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***Areas of Interest***

Ms. de Silva's principal areas of interest include water conflict management, integrated watershed management, and the study of transboundary waters. Her research interests include gender issues in transboundary freshwater dispute resolution, particularly as it relates to the role of women.

***Qualifications***

2000 M.S. Geology, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Thesis: Is There Strong Evidence Supporting Natural Attenuation of Chlorinated Solvents at the Uniontown Landfill?

***Graduate Advisor*** - Dr. Gabriel M. Filippelli, Chair, Indiana University,  
Department of Earth Sciences, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

1982 B.S. Geology, Brooklyn College of CUNY, Brooklyn, New York

***Professional Activities***

2018 – Women's Action Research Network (W.A.R.N.)

2011 – Oregon Mediation Association (OMA) Member

2009 – Universities Council on Water Resources (UCOWR) Board Lead Delegate for Oregon State University (OSU)

2009 – 2013 Universities Consortium on Columbia Basin Governance

1999 – 2008 Licensed Professional Geologist, Indiana (No. 2055; Expired).

***Awards and Nominations***

2014 OSU Outreach and Engagement Vice Provost's Award *for Excellence in Strategic Impact*, for the Natural Resources Leadership Academy (Awarded)

2012 Best Credit Program and the Best Overall Program Awards at the Western Association of Summer Session Administrators Conference, in San Diego, for the Natural Resources Leadership Academy (Awarded)

2012 OSU Outreach and Engagement Vice Provost's Award *for Excellence in Strategic Impact*, for the Natural Resources Leadership Academy (Nominated only)

***Certificates***

2018 OSUs Certificate in Teaching and Learning for *Teaching Talks*  
A series of workshops that promotes research-based teaching approaches identified as effective in the scholarship of teaching.

2017 OSUs Certificate in Teaching and Learning for *Teaching Triads*  
A series of workshops that improves teaching through peer observation.

### ***University Committees***

- 2017 – Gakstatter Scholarship Review Committee
- 2017 – CEOAS Promotion and Tenure Committee
- 2016 – 2017 CEOAS Peer Review of Teaching Committee
- 2016 – 2017 Diversity Task Force
- 2011 – 2012 Natural Resources Leadership Academy Steering Committee
- 2011 – 2012 Natural Resources Leadership Academy Academic Committee
- 2010 – Graduate Faculty for Water Resources Policy and Management Program
- 2010 – Master of Natural Resources (MNR) Administrative Committee
- 2010 – MNR Admissions Committee
- 2008 – 2009 Institute of Water and Watersheds (IWW) USGS Mini-Grant Review Committee

### ***Master's Degrees Directed to Completion***

#### As Main Advisor

- Morgan-Hayes, Anna (2018). “Laws, regulations, and management plans to improve streamflow and stream temperature: A case study in the North Fork Burnt River Watershed.”
- Keller, Atley (2018). “Assessing County and Regional Planning for Legacy Impacts of Abandoned Mines”
- Lee, Rory (2017). “Puget Sound Regional Nearshore Management: Assessing Nearshore Management at the Regional scale.”
- Leitermann, Lily (2016). “Eugene Residents Risk Perceptions of Water Availability.”

#### As Committee Member

Gregory, Ryan (2018); Mondo, Holly (2018); Winograd, Scott (2017); Finley, Jeannette (2017); Pritchard, Matthew (2017); Bell, Julia (2017)

### ***Graduate Certificates Directed to Completion***

#### As Main Advisor

Over 70 students.

### ***Professional Experience***

- 2006 – **Director**, Program in Water Conflict Management and Transformation, OSU, Corvallis, Oregon. As assistant director (2006-2011) and now director, Ms. de Silva coordinates the administration and implementation of three focus area programs: the graduate/professional certificate program; the Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database, an information technology/outreach program; and the University Partnership for Transboundary Waters, a collaborative research program. This involves contributing to issues of topical scientific and societal importance; adding to state, national, and international visibility; consolidating programmatic cores and teaching missions; and recruiting graduate students, evaluating student applications, coordinating student admissions with the graduate faculty, and monitoring student progress.
- 2011 – 2012 **Director**, Natural Resources Leadership Academy, OSU, Corvallis, Oregon, Ms. de Silva led the initiation of a Natural Resources Leadership Academy (NRLA), at OSU. During her directorship, the academy won the 2012 Best Credit Program and

the Best Overall Program Awards at the Western Association of Summer Session Administrators Conference, in San Diego. She was also a nominee for the 2012 OSU-Vice Provost's Award for Excellence. And, in 2014, she received the Outreach and Engagement Vice Provost's Award *for Excellence in Strategic Impact* for this program. The NRLA invites professionals and graduate students from across the state, nation and internationally to participate in summer coursework designed to enhance leadership skills and scientific expertise to meet the global demand for effective natural resources management.

2009 – **Instructor**, for OSUs Geography Program, and Water Resources Graduate Program Corvallis, Oregon, Ms. de Silva teaches the following courses, to university graduates and undergraduates:

- *GEOG 340 – Introduction to Water Science and Policy* (2012 – Present; online and on campus; formally GEO 335/SOIL 335)
- *GEOG 440/540 – Water Resources Management in the Unites States* (2009 – Present; online; formally GEO 425/GEO 525)
- *WRP 510 – Internship in Water Resources* (2009 – Present; online and on campus).
- *WRP 521 – Water Conflict Management and Transformation* (2011 – Present; online and on campus).
- *WRP 548: Conducting Collaborative Projects* (2016 – Present; on campus).

2010 – 2015 **Program Coordinator, Program Coordinator**, Increasing Diversity in Earth Sciences Program, at OSU. de Silva was instrumental in the NSF tiered mentoring program, geared to increase the number of students from under-represented groups who pursue careers in Earth Science research and education by working with 41 juniors and sophomores from OSU, PSU and five Oregon community colleges; representing four annual cohorts. She arranged matches for mentees (and their interests), with appropriate potential mentors; and provided students with support and resources, as needed. She helped build camaraderie and a strong cohort and assisted in building capacity through advising and mentoring on career-related topics. This program and a few of her contributions are featured on the cover page and on pages 6-9 of 2016, CEOAS, *Mentorship Matters: Increasing Diversity in Earth Sciences Program nurtures undergraduates*, Elements Magazine, Winter 2016.

2002 – 2006 **Research Engineer**, Energy and Environmental Research Center, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Ms. de Silva managed the terrestrial component of the Plains CO2 Reduction (PCOR) Partnership. This involved the management of projects that investigated and quantified carbon in soils and various ecosystems in the northern Great Plains. She also focused on finding potential funding opportunities for sequestering carbon in the region that promoted the use of selective land and water management practices. In this capacity, de Silva also worked on flood mitigation in the Red River Basin, the Waffle Project. She conducted public outreach to congressional staff members, county commissioners, water boards, and the general public on the progress of the study to further discussions on water-related issues and transboundary

water concerns. She was instrumental in the development of a portal to data sets and resources that focused on Red River Basin flood protection.

- 1994 – 2001 **Geologist**, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indianapolis, Indiana. Ms. de Silva served as a project manager in the Resource Conservation Recovery Act Corrective Action (RCRA) program, where she oversaw remediation of contaminated operating industrial facilities. This involved inspections and investigations to ensure compliance with regulator requirements; preparing comprehensive environmental assessments of the hazardous waste facilities; identifying sources of soil and groundwater contamination; reviewing plans and overseeing remediation and removal of hazardous waste; and making preliminary determinations of exposure pathways to evaluate most likely scenarios for harm to human health and the environment.
- 1989 – 1990 **Geophysical Librarian**, Chevron Company, Houston, Texas. Ms. de Silva's responsibilities included acting as support staff to geophysicists, documenting and classifying seismic data, and initiating and implementing a procedure manual for the geophysical library. Additional tasks included indexing offshore data and entering it in to the database.
- 1984 – 1989 **Research Assistant**, Lunar and Planetary Institute and University of Houston, Houston, Texas. Ms. de Silva's responsibilities included interpreting LANDSAT imagery, now published; drafting a geologic map of Jamaica; and researching, compiling, and digitizing a map of world plate boundaries. Other tasks included proofreading and editing geological manuscripts, now published in scientific journals, and preparing grant proposals and submitting quarterly reports to federal agencies.

### **Project**

- Jan-June 2015 **Intern**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Research Participation Program. de Silva was tasked with finding complex water resources cases studies around the Pacific Northwest (PNW). Overseeing a graduate student, they researched case studies that would require interdisciplinary approaches to long-term sustainable water management; particularly projects requiring hydrogeology, engineering, ecological, economical and social approaches to water resources management. These problems would be used to introduce graduate students to 'real-world' challenges and approaches to solving them. And, would be utilized by Dr. Michael Campana during summer 2015, when delivering his *Applied Water Resources Problem Solving* Course. Once refined, it would be utilized in following summers, by an international student body, as part of the new joint UNESCO-IHE/University of Peace/OSU graduate program in Water Cooperation and Peace.

### **Successful Proposals, Contracts and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)**

- Wrote two successful proposals between Dec 2016 – Jan 2017, to provide Water Conflict Management and Transformation students with a wider array of topics within each designated theme, from which to design a program of study that meets their professional goals for the:
  - Graduate Minor Water Conflict Management and Transformation
  - Graduate Certificate Water Conflict Management and Transformation

- Accompanied by Brenda McCombs, *former* Dean of the Graduate School, de Silva attended meetings on behalf of OSU and the Water Resources Graduate Program, held at the University for Peace, Costa Rica, September 2014. These meetings were instrumental in expediting the crafting of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Joint Education Programme: Water Cooperation and Peace, with UNESCO-IHE and the University for Peace. This program was officially launched April 2015.
- MOU between the Han River Watershed Management Committee of the Republic of Korea and the Institute for OSU’s Water and Watersheds. March 25, 2014
- Transboundary Waters Assessment Project – The River Basins Component. Coordinated by DHI. \$94,000. 2013-2015.
- “Enhancing the Institutional Capacity of Managing Water in the West.” U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. \$120,000. 2010-2011.
- “African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) Capacity Development Program.” Environmental Law Institute. \$20,000. 2010-2012.
- Category II – “Initiation of an Instructional Program Leading to A Graduate Minor in Water Conflict Management and Transformation.” Spring 2010.
- “Furthering IWMI-OSU cooperation on transboundary water research.” The International Water Management Institute (IWMI). \$15,000. 10/15/2009 through 03/15/2010.
- “The Geography, Geology and Hydropolitics of Israel and Palestine.” OSU L. L. Stewart Faculty Development Award. \$2,195. Winter Term, 2009.
- “Water Anchor: Adaptation to Climate Change in the Water Sector,” submitted to the World Bank for \$70,000 in October 2008.
- Category I – “Proposal for the Initiation of a New Instructional Program Leading to A Graduate Certificate in Water Conflict Management and Transformation.” Fall 2008.
- MOU between the Department of Geosciences and OSU Extended Campus. OSU Extended Campus. \$75,000. Effective September 2008.
- “Upgrading the Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database.” The International Water Management Institute, \$27,000. 09/01/2007 - 08/30/2008.
- MOU between the Institute for Water and Water Resources, US Army Corps of Engineer, and the State of Oregon acting by and through OSU for the Institute for Water and Watersheds. The International Center for Integrated Water Resources Management (ICIWaRM). September 20, 2007.

### ***Publications***

- Maser, C., and **de Silva L.**, Resolving Environmental Conflicts: Principles and Concepts, Third Edition, CRC Taylor and Francis Group, LLC, Boca Raton, FL. (*In Press*)
- **de Silva L.**, and Wolf, A.T. Lessons from Transformative Practices for Water Diplomacy, *in* Springer Handbook of Water Resources Management, Edited by Bogardi J.J., Bandalal K.D.W., van Nooyen R.R.P., and Bhaduri A. (*In Press*)
- **de Silva L.**, Veilleux J.C., Neal M.J. 2018. The Role of Women in Transboundary Water Dispute Resolution, *in* Fröhlich C., Gioli G., Cremades R., Myrntinen H. (eds). Water Security Across the Gender Divide. Water Security in a New World. Springer, Cham (Access at [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-64046-4\\_11](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-64046-4_11))
- McCaffrey, S. C.; Paisley, R. K.; **de Silva, L.**; Wolf, A. 2012. The Columbia River Treaty in 2014 and Beyond: International Experiences and Lessons Learned, *in* Transboundary River Governance in the Face of Uncertainty: The Columbia River Treaty – A Project of the

- Universities Consortium on Columbia River Governance, edited by Barbara Cosens. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University Press, 2012.
- Cosens, B; **de Silva, L**; Sowards, A. M. 2012. Introduction to Parts I, II, and III, *in* Transboundary River Governance in the Face of Uncertainty: The Columbia River Treaty – A Project of the Universities Consortium on Columbia River Governance, edited by Barbara Cosens. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University Press, 2012.
  - De Stefano, L.; Edwards, P.; **de Silva, L**; Wolf, A. 2010. Tracking cooperation and conflict in international river basins. Historic and recent trends, *Water Policy*, Vol. 12, No. 6. pp 871-884.
  - **de Silva, L.** edited and managed the production of book entitled, “Hydropolitical Vulnerability and Resilience Along International Waters: Asia.” Wolf, A., ed. Nairobi: UN Environment Programme, 2009.
  - **de Silva, L.** edited and managed the production of book entitled, “Hydropolitical Vulnerability and Resilience Along International Waters: Europe.” Wolf, A., ed. Nairobi: UN Environment Programme, 2009.
  - **de Silva, L.** edited and managed the production of book entitled, “Hydropolitical Vulnerability and Resilience Along International Waters: North America.” Wolf, A., ed. Nairobi: UN Environment Programme, 2009.
  - **de Silva, L.**; Van der Zaag, P. 2009. Educational Strategies: An Integrative Approach to Water Relations. Unpublished document. Presentation at the 2009 World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden.
  - De Stefano L.; **de Silva L.**; Edwards P.; Wolf, A. 2009. Updating the International Water Events Database. From Potential Conflict to Cooperation Potential (PC-CP) series. UNESCO. World Water Assessment Programme. Side publications series. Dialogue Paper. Published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
  - Peck, W.D.; Harju, J.A.; O’Leary, E.A.; Smith, S.A.; Sorensen, J.A.; Steadman, E.N.; Nelson, C.R.; **de Silva, L.L.** Plains CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction (PCOR) Partnership Atlas; PCOR Partnership Atlas for U.S. Department of Energy and multicients; Energy & Environmental Research Center: Grand Forks, ND, 2005.
  - **de Silva, L.L.**; Cihacek, L.J.; Leistritz, F.L.; Faller, T.C.; Bangsund, D.A.; Sorensen, J.A.; Steadman, E.N.; Harju, J.A. The Contribution of Soils to Carbon Sequestration; Plains CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction (PCOR) September 20, 2007, Forks, ND, August 2005.
  - Steadman, E.N.; Sorensen, J.A.; Reilkoff, T.E.; O’Leary, E.M.; **de Silva, L.L.**; Jensen, M.D.; Harju, J.A. The Plains CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction (PCOR) Partnership: Identifying and Developing Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Opportunities in the North American Great Plains. In Proceedings of Western Fuels Symposium: 19th International Conference on Lignite, Brown, and Subbituminous Coals; Billings, MT, Oct 12–14, 2004.
  - Wang, X.; Groenewold, G.H.; Steadman, E.N.; Bolles, B.A.; Peck, W.D.; **de Silva, L.L.**; Dokken, H.M. A Coupled Hydrologic-Hydraulic Model for Flood Reduction Analysis in the Red River of the North Basin. Presented at the 1st International Water Conference, Moorhead, MN, April 23–24, 2003.
  - Burke, K., and **Lucas, L.**, 1989, Thrusting on the Tibetan plateau within the last five MA., in Sengor, A.M.C., Tectonic evolution of the Tethyan region: Kluwer, p. 507–512.
  - **Lucas, L.** et al., 1989, A map of the faults at Plate Boundaries: EOS, v. 70, no. 15, p. 469.

*Workshops, Presentations and Posters*

- **de Silva, L.** Invited to present, *The Program in Water Conflict Management and Transformation*, at the OSU150 Land Grant Festival - Celebrating Global Impact, at LaSells Stewart Center on October 15, 2018.
- **de Silva, L.** Presented *Honing Water Cooperative Skills through the Vanport Mosaic*. A breakout workshop, at the 8th Annual Pacific Northwest Water Research Symposium, hosted by the OSU Hydrophiles, OSUs CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Corvallis, Oregon, April 23, 2018.
- **de Silva, L.** Invited as a panelist at session, *Identifying Possible Solutions*, 2017 AWRA Washington State Conference, Mountaineers Seattle Program Center, Seattle, Washington USA, October 3, 2017.
- **de Silva, L.** Invited as a panelist at the *Water connects - Cooperative solutions and best practices without borders*, the Women’s Forum, Budapest Water Summit 2016, Millenáris Park, Budapest, Hungary, November 29-30, 2016.
- **de Silva, L.** Water Diplomacy and the Four Worlds. An oral presentation given at the Fall 2013 OSU Water Resources Seminar Series: Human Dimensions of Water. Held at OSU, Corvallis, Oregon, October 2, 2013.
- **de Silva, L.** How do we manage governance through Eflows? Invited to give an oral presentation at the session entitled, Eflows - Bridging Climate, Political and Institution Borders, held at the World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden, September 5, 2013.
- **de Silva, L.** Paths to managing and transforming conflict management. Invited to give an oral presentation, at International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, July 2, 2013.
- **Skills-Building Workshop** (facilitated and taught): UNESCO “Train the Trainer” Shared Waters Training Manual Course for senior water professionals from Ethiopia, Kenya, Djibouti and Burundi. Workshop held as part of the 34th Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, May 30 – 31, 2013.
- **de Silva, L.L.** Water Conflict Management and Transformation & Basins at Risk. An oral presentation and workshop on Water: The Key to Regional Stability, held at University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, September 27-29, 2010
- **de Silva, L.L.** Program in Water Conflict Management & Transformation Program in Water Conflict Management & Transformation. An oral presentation at the Got Water? Managing It for the Future: A Forum Our Regional Water Supply, held at the First Unitarian Church, Portland OR, June 4 – 5, 2010
- **de Silva, L.L.** Boundless Basins: What are the successes and failures of hydro-solidarity? An oral presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Istanbul, Turkey, March 16 – 22, 2009.
- **de Silva, L.L.** UPTW Programme in Transboundary Groundwater: Umatilla Basin, USA. An oral presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Istanbul, Turkey, March 16 – 22, 2009.
- **de Silva, L.L.** Transboundary aquifers (Part 3). Moderator of this special session hosted by the Universities Partnership for Transboundary Waters at the 13th International Water Resources Association World Water Congress, Montpellier, France, September 1–4, 2008.
- **de Silva, L.L.** Program in Water Conflict Management & Transformation. An oral presentation. Also, acted as moderator at the 2008 Universities Council on Water Resources/The National Institutes for Water Resources Annual Conference. International Water Resources: Challenges for the 21st Century and Water Resources Education, Durham, NC, July 22–24, 2008.
- **de Silva, L.L.** The Certificate in Water Conflict Management and Transformation. An oral presentation at the 2008 UCWR/NIWR Annual Conference, International Water Resources:

Challenges for the 21st Century and Water Resources Education, Durham, NC, July 22–24, 2008.

- MacQuarrie, P.; **de Silva, L.L.**; Santelmann, M.V.; Wolf, A.T.; Eidem, N. An Integrated Program to Inform Water Policy and Conflict Management. Poster presentation at the 7th Biennial Conference on University Education in Natural Resources, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, March 13-15, 2008.
- **de Silva, L.L.** The Transboundary Freshwater Dispute Database. An abstract in the International Network of Basin Organizations Newsletter, in Volume 16, December 2007–January 2008.
- MacQuarrie, P.; **de Silva, L.L.**; Santelmann, M.V.; Wolf, A.T.; Eidem, N. An Integrated Program to Inform Water Policy and Conflict Management. Poster presentation at Water in the Pacific Northwest: Moving Science into Policy and Action, Annual Conference, Stevenson, Washington, November 7-9, 2007.
- **de Silva, L.L.** Kurz, M., Bolles B.; Williams, K.; Maki, C.; Johnson J. The Impact of Short-Term Water Storage on Agriculture - A Field Demonstration. Oral presentation and abstract at the American Water Resources Association, Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, November 7–10, 2005.
- **de Silva, L.L.**; Peck, W.D.; Bolles, B.A.; Wang, X.; Dokken, H.M.; Groenewold, G.H.; Steadman, E.N. Utilization of GIS in Flood Mitigation. A Case Study in the Red River Basin of the North America. Poster at the International Conference of GIS and Remote Sensing in Hydrology, Water Resources, Environment; Yichang, China, Sept 16–19, 2003.
- Bolles, B.A.; Wang, X.; **de Silva, L.L.**; Dokken, H.M.; Groenewold, G.H.; Peck, W.D.; Steadman, E.N. An Innovative, Basinwide Approach to Flood Mitigation: The Waffle Project. Presented at the International Conference of GIS and Remote Sensing in Hydrology, Water Resources, Environment; Yichang, China, Sept 16–19, 2003.
- Wang, X.; Groenewold, G.H.; Steadman, E.N.; Bolles, B.A.; Peck, W.D.; **de Silva, L.L.**; Dokken, H.M. Waffle<sup>SM</sup>: An Innovative Integrated Watershed Management Practice. Presented at the Eighth National Watershed Conference, Council Bluffs, IA, June 6–11, 2003.
- Burke, K., and **Lucas, L.**, 1989, Thrusting on the Tibetan plateau within the last five MA., in Sengor, A.M.C., Tectonic evolution of the Tethyan region: Kluwer, p. 507–512.
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### *Synergistic Activities*

1. Designed a Canvas *Water Conflict Management Studio* to provide a roadmap for Certificate students for completing the Water Conflict Management and Transformation Certificate Program requirements. In addition, it's designed as a resource platform to facilitate greater connectivity: (1) Among Certificate students (on campus and online); (2) Towards transitioning to OSU programs that might be of interest to students; and, (3) To water-related opportunities (job postings, webinars, on-campus clubs). June 28, 2018.
2. Participated in the Bus Tour of the Former Vanport Site; and the Forum: Lessons from Vanport and Katrina – A dialogue to create community resilience during extreme weather conditions. Held at Portland Expo Center, Oregon, on May 28, 2018.
3. Hosted the Vanport Mosaic Exhibit in OSUs Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, Corvallis, Oregon, April 24-25, 2018. [*The exhibit tells the story of the historic Vanport flood that washed away the most populous black community, in Oregon*].
4. Participated in the *Supporting and Advancing Geoscience Education at Two-Year Colleges (SAGE 2YC) Regional Earth Science Teaching Workshop Floods of Change: The*



- Vanport Floods, Stereotype Threat and 2YC-4YC Transfer*, held at Portland State University on Saturday January 27, 2018.
5. Starting Spring 2017, de Silva voluntarily assumed the role of OSU Geography Social Chair. In this capacity, de Silva organized and hosted the *GEOG 2017 Spring Social - Welcome Back! Let's Anew with Fondue*, an informal social gathering, to welcome all geography students and faculty back after Spring Break; and the socials held before the 2017 Fall & 2018 Winter Seminar Series.
  6. At the 10<sup>th</sup> African American Youth Leadership Conference, held at Oregon State University on March 29, 2016, de Silva gave the Welcoming Remarks at the Conference Opening; and volunteered as needed throughout the day.
  7. de Silva participated in OSU's campus-wide Beaver Nations Campaign, through featured banner displays and an interview. This brought additional notoriety to the College of Earth Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (CEOAS), and the Certificate Program. (September 2014 – Present). The published article is showcased here - <http://beavernation.is/thenation/desilva/>.
  8. Served on the Institute Evaluation Panel, assessing 54 US Geological Survey Water Resources Research Institutes. Evaluated were their program activities for fiscal years 2008 – 2010. This included each institution's regional research and information, technology transfer, and operations. (February - July 2014)
  9. Facilitated roundtable discussions on Creative Approaches to Water Cooperation, at the Water and Peace Diplomacy: From Conflicts to Cooperation Session on September 4, at 2013 World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden.
  10. Volunteers as a mediation practitioner within Benton County (Oregon) Small Claims Mediation Program & conducts community mediations (2011 – Present).
  11. Teaches graduate courses and directs non-thesis students. Ms. de Silva is on the Graduate Faculty for OSU's Water Resources Policy and Management Program (2010).
  12. Establishes procedural processes for coordination between OSU's Master of Natural Resources degree program (MNR) and graduate certificate programs. Ms. de Silva is a member of the MNR Administrative Committee (2010).
  13. Follows admissions criteria established in the MNR Category I proposal and review of applications. Ms. de Silva is a member of the MNR Admissions Committee (2010).
  14. Coordinated the 2nd Annual Symposium on Transboundary River Governance in The Face of Uncertainty: The Columbia River Treaty, 2014, held at Oregon State University, November 7–10, 2010.
  15. Facilitated roundtable discussions on Water Conflict Management in the Climate Change and Governance Session at 2010 World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden.
  16. Volunteered as instructor for on campus WRP 510: Internship (2010).
  17. Assisted in coordinating the Natural Resource and Environment Symposium 2009, entitled, "Transboundary River Governance in the Face of Uncertainty: The Columbia River Treaty, 2014," held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, April 2–4, 2009.
  18. Lead Board Delegate, Universities Council on Water Resources (UCOWR) for Oregon State University, Oregon, 2009–present.
  19. Coordinated and acted as moderator for a special session co-hosted by the Universities Partnership for Transboundary Waters (UPTW), addressing Transboundary aquifers (Part 3), at the 13th International Water Resources Association World Water Congress, Montpellier, France, September 1–4, 2008.