

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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## CURRENT POSITION

Senior Lecturer (Gr II) - Department of Languages, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka

## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of Arts in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies, Tribhuvan University, Nepal  
**Thesis Title:** The Role of Common Language to Enhance Sustainable Peace-Building in Sri Lanka
- Master of Arts in Linguistics, University of Kelaniya.  
**Thesis Title:** English Verb Formation Competency of Undergraduates in Sri Lanka
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), University of Kelaniya.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- English Language Teaching for Adults
- English Teaching for Speakers of Other languages
- Peace Linguistics, Intercultural Communication
- Cultural Intelligence.

## WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

- September 2020: Webinar “Masterclass on Pitching Research” by Prof. (Dr) Robert Faff organized by FMSH, KDU

- July 2020: Webinar Conducted by Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing and Emerald Publishing on Triangulation Approaches in Research.
- Dec 2019: Introduction to Qualitative and Quantitative Data Collection and Analysis, Sri Lanka National Science Foundation.
- March 2019: Short course on Qualitative Data Analysis, Post Graduate Institute of English, OUSL.
- 2018: 64 hours training on Counselling Skills Development Programmer for Student Counsellors of KDU, Department of Management Social Sciences and Humanities, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.
- 2014: Four day workshop: Qualitative Methods for Health and Social Research, Institute of Research and Development in collaboration with General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom Faculty of Medical Science, Anglia Ruskin University, United Kingdom Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London, United Kingdom
- 2010: Ten day workshop: Technologies and Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, University of Ruhuna and the Embassy of United States of America, Certificate awarded

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2014-2015: Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education Course, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.
- 2007: Teacher Educator as an Educational Technologist – Faculty of Education, The Open University of Sri Lanka
- 2005 -2007: Diploma in Teacher Training, London Teacher Training College, United Kingdom.
- 2003 – 2005: Certificate in Professional English, The Open University of Sri Lanka

## **ACADEMIC HONOURS AND FELLOWSHIP**

2010 - 2012 : Two year NOMA full scholarship for Master's programme in Conflict, Peace and Development Studies, Tribhuvan University, Nepal.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 07.09.2017  
To present : Senior Lecturer in English (Grade II), Department of Languages,  
Faculty of Management Social Sciences and Humanities, General Sir  
John Kotelawala Defence University
- 12.08.2015  
06.09.2017 : Lecturer in English (confirmed), Department of Languages, Faculty  
of Management Social Sciences and Humanities, General Sir John  
Kotelawala Defence University
- 06.09.2012  
11.08.2015 : Lecturer in English (probationary), Department of Languages,  
Faculty of Management Social Sciences and Humanities, General Sir  
John Kotelawala Defence University
- 19.12.2011  
03.09.2012 : Temporary Assistant Lecturer (English), English Language Teaching  
Unit, University of Ruhuna
- 07.10.2009  
03.08.2010 : Instructor in English (contract basis), Faculty of Management and  
Social Sciences and Faculty of Management and Finance being  
attached to English Language Teaching Unit, University of Ruhuna
- 02.06.2009  
24.11.2009 : (visiting) Instructor in English, Technical College, Meddawaththa,  
Matara
- 28.05.2007-  
29.05.2009 : Teacher of English Language and Literature (Edexcel IGCSE),  
Leeds International School, Matara

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION(s)

### Abstracts and Extended Abstracts

- Jayasinghe, V.U., Ranasinghe, N.D., Wijetunge, M.T.N., and Weeraratna, J.T. 2020. Developing Competent Communicators through English Language Teaching at Sri Lankan Universities. *The 2nd Asian International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research 2020 (AIMR '20)*. [Virtual] Colombo: TIRDI Publication, pp. 14
- Jayasinghe, V.U. & Attanayake Barborich, A. (2018) 'Peace and Reconciliation through English Language Teaching in Sri Lankan Universities: A Conceptual Framework', *Agenda 2030: Way Forward to Sri Lanka's Sustainable Development*, Faculty of Graduate

Studies, University of Colombo.

- Jayasinghe, V.U., (2017), Peace and Reconciliation through English Language Teaching in Sri Lankan Universities: A Conceptual Framework, *Agenda 2030: Way forward to Sri Lanka's Sustainable Development*, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo.
- Jayasinghe, V.U. (2015) 'Language Policy Changes and Its Impact on Civil War in Sri Lanka', *International Conference on The Humanities : New Dynamics, Divergence, Directions*, University of Kelaniya
- Jayasinghe, V.U. (2012) 'Written English Proficiency of the Undergraduates in Sri Lanka'. *National Conference- 2012: Expansion of Buddhism and Its Socialization*, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Homagama.
- Jayasinghe, V.U. (2012) 'The Impact of Gender in the Process of Learning English Language: A Study of Social and Educational Changes in Illam Bazaar, Nepal' *International Research Symposium: Recent Advances in Ayurveda and Natural Medicines for Human Well Being*, University of Kelaniya International Symposium GWAI.

#### Full Paper Publications

- Abeyawickrama, W., Ekanayake, H.M.G.A.K., Jayasinghe, V.U., (2020), Applying Barrie's model to effectively develop graduate attributes for the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities, *Developing and Sustaining Teaching and Learning Practices to meet Higher Education Needs, The 16th Annual SLAIHEE Conference on Higher Education in Sri Lanka*, Sri Lanka Association for Improving Higher Education Effectiveness, pp. 59-63
- Jayasinghe, V.U. and Ranasinghe, N.D. (2019), ELT, a Catalyst for Reconciliation: A Review of Literature on Intercultural Communicative Competence in Tertiary Education in Sri Lanka, *International Journal of Advanced Research (IJAR)*, India, Vol 7, Issue 7, July 2019
- Jayasinghe, V.U., Wijetunge, M.T.N., and Weeraratne, J. T., (2018), Improving oral presentation skills in undergraduates through constructive criticism (as a bi-product of scaffolding), *Securing Professional Excellence through Collaboration*, General Sir John

Kotelawala Defence University, Rathmalana.

- Weeraratna, W.M.M.M.J.T., Jayasinghe, V.U., and Wijetunge MTN (2017), The Use of First Language in Teaching Second Language Vocabulary for Sri Lankan Undergraduates, *10th International Research Conference*, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Rathmalana.
- Wijetunge, M.T.N., Jayasinghe, V.U. and Weeraratna, J.T., (2016), Using Scaffolding to Enhance ESL Speaking Motivation at Undergraduate Level, 9<sup>th</sup> International Research Conference: *Professional Integration for a Secure Nation*, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Rathmalana.
- Jayasinghe, V.U. and Wijetunge, M.T.N., (2015) Study of English Language Skills of the First Year KDU Undergraduates: with Special Reference to Faculty of Management, Social Sciences and Humanities. *Inculcating Professionalism for National Development. Presented at the 8th International Research Conference*, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Rathmalana, pp. 624-632. Colombo. ANCL Commercial Printing Dept.
- Jayasinghe, V.U. (2012), English Verb Formation Competency of Undergraduates in Sri Lanka, *Proceedings of the International Symposium: Ensuring National Security through Reconciliation & Sustainable Development*, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Rathmalana, (pp. 624-632).Colombo. ANCL Commercial Printing Dept.