Brief Bio of Carmen Wickramagamage, Professor, Dept. of English, University of Peradeniya

Carmen Wickramagamage, Professor in English, University of Peradeniya, has been teaching in the Dept. of English since 1985. She holds a BA in English (Hons.) from the University of Peradeniya and a PhD in English from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA. In the Department of English, she teaches courses on British and American Literature as well as Post-Colonial Literary Creativity. For the postgraduate programme of the Department, she teaches courses titled "Women's Fiction in English after 1800", "Writing Empire", and "Literature of South Asia: Critical Approaches". From 2002 to 2006, she was also the Joint Coordinator of the Translation Studies Programme of the University of Peradeniya in which capacity she taught several courses on Translation Theory and Practice for the Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma in Translation Studies. Additionally, she also teaches a course titled "Images and Experiences of Women in Sri Lanka" for a group of American undergraduates from American Liberal Arts Colleges who spend a semester abroad at the Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya. She has participated in revisions of degree programmes in English within the University of Peradeniya and contributed to the drawing up of a new Degree Programme titled the B.Ed. in English of the Dept. of Education, University of Peradeniya. On invitation, she has also contributed to the review of English syllabi at Waymba and Rajarata University. In terms of research, her focus has remained postcolonial literary studies and feminist literary criticism. She is co-author of a book on VS Naipaul's Travel Writing (with Wimal Dissanayake) and the author of many articles and essays. But she has also researched and written on Bilingual Education in Sri Lanka and Translation Studies. Her translation of Sunethra Rajakarunanayake's Sinhala novel *Podu Purushaya* into English as *Metta: A Story about Love* won the State Literary Award for the Best Translation from Sinhala into English in 2012.