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Education

• University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka, 2017, **M.Phil. in Applied Linguistics**, Fulltime Research Master Degree, Pending final results.

Thesis Title:

A Study of Input in Promoting Meta-Cognitive Strategies to Learn English, (An Experimental Study within Dynamic Small Groups)

• University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka, 2011, **M.A. in Linguistics**, Coursework & Research Master Degree.

Thesis Title:

Group Dynamics as Stimuli to Motivate and Sustain the Autonomy of the Learners in English, (An Experimental Design of an ELT Module to Challenge the Challenges: Motivation, Learner Autonomy, and the Sustenance of Them)

• Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, 2005, **B.A. English (Special)**, Lower Second Class.

Thesis Title:

A study of competence in the Primary English Education Reforms of 1997.

Professional Experience

- Lecturer in English, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, February 2007 to date.
- Member and a researcher in TESL/TEFL, Member of the AsiaTEFL.
- Visiting Lecturer in Communication Skills, B. Eng. Degree Programme, Sri Lanka Telecom Training Centre, Welisara.
- Specialist Trainer of Communication Skills and Business English, Sri Lanka Telecom.
- Visiting Lecturer in English, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.
- Programme Officer of Language Training Division, Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS), Sri Lanka, June 2006 to January 2007.

Areas of Research interest

- Learner Autonomy
- Metacognition, Cognitive scaffolding for language learning
- Mindfulness & Buddhist philosophical approaches to the mind
- English for Specific Academic Purposes (ESAP)
- English as Second Language (ESL) input
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Areas of Post Graduate Training Received

- Applied Linguistics
- Cognitive approaches to Second Language teaching
- Elements of Linguistics and Phonetics
- Historical Linguistics
- Metacognitive approaches to pedagogy
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- Psycholinguistics
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Research Works

- Rathnayake, W.M.P.Y.B. "Maslow's theory of Motivation, Wijenaike's Monkeys and Human Cravings", 3rd international Symposium (INSYM-SUSL), Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, 2010
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