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Educational Qualifications

PhD., Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, 2008.

M.A. in Buddhist Studies (Distinction), The University of Hong Kong, 2003.

Dip. in Ed., Faculty of Education, The University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1998.

M.A., in Buddhist Studies, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, The University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1997.

B.A. (Hon) in Buddhist Philosophy, The University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1994.

Diploma in Buddhist Studies, The Buddhist and Pali University, Sri Lanka, 1993.

Teaching Experience

10 years of experience of teaching at BCS and I have taught the following courses

1. Indian Cultural Background and Fundamentals of Buddhist Culture
2. Prescribed Texts and Literary Criticism
3. Buddhist Arts and Antiquities (South Asia) and Buddhist Social Institute
4. Buddhist Social Thoughts, Rituals and Ceremonies
5. Geographical Expansion of Buddhism and Its Development in Sri Lanka
6. Prescribed Texts and Development of Buddhist Thought I (Theravāda Buddhism)
7. Buddhist Analysis of Mind and Buddhist Ethics
8. Buddhist Social Philosophy, Metaphysical Propositions and Inter-religious Understanding
9. Development of Buddhist Thought II (Mahayana Buddhism) and Buddhist Epistemology and Logic

10. Indian Philosophical and Religious Ideas Prior to the Buddha
11. Introduction to Buddhist Monastic Rules
12. Introduction to Pali Canon I
13. Introduction to Pali Canon II
14. Pali Usage I
15. Pali Usage II
16. Dhamma Communication
17. History of Academic Buddhist Studies (for M.A)
18. Topics on Theravada Buddhism (for M.A.)
19. Buddhism and Social Issues (for M.A.)

Served as a tutor for “**Life and Buddhism**” (Undergraduate Course) at the University of Hong Kong, year 2007.

Served as a tutor for “**Theravāda Buddhism**” (Master of Buddhist Studies) at the University of Hong Kong from 2004-2006.

Served as a tutor for “**Theravāda Abhidhamma**” (Master of Buddhist Studies) at the University of Hong Kong from 2004-2006.

Taught Pāli and Tripiṭaka Studies at a Pirivena (Monastic College) in Sri Lanka 1996-2000.

Publications – Books

Heterodox Buddhism: The School of Abhayagiri, Colombo, The Quality Printers, 2016.

Translations

Lokānuvartana Sūtra (*Daokingboruojing*) of Lokaṣema from English to Sinhala, as *Mahāsāṅghika Nikāye Lokānuvartana Sūtraya*, and published Colombo, August 2017.

Publications – articles

“**Multifaceted Activities of the Abhayagiri Tradition**”, *Anussati: Reflection*, ed. by Ven. Dr. P. Gnanarama, published by Buddhist and Pali College, Singapore, 2018.

“**Vajrayāna Buddhism in Mediaeval Sri Lanka**”, in *Asia Pacific Journal of Religious and Cultures* (online journal), MCU, Thailand, Vol. 1, No. 2, 2017.

“**Right Thought: A Noble Pathway to World Peace**”, in *Asia Pacific Journal of Religious and Cultures* (online journal), MCU, Thailand, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2017.

“Dharmadhātu Vandanā in Mediaeval Sri Lanka”, in *Itihas Pravaha – Annual Journal of Nepalese Studies*, edited by Prof. Shankar Thapa, Nepal, 2017.

“Right Understanding and Social Life”, in *Sambodhi - Vesak Annual Magazine of Sri Lankarama Buddhist Temple*, Singapore, 2015, pp.31-36.

“The Nāmāṣṭaśataka of Sri Lanka and the Buddhahattāraka Stotram in Nepal”, in *Itihas Pravaha – Annual Journal of Nepalese Studies*, edited by Prof. Shankar Thapa, Nepal, 2014, pp. 11-19.

“The Sarvatathāgatattvasaṃgraha Sūtra and Its Circulation in Buddhist Countries During the Mediaeval Period”, in *Vijjāvimutti: A Commemorative Volume to Celebrate Twentieth Anniversary of the Buddhist and Pali College of Singapore*, ed. Ven. Dr. Rangama Chandawimala Thero, published by Buddhist and Pali College, Singapore, 2013.

“Eclecticism in Sri Lankan Buddhist Literature”, *Nāṇappabhā*, ed. by Ven. Dr. Rangama Chandawimala and Prof. Chandima Wijebandara, 2011, Singapore.

“Crossing the Sea in Search of Dharma”, *Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies (SIJBS)*, Vol. I, Published by Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy, Kandy, ed. by Ven. Dr. Bhikkhuni Suvimalee, 2010.

“Tantric Buddhist Influence on Sri Lankan Pirit (Paritta)”, *Buddhist and Pali Studies in Honour of the Venerable Professor Kakkapalliye Anuruddha*, ed. by Professor K.L. Dhammajoti and Prof. Y. Karunadasa, published by Centre of Buddhist Studies, the University of Hong Kong, 2009.

“Bodhicitta Practice in Theravāda Buddhism with Special Reference to Abhayagiri Fraternity in Ancient Sri Lanka”, *The Indian International Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol.9, 2008.

“Esoteric Buddhist Practice of Ancient Sri Lanka”, *The International Journal of Humanities*, Common Ground Publications, Australia, Vol.5, Issue 12, pp. 2008.

“The Historical Buddha Seen in the Pāli Sutta Piṭaka” – *Bodhi Journal* (E-journal), 1st Issue (Oct, 2006). 1st Issue (Oct, 2006).

Conference Paper Readings

Thirty Seven Factors Conducive to Enlightenment, at Anussati Symposium: 25th Anniversary of Buddhist and Pali College of Singapore, Capital Tower, 168 Robinson Road, Singapore, 01st of September, 2018.

Vajrayāna Buddhism in Mediaeval Sri Lanka: A Survey of Historical Accounts, at Seminar on Theravāda and Mahāyāna Buddhism on the Belt and Road, Po Lin Monastery Hong Kong, 29-30, June 2017.

Right Thought: A Noble Pathway Leading to Word Peace, at the 2nd MCU International Conference, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Ayuttaya, Thailand, on 19th May 2016.

Right Understanding: the Most Essential Factor for Global Peace, at 3rd Dharma-Dhamma Conference on “Harmony of Religions: Welfare of Humankind”, organised by Department of Culture, Government of Madhya Pradesh and Sanchi University for Buddhist and Indic Studies, Indore, India, 24-26 October 2015.

Mindfulness Based Self-reflection: A Model for Self-correction, at Australian Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Conference, organised by ASACP, held at Monash University, Caulfield Campus, Melbourne, Australia, 10-12 July 2015.

The Worship of Goddess Tara in Mediaeval Sri Lanka, at Buddhist Symposium, Vijjāvimutti: Liberation Through Wisdom, organised by Buddhist and Pali College of Singapore, Naga Pushpa Auditorium, China Town, 21st September, 2013.

Abhiṣeka Maṅgalya and Dharmadhātu Vandanā of Abhayagiri Fraternity, at International Conference on Dharma - Dhamma, 22-23 September, 2012, Bhopal, India.

Buddhist Chanting: The Superb Power of Truth, at Buddhist Symposium - Buddhism in Action: Here and Now in Honour of Ven. Dr. Pategama Gnanarama Thera, Singapore, 2012.

Eclecticism in Sri Lankan Buddhist Literature, at the 3rd International Buddhist Research Seminar, Thailand, 2011.

Esoteric Buddhist Practice in Ancient Sri Lanka, 5th Humanities Conference, American University of Paris, Paris, July, 2007.

Esoteric Buddhist Influence on Sinhala Buddhism, Second International Conference of Sri Lanka Association for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka, November, 2006.

Bodhicitta in Theravāda with Special Reference to the Abhayagiri Fraternity in Ancient Sri Lanka, Sangeeti 3rd Korean Buddhist Conference, South Korea, April, 2006.

A Brief Account of Mind, Its Nature and Mind Training in Early Buddhism, *Buddhism and Modern Society, Academic Seminar*, Papers from Hong Kong Scholars, December, 2003.

Editorial Works

Vijjāvimutti, An Academic Volume to Commemorate 20th Anniversary of Buddhist and Pali College of Singapore, 2013.

Ñāṇappabhā, A Felicitation Volume in Honour of Ven. Dr. Pategama Gnanarama (D.Litt), 2011, Singapore.

Associate Editor of **Humanities Journal**, Common Ground Publications, Australia, Vol.5, 2008.

Interviews

I have been interviewed by Psychology Students' Association of Department of Psychology of the University of Hong Kong in 2007 on 'HAPPINESS'.

Special Talks

Early Buddhist Teachings on Mind, on 19th of March 2018, at NUS Medical Dhamma Circle.

Vajrayāna Buddhism of Abhayagiri Tradition, 24th February 2018, Post Graduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

Universal Applied Bodhicitta Practice of Abhayagiri Tradition, 22nd February 2018, Post Graduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

An Introduction to Mahāyāna Buddhism with Special Reference to Vajrayāna Buddhism, 07th February 2018, at Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy, Kandy.

Aesthetics in Buddhism: Buddhist Chanting and Music, at Singapore National University Buddhist Society, National University of Singapore, on 30th September, 2016.

Heterodox Buddhism: The School of Abhayagiri, at Buddhist and Pali University, Sri Lanka, on 19th of August, 2016.

The Mahāsatipatṭhāna Sutta, at Book Launching Ceremony of Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre, Maitreya Hall, Singapore, 04th June 2016.

Right Understanding for a Happy Life, at Dot Connections, Singapore, 2016.

Different Melodies of Pali Buddhist Chanting, at Sri Lankarama Buddhist Temple, Singapore, 2015.

Delivered Keynote Speech on “Importance of Academic Buddhist Studies” at the Graduation Certificate Award Ceremony at Buddhist and Pali College, Mangala Vihara, Singapore, 2012.

I have given number of talks in English on various topics of Buddhism in Sri Lanka Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Paris, Indonesia and Singapore.

Scholarships

PhD Studentship, The University of Hong Kong. 2003 – 2007.

Glorious Sun Buddhist Scholarship for Master Degree, CBS, The University of Hong Kong. 2002 – 2007.

Memberships with Academic Buddhism

Pali Texts Society (PTS London)
Royal Asiatic Society (Sri Lankan Branch)
Sri Lankan Association of Buddhist Studies (SLABS)

Awards

“**The Best Young Scholar Award**” for academic paper presentation at the 3rd Korean Buddhist Conference (Sangeeti), South Korea, April, 2006. This was my first academic international paper presentation as a PhD student at Centre of Buddhist Studies of the University of Hong Kong.

All Island First Place – Final Dhamma Certificate Examination, Department of Examination, Colombo, Sri Lanka.