, University of Kentucky
- 2016 Beyond Metropolis: Hybridity in a Transnational Context, disClosure: A Journal of Social Theory, University of Kentucky
- 2015 Veils of Language: Modular Nationalism, Intratextuality, and Sinhala Radio Song of Sri Lanka, 1957–64, The South Asianist, Journal of South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- 2015 The Pre-conference graduate student workshop on “Field Research in Sri Lanka” at Madison-Wisconsin organized by the American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies, October 22.
- 2014 The Pre-Dissertation Development Seminar in the Sri Lanka Graduate Student Conference: Sri Lanka Otherwise?, organized by the Center for South Asia, Stanford University, California, United States, November 7-8.
- 2012 The workshop on National Expert Consultation on Water and Rural Livelihoods in Sri Lanka, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI) Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7, November 14.
- 2012 SAARC Regional Conference on Circulation of Cultures and Culture of Circulation: Diasporic Culture of South Asia, during 18th to 20th Centuries, SAARC Cultural Center, Sri Lanka, March 15-18.
- 2011 Regional Conference on Diminishing Cultures in South Asia held on 19-21 July, at the Queens’ Hotel, Kandy organized by SAARC Cultural Center, Colombo,

Sri Lanka.

- 2011 Thirukurral Conference held on 22-24 July, 2011 organized by Colombo Tamil Sangam, Sri Lanka
- 2011 Tutor Training Workshop organized by the Commonwealth Youth Programme, Asia Centre, Chandigarh in collaboration with the Open University of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Sri Lanka, February 21-25.
- 2008 SAMReN (South Asia Migration Resource Network) Second Residential Workshop on Migration, Globalization, Security and Development in Godavari Village Resort, Katmandu, Nepal, March 09-16
- 2008 The workshop on International Instruments for the Protection of Migrant workers in South Asia with Special Focus on the ILO Multilateral Framework(MLF) on Labor Migration organized by SAMReN (South Asia Migration Resource Network) and ILO (International Labor Organization), January 29-30. BRAC Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 2008 An EU (Asia-Link project) project workshop on Stereotypes in Research on Asia and the West, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Universiteit Van Amsterdam, Netherlands, January 14-22.
- 2006 The workshop (Asia-Link project) on Stereotypical Images and Cultural Differences between Europe and Asia, Research Centre Vergelijkende, Cultuurwetenschap, Universiteit Gent, Belgium, July 30- August 22.
- 2006 The workshop on Training Programme on Upgrading Teaching Skills of the Academic Staff, organized by IRQUE/SAKTI Project, Department of Sociology, University of Peradeniya.
- 2006 The workshop on Capacity Building Program for Vulnerability-Research on Children Affected by Human Natural Disasters in Sri Lanka, Organized by the Social Policy and Research Centre (SPARC), University of Colombo.
- 2006 The workshop on Advanced Research Methodologies in Social Sciences and Humanities in faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya.
- 2005 Have been a part of the organizing team for National Seminars and an Indo- Sri Lankan Social Sciences Meet in Department of Anthropology, University of Madras, South India.
- 2003 Tribal People Research Symposium organized by the Tribal People Research Centre in Okkenekal, Darmapuri District, Tamil Nadu, South India.
- 2005 Presented papers and conducted seminars as a part of M.A. course work, 2003-2005

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Teachings

University of Kentucky

ANT 160 Cultural Diversity in the Modern World-Global Dynamics (S15, F15, F16)
ANT 225 Culture, Environment, and Global Issues (F14, S16)

The Open University of Sri Lanka

SSU1205 Introduction to Sociology (9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
SSU1206 Sri Lankan Society and Culture (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14)
SSU2207 Applied Sociology (12)
SSU 2208 Social Work and Social Welfare (10, 11, 12, 13, 14)
SSU 3208 Modern Organizations and Social Movements (10)
SSF2305 Foundations of Sociology (09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14)

University of Peradeniya

SOC101 Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology (05, 06, 07)
SOC102 Sri Lankan Society (05, 06, 07)
SOC201 Types of Society (06)
SOC203 Social Psychology (06)
SOC209 Sociology of Management (05)
SOC213 Cultural anthropology (06)
SOC301 Foundations of Sociological Theory (06)
SOC306 Contemporary Social Issues (06, 07)
SOC310 Environmental Sociology (06, 07)
SOC315 Sociology of Violence and Conflict Management (06)
FNA307 Ethnomusicology (06, 07)
FNA314 Ethnic and Regional Music in Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan Tamil Theatre (13, 14)

Responsibilities

Open University of Sri Lanka

Member of Course Development Team and Curriculum Development (2009-2016)
One of the Content Editors for Sociology Course Modules (2009-2016)
One of the examiners for B.A. Degree in Social Sciences (2009-2014)
Exam supervision (2009-2014)
One of the examiners for Oral Presentations (2009-2014)
Academic coordinator for B.A. Degree in Social Sciences at Level 4 and 5 (2009-2014)
Drafting Student Guidelines and Academic Calendar (2009-2014)
Organizing and conducting Student Registration, Tutor Clinic, Pre-Counseling and Orientation (for first year students) (2009-2014)

University of Peradeniya

2005-2007 Teaching undergraduate Sociology courses in both English and Tamil

2006-2007 Volunteer Student Counselor, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya,
Sri Lanka

2006-2007 Academic Sub-Warden in Hilda Obyesekara Hall, University of Peradeniya,
Sri Lanka

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2016-present Association for Asian Studies
2015-present Lambda Alpha National Honor Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology
2015-present Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness
2015-present American Anthropological Association
2015-present Kentucky Academy of Science
2014-present American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies
2013-present International Exchange Alumni, International Visitor Leadership Program
& Alumni of the United States Department of States
2011-present Colombo Tamil Sangam (Tamil Association) (Life member)
2010-present Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka (Life member)
2009-2010 Society for International Development
1999-2000 Sociological Society, University of Jaffna

LANGUAGES

English: Reading, writing, and speaking knowledge

Tamil: Reading, writing, and speaking knowledge

Sinhalese: Speaking knowledge

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS AND EXPERIENCES IN PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIC, DRAMA, AND DANCE)

2010 One of the Judges, Tamil Osai Programme, Shakthi TV, Sri Lanka.

1994-2003 Actor in Tamil Music Drama in more than 50 stage programs in Jaffna

2001 Completed a 5th grade examination in Drama and Theatre in North Ceylon
Music Association, Sri Lanka.

2000 Completed a 4th grade examination in Drama and Theatre in North Ceylon
Music Association, Sri Lanka

1999 Completed a 3rd grade examination in Drama and Theatre in North Ceylon
Music Association, Sri Lanka

1997 Completed a 3rd grade examination in Karnatic Music in North Ceylon Music
Association, Sri Lanka

1997 Completed 3rd grade examination in Bharathanatyam in Music North Ceylon

Music Association, Sri Lanka

1987-2000 Trained in Bharathanatyam (South Indian classical dance) from the Fine Arts Schools of Kokuvil Kala Bhavanam and Urumpirai Kalaikovil, Jaffna, Sri Lanka

1990-2001 Trained in Carnatic music (South Indian classical music) from Sriranganathan, Jaffna, Sri Lanka

NON-RELATED REFEREES

1. Dr. Gananath Obeyesekere, Professor, Emeritus, Department of Anthropology, Princeton University, United States, Email: sekere@princeton.edu
2. Dr. Mark P. Whitaker, Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, United States, Email: mark.whitaker@uky.edu