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Publications

Books

Classics of Eastern Thought. Revised Edition. 2 vols. Edited by Patrick Peebles and Lynn H. Nelson. Armonk NY: M. E. Sharpe, forthcoming.

History of Sri Lanka. The Greenwood Histories of the Modern Nations. Westport CT: Greenwood Press, 2006. xxvi, 220 p. ISBN: 0313332053.

Plantation Tamils of Ceylon. New Historical Perspectives on Migration. London and New York: University of Leicester Press, 2001. x, 252p. ISBN: 0718501543.

Social Change in Nineteenth Century Ceylon. New Delhi: Navrang in collaboration with Lake House Bookshop, 1995. xi, 288 p. ISBN: 8170131413.

Classics of Eastern Thought, Edited by Lynn H. Nelson and Patrick Peebles. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1991. 624 p. ISBN: 0155076558.

Sri Lanka: A Handbook of Historical Statistics. Boston: G. K. Hall, 1982. xvi, 357 p. ISBN: 0816181608.

Refereed Articles and Chapters in Books

"The Life and Strange Surprising Adventures of Captain Robert Knox," *The Sri Lanka Journal of the Humanities* XXIX and XXX (2003-2004) Nos. 1 & 2. (December, 2004), 31-51.

"Text Analysis of Robert Knox, An Historical Relation of Ceylon." In *Structures and contingencies in computerized historical research. Proceedings of the IX International Conference of the Association for History and Computing, Nijmegen 1994.* pp. 143-148. Hilversum: Vereniging voor Gescheidenis en Informatica, 1995.

"The American Consul in Ceylon, 1850-1929." In *Sesquicentennial Commemoration Volume of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka.* pp. 469-496. Colombo: Royal Asiatic Society, 1995.

"Colonization and Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka," *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 49, no. 1 (February, 1990), 30-55.

"The Impact of Computer Technology on Historical Research," *History Microcomputer Review* Vol. 4, No. 2 (Fall, 1988), 21-28.

"Profits from Arrack Renting in Nineteenth Century Sri Lanka," *Modern Sri Lanka Studies*, Vol 1, no. 1 (July, 1986), 65-83.

"The Ritual Status of the Sinhalese Mudaliyars," in *Festschrift 1985 -- James Thevathasan Rutnam.* Edited by A. R. B. Amerasinghe and S. J. Sumanasekera Banda. pp. 37-43. Colombo, Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka UNESCO National Commission, 1985.

"Governor Arthur Gordon and the Administration of Sri Lanka, 1883-1890," in *British Imperial Policy in India and Sri Lanka*, ed Robert I. Crane and N. Gerald Barrier. pp. 84-106. Columbia MO: South Asia Books, 1981.

"Land Use and Population Growth in Colonial Ceylon," *Contributions to Asian Studies*, Vol. VI (1976), 64-79.

"Sources and Prospects for Social Research in Sri Lanka," in *South Asian Library Resources in North America*, ed. by M. L. P. Patterson and M. Yanuck. Zug, Switzerland: Inter Documentation Co., 1975.

Other Publications

“Sri Lanka” and “Bandaranaike, Srimavo.” In *New Book of Knowledge*. 21 vols. Danbury CT: Scholastic Library Publishing, 2007.

“Sri Lanka.” In *Global Perspectives on the United States*. 3 vols. Eds. Karen Christiansen and David Levinson. pp. 598-601. Great Barrington MA: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2007.

“Sri Lanka.” In *The Encyclopedia of Antislavery and Abolition*. 2 vols. Greenwood Milestones in African American History. Ed. Peter Hinks and John McKivigan. Greenwood CT: Greenwood Press, 2006.

The Kirkmans of Walla Walla, pp. 30, 2004. (Self-published).

Six Articles in *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia: Indo-Sri Lanka relations; Jaffna; Sinhalese Literature; Sinhala; Sri Lanka- History* (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2002)

100 entries, ABC-Clio on-line bibliography of Sri Lanka. (1999).

Fourteen Articles in *Encyclopedia of Asian History: Brownrigg, Sir Robert; Ceylon National Congress; Colebrooke-Cameron Report; Donoughmore Commission; D’Oyly, Sir John; Goonetilleke, Sir Oliver Ernest; Goonewardena, Don Philip Rupasinghe; Kotelawala, Sir John Lionel; Maitland, Sir Thomas; Ramanathan, Sir Ponnambalam; Soulbury Commission; Suriya Mal Campaign; Swabhasa Campaign*. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1987)

“New Hopes for Peace in Sri Lanka,” *UFSI Reports*, no. 1 (1987)

“What Really Happened in 1848?,” *Sri Lanka Archivist*, Vol. IV, publication delayed.

“Democracy and Violence in Sri Lanka,” *UFSI Reports*, No. 29 (1986), 14 pp.

“When Professors Disagree” *Ceylon Daily News*, (April 16, 1984), 4.

“Dutch Tombos of Ceylon,” *South Asia Library Notes and Queries*, No. 1 (March 1978), 4-5.

“Sri Lanka's Transition from Dependency to Independence,” *The Asian Student*, March 22, 1978, 12.

Presentations at Professional Meetings

Poster session, “New Approaches to the World History Survey.” 18th annual ED-MEDIA international meeting. Montreal Canada, July, 2005.

Chaired Panel, "New Ideas for an Old Problem: Textbooks for first year seminars." 44th Annual National Conference of the Association for General and Liberal Studies, Kansas City, October 29, 2004.

"The Donoughmore Commission And the 'Minorities,' 1927-28." 32th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin - Madison, October 26, 2003.

"Captain Robert Knox And The East India Company, 1681-1700." Tenth International Conference of the World History Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 1, 2001.

Panelist, "Whatever happened to Baby Jane and Quantitative History." 23rd Annual Mid-America Conference on History, September 20, 2001.

"Colonialism and Land in Mid-Nineteenth Century Ceylon." Eighth Annual World History Association '99 International Conference, Victoria, British Columbia (June 1999)

Commentator, Conference on "Communalism and Migration: South Asians in Diaspora" at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland June 19-20, 1997.

"Robinson Crusoe in Hyperspace." Computers and History Symposium, University of Cincinnati, May 4, 1997

"The Government of India and Emigration to Ceylon, 1922-1939." Mid-America Conference on History, Washburn University, September 12, 1996.

"Master and Servant in Sri Lanka." International Conference on Master & Servant in History, York University, Toronto, April 11-13, 1996.

"The Legal Status of Plantation Laborers in British Ceylon." Conference on South Asian Labour: Linkages-Global and Local. International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, October 26, 1995.

"The End of Indian Immigration to Ceylon, 1923-1939." 5th Sri Lanka Conference, Durham New Hampshire, August 12, 1995.

"Text Analysis of Robert Knox, An Historical Relation of Ceylon." IX International Conference of the Association for History and Computing, 'Structures and contingencies in computerized historical research.' University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, August 30, 1994.

"Shaping the 'Indian Tamil' Identity, 1881-1921," 44th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, April 2, 1992.

Organized and chaired Round Table on Sri Lanka, at 43rd Annual Meeting of Association for Asian Studies, New Orleans, April 14, 1991.

“The Creation of an Ethnic Group. The Indian Tamils.” 19th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, November 3, 1990.

“The Accelerated Mahaweli Programme and Ethnic Conflict.” Seminar on Sri Lanka, United States Institute of Peace, September 5, 1990. (Accepted for publication, but proceedings never published).

“Historical Perspectives of the Conflict in Sri Lanka.” 42th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, April 6, 1990.

Chair, Omnibus Panel, 18th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, November 4, 1989.

Panelist, *Changing Political Scene in South Asia*, Conference on Disarmament, Economic Conversion and Management of Peace. SUNY-Binghamton, May 6, 1989.

“Indian Tamil Settlement in Nineteenth Century Sri Lanka.” 17th Annual Conference on South Asia, November 5, 1988, Madison, Wisconsin.

“Sri Lanka,” New York Conference on Asian Studies, Albany, New York, October 9, 1988.

Chair, panel on “Sri Lanka and Its Prospects: The Consequences of the July 1987 Accord,” 40th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, California, March 25, 1988.

“Population Pressure in the Inter-Ethnic Areas of Sri Lanka.” 16th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, November 8, 1987.

“Computers Changing the Writing of History.” Ninth annual Mid-America History Conference, Springfield, Missouri, September 25, 1987.

“Sri Lanka’s Descent into Civil War, 1983-86.” presented at 15th Annual Conference on South Asia, November 8, 1986, Madison, Wisconsin

“The Mudaliyars of Nineteenth Century Sri Lanka.” Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, March 26, 1983.

Chaired panel on "The New Policy in Sri Lanka after Five Years" and presented paper on "Democracy in Sri Lanka, 1931-1982." Annual Meeting, Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, Ann Arbor, Michigan October 16, 1982.

"Recent Research in History," Sri Lanka Roundtable, Association for Asian Studies, April 4, 1982.

"Fifty Years of Democracy in Sri Lanka, 1931-1981," Southwestern Historical Association, March 25, 1981.

Roundtable discussion on Sri Lanka elections, Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, March 31, 1978.

"Governor Arthur Gordon and the Administration of Sri Lanka, 1883-1890," Annual Meeting, Association for Asian Studies, April 2, 1978.

"Mortality in Early British Ceylon, 1796-1815," Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, October 1977 (organized and chaired panel also).

"Population of Sri Lanka in the Early 19th Century," South Asia Seminar, University of Pennsylvania in conjunction with Annual Meeting of Social Science History Association, October, 1976.

Invited Lectures

"The Origins of Statelessness: Sinhalese Nationalism and the Plantation Tamils of Ceylon." University of Washington, April 17, 1997.

"The Origins of Statelessness: the Indo-Ceylon Exploratory Conference, November 1940." University of Virginia, November 8, 1996.

"The origins of the plantation Tamils of Sri Lanka," at the Lunchtime Seminar, Centre of South Asian Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, November 5, 1992.

"Caught in Between: Sri Lanka's Other Tamils from the 19th Century to the Present," South Asia Program Speaker Series, Cornell University, September 21, 1988.

"Religion and the Contemporary Struggles of Sri Lanka, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas, April 18, 1988.

“Population History of Sri Lanka,” presented to Demographic Studies Group, University of California, Berkeley, May 20, 1987.

“Migration from India to Sri Lanka in the British Period,” Royal Asiatic Society, Sri Lanka Branch, June 15, 1986. Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Invited to deliver annual Lady Ramanathan Memorial Lecture, University of Jaffna, 1986 (postponed)

“International Terrorism; in Search of a Response,” Great Decisions, 1986, World Affairs Council, Overland Park, Kansas, March 17, 1986.

Campus lectures--in capacity as a Faculty Associate for the Universities Field Staff International January-February, 2004: University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, University of Alabama-Birmingham, University of Pittsburgh, Dartmouth College, University of Colorado-Boulder, and California State University-Fullerton.

“India Today - Social, Economic and Political Perspectives,” World Affairs Council, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 3, 1984.

“India Today - Social, Economic and Political Perspectives,” World Affairs Council, Birmingham, Alabama, January 24, 1984.