



Mr.W.M.S.Weerakoon

Senior Lecturer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over 19 years eminent career in the field of Education, I have played an essential role in developing, improving and coordinating a wide range of academic programmes and courses across different pedagogical models, from Certificate to Postgraduate level in the university.

CONTACTS



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EDUCATION

Master of Philosophy in Educational Management

University of Colombo
2016

Master of Education in Educational Management

University of Colombo
2010

Bachelor of Education (1st Class)

University of Colombo
2004

Academic Programme Development

- Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership and Management
- SLEAS Capacity Development Programme
- Short Course in School Management

PROFESIONAL TRAINING

* Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE)- OUSL-2016

* Integration of ICT and OER into Teacher Education Programmes in collaboration with OUSL and Commonwealth of Learning (COL- Canada) 2-7 June 2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

Government Teacher	09/2005-02/2012
Lecturer -OUSL	02/2012 -02/2016
Senior Lecturer (Grade II) -OUSL	02/2016 -01/2023
Senior Lecturer (Grade I) -OUSL,	02/2023 -Present

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Department Head 03/2023 -Present
[Department of Educational Leadership and Management, Faculty of Education, OUSL

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Course Team Leader/Chief Examiner- [PGDE] STP8209 -Educational Management
 Course Team Leader/Chief Examiner- [M.Ed] STP9618 -Management in Education
 Course Team Leader/Chief Examiner- [MTE] STP9544 -Teacher Educator as an
 Educatioanal Leader and Manager
 Course Team Leader/Chief Examiner- [B.Ed] STU6315 -Educational Management
 Course Team Leader/Chief Examiner- [B.Ed- SNE] STU6224 -Educational Management

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Dissertation

Weerakoon, W.M.S. (2016). *Comparative study on Teaching practice component of the Post Graduate Diploma in Education programmes of the universities*, dissertation Submitted in fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Philosophy in Education, University of Colombo.

Weerakoon, W.M.S. (2010). *Study on the effectiveness of internal supervision organization of Sri Lankan schools*, dissertation Submitted in fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Education in Educational Management, University of Colombo.

Journal Articles

Karunanayaka, S. P., Weerakoon, W. M. S., Wijesekera, H. D., Nawarathna, N. M. R. K., Ramathass, P., & Weerasinghe, M. D. B. P. (2022). Towards Digital Thinking and Practices: Experiences of Sri Lankan Teachers and Students. *Open Praxis*, 13(4), 365–377. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.55982/openpraxis.13.4.262>

Karunanayaka, S.P., Weerakoon,S., (2020). Fostering Digital Education among Teachers and Learners in Sri Lankan Schools. *Journal of Learning for Development (JLAD)*, 2020, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 61-77 (<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1251641.pdf>)

Kugamoorthy, S., Weerakoon, S. (2018). Continuous Assessment Methods: Critical Review for quality improvement of the Post Graduate Diploma in Education Programme of the Open University of Sri Lanka. *International Research Journal of Human Resources and Social Sciences*, Vol.05, 65-71.
<http://www.aarf.asia/hr2.php?p=Volume5.Issue10.October.2018>

PROGRAMME COORDINATION

- Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership and Management 2024-present.
- Short Course in School Management 2022-2023
- SLEAS -CDP 2022-2023
- Post Graduate Diploma in Education- (PGDE) 2016-2019
- PGDE continuous Assessment 2012-2015

SOFT SKILLS

- Strategic planning
- Project Management
- Project Coordination
- Goal and conversion tracking

RESEARCH PROJECT COORDINATION.

- C-DELTA OUSL Research Project (Phase 1) in partnership with Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada-2018
- C-DELTA OUSL Research Project (Phase 1) in partnership with Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada-2021
- C-DELTA OUSL Research Project (Phase 1) in partnership with Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada-2022

SPECIALIZED AREAS

- Educational Management
- Educational Leadership
- Educational Psychology
- Teacher Education
- Educational Research
- Educational Philosophy

Language Proficiency

- English (RWS) -Very Fluent
- Sinhala (RWS) -Very Fluent

National and International Conference Proceedings/ Presentations

Weerakoon, W. M. S, Nawarathna, N. M, Sandamali, K.A.D (2023). Teaching practicum: building a university-school partnership, Open University Research Session 2023

Weerakoon, W.M.S., C. Hewapathirana, P. Ramathass, M.N.C. Fernando .(2022). *A Paradigm Shift In School Leadership: Principals' Reflections About The Programme Of School Management*. paper presented at International Open University Research Sessions, Open University of Sri Lanka. ([ID-22-A-Paradigm-Shift-In-School-Leadership-Principals-Reflections-About-The-Programme-Of-School-Management.pdf](#))

Weerakoon, W.M.S.(2022). Pedagogical innovations for Teaching Practicum, paper presented at Tenth Pan-Commonwealth Forum, Calgary, Canada (Paper published at PCF10, <https://doi.org/10.56059/pcf10.7212>)

Karunanayaka, S.P., Weerakoon, W.M.S., Nawaratne, N.M.R.K., Ramathass, P., Weerasinghe, M.D.B.P. & Wijesekera, H.D. (2021). Promoting digital education practices among teachers and students in Sri Lankan secondary schools. [Paper presentation]. *ICDE Virtual Global Conference 2021*, 25-29 October 2021

De Silva D.V.M., Anuruddhika B.G.H., Rathnayake R.N.P., Alwis K.A.C., Kugamoorthy S., Ketheeswaran K., Deepthini D.D.I., Chaturika D, Weerakoon W.M.S. (2021). Difficulties Encountered by the Students in Completing the Research Project in Undergraduate Degree Programmes, *Open University Research Sessions (OURS)*, 16th & 17th September 2021, OUSL, Sri Lanka

De Silva, D.V.M., Anuruddhika, B.G.H., Rathnayake, R.N.P.; Alwis, K.A.C.; Kugamoorthy, S.; Ketheeswaran, K.; Deepthini, D.D.I.; Chaturika, Dilini; Weerakoon, W.M.S. (2020). *Quality of the practices applied for the facilitation of the completion of the research project in undergraduate degree programmes*. <http://repository.ou.ac.lk/handle/94ousl/1701>

Karunanayaka, S.P., Weerakoon, S., Nawaratne, N.M.R.K., Karunanayake, S., Careemdeen, J.D. (2019). Adoption of C-DELTA Programme by Sri Lankan Teachers and Students. paper presented at Ninth Pan-Commonwealth Forum, Edinburgh, Scotland. (Paper presented at PCF9, <http://hdl.handle.net/11599/3424>)

Kugamoorthy, S., Weerakoon, W.M.S., Wanasinghe, W.M.S., Careemdeen, J.D. (2017). *A Study on Student Teachers' Perceptions on the Continuous Assessment Methods of the Postgraduate Diploma in Education Programme*. paper presented at annual academic sessions, Open University, Sri Lanka. ([Proceedings | OURS](#))

Karunanayaka, S.P., Naidu, S., Kugamoorthy, S., Dhanapala, T.D.T.L., Ariyaratne, A., Gonsalkorala, L.R., Rajini, M. W.M.S., Karunanayake, S., Sudarshana, M.L., Nawaratne, N.M.R.K., Fernando M.N.C., Gnaneratnam, K. (2016). *Towards Open Educational Practices with Reflective practices*. paper presented at annual academic sessions, Open University, Sri Lanka. ([Proceedings | OURS](#))

Karunanayaka, S.P., Naidu, S., Kugamoorthy, S., Dhanapala, T.D.T.L., Ariyaratne, A., Gonsalkorala, L.R., Rajini, M., Weerakoon, S., Wanasinghe, S., Karunanayaka, S., Sudarshana, M.L., Nawaratne, R., Fernando, M.N.C., & Gnaneratnam, K. (2016). *Towards open educational practices with reflective practice*. Research paper presented at the Open University Research Sessions (OURS)-2016, 17-18 November 2016, Nawala, Sri Lanka

Karunanayaka, S.P., Naidu, S., Kugamoorthy, S., Gonsalkorala, L.R., Ariyaratne, A., Dhanapala, T.D.T.L., Rajini, M., Wanasinghe, S., Weerakoon, S., Karunanayaka, S., Sudarshana, M.L., Nawaratne, R., Fernando, M.N.C., & Gnaneratnam, K. (2015). *Perspectives and practices of student teachers of OUSL in the use of OER in teaching and learning*. Research paper presented at the OUSL Annual Academic Sessions-2015, held 19-20 November 2015, at OUSL, Nawala.

Weerakoon, W.M.S. (2016). *School-based instructional supervision process: major issues Encountered by supervisors and teachers*, Annual Research Symposium the University of Colombo.

Weerakoon W M S (2014) *School-Based Instructional Supervision Process: Issues*

NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION /SERVICES RENDERED TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

Marking examiner for evaluating Master of Education Dissertations of the Faculty of Education, University of Colombo

Marking examiner for evaluating M.Phil Dissertations of the Faculty of Education, University of Colombo

TRAINING WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATED

- CONTESSA Train-the-Trainer Workshop conducted by the Colombo University and The Open University 3rd May 2022 to 5th May 2022
- Workshop on Creating Interactive sessions using Word/PDF -5th March 2021,
- Workshop on Authentic Teaching-Learning and Assessment Strategies for a skills-oriented Curriculum. - 27th August 2020
- Workshop on analyze and brainstorm on ATLAS-- 28th August 2020
- Workshop on "Designing Authentic e-Learning Experiences for e3 Learning" - 16th September 2020
- Workshop on Planning of authentic e-learning experiences on selected topics -29th September 2020
- Workshop on "Alternative Assessment Strategies for Authentic eLearning" (by Dr. Sanjaya Mishra)- 22nd October 2020
- Workshop on "Adding TEC-VARIETY in Authentic e-Learning Experiences" - 19th November 2020
- Workshop on Integrating OER and Adopting OEP in Authentic e-Learning Experiences. - 01st February 2021
- Workshop on "Mindfulness" Conducted by SATI PASALA Foundation, Kaduwela -14th December 2022
- Workshop on "How can ODL provide Lifelong Learning Opportunities for Skilling, Upskilling, and Reskilling of the Workforce". -30th December 2022
- Workshop on "How to prepare a quality questions paper" -1st November 2022
- MATE (IN) restructuring workshop 28th, March 2012
- Seminar on "Code of Ethics" -27th April 2012
- Seminar on "How to use S & T Unicode system" - 31st May 2012.
- Seminar on "Student identity" -30-03-2012.
- Seminar on "Preparing 21st-century learners: implication for school pedagogy and teacher education -5th November 2012.
- Workshop on "how to support students to complete M.Ed dissertations- 2nd February 2013.
- workshop on Safeguarding University Autonomy on 27th March 2013.
- workshop on Testing & Evaluation - 5/02/2016.
- Workshop on BIG BLUE BUTTON 07/08/2018.
- Workshop Online Course Development - 10.08.2018-14.08.2018
- Workshop on OMIS Development-01-10-2018
- Right to Information workshop 24.01.2019

National and International Conference Proceedings/ Presentations

Weerakoon, W.M.S. (2013). Organization of the Instructional Supervision Process in the Schools. Research paper presented at the Open University Research Sessions (OURS)-2013 (<https://ours.ou.ac.lk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/EDU-11-Formatted.pdf>)

Lekamge, G.D., Kugamoorthy, S., Karunanayake, S., Nawarathne, N.M.R.K., Hewapathirane, C., Weerakoon, W.M.S. (2013). Introduction of new innovations to continuous assessment: a success or failure? Research paper presented at the Open University Research Sessions (OURS)-2013

Scholarly Work/ Book Chapters

"The Pathway to Paradigm Shift" (Integrating OER in Education Practice: Practitioners Stories), OUSL. Edited by prof. S.P.KarunanayaKa and S. Naidu ISBN 978 955-23-1516-8:

[<https://www.ou.ac.lk/home/images/OUSL/publications/intergratingOERinEducationalPractice.pdf>]

"Effectiveness of New Innovations Introduced to the Continuous Assessment Mechanism of the Post Graduate Diploma in Education Programme" (OUSL Journal, (2015), Vol 8, ISSN 1880-3621)- <http://repository.ou.ac.lk/handle/94ousl/630>

"A critical Investigation on The Continuous Assessment Mechanism of the Post Graduate Diploma in Education Programme. Faculty of Education, Ousl-2015

"Dreamweaving Open Educational Practices (Book- Edited by prof. S.P.KarunanayaKa and S. Naidu ISBN 978 955-23-1622-7:

[<https://www.ou.ac.lk/home/images/OUSL/publications/Dreamweaving%20Open%20Educational%20Practices.pdf>]

FACULTY /UNIVERSITY LEVEL CONTRIBUTION

- Faculty Coordinator of Internal Quality Assurance Unit. (IQAU) - From October 2022-January 2023
- Working Group Member of the SER-OUSL 2019 - CRITERION 5 (Programme Design and Development) of the Institutional Review (UGC) -OUSL, 2019
- Member of the committee appointed for preliminary Investigation on violation of student discipline. (Ref/VV/12/02)
- Faculty representative to the RES Board (2019-2022)
- Faculty representative to the IT Committee (2015-2022)
- Faculty representative to the Senate Sub-committee on IT Policy (Until October 2022)
- Faculty representative to the Senate Sub-committee on IT Audit (Until October 2022)
- Member-University Senate (08.01.2023-Present)
- Member-Faculty of Education Board Meetings
- Member-Faculty of Education Research Committee
- Member-Faculty of Education Advisory Committee
- Member CRADE Sub Committee (Professional Development)
- Member CRADE Sub Committee (Learner Support)
- Chairperson of the subcommittee on Faculty Day Anniversary (Video) 2021
- Chairperson of the Faculty Day Anniversary -2025
- Member of the organizing committee Faculty Day Celebration (2023)
- Co-Editor of Faculty Magazine ("ADEEKSHA") -2023
- Member of panel of examiners meeting for final Examination (B.Ed, PGDE, MTE, M.Ed)
- Committee Member of International Research Conference- OUSL-2024

I hereby declare that the details furnished above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I undertake to inform you of any changes therein, immediately.

Date: 08 .03.2024

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