

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- **Ph.D. in Geography: West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia**
(December, 2003).
 - Comprehensive examination subject areas: Gender and Development, Development and Planning and Gender and Planning, Participatory and Feminist Research Methodology, and Women's micro-enterprises and credit in South Asia.
 - Dissertation research topic: Credit Programs, Poverty Alleviation and Women's Empowerment: A Case Study from Sri Lanka
- **Masters in International Development Studies: The American University, Washington, DC** (December, 1994).
- **Bachelor of Arts in Geography (First Class):** University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (June, 1990)

Faculty Appointments

Fall 2008

Buffalo University, Buffalo, NY

- Adjunct Faculty / Visiting Scholar: Asian Studies Program and Global Gender Studies
Responsibilities: Teaching

Spring 2009

- Adjunct Faculty Department of Global Gender Studies

- **Senior Lecturer in Geography**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- **Assistant Director (Research) at** International Center for Ethnic Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka. (2007-2008)
- 2006-2008, Program Liaison, Sri Lanka and American Universities (Inter Collegious Sri Lanka Education (ISLE) Kandy, Sri Lanka
- 2005, Tsunami Qualitative Research Coordinator, Collaborative research between ICES and World Vision.
- 2004 up to date, Senior Research Consultant, International Center for Ethnic Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
- Lecturer in the American College of Higher Education, Peradeniya Road Kandy, Sri Lanka.
- Summer 2004- The Program Coordinator for Tulane University and International Center for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Kandy. 2004 Summer Study Program, Sri Lanka
- 09/91-08/92, Assistant Lecturer in Geography, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- 03/95-03/96, Research Associate International Center for Ethnic Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
- 07/88 - 1992, Research Assistant, International Center for Ethnic Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
- Summer 2000, 2001, 2002, Research Assistant –Appalachian by Design, A Rural Economic Development Project in West Virginia.
- 05/94-07/95, Research Assistant, Development Studies Program (DSP) Washington DC, USA.
- 09/90-06/92, Research Assistant -Mahaweli System “C” and “H” Region’s Community Development and Land Use Policy Studies, Funded by Trondheim University, Conducted by the Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- 2001-2002, Teaching Assistant. Department of Geology and Geography, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26505 USA.
- 2000, Guest Lecturer for Regional Geography Class in the Department of Geology and Geography, WVU, West Virginia. Instructor.
- 1999, Guest Lecture for Political Geography Class in the Department of Geology and Geography, WVU, West Virginia. Instructor
- 2007, Lecturer for The Environmental Awareness Course conducted by Center for Environmental Studies, University of Peradeniya.

- **Special Research Projects**
- 2007/2008, Principle Researcher for HIV/AIDS Knowledge Assessment Study among Military in Sri Lanka. ICES, Kandy Sri Lanka.
- 2007/2008, Principle Researcher/Consultant for Traffic Problems in Kandy City funded by Asia Foundation. ICES, Kandy, Sri Lanka
- 2006, Consultant for Social Economic Impact Assessment for Kalu Ganga Environmental Impact Assessment Project under the on going Mahaweli Development Program in Sri Lanka.
- 2006. Consultant for Madu Ganga Zoning Plan conducted for Coastal Conservation Department by Center for Environmental Studies, University of Peradeniya.
- 2006. Consultant for Social Impact Assessment for Rajawella Golf Club and Resort.
- 2006, Need Assessment for Tsunami Affected Community, Qualitative Study Conducted with Collaboration of World Vision and ICES, Kandy.
- 2006. March. Key note speech for Celebration of International Women's day, Organized by Ministry of Industries and Women's Affairs, Central Province, Sri Lanka
- Housing and Livelihood Project on Tsunami, February to April 2005 (International Center for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Kandy, Sri Lanka)
- Women and Politics in Sri Lanka, 1995 (International Center for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Kandy, Sri Lanka)
- Press Freedom in Sri Lanka, 1995 (International Center for Ethnic Studies ICES, Kandy, Sri Lanka)
- Women and Violence in Rural Areas in Sri Lanka, 1991-1992 (International Center for Ethnic Studies, ICES, Kandy, Sri Lanka)
- Nutritional Study on Plantation Women in Sri Lanka, 1991(International Center for Ethnic Studies, ICES, Kandy, Sri Lanka)

Publications

- Seela Aladuwa and Ram Alagan, 2008 A Geographical Perspective of Safe Motherhood and Challenges in the Hill Country of Sri Lanka. A Case Study: Doragala Tea Plantation in Pussellawa, Marriage and Family.

Seela Aladuwaka, Community Participation in Conservation Zone Planning
Case of the Madu Ganga in Sri Lanka, Felicitation Volume for Prof. C.M. Madduma
Bandara, Felicitation Volume, Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

- Seela Aladuwaka, 2005, Post Development Approach, *Geographic Review*, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- Seela Aladuwaka, 2007 “Contextualizing Credit Program, Poverty Alleviation and Women’s Empowerment: A Case Study from Rural Sri Lanka” in Saraswathi Raju (ed) Geographic Perspective of Women in South Asia (Forthcoming)
- Seela Aladuwaka, 1995, Credit Facilities for Rural Women in Sri Lanka,. Published in Economic Review, *People’s Bank Sri Lanka*.
- Seela Aladuwaka, 1993 “Women and Violence in Rural Areas in Sri Lanka” in Sirima Kiribamuna (ed). “Women and Violence in Developing Societies: Sri Lanka” ICES, Kandy Sri Lanka.

Colloquium Presentation

- Ram Alagan and Seela Aladuwaka 10/2008, "Sustainable Development, Water Resources Management and Women's Empowerment, University at Buffalo
- Ram Alagan and Seela Aladuwaka 10/2008, Challenges of Post Tsunami Reconstruction in Sri Lanka, University of South Carolina

Conferences and Presentations

- September 2008, Participated and presented a research paper on “HIV/AIDS “ in New York.
- 2007 July. Participated in International Conference on "Violent Conflicts and South Asia held in Kandy organized by ICES, Kandy. Sri Lanka
- 2007, Seela Aladuwaka and Ram Alagan, 2007, Can participatory GIS Strengthen Local Zoning Planning? Lessons Learned from Madu Ganga. Faculty of Arts, Post Graduate Seminar
- 2007. Ram Alagan and Seela Aladuwaka, 2007, Madu Ganga Zoning Plan. Southern Provincial Government Official
- 2007, Presentation on "Violence against Women" for the Seminar Organized by the Center for Human Right, University of Peradeniy, Sri Lanka.

- Ram Alagan, Wickramagama. P, and Seela Aladuwa 2007. Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya, Can Participatory-GIS Strengthen Local Zoning Plan? Lessons Learned from Madu Ganga. Faculty of Arts University of Peradeniya Annual Research Conference

- 2006 September, Presented Paper on Consultation and Experience-Sharing on Safe Motherhood Looking Ahead, Organized by Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, Rajasthan, India. This paper was based on maternal mortality in Sri Lanka's Estate sector.

- 2006 August, Resource Person on the Workshop on Role of Civil Society in Sri Lanka. Organized by ICES, Kandy, Sri Lanka

- 2006 August, A presentation on Civil Society and Social Development at the Workshop on Role of Civil Society in Sri Lanka. Organized by ICES, Kandy Sri Lanka

- 2005 Participated in South Asia Gender Mainstreaming Conference, New Delhi, India

- Participated Panel on "Gender, Conflict, Governance and Development in Sri Lanka" for Tulane University-International Center for Ethnic Studies, Kandy, 2004 Summer Study Program.

- Presented a paper at the Southern Division of the Association of American Geographers Conference in Richmond Virginia, 2001 on "The Role of Micro-credit on Poverty Alleviation and women's Empowerment: Case Study for Rural Sri Lanka."

- Colloquium in the Department of Geology and Geography, West Virginia University, West Virginia 2002 on "Gender Geography."

- Participated in Panel for Appalachian Studies Annual Conference in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, 2001 on "*Building Bridges: Using Information Technology for Rural Economic Development.*"

- Presented a paper at the Middle States Division of the Association of American Geographers Conference in Bloomsburg, PA.USA in 2002 with Ram Alagan on "*A Struggle for Space: Political and Historical Perspective on Social Conflict in Sri Lanka.*"

- Presented a paper at the America Association of Geographers in Pittsburgh, 1999.PA, USA on "*Women and Domestic Violence: A Case Study in Rural Sri Lanka.*"

- Presented a poster at the America Association of Geographers in New York City in 2001 with Ram Alagan on "*Conflict of Development: A Historical Case Study of Sri Lanka.*"

- Presented a poster at the Research Horizons, 2000. West Virginia University on "*Women and Domestic Violence: A Case Study in Rural Sri Lanka*"

- Presented a poster at the Research Horizontal, 2000. West Virginia University on “*Overcoming the Digital Divide? Using Information Technology for Rural Economic Strategies*”
- Presented a poster at the Southern Division of the Association of American Geographers Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina November 2002 with Ann Oberhauser on “*Overcoming the Digital Divide? Using Information Technology for Rural Economic Strategies*”
- Presented a paper for International Women’s Day Conference held by International Center for Ethnic Studies, ICES, Kandy, Sri Lanka in 1991 on “*Women and Domestic Violence in Rural Areas in Sri Lanka*”

ACADEMIC GRANTS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1992 – 1994, **Fulbright Scholarship** for MA. Program in International Development in American University, Washington D.C,USA
 - 1992, **Commonwealth Scholarship** to pursue Doctoral degree in Cambridge University.
 - **Welma Miller Scholarship** from Center for Women's Studies, West Virginia University, West Virginia, USA.
 - 2002. Research Travel Grant from Center for Women's Studies, West Virginia University, West Virginia, USA.
 - 2006. Social Impact Specialist, 2006, Grant from IUCN. Sri Lanka.
 - 2006. Conference Travel Grant from Indian Embassy Sri Lanka to attend a "workshop in Consultation and Experience-sharing on Safe Motherhood-Looking Ahead".
 - 2004. Travel grant from The International Geographical Union (IGU) to attend IGU conferences in Glasgow.
 - 2002, PhD Research Travel Grant, Department of Geology and Geography, West Virginia University.
 - 2000, Ph.D Student Travel Grant, WVU, to attend AAG conference in New York City. NY.
 - 1999, Ph.D Student Travel Grant, WVU, to attend Association of American Geographers, Annual Conference, Pittsburgh.
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- November 1999, Graduate Student Travel Award, WVU, to attend East Lake Division of AAG, Loudonville, Ohio.
 - 1998 to 2003, PhD, Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of Geology and Geography, WVU.

- 1990, Award for the best undergraduate Student. University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

Extra Curriculum Activities

- 2006/2007 Senior Student Counselor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
- Member, Lion Club of Hill Capital Kandy, Sri Lanka.