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Born on 14th May 1982

Married, Two Children

Sri Lankan (Sinhalese)

EDUCATION

BA (Distance Learning) 2017

University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

Areas of Concentration: Sanskrit, Buddhist Philosophy, Philosophy

Medium of Instruction: English

MA in Sanskrit (Speciality in Nyaya Philosophy) 2015

Savitribai Phule Pune University [earlier University of Poona], Maharashtra, India

Medium of Instruction: English, GPA 4.00

Postgraduate Diploma in Indian Logic and Epistemology 2015

Savitribai Phule Pune University [earlier University of Poona], Maharashtra, India

Areas of Concentration: Nyaya, Mimamsa, Jaina and Buddhist logic

Aristotelian, Sentence logic, Predicate logic and Axiomatic logic

Philosophy of language both in Western and Indian

Medium of Instruction: English, GPA 4.88

Prācīna Pandit [alternatively accepted as BA] 2010

Oriental Languages Society, Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka

Areas of Concentration: Sinhala, Pali and Sanskrit

Medium of Instruction: English, Second Class

OTHER COURSES

Summer Course in Classical Tibetan

(Non-Credit Online Course, 64 hours)

Maitripa College, Portland, USA

July 2020 – August 2020

Diploma in Journalism 2003

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

AWARDS

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Scholarship: August 2013 – May 2015

WORK EXPERIENCE

Instituto Pramāṇa (<https://pramana.org.br>)

São Paulo, Brazil.

Faculty Member

2022 – to date

Areas of Instruction: Reading and translating Dharmakīrti's texts

Dharma Farm Online School (www.thedharmafarm.net)

Portland, USA.

Faculty Member

2020 – to date

Areas of Instruction: Sarvastivada, Madhyamika and Yogacara Buddhism

Post-Graduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies**Affiliated to University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka**

Visiting Instructor (English Medium)

2019 – 2021

Areas of Instruction: Early Indian Yogacara Buddhism

Post-Graduate Institute of Social Science and Humanities**University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka**

Visiting Instructor (English Medium)

2019 – to date

Areas of Instruction: Buddhist Philosophy and Logic in Sanskrit

Encyclopaedia of Buddhism (English)

Deputy Editor

2018 – to date

Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Sri Lanka

Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Homagama, Sri Lanka

Visiting Instructor – Religious Studies and Comparative Philosophy

2017 – 2018

Areas of Instruction: Critical Thinking

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Visiting Instructor – Buddhist Studies

2015 - 2017

Areas of Instruction: Buddhist Logic, Madhyamaka, Yogacara,
Theravada Vinaya**Peliyagoda Vidyalankara Pirivena [Buddhist Monastic College], Sri Lanka**

Teacher

2010 – 2018

Areas of Teachings: Buddhist Studies, Buddhist Sanskrit Texts, Sinhala

Air Force Head Quarters, Sri Lanka

Management Assistant (Civil) – Public Management Service

2005 -2010

LANGUAGES

Sinhala – first language

English – speak fluently, read and write with **high proficiency**

Sanskrit – speak, read and write with **high proficiency**

Classical Tibetan – read and write with **high proficiency**

Pali – read and write with **high proficiency**

Prakrit Languages (particularly *Mahārāṣṭri*, *Ardhamāgadhi* and *Gāndhārī*) – read and write with **good proficiency**

German - read and write with **basic competence**

Classical Chinese (Buddhist Chinese) – read and write with **basic competence**

Hindi - read and write with basic competence, good comprehension in listening

Tamil - read and write with basic competence

OTHER SKILLS

Reading Brahmī scripts, Kharoṣṭi scripts and Gandhari scripts (in addition to Sinhala, Devanagari, Tamil scripts)

Professional Book-layout and document editing with Adobe InDesign

Writing Poetry

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

Staff member at the International Conference of Sri Lanka Association of Buddhist Studies (SLABS) – 2016

Consultant for the Presidential Media Unit of Sri Lanka in the event declaring Theravada Tripitaka a national heritage in Sri Lanka - 2018

EDITED COLLECTIONS (IN ENGLISH)

Buddhist Philosophy (Collected papers of Professor Asanga Tilakaratne) 2020

Published by Sarasavi Publishers and SLABS, Sri Lanka

ISBN – 978-955-31-1822-6, Pages: xx+439

PAPERS (IN SANSKRIT)

“*Aparṇakajātakasyānupalabdhipicārah*” (*Examination of proving non-existence in Aparṇaka Jātaka story*)

Journal of Fundamental and Comparative Research,

Śodhasaṃhitā, Edited by Prof. Shrinivasa Varkhedi and Prof.

Madhusudan Penna,

Published by Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University,

Ramtek, India.

Volume V, 2018-2019, pp. 116 – 122.

2019

PAPERS (IN SINHALA)

*“Jñānakarmasamuccayavāda”*Sinhala Encyclopedia, 13 Volume, Ministry Cultural Affairs,
Government Press, Sri Lanka

2015

*“Jubilee”*Sinhala Encyclopedia, 13 Volume, Ministry Cultural Affairs,
Government Press, Sri Lanka

2015

*“Ganganath Jha”*Sinhala Encyclopedia, 13 Volume, Ministry Cultural Affairs,
Government Press, Sri Lanka

2015

“Upaniṣad, Buddhism and Jainism”

Vidyalankara Periodical, Sri Lanka

2014

“Upaniṣad and Six Systems of Philosophies”

Vidyalankara Periodical, Sri Lanka

2014

PRESENTATIONS (IN SANSKRIT)

“Proof of Pratītyasamutpāda is by Conventional Reality”

International Conference on Sanskrit Studies

Department of Sanskrit, University of Kelanaiya, Sri Lanka

(Paper argues that Dependent Co-origination,
pratītyasamutpāda, is a conventional reality and man cannot
know it in ultimate sense)

2016

PRESENTATIONS (IN ENGLISH)

“Fragmentary Dhāraṇī Scriptures: an untold story about Buddhism in Sri Lanka”

International Conference on Buddhist Cultural Trails

SAARC Cultural Centre, Sri Lanka

(Paper explains that discovered Dhāraṇī fragments in Sri
Lanka shows the practice of Vajrayāna/Tantric Buddhism
existing from 7 century CE to present day in some form)

2017

*“Historical Linguistic Approach to Buddhaghosa’s Interpretations”*6th International Buddhist Academic ConferenceSri Lanka Association of Buddhist Studies and Buddhist and
Pali University of Sri Lanka(Paper argues that Buddhaghosa’s Interpretations on some
words of the Buddha can be challenged on the basis of
Historical Linguistics)

2016

*“History of Jainism Revealed in Pāli Literature”*3rd Biennial Conference of the International Association for
Asian Heritage

Centre for Asian Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

(Paper argues that *Niganṭha Nāthaputta* is not Mahāvīra and Pāli Literature shows earlier phase of Jainism, not that of Mahāvīra)

2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Buddhist Logic and Epistemology, Madhyamaka Buddhism, Yogācāra Buddhism, Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Logic and Historical Linguistics

NB: It is customary that Sri Lankan Sinhalese use all the names of their fathers and hence my full name is *Badde Liyana Ralage Don Bertram Gregory Liyanage*. For the sake of convenience, I use only the last three names, **Bertram Gregory Liyanage**, at present.

REFERENCE

Dr. William Magee
Tibetan Faculty, Maitripa College
Portland, USA
(Former Professor of Tibetan at Virginia University)

Dr. Ernst Steinkellner
Emer.Prof. of Buddhist and Tibetan Studies,
Vienna University
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