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- Education**
1972: MBBS (2nd class upper division Honours); University of Colombo, Sri-Lanka
1981: M.S. Biomedical Science; University of Hawaii, Manoa
1993: MHPed University of New South Wales, Australia
Other Training
1981: Graduate Certificate in Population Studies. East West Centre, Hawaii, USA
1993: Graduate Diploma in Couples Counselling, Relationships Australia
- Current Employment**
Jan 2012 - Consultant Sexologist [Sexuality Educator, Researcher and Therapist]
Author with Christian Education Publications and Rhiza Press
- Previous appointments**
Jan 2005 – Dec 2011: Director, Graduate Program in Sexual Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney
Jan 1999 – Dec 2004: Senior Lecturer in Anatomy and Physiology, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Sydney
Jan 1979 – Dec 1998: Lecturer in Reproductive Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri-Lanka
- Association memberships**
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 2009);
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.
I am regularly invited to present in churches, conferences and schools. Examples of my presentations and articles are available on my web site:

<http://patriciaweerakoon.com/media-2/>

3. Writing [Christian Sexology]:

Christian Non-fiction publication under the CEP label:

Teen Sex: By the Book: <http://fervr.net/teen-sex-by-the-book>

Best Sex for Life: <http://www.cepstore.com.au/p/643/best-sex-for-life>

Growing up: By the Book: <https://www.cepstore.com.au/growing-up-by-the-book>

Birds and Bees: By the Book <http://birdsandbeesbooks.com/>

Fiction:

The Other Sister: <http://www.mardibooks.com/patricia-weerakoon/>

The Empires Children: <http://rhizapress.com.au/>

Snowy Summer (to be released in 2018)

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.

Academic Publications (2005-2013) [I no longer write for academic journals]

Ramanathan V and Weerakoon P (2013) Sexuality in India: Ancient Beliefs, Present Day Problems and Future Approaches to Management. In *The Cultural Context of Sexual Pleasure and Problems: Psychotherapy with Diverse Clients*. Routledge, New York

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Allison Macbeth, Patricia Weerakoon. and Gomathi Sitharthan (2009) Pilot study of Australian school-based sexual health education: parents' views, *Sexual Health*, 6, 328–333.

Chuanshu Jiao, Peter PK Knight, Patricia Weerakoon, Brett McCann AB Turman (2008)

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Jiao C, Turman B, Weerakoon P, Knight P (2006). Alterations in grip strength during male sexual arousal. *International Journal of Impotence Research* 18, 2, 206-209.

Jones, M.K, Weerakoon, P., & Pynor, R. (2005). Survey of occupational therapy students' attitudes towards sexual issues in clinical practice, *Occupational Therapy International*, 12, 95-106.

Rosemary Pynor, Patricia Weerakoon and Mairwen Kathleen Jones (2005). A preliminary investigation of physiotherapy students? Attitudes towards issues of sexuality in clinical practice. *Physiotherapy*, 91, 1, 42-48.