

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Recent and Current Preoccupations: See Appendix.

Research Areas:

Linguistic theory (phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics)
Transdisciplinarity of academic knowledge and modes of inquiry
Educational philosophy and inquiry-based pedagogy

Teaching Areas:

Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Phonetics
Conceptual foundations of linguistic theory
Foundations of Inquiry and Research across Disciplines

Academic/Professional Qualifications:

1965: BSc (Physics), Kerala University, India
1968: MA (English Literature), Meerut University, India
1981: MS (Linguistics), MIT, Cambridge, Mass., USA
1982: PhD (Linguistics), MIT, Cambridge, Mass., USA

Career History:

1968-69: Lecturer, CHM College, Bombay, India
1969-74: Lecturer, SKV College, Thrissur, Kerala, India
1974-82: Lecturer, CIEFL, Hyderabad, India
1982 Spring Assistant Prof, University of Texas, Austin, USA
1982-83: Res. Associate, MIT, Cambridge, Mass. USA
1983-86: Lecturer/Senior Lecturer, National University of Singapore
1986-90: Assistant/Associate Professor, Stanford University, USA
1990-99: Associate Professor, National University of Singapore
1999- Professor, National University of Singapore

Administrative Activities:

[In most of the following, from the point of inception of the Committee/Program]

- Deputy Director, Centre for Development of Teaching & Learning, NUS (1999-2007)
- Coordinator, Linguistics Program, NUS (1991-98)
- Chair, General Education Steering Committee, NUS (2000-2009) [Spear-headed and chaired a UCEP initiative of a curriculum for General Education.]
- Member, University Curriculum Committee / University Committee for Educational Policy (UCEP), NUS (1999-Present)
- Member, University Taskforce for the formulation of Promotion and Tenure policies (1998)
- Member, University Senate (1999-present)
- Member, University Committee for Promotion and Tenure, NUS (2001-2004)
- Member, University Senate Delegacy (2004-2008)
- Member, Team for developing Societal Engagement & Service Learning.
- Chair, Task force for a general framework for research modules. [Spear-headed the UCEP initiative of a general framework for research modules at the graduate and undergraduate levels]
- Member, University Taskforce for Undergraduate Education (2006-2008)

Most recent educational initiatives

Developed the units on:

- academic inquiry in the web-based module on Academic culture.

- (Team headed by A/P John Richardson)

- The material is open to all at: <http://emodule.nus.edu.sg/ac/>

- a web-based module on Academic Knowledge and Inquiry

- (with help from A/P John Richardson, Dr Tara Mohanan on the team)

- Under construction at: <http://wiki.nus.edu.sg/display/aki/Home>

Professional/Consulting Activities

- Member, Editorial Board, *Phonology*. (1993-98)
- Associate Editor, *South Asian Languages and Linguistics*. (1997-2004)
- Member, Editorial Board, *Linguistic Variation Yearbook*. (2001-2008)
- External Examiner, Dept of English, University of Hong Kong. (1998-2003)
- Consultant, Teaching Excellence Award, City University of Hong Kong. '04-05.

Theses

- 1981 Grammatical Relations and Anaphora in Malayalam. Masters thesis.
Advisor: Noam Chomsky

- 1982 Lexical Phonology. Doctoral dissertation.
Advisor: Morris Halle

Publications, Papers, and Selected Talks

(Partial list: not completely updated since 2007)

- 1974 *Introduction to Phonetics and Structure of English*, Bombay. (With S Velayudhan)
- 1981 "Pronouns in Malayalam". *Studies in Linguistic Sciences*, 11: 67-75.

- 1981 "Binding, lexical structure, and configurational structure." MS, Department of Linguistics, MIT.
- 1982 "Grammatical Relations and Anaphora in Malayalam". In *Papers in Syntax*, ed. A. Marantz and T. Stowell. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.
- 1982 "Grammatical Relations and Clause Structure in Malayalam". In *The Mental Representation of Grammatical Relations*, ed. J. Bresnan. Cambridge: Mass: MIT Press, 1982.
- 1982 "Infinitival Subjects, Government and Abstract Case". *Linguistic Inquiry*, 13: 323-327.
- 1982 "Issues in Lexical Phonology". University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada. (Invited Talk).
- 1982 "On Syllabicity". In *Papers in Syllable Structure, Metrical Structure and Harmony Processes*, ed. K. Safir. Cambridge: MIT Press.
- 1982 "What is Lexical Phonology?" McGill University, Montreal, Canada. (Invited Talk).
- 1982 "Structure of the Melody." MS. MIT.
- 1983 "Functional and Anaphoric Control". *Linguistic Inquiry*, 14: 641-674.
- 1983 "Lexical and Configurational Structures". University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. (Invited Talk).
- 1983 "Move NP or Lexical Rules?". In *Papers in LFG*, ed. M. Rappaport and A. Zaenen. Indiana: Indiana University.
- 1984 "Lexical and Configurational Structures". *Linguistic Review*, 3: 113-139.
- 1984 "Lexical Phonology of the Consonant System in Malayalam". *Linguistic Inquiry*, 15 (1984): 575-602. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1984 "Lexical Phonology". *Australian Linguistic Society* (1 Sep 1984) (Keynote address).
- 1984 "On Locally Bound Anaphora". *Linguistic Analysis*, 13: 329-331.
- 1984 "Operator Binding and the Path Containment Condition". *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 2: 357-396.
- 1985 "Remarks on Control and Control Theory". *Linguistic Inquiry*, 16: 637-648.
- 1985 "Segmental Phonology of Modern English". *Linguistic Inquiry*, 16: 57-116. (With Morris Halle)
- 1985 "Syllable structure and Lexical strata in English". *Phonology Yearbook*, 2: 139-155.
- 1985 "What the Literary Critics Know about Verse: Towards a Theory of Cadence". In *Tropic Crucible*, ed. C. Nicholson and R. Chatterjee. Singapore: NUS Press.
- 1985 Structure and dependencies in Systemic Functional Grammar and Lexical Functional Grammar. MS, National University of Singapore.
- 1986 "Introduction to Lexical Phonology". *New Ways of Analyzing Variation*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA. (Invited Talk).
- 1986 "Vowel Epenthesis in Malayalam: Schwa or U?". *Indian Linguistics*.
- 1986 *The Theory of Lexical Phonology*, Dordrecht, Holland: Reidel Publishing.

- 1987 "Morphological and Syntactic Features". University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. (Invited Talk).
- 1987 "The Bases of Lexical Phonology". University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. (Invited Talk).
- 1988 "Argument Structure and Semantic Structure." Paper presented to the Summer Working Group on Argument Structure and Syntax, CSLI, Stanford, California.
- 1988 "Dative Subjects in Malayalam". *17th Annual Conference on South Asia: Symposium on Experiencer Subjects in South Asian Language*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1988 "Naturalness in Phonological Alternation". University of California, Santa Cruz, California. (Invited Talk).
- 1989 "The Bases of Underspecification". *Forum Lecture*. Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea. (Invited Talk).
- 1989 "Universal Archetypes of Phonological Alternation". *Forum Lecture*, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea. (Invited Talk).
- 1989 "Universal Attractors in Phonological Theory." Paper presented at the Berkeley Workshop on Rules and Constraints in Phonology.
- 1989 "On the representation of thematic role information." MS, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University.
- 1990 "From morphology to syntax: Percolation or interpretation?" MS, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University.
- 1990 "Dative Subjects in Malayalam: Semantic Information in Syntax". In *Experiencer Subject in South Asian Languages*, ed. M K Verma and K P Mohanan, 43-58. Stanford, California: CSLI. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1990 "Introduction to the Experiencer Subject Construction". In *Experiencer Subjects in South Asian Languages*, ed. M.K. Verma and K.P. Mohanan. Stanford, CA: CSLI. (With M. K. Verma)
- 1991 Ed. *Experiencer Subjects in South Asian Languages*, Stanford: CSLI. 363 pp. (With M K Verma)
- 1991 "Malayalam". In *Oxford Encyclopaedia of Linguistics*, ed. B. Comrie, W. Bright and D. Crystal. United Kingdom: Oxford University Press.
- 1991 "On the Bases of Radical Underspecification". *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, 9: 285-325.
- 1992 "Describing the Phonology of Non native Varieties". *World Englishes*, 11: 111-128.
- 1992 "Emergence of Complexity in Phonological Development". In *Phonological Development*, ed. C. Ferguson, L. Menn and C. Stoel-Gammon, 635-662. Maryland: Timonium.
- 1992 "Universal Attractors in Phonology". In *Linguistic Studies in Natural Languages*, ed. B-S. Park. Seoul: Hanshin.
- 1992 "Why should we care about word order in South Asian Languages?". *South Asian Languages Analysis XIV*, Stanford University. (Keynote address).

- 1993 "Conflict Resolution in South Asian Syntax". *Symposium on South and East Asian Languages*, Singapore. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1993 "Fields of Attraction in Phonology". In *The Last Phonological Rule*, ed. J Goldsmith, 61-116. Chicago: Chicago University Press.
- 1993 "Patterns and Pattern Interaction". Dept. of Linguistics, Konstanz University, Konstanz, Germany (Invited Talk).
- 1993 "Conflict Resolution in Phonology and Syntax". Dept. of Linguistics, Konstanz University, Konstanz, Germany (Invited Talk).
- 1993 "The formal interpretation of Robustness: Storage or Processing?". *The Robustness of the Language Faculty: Coping with Incomplete Information*, Utrecht University, Utrecht.
- 1993 "Self Organization in Linguistic Systems". Stanford University, California. (Invited Talk).
- 1994 "Issues in Word Order in South Asian Languages: Enriched phrase structure or multidimensionality?". In *Theoretical Perspectives on Word Order in South Asian Languages*, ed. M Butt, T King and G Ramchand, 153-184. Stanford, California: CSLI. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1995 "Argumentation as Invitation and Demonstration". *Meaning as Production: The Role of the Unwritten*. Singapore (7-9 Sep 1995).
- 1995 "Inculcating Critical and Creative Thinking". Dept. of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, NUS, Singapore.
- 1995 "Malayalam writing system". In *World's Writing Systems*, ed. W Bright. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 1995 "On "New/Non native" Englishes: A Quartet". *Journal of Pragmatics*, 24: 283-294. (With Singh, R, J D'souza, K P Mohanan and N S Prabhu)
- 1995 "Open Book Exams to Discourage Regurgitation". *Workshop on Open Book Exams*. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, Singapore.
- 1995 "The Organization of Grammar." In Goldsmith (ed.) *The Handbook of Phonological Theory*, Blackwell Publishers. 24-69.
- 1996 "Critical and creative thinking in science". *Workshop on Critical and Creative Thinking*. Department of Civil Engineering, National University of Singapore, Singapore. (Invited Talk).
- 1996 "Encouraging interactive learning in large group teaching". *Workshop on Large Group Teaching*. CDTL, National Univ. of Singapore, Singapore. (Invited Talk).
- 1996 "Indoctrination in pedagogical texts in linguistics". *Language and Knowledge: The Unpacking of "Text"* (9- 11 Sep 1996, Department of English Language & Literature, National Univ. of Singapore, Singapore)
- 1996 "Semantic Representation in the Architecture of LFG". *Proceedings of the First LFG Conference*, ed. M Butt and T H King (1996): 293-310. Grenoble: Rank Xerox Research Centre. Paper presented at a special workshop on Semantic Representations and LFG. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1996 "Types of incommensurability". *Workshop in Honour of Thomas Kuhn*. Centre for Advanced Studies, National Univ. of Singapore, Singapore. (Invited

- talk).
- 1996 "Where Does Allomorphy Begin?". In *Trubetzkoy's Orphan*, ed. R Singh, 32-42. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Co.
- 1996 "Where Does Morphophonology Belong?". In *Trubetzkoy's Orphan*, ed. R Singh, 140-154. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Co.
- 1997 "How does education paralyze independent thinking?". *7th International Conference on Thinking*, Singapore (1-6 Jun 1997)
<http://courses.nus.edu.sg/course/ellkpmoh/educ.htm>
- 1997 "Open Book Examinations and Educational Goals". *Seminar on the Conduct of Open Book Examinations* 1Hon Swee Seng Auditorium, National Univ. of Singapore, Singapore. (Invited talk).
- 1997 "On Morphology, Morphemes, and Words". In *Phases and Interfaces in Morphology*, ed. M Hariprasad, H Nagarajan, P Madhavan and KG Vijayakrishnan, 1-35. Hyderabad: Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages. (Preface to the volume). (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1997 "Teaching Critical Thinking" CDTLink, Vol.1
 No.1<http://www.cdctl.nus.edu.sg/link/jan1997/critic1.htm>
- 1998 "Crosslinguistic variability of Linguistic patterns: Parameter setting or constraint prioritization". *GLOW Colloquium*, CIEFL, Hyderabad, India
- 1998 "Lexical logical form and verb typology: A case study from Malayalam". *GLOW Workshop on Verb Typology*, CIEFL, Hyderabad, India. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1998 "Non-monotonicity in Linguistics: Transformations, constraint ranking, and weighted laws". *PACLIC 12* (18 - 20 Feb) (Keynote address).
- 1998 "On the Bases of Optimality Theory". *South Asian Language Analysis*. York University, UK.
- 1998 "Unpacking Optimality". *Australian Linguistics Society*. (Keynote address)
- 1998 "Strong and Weak Projection: Lexical Reflexives and Reciprocals". In *Projection of Arguments: Lexical and Syntactic Constraints*, ed. M Butt and W Geuder, 165-194. Stanford, California: CSLI. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1999 "Feature Network". University of California, Irvine, California (Invited Talk).
- 1999 "Morphosemantics of Deverbal Adjectives in Malayalam". *25 Annual Meeting of Berkeley Linguistics Society* (12 - 15 Feb 1999, University of California, Berkeley, USA. (invited talk)
- 1999 "On grammatical semantics: An introduction". In *Grammatical Semantics: Evidence for Structure in Meaning*, ed. Tara Mohanan and Lionel Wee. Stanford: CSLI Publication & NUS. (With Tara Mohanan and Lionel Wee)
- 1999 "On representations in grammatical semantics". In *Grammatical Semantics: Evidence for Structure in Meaning*, ed. Tara Mohanan and Lionel Wee. Stanford: CSLI Publications & NUS. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1999 "Representing presuppositions". In *Grammatical Semantics: Evidence for Structure in Meaning*, ed. Tara Mohanan and Lionel Wee. Stanford:

- CSLI Publications & NUS. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1999 "On the Bases of Optimality Theory". University of California, Los Angeles, California (Invited Talk)
- 1999 "Postmodernism and Science: A critical assessment from a linguist's perspective". National University of Singapore.
- 1999 "Problems of Dialogue Across Domains". *CAS Research Papers Launch*, NUS (Invited Talk).
- 1999 "Two Forms of BE in Malayalam". *Proceedings of the LFG99 Conference*. ed. Miriam Butt and Tracy Holloway King (1999). Stanford, CA: CSLI Publications. University of Manchester, Manchester, UK. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 1999 "What is Wrong with Undergraduate Linguistics Education Today?". *New Zealand Linguistics Society Conference (24 - 26 Nov 1999, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand)* (Plenary Address).
- 2000 "Inquiry Based Learning in Linguistics Education". CDTL, NUS.
- 2000 "Modes on Inquiry in Academic Disciplines: A prolegomena to comparative epistemology." (With Tara W Mohanan. Available on GE Website, <http://www.cdtl.nus.edu.sg/gem/articles.htm>).
- 2000 "Modes on Reasoning in Academic Disciplines." (With Tara W Mohanan. Available on GE Website, <http://www.cdtl.nus.edu.sg/gem/articles.htm>)
- 2000 "Parameters of Modes of Inquiry". *Workshop on Modes of Inquiry*. CDTL, NUS, Singapore) (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2000 "Postmodernism and Scientific inquiry". CDTL, NUS.
- 2000 "Quality of Teaching in Higher Education". CDTL, NUS.
- 2000 "Who is an Educated Person?"
<http://www.cdtl.nus.edu.sg/publications/educated/>
- 2000 "Scientific Knowledge and Scientific Methodology: Traditional Epistemology, Modern Science, and Post-modernism
<http://courses.nus.edu.sg/course/ellkpmoh/philo.htm>
- 2000 "Teacher Appraisal: how to measure". *Proceedings of the First Symposium on Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*, comp. C M Wang, K P Mohanan, D Pan & Y S Chee (2000): 93-98. Singapore. (With Wang, C M, A Christudason and D Pan)
- 2000 "Teacher Appraisal: what to measure". *Proceedings of the First Symposium in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*, comp. C M Wang, K P Mohanan, D Pan & Y S Chee (2000): 87-92. Singapore. (With Wang, C M, A Christudason and D Pan)
- 2000 "The Theoretical Substance of the Optimality Formalism". *Linguistic Review*, 17 (Special volume on Optimality Theory): 143-166.
- 2001 *Teacher Appraisal: What and How to Measure*. Unpublished report. Singapore, 2001. (With C M Wang, A Christudason and D Pan)
- 2001: "University Education for Career Advancement"
<http://www.cdtl.nus.edu.sg/publications/career/>

- 2002: "Assessing Quality of Teaching"
<http://www.cdtl.nus.edu.sg/publications/assess/>
- 2002 "Disciplines, Subjects, and Departments in University Structuring." MS, National University of Singapore. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2003 "Conditionals in Malayalam and Hindi: A Theoretical-Typological Perspective". *Conditionals and Counterfactuals*. Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, California. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2003 "Emergence of Structure in Malayalee English". *Stanford Linguistics Colloquium*. Stanford University, Stanford, California. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2003 "On Deriving Constraints and Constraint Ranking". *Trilateral Phonology Weekend* (10 May 2003, Department of Linguistics, US Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, USA. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2003 "Reflections on Language, Grammar, and Society: Connecting Generative Linguistics and Sociolinguistics". *Sociorap* Stanford University, Stanford, California.
- 2003 "The Logical Structure of OT Constraints". *Stanford Linguistics Colloquium*. Stanford University, Stanford, California. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2003 "Input, Output Candidates, Markedness Constraints, and Ineffability in OT-LFG". *Eighth International Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference 2003*, ed. Tracy Holloway King and Miriam Butt (2003). Stanford, CA. (SUNY, Albany, Saratoga Springs, NY, USA. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2003 "Universal and Language Particular Constraints in OT-LFG". *Eighth International Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference 2003*, ed. Tracy Holloway King and Miriam Butt (2003). Stanford, CA. (SUNY, Albany, Saratoga Springs, NY, USA.) (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2003 "Connecting Generative Linguistics and Sociolinguistics", Talk given at the Department of Linguistics, Stanford University
- 2004 "Opacity and the Nature of the Output in Optimality Theory." MS, National University of Singapore. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2004 "Assessing & Improving Quality of Education: A Multi-leveled Integrated Approach". *Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*. Singapore: CDTL. (Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, 1-3 Dec 2004)
- 2004 "Assessing & Improving Quality of Education: The NUS Experience". *Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*. Singapore: CDTL. (Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, 1-3 Dec 2004)
- 2004 "Self-Assessment in Higher Education". *Teaching and Learning in Higher Education* (1 - 3 Dec 2004) (Pre-Conference Workshop).
- 2005 "Constructions in Linguistic Theory". *Colloquium Department of Translation and Philology*. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2005 "Indoctrination in Linguistics Education". *Departmental Seminar*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2005 "How to get rid of COMP". *10th Annual LFG Conference*. United States. (18 -

- 20 Jul 2005, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway) (With Tara Mohanan and Alex Alsina)
- 2005 "The Place of Student Feedback in Teaching Evaluation"
<http://www.cdtl.nus.edu.sg/publications/studfeedback>
- 2005 "Universal Grammar, Constructions, and South Asian Languages." *South Asian Language Analysis Roundtable: SALA-25*: 16-18 Sept 2005. Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (With Tara Mohanan) (Invited Talk)
- 2005 Critical Thinking and Inquiry in Science Education: Science as a Body of Knowledge vs. Science as Paradigm of Knowing" Paper presented at the National Seminar on Science Education, Vidyabhavan, Udaipur, India
- 2006 Assessing Quality in Higher Education" Paper presented at the International Conference on Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, National University of Singapore
- 2006 "Many Cultures of Academic Inquiry" Paper presented at World Knowledge Dialogue, Crans-Montana, Switzerland
- 2007 "Modes of Reasoning in Academic Inquiry", ms., National University of Singapore
- 2007 "Reflections on LFG". *12th Annual LFG Conference*. United States. (28 - 30 Jul 2007, Stanford University, California, USA) (With Tara Mohanan) (Invited Talk)
- 2008 "Methodology and Justification in Academic Inquiry." Centre for Contemporary Studies, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. (Invited talk)
- 2008 "Dialogue Across Cultures: Extending Mathematical, Scientific and Aesthetic Inquiry into Religion and Morality." World Knowledge Dialogue (10-13 September 2008), Crans Montana, Switzerland
- 2009 "Multiple Tenses in the Malayalam Word". In *The Nature of the Word: Essays in Honor of Paul Kiparsky*, ed. Sharon Inkelas and Kristin Hansen. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press. (With Tara Mohanan)
- 2009 "The Emergence of Optimality Theory". In Linda Uyechi & Lian-Hee Wee (eds) *Reality Exploration and Discovery: Pattern Interaction in Language and Life*. CSLI Publications. (With Doug Pulleyblank and Diana Archangeli)
- In press "Education and Cognitive Liberation." *EFL Journal*, 1:1. The EFLU Press, Hyderabad. (with Tara Mohanan)
- In press "Linguistics Education and Cognitive Liberation." *EFL Journal*, 1:1. The EFLU Press, Hyderabad. (with Tara Mohanan)