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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

As a student-centered lecturer, expert in Humanities with specialty of Theravāda Buddhist studies, I have possessed essential skills in reading, understanding and interpreting the texts in sacred language Pali that is crucial for Theravāda Buddhist studies. Identifying the proximity of Pali Buddhism in understanding the original teaching of the Buddha motivated me to enrich myself with qualifications and experiences in Theravāda as a young academic. Thus, I could expand research projects on the Tipitaka, Commentaries and Sub-commentaries and generate new knowledge in the field of Buddhist studies. The findings of my research work effectively enhanced my teachings at the postgraduate and undergraduate levels. The only goal of the life is to extend dissemination of new knowledge of Humanities nationally and internationally.

WORK HISTORY

SENIOR LECTURER GR. II, 04/2018 - 07/ 2023 *University of Colombo*, Colombo, Colombo

- Teaching: Undergraduate programme in Buddhist studies
- Supervising: PhD/MPhil/MA students in Buddhist studies
- Publishing: National and International Peer Reviewed Articles
- Coordinating: PhD/MPhil programmes in Buddhist Studies 2018-2020
- Coordinating: International Conference in Buddhist Studies 2022
- Developing Programme: MA programme in Buddhist Studies at Colombo – 2019

LECTURER IN BUDDHIST STUDIES, 09/2013 - 02/2018

University of Mahidol, Salaya, Thailand

- Teaching: PhD programme in Buddhist students
- Teaching: Undergraduate Programme in Prosthetic Science (Rhetoric for Leadership)
- Supervising: PhD students in Buddhist studies
- Publishing International Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

LECTURER IN BUDDHIST STUDIES, 01/2013 - 08/2013

Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy, Kandy, Sri Lanka

- Teaching: Undergraduate programme in Buddhist students
- Publishing: Scholarly Articles
- Coordinating: An International Conference in Buddhist studies

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, 01/2012 - 12/2012

Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka

- Student Support: Assisting the researchers in sacred language studies
- Publishing: Scholarly Articles

ASSISTANT LECTURER, 01/2011 - 12/2011

Buddhist and Pali University, Homagama, Sri Lanka

- Teaching: Undergraduate courses in Pali studies
- Publishing :Scholarly Articles and Books

TEMPORARY TUTOR, 09/2009 - 12/2010

University of Sri Jayewardenepura , Nugegoda, Sri Lanka

- Teaching: Undergraduate programme in Pali studies
- Publishing: Scholerly Articles and Books

SKILLS

Administrative Skills

2023 Member of Syllabus Review Committee of the Undergraduate Programme in Buddhist studies

2022 Coordinator, International Conference on Theravāda Buddhist Scholasticism in First Millennium of Sri Lanka

2020 – 2022 Member of Faculty (nominated by UGC), Postgraduate Institute of Pali Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya

2019 – 2023 Research Committee Member, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo

2019 A Developper of Master of Arts in Buddhist studies programme, University of Colombo

2018 – 2020 Student counsellor of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo

2018-2020 Coordinator, Mphil / PhD programe in Buddhist studies, University of Colombo

2013 – 2018 Member of Committee International PhD Programme of Buddhist Studies, Faculty of Social Science, University of Mahidol, Thailand

2013 Coordinator, International Conference on Pali and Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy

2011 Coordinator, National Pali Conferance, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

2020 Reviewer, International

Conference on Humanities and Social Science of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo.

2020 Reviewer, Undergraduate Research Symposium Humanities and Social Science of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo.

2019 Reviewer, of Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies, SIBA, Kandy.

2018 Reviewer of Abstract & Full Paper Book of International Pali Conference, University of Peradeniya.

2017 Reviewer of Abstract & Full Paper Book of International Pali Conference, University of Peradeniya.

2016 Reviewer of Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies, SIBA, Kandy.

Reviewer of Abstract & Full Paper Book of International Pali Conference, University of Peradeniya.

2015 Reviewer of Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies, SIBA, Kandy.

2015 Reviewer of Abstract & Full Paper Book of International Pali Conference, University of Peradeniya

2014 Reviewer of Abstract & Full Paper Book of International Buddhist Conference, SIBA, Kandy.

2014 Reviewer of Abstract & Full Paper Book of International Buddhist Conference, SIBA, Kandy.

Reviewing

2022 Reviewer, of Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies, SIBA, Kandy.

2021 Reviewer, Colombo Arts Biannual Refereed Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities, Faculty of Arts, University of

Creative Works

2020 Kalyānī, lyrics of a song in Pali language,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVO5L9xKGEo>

2017 Albātara Saṃdeso; The Message of Albatross, Published by Sri Sonuttara

Colombo.

2021 Reviewer, of Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies, SIBA, Kandy.

2021 Reviewer, International Conference on Humanities and Social Science of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo.

2021 Reviewer, Undergraduate Research Symposium Humanities and Social Science of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo.

2020 Reviewer, of Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies, SIBA, Kandy.

Pirivena, Sri Lanka. (Composition in Pali)

IT Skills

Intermediate Level Skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint

EDUCATION

University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, 01/2010 - 05/2013

Doctor of Philosophy: Pali- Pass

Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka, 03/2007 - 04/2008

Master of Arts : Pali- Pass

Buddhist and Pali University, Sri Lanka, 02/2006 - 02/2007

Master of Arts: Buddhist Studies- Pass

University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, 02/2004 - 04/2008

Bachelor of Arts: Pali- First Class Honours

Oriental Studies Society, Sri Lanka, 01/2003 - 12/2004

Bachelor of Arts: Pali, Sanskrit and Sinhala- Pass

Sri Lanka Examination Department, Sri Lanka, 08/2000 - 08/2002

A-Levels: Pali, Buddhism and Sinhala- Pass

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

International Publications

2020 A Study of the Unique Exegetical Methods in the Sub-commentary of the Majjhima-nikāya, Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies (SIJBS), Volume VI, 44-58

2019 Early Buddhism: A New Definition, International Buddhist College Journal of Buddhist Studies, Vol - 01 IBC, Thailand, 123 - 136

2018 A Book Review: Dasabodhisattuppattikathā aṭṭhakathā, Journal of the Centre for Heritage Studies, Vol-I, University of Kelaniya. 361-364

2017 A Brief Introduction to the Date and the Authorship of the Atthasālinī (Part I), Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies, ISSN - 2012 8878 (Online)

2017 A Critical Edition of the NDV Chap III, Journal of Graduate Studies Review, Mahachulalongkornraj University, Thailand, 2017

2016 A Chronological Approach to the Pali Commentaries: with reference to the Madhuratthavilāsinī, Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies, ISSN - 20128878 (Online)

2016 Buddhist Teachings About the Middle: a critical study of the Majjhe-sutta of the

Conference Full Papers

2019 Methods to Overcome Impediments of Memorizing in the Buddhist Philosophy of Education, UNDV Conference, Vietnam, 2019.

2017 Does Jainism Reject Mental-actions? - A comparative study of the Uttarajjhaya-sūya and the Upāli-sutta of the MN. University of Kelaniya. Sri Lanka.

2017 Pāramatthaṃ nāma byañjanaṃ; Khuddānukhuddakakathā” vīmaṃsanaṃ, International Pali Conference, Sri Lanka, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

2016 Pluralistic Teachings on Polity in Buddhism and the Manusmṛuti with special reference to the Yassaṃdisaṃ-sutta of the AN, Dharma-Dhamma Conference, Bhopal, India.

2016 Problems of Entrusting the Atthasālinī to Buddhaghosa, International Conference of SLABS, BPU, Sri Lanka.

2016 Kenaṭṭhena Buddhaghoso Visuddhimagge Odahi Pakativādīnaṃ Opammaṃ? SLABS, BPU, Sri Lanka.

2016 Utility of Buddhist Sacred Relics to Develop Peace in Ceylon with reference to the Nalāṭa Dhātuvamṣa, The 2nd MCU International Academic Conference- 19th May 2016-Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Ayutthaya, Thailand

2015 An Inquiry into Likelihood of Religious Pluralism in Buddhism, International Association of Asian Heritage, Kelaniya University Sri Lanka.

2014 Vāḍibha Sīho: Migeṭṭuvatte Gunānandayativarassa Apadānaṃ, Shan State, Myanmar 172-185.

2014 Buddhasāsane Pabbajita Niganthiyo, SIBA-MCU International Conference. Kandy: SIBA.

2014 Anupadā Parinibbāna: A Different Interpretation on the Anupadisesa Nibbana, SIBA-MCU International Conference. Kandy: SIBA.

2014 Sāṅkhya Teachings Found in Theravada Buddhism: An inquiry into an analogy depicted in the Visuddhimagga International Conference. USJP, Colombo.

2014 Two Extremes and the Middle: A Different Illustration of Central Philosophy in Early Buddhism, International Conference. USJP, Colombo.

2013 A Comparative Study of the Pacceka Buddhas of MN and Former Jain Leader of Jainism.International Conference on Asian Art, Culture and Heritage. Colombo.

2013 Theragāthāpali Pana Kadā Pariniṭṭhāpitā? SIBA-MCU International Conference. Kandy: SIBA.

2012 Number of Heterodox-views Depicted in the Early Buddhism: A New Approach, Ananda Coomaraswamy International Conference. University of Kelaniya. Colombo.

2012 Did Ascetic Siddhartha Gautama Practise Jainism? Dharma Dhamma International Conference. India: Bhopal.

2012 Time Management: A Buddhist Perspective. International Buddhist Conference, Buddhasravaka Bhikshu University. Anuradhapura.

Edited Books

2022 Vijitha Kumara, S. Theravada Buddhist Scholasticism in First Millennium Sri Lanka, (Ed), Full Paper Book of the First International Buddhist Conference, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Colombo.

2013 Vijitha Kumara, S., Prasiddhinand Bodhi, Singsooriya Pagorn (Co eds) Thai International Journal of Buddhist Studies

2013 Vijitha Kumara, S., & Ariyaratne, I. (eds.) The Abstract Book of SIBA-MCU International Conference. Kandy: SIBA.

2013 Vijitha Kumara, S., Nanda Thera, S., & Piyadassi Thera, P. (Eds.) Bauddha Sanskrta Grantha Addhyayana. (Felicitation Volume of Venerable Makulwewe Wimalajothi Nayaka Thera). Kurunegala: Nugawela.

2012 Vijitha Kumara, S., & Vanaratana Thera, R. (eds.). Pali Aṭṭhakathā Sahitya Praveśaya. (Felicitation Volume of Venerable Dambadeniye Ananda Nayaka Thera). Kurunegala: Alawwa.

2010 Vijitha Kumara, S., & Paññāratana Himi Mahamithawa (Eds.). Samaya Adhyayana (Felicitation Volume of Venerable Leekolapitiye Dhammarathana Nayaka Thera).

Sinhalese Book Publication

2011 Pali Tripitaka Gāthā Akārādiya Vol I, Published by MAGADHI Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies.

2011 Bauddha Kalamanākaraṇa Mūladharma, Published by MAGADHI Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies.

2011 Sūtra Sāhitya Adhyayanaya, Published by MAGADHI Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies.

2010 Bauddha Sāhitya, Published by MAGADHI Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies.

2009 Theragiye Kav Lakuṇu, Published by MAGADHI – Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies.

2009 Bodhisattva Ādarśaya, Published by MAGADHI – Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies.

Research Grants

2014 – 2016 Mahidol New Research Grant, Mahidol University, A Critical Edition of the Nalāṭa Dhātuvamso. - 140000THB

2013 – 2015 Talent Management Research Grant, Mahidol University, A Chronological Approach to the Pali Commentaries: with Reference to the Madhuratthavilāsinī - 50000THB

ACADEMIC DISSEMINATION

Visiting Lecturer

Postgraduate Programmes in Buddhist studies

2019 Philosophy of Buddhist Education, MA programme, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Colombo

2019 Advanced Teachings of Early Buddhism, MA programme, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Colombo

2019 Buddhist Literary Criticism, MA programme, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya

2018 Buddhist Literary Criticism, MA programme, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya

2012 History of Pali Literature, MA programme, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya

Undergraduate Programmes in Pali and Buddhist studies

2019 Buddhist Epistemology, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

2018 Early Buddhist Teachings/ Bhānaka Tradition, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

2017 Rhetoric and Leadership, Faculty of Medical Science, Mahidol University

2016 Rhetoric and Leadership, Faculty of Medical Science, Mahidol University

2015 Human Relations and Self- Developments Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University

2014 Language and Communication Faculty of Medical Technology, Mahidol University. Human Relations and Self- Developments, Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University

2012 Pali 4205, Pali 3203, The Dept of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

2011 Pali 4205, Pali 3203, The Dept of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
