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Religious affiliation	<p>I am an evangelical Christian.</p> <p>I currently worship with my husband in St Johns Anglican cathedral church in Parramatta, NSW. My heritage in my home country of Sri-Lanka stems from a strong Methodist tradition. I am a third generation Christian, my grandfather being converted from Hinduism.</p> <p>My son Kamal Weerakoon is an ordained Presbyterian Minister.</p>
Education	<p>1972: MBBS (2nd class upper division Honours); University of Colombo, Sri-Lanka</p> <p>1981: M.S. Biomedical Science; University of Hawaii, Manoa</p> <p>1993: MHPEd University of New South Wales, Australia</p> <p>Other Training</p> <p>1981: Graduate Certificate in Population Studies. East West Centre, Hawaii, USA</p> <p>1993: Graduate Diploma in Couples Counselling, Relationships Australia</p>
Current Employment	<p>Jan 2012 -Honorary Senior Lecturer, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney</p> <p>Jan 2012 - Consultant Sexologist [Sexuality Educator, Researcher and Therapist]</p>
Previous appointments	<p>Jan 2005 – Dec 2011: Director, Graduate Program in Sexual Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney</p> <p>Jan 1999 – Dec 2004: Senior Lecturer in Anatomy and Physiology, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney</p> <p>Jan 1979 – Dec 1998: Lecturer in Reproductive Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri-Lanka</p>

- Other Honorary:** International Advisory Board 'Magnus Hirschfield Archive for Sexology' [<http://www2.hu-berlin.de/sexology/>].
- Association memberships** Member of the International Academy of Sex Research
Honorary Life Member, of the Australian Society of Sexuality Educators, Researchers and Therapists.
- Professional profile:** I have a profile both nationally and internationally as a sexologist, sexual health educator and researcher.

1. Sexual Health Educator:

As the Director of the international award winning Graduate Program in Sexual Health (Awarded Global best program in postgraduate sexology education by the World Association of Sexual Health in 2011);

I am acknowledged by international experts as a leader in providing graduate sexual health education in an accessible on-line format.

2. Christian Sexologist:

I am one of the few Christian sexologists in Australia. The invitation to deliver the 2012 Smith lecture on 'Eros, Intimacy & the mind of God' [<http://smithlecture.org/>] is a recognition of this among Australian evangelicals.

This lecture is available on DVD at Koorong. A segment is can be accessed at:
A related interview with Leigh Hatcher [Hope 103.2 FM] is available at:
http://www.openhousecommunity.com.au/2012/09/patricia_weerakoon-_eros_intim.html

In 2012; I have presented over fifty talks and seminars across Australia in churches, conferences and schools. These include:

- Conferences: Katoomba Women's Convention, NextGen; Presbyterian youth summer camp; LiT; Anglican Youthworks conference 'Growing Faith'; Workshops in 'Faithfulness in service for the Anglican Diocese of Sydney..
- Schools: Presbyterian Ladies College, Abbotsleigh Anglican Girls School, Tara Anglican School, Innaburra School, Sutherland Shire Christian School.
- Churches: I speak on a range of topics in churches across denominations. [Creek Road Presbyterian (Brisbane); St Pauls Castle Hill, Toongabie Anglican, Avalon Anglican churches, Austinmer Anglican, Bullli Anglican, Menai Baptist, Bayside independent, Victor Harbour]. The topics I speak on can be found at: <http://www.patriciaweerakoon.com/cv/for-churches/>

Some of my presentations and panel discussions are available at:
<http://vimeo.com/search?q=patricia+weerakoon>

3. Writing [Christian Sexology]:

The first book of a series titled "By the Book" was released by CEP publishing in October 2012. "Teen Sex: By the Book" [fevr.net/teen-sex-by-the-book] is in its second print run as of January 2013. I am currently working on "Couples Sex. Others in the series will be "Living Single" and a book on Gender.

I have been contracted by a e-publishing company 'Hampress' to write a series of short books on sex [<https://www.hampress.com/shortbooks>]

4. Media commentator:

26th June 2012: National web caste on 'Defining Marriage: Does it matter anymore?' [<http://marriagewebcast.acl.org.au/index.php>]

January 2012: I represented the university at the Sydney Festival's Bright Club. (<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/ivory-tower-to-open-mic-20120105-1plm2.html>)

January 2011: Interviews on Pornography, Gender and Healthy sexuality with Centre for Public Christianity, Sydney (<http://publicchristianity.org/library/person/Patricia-Weerakoon>)

July 2010: "The Best Sex For Life: How Academic Sexology Supports Biblical Sexuality" RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE, Presbyterian Church Australia conference, Melbourne July, 2010. Reported in the Age Newspaper, July 26th [<http://www.theage.com.au/action/printArticle?id=1714061>]

I have been profiled in the Sydney Morning Herald in 2008 'God said go forth, multiply - but have fun, too' [<http://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/lifematters/god-said-go-forth-multiply--but-have-fun-too-20090407-9yyd.html>];

and in the Sydney University Alumni Magazine in 2008 'No Agony Much Ecstasy'

[http://www.alumni.sydney.edu.au/s/965/images/editor_documents/alumni-magazine/08-spring/sam_health_spr08.pdf]

Nationally I have appeared on ABC TV as an expert on sexual health in 'Whatever: The Science of Teens' –

[<http://www.abc.net.au/tv/documentaries/interactive/whatever/>]; ABC radio LifeMatters 'Religion Love and Sexual Desire'

[<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/lifematters/stories/2008/2417690.htm>], and Sunday Nights 'Sexuality and the Church'

[<http://www.abc.net.au/sundaynights/stories/s2433674.htm>].

In 2006 I worked with Clive Robertson in the ABC reality television show 'Agony Aunts'.

Research Interests

My current research interest is in the area of sexuality and sexual health in a lifespan perspective, especially as it pertains to Christians in the church community and society.

During my academic career, I have researched and published in sex education, sexual function and issues of health professional client interaction and on-line learning.

Publications (2005-2013)

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Patricia Kamalini Weerakoon is an Australian Christian sexologist. Weerakoon was born in a Tamil Christian family in Sri Lanka, and grew up on a tea plantation.[1] She studied medicine at the University of Colombo, and after her marriage, she moved with her family to Hawaii, where she undertook postgraduate studies at the University of Hawaii. She later obtained a further degree from the University of New South Wales.[2]. "Patricia Weerakoon: Sexologist, author and speaker". As a Sexologist and evangelical Christian she has translated her passion to bring good holistic sexual health to all people into practical sex education, sex research and sex therapy. About Patricia. Thank you for visiting. Here's where you can get to know me a little. Dr Patricia Weerakoon is a medical doctor turned sexologist and author. She is an evangelical Christian and is married to Vasantha. Her son, Kamal, is a ... Dr Weerakoon has a recognised media presence, and is a highly regarded public speaker and social commentator in sexuality and sexual health. Combine Editions. Patricia Weerakoon's books. Patricia Weerakoon Average rating: 4.08. 84 ratings 19 reviews 8 distinct works Similar authors. Growing Up by the Book. Patricia Weerakoon. Sexologist, sex therapist and evangelical Christian. Sometime creative writer. Patricia Weerakoon Friends- @docamitay interview worth watching 'A Christian, a Jew (well, maybe a little Jew-ish...) and a Radical Feminist Walk into a Trans Bar' 1104d. Privacy | © 2021 Thinklab.