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Fields of Specialty:

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Current Lecture Courses:

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Publications:**Books**

- The Buddhist Analysis of Matter*, (reprinted), The Buddhist Research Society, Singapore, 1989, pp. I-XVIII, 1986.
The Dhamma Theory: Philosophical Cornerstone of the Abhidhamma, Wheel Publications No. 412/413, Buddhist Publication Society, Kandy, 1996.
The Atthakatha Correspondence Table, in collaboration with Sodo Mori and T. Endo, Pali Text Society, London, 1995.

Editors of Books

- Beyond the Metaphysics of Common Sense: Buddhism, Science and the Realism Question*, edited in collaboration with Arjuna de Zoysa *et al*, Colombo, 1997.
Ananda: The Ananda Guruge Felicitation Volume, Chief Editor, Colombo, 1990, pp. I-XIX, 393.

Articles

- ‘The Theravada Version of the Buddhist Theory of Momentariness’, *Journal of the Centre for Buddhist Studies*, Sri Lanka, May 2003, Colombo, pp. 60-123.
‘The Third Buddhist Convocation: Historical Fact or Pious Fabrication?’, *Journal of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies*, University of Kelaniya, Vol. I, 1999, pp.106-128.
Review of *The Chinese Version of the Dharmapada* by Ven. Kuala Lumpur Dhammajoti, *Journal of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies*, University of Kelaniya, Vol. I, 1999, pp. 240-244.
‘*Indriya vijneyya lokaya pilibanda abhidharmika vivaranaya*’, in Sinhala (The Abhidharma View of Empirical Reality), *Sambhava: Journal of the Department of Pirivena Education*, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Colombo, Vol. X, 1999, pp. 38-55.

- Foreword to *Entrance into the Supreme Doctrine* (Skandhila's *Abhidharmavatara*) by Ven. Kuala Lumpur Dhammajoti, Colombo, 1998.
- 'Dhamma Theory as the Abhidhamma View of Reality', *Beyond the Metaphysics of Common Sense: Buddhism, Science and the Realism Question*, ed. Arjuna Zoysa et al, Colombo, 1997, pp. 1-14.
- Foreword to *Immanuel Kantge Gnanavibhagaya: Bauddha Cintantanaya Esuren Kerena Adhyayanayak* (Immanuel Kant's Theory of Knowledge: A Study in the light of Buddhist Thought) by Kapila Abhayavansa, Colombo, 1997.
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- Foreword to *Polonnaru ha Dambadeni Katikavat* (The Polonnaruva and Dambadeni Katikavats) by Ven. Y. Dhammavisuddhi, Colombo, 1995.
- 'Abhidharmika dharmavadaye lankeya vardhanaya', in Sinhala (The Development in Sri Lanka of the Abhidharma Dharma Theory), Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Colombo, 1995, pp. 54-88.
- Foreword to *An Analysis of the Theravada Vinaya in the light of Modern Legal Philosophy* by C. Ananda Grero, Colombo, 1995.
- '*Nibbanic* Experience: A non-Transcendental Interpretation', *Sri Lanka Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Vol. IV, 1994, pp. 54-88.
- 'The Moral Life both as a Means and an End', *The Middle Way*, Journal of the Buddhist Society, London, Vol. 69, No. 1, May 1994, pp. 17-30.
- Foreword to *Early Buddhism and its Intellectual Milieu* by Chandima Wijayabandara, Colombo, 1994.
- 'The Buddhist Doctrine of Non-Self and the Problem of the Over-Self', *The Middle Way*, Journal of the Buddhist Society, London, Vol. 69, No. 2, August 1994, pp. 107-118.
- Foreword to *History of the Buddhist Samgha in India and Sri Lanka* by G. Panabokke, Colombo, 1994.
- 'The Birth of Buddhism', *Vesak Sirisara: International Edition*, Colombo, 1994, pp. 21-24.
- Foreword to *Syntax of the Cases in the Pali Nikayas* by O. H. de A. Wijesekara, Colombo, 1993.
- Foreword to Sinhala Translation of *Vamsathappakasini*, the Commentary on the *Mahavamsa* by Ven. Akuretiye Amaravamsa Mahathera and H. Disanayake, Colombo, 1993.
- From the Director of the Institute', an introduction to *Nibbana and Ineffability: A Study of the Buddhist Theory of Reality and Language* by Asanga Tilakaratne, Colombo, 1993.
- Foreword to *Child Care in Buddhism* by Ven. Koswatte Ariyavimala Thera, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (University of Kelaniya) and UNICEF, Colombo, 1993.
- 'The Buddhist Doctrine of Anatta', *Buddhist Thought and Ritual*, ed. D.J. Kalupahana, New York, 1991, pp. 20-31.
- 'The Buddhist Critique of *Atmavada* and the Buddhist Ideal of *Nibbana*', *Professor Mayeda Felicitation Volume*, ed. Sodo Mori, University of Nagoya, Japan, 1991, pp. 20-31.
- '*Abhidharmayehi antargata dharmavadaya*', in Sinhala (The Abhidharmic Theory of the Elements of Existence), *Nivan Maga, Special Issue on Abhidharma Studies*, Colombo, 1991, pp.26-40.
- 'The Universal Concomitants of Consciousness in the Abhidharma Psychology', *Buddhist Studies* (Bukkyo Kenkyu), International Buddhist Association, Hamamatsu, Japan, Vol. IXX, 1990, pp. 191-216.

- ‘The Role of the Buddhist Monk in Buddhist Education and Higher Studies in Buddhism: A study of some problems with particular reference to Sri Lanka’, translated into Chinese by Ven. Jian Hua, *Dharmaghosa* (Voice of the Dharma), No. 6, Gen. No. 70, Beijing, China, 1990, pp. 30-40.
- ‘Buddhism’s Contribution to the Religious and Intellectual Thought of Mankind’, *Ananda: The Ananda Guruge Felicitation Volume*, Colombo, 1990, pp. 365-385.
- ‘The Buddhist View of Material Existence as interpreted in the Theravada Tradition of Sri Lanka’, *Buddhist Studies* (Bukkyo Kenkyu), International Buddhist Association, Hamamatsu, Japan, Vol. XVIII, March 1989, pp. 109-120.
- ‘The Growth of the Abhidharma’, *World of Buddhism: The International Buddhist Magazine*, Vol. 5, No. 2, Colombo, 1989, pp. 6-10.
- ‘*Patibhaddham*: The Buddhist Doctrine of Dependent Co-origination’, *Sri Lanka Law College Buddhist Journal*, Colombo, 1989, pp. 15-20.
- Buddhist Studies in Sri Lanka’, *News Bulletin of the Shin Buddhist Comprehensive Research Institute*, Otani University, Kyoto, Japan, 1989, pp. 8-11.
- ‘The Buddhist Theory of Matter’, *World of Buddhism: The International Buddhist Magazine*, Vol. 5, No. 1, Colombo, 1988, pp. 3-9.
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- ‘The Buddhist Doctrine of *Anicca* and its Interpretation in the Abhidhamma’, *Sri Saranankara Felicitation Volume*, Sri Lanka-Nippon Educational and Cultural Centre, Etul Kotte, 1988, pp. 124-131.
- ‘*Rupa sabdaye artha vicaraya*’, in Sinhala (The import and implications of the term *rupa*), *Prajnanjali: The Venerable Madihe Pannasiha Maha Nayaka Thera Felicitation Volume*, Maharagama, 1988, pp. 33-47.
- ‘*Baudha rupa vibhagaye acaratomka ha darsanika padanama*’, in Sinhala (The ethico-philosophical basis of the Buddhist analysis of matter), *Vidyalandara: The Annual Publication of the Vidyalandara Pirivena*, Kelaniya, 1987, pp. 16-28.
- ‘*Anatta as Via Media*’, *Sri Lanka Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Vol. I, Colombo, 1987, pp.1-10.
- ‘The Theravada Version of *Dharmavada*’, *Annual Memoirs of the Otani University Shin Buddhist Comprehensive Research Institute*, Vol. 5, 1987, Kyoto, Japan, pp. 43-92.
- ‘The Abhidhamma Theory of *Pannatti*’: The Category of the Nominal and the Conceptual’, *Professor N.A. Jayawickrama Felicitation Volume*, ed. D.J. Kalupahana and W.D. Weeraratne, Colombo, 1987, pp. 20-30.
- ‘The Buddhist Theory of Double Truth’, *Kalyani: The Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Kelaniya*, Vols. III & IV, Colombo, 1985, pp. 23-55.
- ‘Summary Outline of *Namarupapariccheda*, a Medieval Compendium on the Theravada Abhidhamma’, sent in for publication in *Encyclopaedia of Indian Philosophies*, ed. Karl H. Potter, Washington, 1984.
- ‘Summary Outline of *Saccasamkhepa*, a Medieval Compendium on the Theravada Abhidhamma’, sent in for publication in *Encyclopaedia of Indian Philosophies*, ed. Karl H. Potter, Washington, 1984.
- ‘Vibhajyavada versus Sarvastivada: The Buddhist Controversy on Time’, *Kalyani: The Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Kelaniya*, Vol. 2, Colombo, 1983, pp. 1-28.
- ‘The Buddhist Doctrine of *Anicca*’, *The Three Basic Facts of Existence* (Collected Essays), Wheel Publications Nos. 186/187, Buddhist Publication Society, Kandy, 1981, pp. 45-56.
- ‘The Philosophical Basis of Early Buddhist Thought’, *The Mahabodhi*, Calcutta, 1975, pp. 349-355.

- '*Bodhipakkhiya Dhamma*', Reference Article in *Encyclopaedia of Buddhism*, Vol. III, Fascicle 2, Colombo, 1972.
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- '*Bhunahu*', Reference Article in *Encyclopaedia of Buddhism*, Vol. III, Fascicle 1, Colombo, 1971.
- '*Akasaya, Bauddha Vivaranaya*', in Sinhala (Space, the Buddhist Conception of), Reference Article in *Sinhala Encyclopaedia*, Vol. III, Colombo, 1968.
- '*Mahabhuta pilibanda bauddha vivaranaya*' (Sinhala translation of article No. 59), *The Venerable Kahandamodara Piyaratana Mahanayaka Felicitation Volume*, Colombo, 1967, pp. 35-66.
- '*Bauddha paramanuvadaya*' (Sinhala translation of article No. 57.), *Sarada: Wilhelm Geiger Commemoration Volume*, ed. Ven. Labuhengoda Candaratana, Colombo, 1967, pp 58-78.
- 'The Atomic Theory of the Theravada School of Buddhism', *University of Ceylon Review*, Vol. XXIII, Nos. 1 & 2, Colombo, 1965, pp. 35-66.
- 'The Buddhist Theory of Moments', *Ceylon Law College Buddhist Journal*, Vol. 5, Colombo, 1964, pp. 28-40
- 'The Buddhist Conception of *Mahabhutas* as Primary Elements of Matter', *University of Ceylon Review*, Vol. XXII, Nos. 1 & 2, Colombo, 1964, pp. 28-46.
- Reference articles on '*Acariyavada*', '*Adhipati-paccaya*', '*Adikammika*', and '*Agati*', *Encyclopaedia of Buddhism*, Vol. I, Fascicle 2, Colombo, 1963.
- 'The Concept of Ultimate Reality in Early Buddhism', *Bharati, University of Ceylon Indological Society Magazine*, 1958, pp. 14-18.

Conference Presentations and Lectures

- 'Ethics in Theravada Buddhism: Theory and Practice of Moral Life', lecture organized by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong and Chi Lin Nunnery, Hong Kong, 5th July, 2004.
- 'The Early Buddhist Analysis of Mind', lecture organized by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong and Chi Lin Nunnery, Hong Kong, 28th June, 2004.
- 'The Birth of Buddhism,' lecture organized by University of the West, California, May 16, 2004.
- 'The Theravada Abhidhamma', lecture organized by University of the West, California, May 24, 2004.
- 'The Unanswered Questions: Why Were They Unanswered? A Re-examination of the Textual Data', a paper presented to the Numata Chair Symposium on Buddhist Studies, University of Calgary Canada, May 14th to 17th, 2004.
- 'Space and Time: The Abhidhamma Perspective' Professor K.N.jayatileke Memorial Lecture, Colombo, 27 June, 2003
- 'Theories of Time and Matter in the Early Buddhist Literature of Sri Lanka', paper presented to the Seminar on Towards a History of Science and Technology in Sri Lanka, organized by the National Science Foundation of Sri Lanka in collaboration with Unesco, Colombo, 9th July, 1999.
- 'The Buddhist Tradition of Sri Lanka', Golden Jubilee National Lecture No. 3, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Culture and Religious Affairs to commemorate 50 years of Sri Lanka's Independence, Colombo, 20th May 1999.
- 'The Third Buddhist Convocation: Historical Fact or Pious Fabrication?', paper presented to

- the Taisho-Kelaniya Buddhist Symposium, Colombo, 21st to 23rd February 1999.
- ‘The Venerable Hikkaduve Sumangala Mahathera’s Contribution to the Revival of Pali and Buddhist Studies in Sri Lanka and Abroad in the last Quarter of the 19th Century’, The Venerable Hikkaduve Sumangala Mahathera Memorial Lecture, organized by the Alumni Association of Vidyodaya Pirivena and Vidyadhara Sabha, Colombo, 3rd January 1999.
- Seminar on the Philosophy and Psychology of the Theravada Abhidhamma, conducted at the Singapore Buddhist Library, Singapore, 27th November to 10th December 1998.
- ‘Buddhist Teachings as a Basis of a Universal Ethical System’, paper presented to the International Buddhist Conference on the Timeless Message of the Sammasambuddha, organized by the Ministry of Buddhasasana and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Sri Lanka, Colombo, 9th to 14th November 1998.
- ‘Academic Studies in Buddhism: Historical Background and Present Dimensions’, Convocation Address delivered at the First Convocation of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of the University of Kelaniya, 6th October 1998.
- ‘The Buddhist Teaching on the World of Experience’, paper presented to the Seminar on Buddhism, Science and the Realism Question, organized by Vidyartha and the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies of the University of Kelaniya, Kandy, 16th to 18th May 1997.
- ‘Intra-religious Studies in Buddhism’, address at the Convocation for the award of Diplomas in Pali and Buddhist Studies for Foreign Students, University of Kelaniya, 18th February 1997.
- ‘Buddhist Studies in Sri Lanka’s University Curriculum’, lecture delivered at the Inauguration of the Buddhist Studies Unit of the University of Colombo, 18th August 1996.
- ‘Pali Studies in Sri Lanka’, Convocation Address, Sri Lanka Oriental Studies Society Convocation, Colombo, 27th June 1996.
- ‘The Transcendental Unity of Buddhism’, public lecture delivered at Than Hsiang Buddhist Research Centre, Penang, Malaysia, 18th May 1996.
- ‘Theravada as Vibhajjavada: A correct identification for wrong reasons?’, paper presented to the Symposium on Wilhelm Geiger and the Study of Sri Lanka, organized by the German Cultural Institute in Sri Lanka, Colombo, July 1995.
- ‘Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka: A Vision for its Future’, Convocation Address delivered at the 8th Convocation of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Colombo, 15th December 1993.
- ‘Peace through Moral Life: An Analysis based on early Buddhist discourses’, paper presented to the 6th International Seminar on Buddhism and Leadership for Peace, Honolulu, Hawaii, 23rd to 27th November 1993.

The following 12 lectures delivered at the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London as Bukkyo Dendo Kyoki Visiting Professor of Theravada Buddhism, April- June, 1993.

1. ‘The Buddhist Critique of *Sassatavada* and *Ucchedavada*: The key to a proper understanding of the origin and doctrines of Early Buddhism’.
2. ‘Buddhist Doctrine of Non-self and the Problem of the Over-self’.
3. ‘The Problem of Suffering: the Buddhist Analysis of the Human Predicament’.
4. ‘The Buddhist Moral Life – Both as a Means and an End’.
5. ‘*Nibbanic* Experience: A non-Transcendental Interpretation’.
6. ‘Phenomena without Noumena: The Abhidhamma View of Reality’.
7. ‘Levels of Reality and Degrees of Truth: A Study of *Sammuti* and *Paramattha*’.
8. ‘The Abhidhamma Analysis of Mind’.
9. ‘The Abhidhamma Analysis of Matter’
10. ‘Impermanence as Momentariness: The Abhidhamma Interpretation of *Aniccata*’.

11. 'The Early Buddhist Theory of Perception and its Abhidhamma Version'.
 12. 'Theravada, Sarvastivada and Vibhajjavada'.
- 'Phenomena without Noumena: The Abhidhamma View of Reality', Lecture No.82 repeated at Oriental Institute, Balliol College, Oxford University, 3rd July 1993.
- Presentation Speech on the occasion of awarding the Degree of Doctor of Letters *honoris causa* to Professor Ninian Smart by the University of Kelaniya, Colombo, 23rd November 1992.
- 'Asian Buddhists in the Global Society', paper presented to the Academic Session of the Inauguration of the Asian Buddhist Congress, Colombo, 18th November 1991.
- Presentation Speech on the occasion of awarding the Degree of Doctor of Literature *honoris causa* to Professor N.A. Jayawickrama by the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Colombo, 14th December 1990.
- 'Buddhism in Contemporary Asia', paper presented to the Vidyalankara Day Academic Seminar, organized by the Vidyalankara Pirivena, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 17th October 1990.
- 'Role of the Buddhist Monk in Buddhist Education', paper presented to the International Seminar on Buddhist Education, organized by the Jin Jue Institute of Buddhist Research, Taipei, Taiwan, November 1989.
- 'Sri Lanka's Contribution to the Development of Theravada Abhidhamma', paper presented to the Seminar on the Development of Buddhist Thought in Early Sri Lanka, organized by the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Colombo, June 1989.
- 'The Theravada Version of the Dharma Theory', paper read at the Shin Buddhist Comprehensive Research Institute, Otani University, Kyoto, Japan, November 1987.
- 'The Three Marks of Empirical Existence', lecture delivered at Riyukoku University, Kyoto, Japan, November 1987.
- 'The Doctrine of Dependent Co-origination as the Central Conception of Buddhism', lecture delivered at Bukkyo University, Kyoto, Japan, November 1987.
- 'Birth of Buddhism as a Critical Response to *Sassatavada* and *Ucchedavada*', lecture delivered at Bukkyo University, Kyoto, Japan, December 1987.
- 'The Buddhist Critique of Materialist and Spiritual Ideologies', lecture delivered at Komazawa University, Tokyo, Japan, December 1987.
- 'The Early Buddhist View of Empirical Existence', paper presented to the Pali Studies Association of Japan, Nagoya, December 1987.
- 'The Buddhist Doctrine of *Anatta*' paper presented to the Intra-Religious Conference on Buddhism, sponsored by the Council for World Religions, Chiang Mai, Thailand, April 1985.
- The Doctrine of *Anatta* as Buddhism's Unique Contribution to Religious and Intellectual Discourse', presented to the International Seminar on Buddhism's Contribution to World Culture and Peace, sponsored by the World Fellowship of Buddhists, Colombo, August 1994.
- 'The Significance of Vibhajjavada as another Expression for Theravada', Sir Baron Jayatilaka Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Young Members' Buddhist Association, Colombo, February 1981.
- Presentation Speech on the occasion of awarding the Degree of Doctor of Literature *honoris causa* on Rev. Fr. Edmond Pieris by the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 28th February 1980.

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Woodward Prize for Pali and Research Scholarship in Oriental studies, awarded by the University of Ceylon on the results of the B.A Examination, 1958.
Graduate Studentship, awarded by the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 1960-1963.
Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 1974-1975.
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Emeritus Professorship, awarded by the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 15th June 2000.
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Professor of Pali, Vidyalankara University/Vidyalankara Campus/University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1969-1999.
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Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellow, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 1974-1975.
President, Vidyalankara Campus Faculty Seminar, Vidyalankara Campus of the University of Sri Lanka, 1976.
Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1979-1981.
Member of the Board of Management, Institute of Aesthetic Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1980-1981.
Member of the Editorial Board of Kalyani, Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1982-1999.
Director of Studies, Department of Buddhist Thought, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, 1982-1987.
Member of the Academic Board, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, 1983-1987.
Member, Board of Directors of the Dharmavedi Institute of Mass Communication, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1983-1987.
Part-time Director of Research, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, 1985-1987.
Member of the Editorial Board, Sri Lanka Journal of Buddhist Studies, published by the

Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, 1985-1994.
 Guest Lecturer, Shin Buddhist Comprehensive Research Institute, Otani University, Kyoto, Japan, 1987.
 Director, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1988-1997.
 Council Member, Vidyodaya College of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, 1988-1996.
 Council Member (on invitation), Postgraduate Institute of Archeology, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1989-1994.
 Member of the Panel of Consultants for the translation of the Pali Canon into Chinese, appointed by the Mioa Lin School of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Taipei, Taiwan, 1990-1995.
 Member of the Panel of Consultants for the Encyclopaedia of Buddhism, prepared under the aegis of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Government of Sri Lanka, 1991-1998.
 Member of the Board appointed by the Royal Asiatic Society (Sri Lanka Branch) for the translation of the Pali Commentaries into Sinhala, since 1991.
 Member of the Vidyadhara Sabhava, Board of Management of the Vidyodaya Pirivena, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1992-2000.
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 Member of the Board of Management of the Dharmagavesana Mihindu Sarasaviya, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, 1993-1996.
 Guest Lecturer, Penang College of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Penang, Malaysia, 1996.
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 Visiting Professor of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1998.
 Chief Editorial Consultant, Encyclopaedia of Buddhism, prepared under the aegis of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Government of Sri Lanka, 1998-2000.
 Member of the Board of Management, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1998-2000.
 Consultant Editor, *Anvesana*, the Sinhala medium Journal of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1998-2000.
 Member, Board of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1999-2000.
 Editor-in-Chief, Journal of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 1999.
 Academic Consultant for the establishment of the International Buddhist University College, Hatyai, Thailand, 2000-2001.
 Visiting Professor, The Singapore Buddhist Library and Research Institute, 2002-2003.
 Editor-in-Chief, Journal of the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka, since 2003.
 Research Fellow, University of the West, LA, California, June 2004.

Current Research:

Preparation of two books on Early Buddhism and Theravada Abhidhamma