

# Patricia Kamalini Weerakoon

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<b>Religious affiliation</b>	<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>
<b>Education</b>	<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>
<b>Current Employment</b>	<p>Jan 2012 -Honorary Senior Lecturer, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney</p> <p>Jan 2012 - Consultant Sexologist [Sexuality Educator, Researcher and Therapist]</p>
<b>Previous appointments</b>	<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 sexuality 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](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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> [<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](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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