

CURRICULUM VITAE
Carmen Suneetha Wickramagamage

Education:

Ph.D. in English, University of Hawaii at Manoa, May 1994
B.A. (Hons) in English, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 1984

Employment:

Professor, Department of English, U of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, August 2009 onwards.
Senior Lecturer, Department of English, U of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, May 1994-August 2009.
Co-editor, Handbook for ITAs, Center for Teaching Excellence, U of Hawaii, from January-May 1994.
Graduate Assistant, Department of English, University of Hawaii, from August 1991-May 1992 and August 1993-December 1993.
Degree Associate, East-West Center, from August 1987 to August 1991.
Probationary Lecturer, Department of English, U of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, January 1985-July 1987.

Teaching Experience:

Professor, Senior Lecturer and Lecturer, Department of English, U of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, from March 1986 till now with break for postgraduate studies.
Visiting Professor, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, MA, USA, Spring 2015.
Member of Postgraduate Teaching Panel, Department of English, Faculty of Arts from 1996 onwards.
Visiting Professor, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, USA, Fall 2007.
Visiting Professor, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, USA, Spring 2007.
Member of Teaching Panel, Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma in Translation Studies, Faculty of Arts, from 2003 to 2006.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, USA, March-June 1996.
Graduate Assistant, Department of English, University of Hawaii, from August 1991-December 1993.
Probationary Lecturer, Department of English, U of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, from January 1, 1985 to July 5 1987.

Other Experiences:

English Editor, SANDEE [South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics], Kathmandu, Nepal, from 2003 to date.
Warden, University Students' Residential Halls, U of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, from 1996-1997

Courses Taught:

Instructor, "Women in South Asia" and "Religion and Literature in South Asia",

Bowdoin College, Spring 2015.

Instructor, MA/Mphil Course, “The Writing of Empire: A Textual Study of the Contours of European Colonialism,” Department of English, Faculty of Arts, U of Peradeniya, from 2013 onwards.

Instructor, “Women’s Writing and Women’s Activism in South Asia,” Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, USA, Fall 2007.

Instructor, “Women Writers of South Asia,” College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, USA, Spring 2007.

Instructor, Programme in Translation Studies, U of Peradeniya—“Theory of Translation,” “The Practice of Translation,” “Discourse and Text Analysis,” from 2003 to 2006.

Instructor, Dept of English, U of Peradeniya, ENG 407, “Postcolonial Literary Creativity,” from 2009 onwards.

Instructor, Dept of English, U of Peradeniya, ENG 207—“The Eighteenth Century English Novel,” 2001 onwards [except when on leave].

Instructor, Dept of English, U of Peradeniya, ENG 305—“Romantic and Victorian Writing,” 2002 onwards [except when on leave].

Instructor, Dept of English, U of Peradeniya, ENG 406—“American Literature,” 2003 onwards [except when on leave].

Instructor for the course, “Images of the Feminine and the Social Experiences of Women in Sri Lankan Society,” for an American Study Abroad program titled ISLE (Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education) at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, since 1999 [except when on leave].

Instructor, Dept of English, U of Peradeniya, ENS 4.4—“American Literature”(sections on Black and Ethnic American literature)—from 2000-2002.

Instructor, Dept of English, U of Peradeniya, ENG 100—“Composition in English,” 2000.

Instructor, Department of English, U of Peradeniya, for MA/M.Phil. Course on “Women’s Fiction in English after 1800,” from 1997 onwards [except when on leave].

Instructor, Dept of English, U of Peradeniya, ENS 4.2—“Twentieth Century British and American Literature,” 1994-2000 (selected topics).

Instructor for the course, “Women Writers of South Asia,” as Visiting Assistant Professor, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, USA.

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, U of Peradeniya, “Introduction to Feminist Theory” for a course titled “Gender Studies” at the (3rd-year) Junior-level (1996-97).

Memberships in Professional Bodies:

Life Member, Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya (**AAUP**)

Life Member, Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (**ACLALS**)

Life Member, Sri Lanka Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (**SLACLALS**)

Life Member, Sri Lanka Federation of University Women (**SLFUW**).

Positions Held:

Chairperson of Panel of Judges, Gratiaen Literary Awards for the Best Sri Lankan Literature in English, 2018.

Head, Department of English, University of Peradeniya, July 2017 onward.

Chair, Committee to Monitor Sexual Harassment and Violence, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 2018 onward.

Editor, *The Sri Lanka Journal of the Humanities*, published by the U of Peradeniya, 2012-14.

Coordinator, Postgraduate Programmes of the Department of English, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, from 2009-2014.

Chair, Conference Organizing Committee, International Conference on the Social Sciences and the Humanities [ICSSH 2011], December 2011.

Chair & Member of Panel of Judges, Translations into English, State Literary Awards, Sponsored by the Government of Sri Lanka, 2010 and 2013.

Head, Department of English, University of Peradeniya, from July 2004 to August 2006 (on leave from September to December 2005) and from January 2008 to July 31, 2009.

Chief Editor, Gratiaen Trust sponsored Translation Project to bring out two volumes of Sinhala and Tamil short stories in Translation, 2005.

Joint Coordinator, Postgraduate Diploma in Translation and Member, Committee on Translation Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, 2003 to 2006 and from August 2010 onwards.

Chair, Panel of Judges for the HAI Goonetilleke Prize for Translation (sponsored by the Gratiaen Trust), for the years 2003 and 2004.

Treasurer, Sri Lanka Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (SLACLALS), from 2003-2006.

Editor, University Calendar (U of Peradeniya), 2002 and 2013.

Secretary, Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya (AAUP), 2000/2001.

Awards & Fellowships:

Martha Farrell Memorial Fellowship [ACU Titular Fellowships], Awarded by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, UK, 2017

State Literary Award 2012 for Best Translation into English from Sinhala in the Creative Writing Category, Translation into English as *Metta: A Story about Love*, of the Sinhala novel *Podu Purushaya* by Sunethra Rajakarunanayake, Colombo: Three Wheeler Press, 2011.

Fellowship [one month], under Erasmus Mundus Action II-Experts II [A Staff Exchange Programme funded by EU], to Universidad Santiago de Compostella, Spain, March/April 2013].

Fellowship, O'Donnell Visiting Educator, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, USA, June 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Fellowship, Advanced Research and Lecturing Awards, Fulbright Hayes Foundation, USA, August 2006-May 2007.

Fellowship (South Asia Region), Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York, 2005.

A Fellowship for Female Doctoral Students in the Asia-Pacific Region from the

- American Association of University Women, Honolulu Branch, Fall 1993.
An International Fellowship for Doctoral Studies from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for 1992-1993.
An Award from the Graduate Student Organization, U of Hawaii for "Outstanding Achievement as a Graduate Student Researcher, 1991-92."
An East-West Center Award for Graduate Studies at UH, 1987-1991.
A Fellowship from the British Council in Sri Lanka to take part in the Scottish Universities' Summer Exchange Program held in Edinburgh, Scotland, from July to August 1987.
Petta Library Prize for English, for Best Performance in English at General Arts Qualifying Exam, Faculty of Arts, U of Peradeniya, 1980/81

Workshops Conducted and Attended:

- Resource Person**, Induction Program for Academic Staff, University of Peradeniya, Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya, from 2016 to date. Topic: Sexual Harassment and Violence at the University of Peradeniya: Facts, causes, consequences, solutions”.
- Resource Person**, Training Program for Clerks and Stenographers, Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya, February, 2018 & April 28, 2017, Topic: “How to write effective letters and memos.”
- Chief Resource Person**, 2-day Workshop on “Minute Keeping for Stenographers, University of Peradeniya”, Staff Development Center, University of Peradeniya, July 1-2, 2016.
- Resource Person**, One Day Workshop on “Student Evaluation Methods”, Topic: “Role of Language in Student Assessment,” Dept of Geogrpahy, University of Peradeniya, 9.15 am-2.30 pm, February 25, 2014.
- Resource Person**, One Day Workshop on Bilingual Education held at the Department of Education, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, December 06, 2013, Organized by the Department of Education, U of Peradeniya and Bilingual Education Division of the Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka.
 Title of presentation: “The Pursuit of Equity and Excellence in English through Bilingual Education in the Sri Lankan Education System: Effective Strategy to Meet Desired End?” 10 am – 11.30 am
- Resource Person**, Two One-day Workshops on the Proposed Bachelor of Education [B.Ed.] Curriculum of the Department of Education, Organized by the Dept of Education, U of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 9.30 am-3.30 pm, December 13 and 20, 2013.
- Resource Person**, “Literatures of South Asia,” Teachers Center for Global Studies, Clark University, Worcester, MA, December 12, 2006.
- Participant**, Workshop on Human Rights, Organized by the Center for the Study of Human Rights, University of Peradeniya, July 2003.
- Participant**, Workshop on “Gender Theory and Practice,” Organized by the American Institute for Lankan Studies (AILS), Open University, Colombo, August 9-10 2002.
- Participant**, Workshop on Translation Studies, Organized by the Translation Studies

Committee, Faculty of Arts, U of Peradeniya, July 08-August 09, 2002.

Member of Organizing Committee and Resource Person, Workshop on “Leadership and Management Skills for Women in Higher Education,” PGIA Auditorium, University of Peradeniya, June 8-10 2000.

Participant, Workshop on Women and Management in Higher Education (Training of Trainers), Hotel Citadel (Kandy), organized by the University Grants Commission and Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) 25-30 July 1999.

Publications:

“Leonard Woolf’s *The Village in the Jungle* and A.P. Gunaratne’s *Beddegama: Which the Original and Which the Translation?*” by *Phoenix: Journal of the Sri Lanka Association of Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies*,” Ed. S.W. Perera & Nihal Fernando, Vol. XIII & XIV, 2016 & 2017, 11-24.

“Violence against Women: Exception or the Norm? Perspectives from Sri Lanka,” *Perspectivas transculturales/Violence against Women: Cross-Cultural Perspectives*, Ed. Rita Radl Philipp and Conceição Fonseca-Silva, Santiago de Compostela: Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, 2014.

“Where Have All the ‘Women’ Gone? A Consideration of Gender and Literary Production in Sigiri Graffiti.” *The Sri Lanka Journal of the Humanities*. Vol. XXXV. 1 & 2 (2009): 1-26.

“Introduction,” *Asal Vaesi Api: Sama Kaaleena Sri Lankika Dhamila Keti Kathaa* [Tr. *We the Neighbours: Contemporary Sri Lankan Tamil Stories*], tr. into Sinhala, Ed. Carmen Wickramagamage and M A Nuhman, Colombo: Gratiaen Trust, 2006, vii-x.

Review, *In Translation: Reflections, Refractions, Transformations* (Ed. Paul St-Pierre & Prafulla C Kar, Delhi: Pencraft International), *The Yearbook of South Asian Languages and Linguistics*, 2006, 178-190.

“Gendering Identity, Engendering Difference: A Critique of Femininities-in-the-making in Contemporary Lanka.” *Identity and Difference*. Ed. John Holt & P B Meegaskumbura, Kandy: ISLE, 2006.

“Unravelling the Story of the Sari” [Review Article]. *Sri Lanka Journal of the Humanities*. Vol. XXIX & XXX.1 & 2(2003-2004): 179-183.

“Her Body, Her Right??: Interrogating the Discourse on Abortion in Sri Lanka.” *Sri Lanka Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 27.1 & 2 (2004): 17-59.

“Teacher, Spinster or Baby-Sitter?: Annalukshmi’s Choices in Shyam Selvadurai’s *Cinnamon Gardens*.” *Across Cultures: Issues of Identity in Contemporary British and Sri Lankan Writing*. Ed. Neluka Silva and Rajiva Wijesinha. Colombo: British Council, 2001.

“Anita Desai’s *Fasting, Feasting and Diamond Dust and Other Stories*.” [Review] *The Sri Lanka Journal of the Humanities*. XXVI.1&2 (2000): 118-124.

“‘A Fish Without a Bicycle’?: Annalukshmi’s Choice in Selvadurai’s *Cinnamon Gardens*.” *CRNLE Reviews Journal*. 2000:130-141.

“(An)Other Side to Bertha Mason?: Reading ‘Race’ into *Wide Sargasso Sea*.” *Journal of Commonwealth Literature*. 35, 1 (2000), 27-43.

“Sri Lankan Organizations for Women: A Critical Appraisal.” *Women and Politics*

- in Sri Lanka: A Comparative Perspective*. Ed. Sirima Kiribamune. Kandy: ICES 1999. 143-181.
- "Many Questions, Few Answers: Romesh Guneseckera's *The Sandglass*." *Navasilu* [Review Article]. 15&16 (1998): 112-117.
- "The Empire Writes Back: Bharati Mukherjee's Jasmine as Post-Colonial Feminist Text." *Constructions and Confrontations: Changing Representations of Women and Feminism in East and West*. vol. 13 of *Literary Studies East and West*. Ed. Cristina Bacchilega and Cornelia Moore. Honolulu, HI: U of Hawaii P, 1996.
- with Kathleen Kane and Masahide Kato. *Adventurers in Cultural Crossings: A Guide for and by International Teaching Assistants at the University of Hawaii at Manoa*. Honolulu, HI: Centre for Teaching Excellence, 1994.
- "Public Men / Private Women?": Reading Politics into Anita Desai's *Fire on the Mountain*." *SPAN*. 38 (April 1994): 19-46.
- with Wimal Dissanayake. *Self and Colonial Desire: Travel Writings of V.S. Naipaul*. New York: Peter Lang, 1993.
- "Relocation as Positive Act: The Immigrant Experience in Bharati Mukherjee's Novels." *Diaspora*. 2.2 (Fall 1992): 171-201.
- "Nurses and the Reconciliation of Roles." *Women, Work and Family in Sri Lanka*. Ed. Sirima Kiribamune. New Delhi: Navrang, 1992. 78-100.
- "Self, Womanhood, and Social Order in Narayan's Fiction." *World Englishes*. 9.2 (1990): 193-205.
- "*Curfew and a Full Moon: A Message for Our Times?*" *Navasilu*. 7 & 8 (1987): 159-63.

Accepted for Publication as Articles and Bookchapters:

- Co-author, "Women's Political Representation and Participation in Sri Lanka", National Human Development Report (2018), UNDP Country Office, Forthcoming.
- "A Silent Revolution'? The Impact of the 1946 'Free Education Initiative' on Women's Status in Sri Lanka," Accepted for Publication as Conference Proceedings, Institute of Thai Studies and the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, Publishing Date, 2014.
- "Women, Armed Conflict and Gender-Based Violence: Reflections on Feminist Praxis in Post-War Sri Lanka," Ed. Sabiha Hussain, Jamia Milliya Islamiya, New Delhi, Publishing Date 2014.

Unpublished Papers:

- "Stories that are skyscraper tall: Reflections on the place of 'tall stories' in Narrative Criminology."

Published Abstracts:

- with P Sethunga and M Kalugampitiya. "The Pursuit of Equity and Excellence in English through English Medium/Bilingual Education in the Sri Lankan Education System: Effective Strategy to Meet Desired End?" Proceedings of the Peradeniya University Research Sessions (PURSE), 16th December 2010. Volume 15 – Part II. University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. 84-1843.

Translations:

- Metta: A Story about Love*. Translation, with Introduction and Afterword, of Sunethra Rajakarunanayake's *Podu Purushaya* [Sinhala]. Colombo: Threewheeler Press, 2011.
- Asal Vaesi Api: Sama Kaaleena Sri Lankika Damila Ketu Kathaa* [Tr. We the Neighbours: Contemporary Sri Lankan Tamil Stories], tr. into Sinhala, Ed. Carmen Wickramagamage and M A Nuhman, Colombo: Three Wheeler Press, 2006.
- "The Bond" and "The Visitor." Tr. into English from Sinhala. *Lankan Mosaic: Translations of Sinhala and Tamil Short Stories*. Ed. Ashley Halpe, M A Nuhman, and Ranjini Obeysekere. Colombo: Three Wheeler Press, 2002. 204-15, 225-33.

Invited Talks and Lectures:

- 'A Silent Revolution'? The Impact of the 1946 'Free Education Initiative' on Women's Status in Sri Lanka,' A Talk to Commemorate International Women's Day, March 08, 2014, Faculty Seminar Series, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya.
- Guest Speaker to Commemorate International Women's Day, March 08, 2014, Commentary on PBS Documentary "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide," Thursday March 06, 2014, 4 pm, American Corner, DS Senanayake Public Library, Kandy, Sri Lanka [organized by the Embassy of the USA, Sri Lanka].
- "A Silent Revolution'? The Impact of the 1946 'Free Education Initiative' on Women's Status in Sri Lanka," Paper Presented at "Asian Heritage Forum: The Emergence and Heritage of Asian Women Intellectuals," Organized by Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, September 9-13, 2013.
- "The Public and Private Face of Violence against Women in Sri Lanka/South Asia," *VIII Jornadas De Formacion Educacion, Genero E Igualdad: Formas multiples de violencia contra las mujeres. Aspectos diversos* [Tr. The VIIIth Conference of Formation Education, Gender and Equality. Multiple Forms of Violence against the Women. Diverse Appearances"], Organized by *Centro Interdisciplinario de Investigacions Feministas e de Estudos do Xenero* [CIFEX], University of Santiago de Compostela [USC], Spain, April 12, 2013.
- "Re/covering the Subaltern Subject in Indian Fiction Texts: Mahasweta Devi, 'Phoolan Devi' and Arundhati Roy," Bharatasamay International Conference on Indian Writing in English, November 21-23, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.
- "Enter 'Paba': The New Face/Phase of Women's Politics in Sri Lanka?" Faculty of Arts Seminar Series, A talk to commemorate International Women's Day, Seminar Room, Faculty of Arts, U of Peradeniya, March 08, 2011.
- "Official Bilingualism in Unofficially Multilingual Sri Lanka: A Case of Keeping the Baby AND the Bathwater?" with Prasad Sethunga and Maduranga Kalugampitiya. Forum on Bilingual Education, Organized by the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, January 09, 2010.
- "What is Service and Advocacy on Behalf of Women?" Invited by Zonta Club

- International, Kandy Branch, Hotel Suisse, Kandy, Sri Lanka, 7th June 2008.
- “‘Wards of the State’? Women, Citizenship and Nation-State Politics in South Asia.” O’Donnell Lecture. Kimball Auditorium, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, USA, November 28, 2007.
- “‘International’ Gender Justice: Perspectives from South Asia.” Gender Studies Research Roundtable organized by the Gender Studies Programme of Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, USA, on November 12, 2007.
- “Understanding the Roles of Education, Waged Employment in Women’s Capacity Building: The Case of Sri Lanka.” Invited by American Association of University Women [AAUW], Walla Walla Branch, Olin Hall, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, USA, November 13, 2007.
- “*Kider Chetty Street* and the Place of Sri Lankan Writing in English,” Invited by AISLS (American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies) Forum, Association for Asian Studies, Boston, MA, USA, March 23, 2007.
- “Feminism Without Borders?: Issues, Problems, Prospects: A View from the Margins,” Invited by the Gender Studies Program, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, USA, November 09 2006.
- “Bearing Children, Bearing Arms, Bearing Witness: Re-thinking (Women’s) Rights in a Time of War in Contemporary Sri Lanka.” Presented at the University of Hawaii (Manoa, Honolulu, HI, USA) on November 30, 2006, and Whitman College, Carleton College, Grinnell College, Bowdoin College, Colby College and Swarthmore College between October 15-November 03, 2006.
- “Women in Sri Lanka: Images and Issues,” Presentation for the Carleton College Fulbright Faculty Group, Monday, November 27 2000, ISLE Center, Dangolla, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
- “Gender: What is It?” Presentation at the Workshop on Leadership and Management Skills for Women in Higher Education,” PGIA Auditorium, U of Peradeniya, June 10, 2000.
- “Abortion: A Woman’s Right?” Guest Lecture delivered at the AGM of the Sri Lanka Federation of University Women, Kandy Branch, 20 February, 2000.

Presentations at Conferences and Seminars:

- “Leonard Woolf’s *The Village in the Jungle* and A.P. Gunarathne’s *Beddegama: Which the Original and Which the Translation?*” Presented at the 8th SLACLALS Conference on “A Translocal World? Exploring the Postcolonial Today”, 29th - 30th October, 2016, Organized by the Sri Lanka Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
- “Armed Conflict and Gender-Based Violence: the Case of Sri Lanka,” *VIII Jornadas De Formacion Educacion, Genero E Igualdad: Formas multiples de violencia contra las mujeres. Aspectos diversos*” [Tr. The VIIIth Conference of Formation Education, Gender and Equality. Multiple Forms of Violence against the Women. Diverse Appearances”], Organized by *Centro Interdisciplinario de Investigacions Feministas e de Estudos do Xenero* [CIFEX], University of Santiago de Compostela [USC], Spain, April 12, 2013.

- “Women, Armed Conflict and Gender-Based Violence: Reflections on Feminist Praxis in Post-War Sri Lanka,” Paper Presented at the International Conference on “Gender Equity and Exclusion in South and Central Asia: Emerging Challenges,” 17th–18th October, 2011, Organised by Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit & Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia New Delhi and IWID.
- “Reproducing the Conditions of Production? The Fourth Estate and Conflict in the Case of Sri Lanka,” 8th Media Summit, November 24th and 25th, 2011, Organized by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation and International Convention Centre, Goa, India.
- with Prasad Sethunga and Maduranga Kalugampitiya, “The Pursuit of Equity and Excellence in English Education through English Medium/Bilingual Education in the Sri Lankan Education System: Effective Strategy to Meet Desired End?” Presentation at Peradeniya University Research Sessions [PURSE], Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, December 16, 2010.
- “From *Kaduwa* to *Manne*? Thoughts on Recent Official Measures to Re-invent the Status of English in Sri Lanka,” Presentation at the Sri Lanka Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies [SLACLALS], Royal Mall Auditorium, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, October 25, 2010.
- “The Sense of Place in the Search for Home in Chandani Lokuge’s *If the Moon Smiled and Turtle’s Nest*.” Fourth International ASAA Conference, “Australasia-Asia: Change, Conflict and Convergence.” Hotel Suisse, Kandy, Sri Lanka, 2nd to 5th December, 2008.
- “‘A Fish Without a Bicycle’?: Annalukshmi’s Choice in Selvadurai’s *Cinnamon Gardens*.” Presented at the Conference organized by the British Council, “Towards the 21st Century: Cross-Cultural Identities in Contemporary Sri Lankan and British Writing,” 29 March-1 April 2000, British Council Auditorium, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- “‘Her Body, Her Right’?: Interrogating the Discourse on Abortion Rights in Sri Lanka.” Presented at the Seventh National Convention on Women’s Studies, 23-26 March 2000, CENWOR Auditorium, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- “What the Sri Lankan Organizations for Women Do: A Critical Appraisal.” Sixth National Convention for Women’s Studies organized by CENWOR (Colombo, Sri Lanka), 19-21 March 1998.
- “Women’s Politics vs. Women in Politics: Investigating the Role of NGOs for Women.” Presented at the Conference on “Women in Politics” organized by ICES (Kandy, Sri Lanka), 10-11 February, 1996.
- “‘Whose Story Is It Anyway?’: The Ethnic Woman Writer and Ethno-Cultural Politics in the U.S.” Presented at the Regional Conference on American Literature (Quetta, Pakistan), 25-28 September, 1995.
- “The ‘Women’ of *Sigiriya*: Some Notes towards a History of Male Specularity in Sri Lanka.” Presented at the Annual Spring Symposium of the Center for South Asian Studies (U of Hawaii, USA), 5-7 March 1992.
- “Re-location as Positive Act: the Immigrant Experience in Bharati Mukherjee’s Novels.” Presented at a Conference on Asian American Literature titled *Asian American Cultural Transformations: A Literature of One’s Own*. (UC Santa Barbara, USA) 26-28 April, 1991.

"Reluctant Concessions: the Representation of Indian Women in R.K. Narayan's Novels." Presented at the Annual Graduate Students' Conference of the School for Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Studies (U of Hawaii, USA), 14-15 April, 1989.

Public Lectures and Radio Talks:

"Is Abortion a Woman's Right?" Two Lectures for Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Science Students on 03 March and 15 March 2000, at the EOE Pereira and Upper Physics Lecture Theatres, University of Peradeniya.

Lecture on "Violence Against Women in Sri Lanka" to Faculty of Arts Students at the Arts Theatre, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, on March 17, 1999.

Two lectures [in Sinhala] on the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) to local government officials, politicians, and NGO workers in Kandy, Sri Lanka, on September 17 and 26, 1996, at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.

"Feminism: Its Philosophy and Politics" [in Sinhala], Organized by the Institute for International Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka, 8 July 1995.

Panel Discussions on "Sexual Harassment" and "Women in Foreign Employment in Sri Lanka" on Radio [in Sinhala], the *Hill Country Service*, Kandy, Sri Lanka, 21 June and 5 July 1995.
