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👤 Profile

I am an enthusiastic English language lecturer passionate about empowering students to develop fluency, critical thinking, and a love for the English language. With a BA Hons in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) and a master's in Linguistics, I have proven the ability to create engaging and inclusive learning environments tailored to diverse needs and learning styles. I also have expertise in teaching academic literacy, English language, and communication skills for professionals and English for professionals to the students of science; pedagogical grammar, principles of curriculum and course design, critical theories in language education, and technology-enhanced language learning to the students of humanities; and effective speaking and research writing skills to students of social sciences. I dedicate myself to fostering a collaborative and supportive atmosphere where students thrive. I am seeking a teaching position at a recognized institute to upgrade my skills and contribute to building confident and effective communicators in English.

🎓 Education

Bachelor's Degree in Law The Open University of Sri Lanka 🌐	2022 – present Nawala, Sri Lanka
Master of Arts in Linguistics Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya 🌐 Thesis Title: <i>Learning to Research and Academic Identity Formation in Higher Education: An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis of a Group of Student Teachers' Lived Experiences of Dissertation Supervision</i>	2023 – present Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Teaching English as a Second Language University of Kelaniya 🌐 Thesis Title: <i>Perception of Learning English as a Second Language: A Narrative Inquiry of Six Final Year Undergraduates in the Faculty of Social Sciences of University of Kelaniya</i>	2018 – 2022 Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
Sivali Central College	2013 – 2016 Ratnapura, Sri Lanka

Academic Appointments and Teaching Experience

Department of English Language Teaching (DELT), Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna

Lecturer (Probationary)

Nov 2025 – Present
Thirunelvely, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

- Teach Technology in English Language Teaching for the final-year undergraduates specialising in English Language Teaching.
- Deliver courses such as English Language Enhancement, Advanced Written English, Advanced Communication, and English for Research across Engineering, Agriculture, and Technology faculties.

Department of English Language Teaching (DELT), Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya

Lecturer (Temporary)

May 2023 – Oct 2025
Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

- Delivered lectures for the courses such as Pedagogical Grammar, Principles of Curriculum and Syllabus Design, Critical Theories in Language Education, Community Service Project, and Technology Enhanced Language Learning in the BA (Honours) in Teaching English as a Second Language degree programme.
- Assisted dissertation supervision of TESL undergraduates.
- Served as paper setter and first examiner for multiple faculty-wide courses such as Academic Literacy, English for Professionals, Communication Skills for Professionals, Effective Speaking, and Research Writing Skills.

Higher Diploma in Business Accountancy (HDBA) program, Department of Accountancy, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya

Lecturer (Visiting) in Business Communication

Sep 2024 – present

Diploma in English for Professional Purposes (DEPP) program, Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya

Lecturer (Visiting) in English

Jun 2025

Sports and Exercise Science Unit, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya





Lecturer (Visiting) in English

Jul 2023 – present
Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

- Taught English Language modules (Levels 3–7) for Sports Science undergraduates (including examining roles).

Delivered courses in grammar, writing, reading, listening, and speaking
across certificate and diploma levels

Publications

- Book Review: Practical Grammar Teaching for the Second Language Classroom** Eli Hinkel (Ed.) Routledge, 2024, 318 pages, ISBN 9781032627373, publisher's list price £39.99 (paperback)
23 Mar 2026
TESL Canada Journal, TESL Canada Federation
<https://doi.org/10.18806/tesl.v43i1/1444> 
- Review of Cheryl J. Craig, Michele Norton Silk & Salma Ali. Narrative Inquiries into Being and Becoming Educators: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives.** Emerald Publishing Limited, 2026. 280 pp. US\$ 61.00 eBook. ISBN 9781805926238
23 Mar 2026
Narrative Inquiry, John Benjamins
<https://doi.org/10.1075/ni.26034.ath> 
- English on the Internet: An attempt to redefine the 'borderless' and mapping a new geography on the world atlas of Englishes, A Review of Digital World Englishes, written by Patricia Friedrich(2025)**
06 Feb 2026
English Today, The International Review of the English Language, Cambridge University Press <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0266078426101151> 
- Book Review: Weaving Stories of Language Education with Narratives of Teachers and Learners** Edited by Nami Sakamoto, Masako Nasu, Kazutake Kita, Masayuki Teranishi, Palgrave Macmillan, 2025, xix+344 pages, EUR 128.39 (eBook), 17 b/w illustrations, ISBN 9783031938542
25 Nov 2025
Narrative Inquiry, John Benjamins
<https://doi.org/10.1075/ni.25122.ath> 
- Crafting Digital Spaces: Familiarity, Usage and Sociolinguistic Functions of Internet-Inspired English Vocabulary among Sinhala-English Bilinguals of Generation Z**
2025
VISTAS Journal, The Open University of Sri Lanka

- Entanglements of English: Problems to be Solved or Realities to be Acknowledged? A Review of Entangled Englishes, edited by Jerry Won Lee and Sofia Rüdiger (2025)** 24 Jul 2025
English Today, The International Review of the English Language, Cambridge University Press
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0266078425100813> 
- Book review: Beckingham, S., Lawrence, J., Powell, S. and Hartley, P. (Eds.) (2024) Using generative AI effectively in higher education: sustainable and ethical practices for learning, teaching and assessment. London: Routledge.** 15 Jun 2025
Journal of Learning Development in Higher Education (JLDHE), Association for Learning Development in Higher Education (ALDinHE), The United Kingdom
<https://doi.org/10.47408/jldhe.vi36.1599> 
- Book Review: Presenting in English: A Practical Guide by Dick Smakman, 2024** 30 Apr 2025
LLT Journal: A Journal on Language and Language Teaching, English Language Education Study Programme of Teacher Training and Education Faculty of Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
<https://doi.org/10.24071/llt.v28i1.12074> 
- Book Review: Narrative Inquiry in Language Teaching and Learning Research (2nd Edition) by Garry Barkhuizen, Phil Benson, and Alice Chik, 2024** 11 Mar 2025
Journal of Teaching and Learning, Faculty of Education, University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada
<https://doi.org/10.22329/jtl.v19i1.9460> 
- A collaborative research on the title of A Communicative, Task-Based, and Technology-Enhanced Curriculum Model for Instruction: Redesigning English for NVQ Level 4 Vocational Learners Course Module** 12 Sep 2025
International Conference on English Language Teaching (ICONELT) 2025, University of Peradeniya
- A collaborative research on the title of Developing an ESL Syllabus Based on Four Basic Skills for the Department of Marketing and Management at the University of Kelaniya** 12 Sep 2025
International Conference on English Language Teaching (ICONELT) 2025, University of Peradeniya

- A collaborative research on the title of Task-based assessment and its impact on oral presentations of undergraduates: insights from students' narratives and presented at the International Postgraduate Research Conference (IPRC 2024)** 2024
Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya
- A research paper on the title of From Action Star to Absurdity: The Chuck Norris Internet Phenomenon as a Source of Memes and presented at the 2nd International Conference on Social Sciences and Languages** 2024
Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
- A research on the title of The Use of Intertextual Referencing in the Making of Internet Memes and presented at the Annual International Research Symposium (AIRS) held at the Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo** 2024
Sri Palee Campus, University of Colombo
- An article on the title of Beyond Romance and Courtship: A Marxist Reading of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice** 2024
"Prabha" Academic Journal, Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya
- A collaborative research on the title of Morphological Processes of Sri Lankan English in English Newspapers in Sri Lanka and presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium (HUG) held at the Faculty of Humanities of University of Kelaniya in 2019.** 2019
University of Kelaniya
- A collaborative research on the title of Morphological Processes of Sri Lankan English in Four Sri Lankan Short Stories and presented at the 12th International Research Conference held at Sir John Kotelawala Defence University in 2019.** 2019
Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

Research Interests

- World Englishes
- Language Teacher Education
- Narrative Inquiry
- Curriculum and Syllabus Design
- Technology Enhanced Language Learning

Professional Activities

2nd International Conference on Decolonizing English (ICDE), 2026 Apr 2026

Department of English Language Teaching, University of Jaffna

- Editorial Board Member

Thesis Examiner 2026

Evaluated research theses of TESL final-year undergraduates.

Reviewer for the Journal of Teaching and Learning (JTL) Mar 2025 – Present

Faculty of Education, University of Windsor, Canada

- Reviewed research articles.

SLIIT CITY UNI Research Writing Workshop Mar 2025

- A workshop on Mastering the Literature Review: Analysing and Synthesising Research

TESL Final-Year Internship Lecture Series Jan 2025

- Two lectures on Reflective Teaching Practices and Student Feedback and Monitoring

2nd Junior Research Symposium on English Language and Teaching organized by the Department of English Language Teaching, University of Kelaniya

- Reviewer, rapporteur and editor

Wisdom Waves 1.0 May 2024

Departmental Project on English Language Teaching

- Resource Person

Prabha Academic Journal published by the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Kelaniya

- Text editor

Humanities Undergraduate Research Symposium (HUG) 2024 organized by the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Kelaniya

- Rapporteur
- Abstract reviewer
- Editorial Board member

Humanities Undergraduate Research Symposium (HUG) 2023 organized by the Faculty of Humanities of University of Kelaniya

- Rapporteur

DELT, BECS, and BSSS English Language modules offered by the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya to the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya

- Academic coordinator

Academic Literacy (ACLT) Program, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya

- Academic coordinator



Certificates and Professional Development

Certificate in Applied Statistics

Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka, 2025 November-Present

Certificate in Web Design

Information and Communication Technology Center, University of Kelaniya (May 2025)

Junior Staff Development Program

Staff Development Unit, Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya (2021/2022)

Certificate course on Systematic Literature Review (SLR) with Bibliometric Analysis: a way of manuscript writing with PRISMA

Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka, 2024

Certificate in Peer Counselling

Counselling Unit, University of Kelaniya (2019-2020)



Additional Experience

Department of English Language Teaching, University of Jaffna

Department Webmaster

Jan 2026 – Present

Department of English Language Teaching, University of Kelaniya

Department Webmaster

Jul 2025 – Oct 2025

Dr. C.W.W. Kannangara Boys' Hostel, University of Kelaniya

Academic Sub-Warden (Part-Time)

Jul 2023 – Oct 2025

Kelaniya, Sri Lanka



Extra-Curricular Activities

Sports

- Member of the University Scrabble team (2019)
- Represented the school under 19 boys' volleyball team and won 2nd place at Inter-house Sports Meet (2014)

- Represented the school under-15 boys' volleyball team and won 2nd place at the Inter-house Sports Meet (2010)
- Represented the school under-15 boys' 4×100m relay team and won 2nd place at Divisional Education Sports (2010)
- Represented the school under-15 boys' volleyball team and won 1st place at the Inter-house Sports Meet (2009)

Creative Work

- Write poems as an extracurricular activity and published one written on a recent topic on Sunday Observer newspaper (Youth Observer) dated January 3, 2021
- Won 1st place in creative writing at the Ratnapura Zonal Level English Day Competitions (2015)

References

Professor Chamindi Dilkushi Senratne Wettewe, *Senior Professor*,
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Ms. Gevani Prahalathan, *Senior Lecturer*,
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Declaration

I hereby declare that the information provided herein is accurate, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also understand that any willful dishonesty may render for refusal of this curriculum vitae and result in the subsequent rejection of my candidacy.



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