

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**CREDENTIALS**

**1977**      **Ph.D. Sociology, York University, Toronto, Canada**  
**Thesis:"Rural Class conflict: the Political**  
**Mobilization of Agricultural labourers in**  
**Kuttanad, South India"**

**Supervising Committee: Anton H. Turrittin (chair),Donald Willmott, M.**  
**Disman**  
**External Examiner: Kathleen Gough**

**1972**      **M.A. Sociology, York University, Toronto, Canada**  
**Thesis: "Caste and Democracy in India"**

**1969**      **M.A. Sociology/Social Anthropology, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi**  
**University**

**1966**      **L.Ph. Philosophy, Sacred Heart Jesuit College,**  
**Shembaganur, Tamil Nadu, India**

**Languages Known:**      **English, Latin, Greek, Hindi, Malayalam**

**HONOURS AND AWARDS:**

**1998-99**      **Vice-President (India Office) Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute**

**1979-1999**      **Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Senior Fellowship – 5 times (details**  
**under research below)**

**1981**      **SSHRC Award for publication of book, Agrarian Class Conflict.**

**1974-75**      **Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Junior Fellowship**

- 1970-1973** Province of Ontario Graduate Fellowship;  
York University Graduate Fellowship
- 1969-1970** Research Fellow, University Grants Commission of India and Delhi University
- 1967-1969** Indo-German Social Service Society Scholarship for Post-graduate studies in Sociology

#### **POSITIONS HELD**

- 1998-Present**  
( Professor Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Mount Saint Vincent University
- 2002-Present** Adjunct Professor, International Development Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, B3H 3J5
- 2005- Present** Adjunct Professor, International Development Studies, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS, B3H 3C3
- 1991-Present** Honorary Visiting Professor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore (the premiere Law School of India).
- 1998-Present** Professor, Sociology and Anthropology  
Mount Saint Vincent University
- 2002- 2005** Chair, Department Sociology and Anthropology, Mount Saint Vincent University
- 2000-2003** Adjunct Professor, Department of Asian Studies  
St. Mary's University, Halifax, NS, B3H 3C3
- 1998-1999** Vice-President (India Office)  
Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute  
New Delhi, India
- 1985-1988** Associate Professor of Sociology  
Mount Saint Vincent University
- 1988 - 1990** Professor and Head, Sociology Unit, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India.
- 1989-1991** Adjunct Professor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, India

- 1989-1990** Adjunct Professor, united Theological College, Bangalore, India
- 1977-1985** Assistant Professor of Sociology,  
Mount Saint Vincent University
- 1976-1977** Lecturer in Sociology, Atkinson College, York University, Toronto
- 1970-1977** Teaching Assistant in numerous courses in Sociology and Cultural Anthropology; research assistant in two projects

#### **TEACHING AND ADVISING OF STUDENTS:**

##### **Main Teaching Areas and Courses Taught:**

Over the past several years my main teaching areas have been Sociological Theory, Global Transformations and Global Issues, the Sociology of Religion, and occasional courses on India/South Asia. Courses taught include Introductory Sociology, Comparative Societies (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology), Global Issues, Global Transformations, Classical Sociological Theory, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Religion in Cross-cultural Perspective, Religion in Contemporary Societies, Social Stratification, Race and Ethnic relations, Political Sociology, Indian Society and Culture; Honours Seminar in Sociological Theory.

##### **Curriculum Development:**

**2002-2005.** As chair of the department, and as the only one department member with a background in both Sociology and Cultural Anthropology, I played a leading role in the first major Curriculum Review of my department (12 faculty members) which was carried out in conjunction with an external Program Review. I believe that the department's joint program in Sociology and Anthropology, one of the pioneering programs of this kind in Canada, has been further strengthened as a result of this review. The changes, spawned by the Review, are currently being implemented.

**1999-2000.** MSVU- Soc./Anthropology Honours Programme Review and recommendations together with another colleague; Curriculum Review and course revisions; Developed courses on *Global Transformations, Global Issues, and Indian Society and Culture.*

**1995.** Mount St. Vincent- Dalhousie-St. Mary's - I designed a popular inter-disciplinary course on Indian Society, based at Dalhousie University (Sociology and International Development Studies) but team-taught by faculty from all the three major universities in Halifax.

**1988-1990.** Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore- revised the Ph.D. Program in Sociology and introduced new Ph.D. level courses

**1998-1999.** Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India- Member of the Organizing Committee and the Academic Committee of the *School of Social Sciences*: actively helped and

participated in the development of curriculum and recruitment of faculty for Master's degree in interdisciplinary M.A. in Social Science at this newly established School affiliated to the Mahatma Gandhi University.

### Thesis Supervision and Examination

Since 1977, I have supervised several Honours theses in my department, and have also acted as a member of several M.A. and Ph.D. theses in the other Canadian universities.

## SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

### RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

#### Research Program

Since my Ph.D. research in 1974 the major focus of my work has been on Social Mobilization, Social Change, and Development in the third world with particular reference to the state of Kerala in India. My work in this area, which has included several, grant-supported long-term and short term research trips to India, has to date resulted in two books, over 15 published and several unpublished papers, and a number of research reports and presentations. A second area of my research has been on religion, religious pluralism and secularism with special reference to India. In this area too I have several published and unpublished papers. My publications have generally appeared in internationally recognized journals such as *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, and *Critical Asian Studies* (formerly the *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*), and, I believe, have been well received in these fields. In 1998 I was invited by the editors of the *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars* to write the lead article in a symposium on "the Kerala model of development". I also wrote a rejoinder to the ten scholars who responded to my paper. This work is now widely quoted in books and journals on the subject, and required reading in many North American universities in courses dealing with models of development. In addition to this, I have also conducted significant applied research (including a large one funded by the World Bank) resulting in major research reports. A collection of papers on Kerala edited by me and with a long introductory chapter by me will be published shortly by Orient Longman, Delhi. A special issue of the *Asian Journal of Social Science* (32,2) on "Religion in Global-Local Matrix", edited by me appeared in July, 2004. These brought together some of the papers presented at RC 22 of the World Congress of Sociology in Brisbane, Australia in 2002.

Since 2004 I have begun to compare Kerala's development experience with those of some similar countries such as Cuba, Costa Rica, Sri Lanka and Malaysia around which, like Kerala, have made rapid gains in Human Development and poverty alleviation. I am currently working on a book in on this subject.

#### Research Projects and Grants

2006-2009

SSHRC Standard Grant for 3 years for project entitled: "Lessons in Human Development: A Critical Study of Kerala and Cuba" with co-investigators, H. Veltmeyer of St. Mary's Halifax, E.Espinosa of University

of Havana and M.A. Oommen of the Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi.

- 2005-2006** Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) Grant for Research in Cuba
- 1999-present** MSVU Grant for Research on Decentralized Planning in Kerala, India
- 1999** Grant from the Canadian International Development Agency and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (CIDA/SICI) to organize a workshop on “The Kerala Model of Development: Towards a Political Economy of Incentives” in Trivandrum, India (Rs.450000 or approx.CAN\$16000.00).
- 1998-99** Senior Fellow, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute for research on the Kerala Model of Development  
(Also MSVU Research grants for the same project)
- 1997** MSVU Research grant for “The Social Roots of Kerala’s development Experience with Particular Reference to the Rationalization of Higher Education.”
- 1996** SSHRC Internal Grant for “Re-Imagining and Re-Enchanting the World: Identity, Ideology and Transcendence in the Sai Baba Cult Among the Indian Diaspora in Canada.”
- 1995** SSHRC Internal Grant and MSVU Internal Grant for “Social Scientists, Religious Pluralism and Secularism in India.”
- 1994-95** SSHRC Internal Grant and MSVU Internal grant for “Social Change in Kerala”
- 1992-93** Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Senior Fellowship for “The Kerala Model of Development Revisited: Social Change in Kerala.”
- 1991** SSHRC Internal Grant for “Kathleen Gough and the Indian Revolution: Kathleen Gough’s Contribution to Indian Studies”
- 1988-90** SSHRC Internal grant for “Economy, Caste, Class and Politics: Social Change in Kerala.”
- 1988-1991** The World Bank and the Swiss Development Cooperation, approximately one million US dollars to the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore for “Beneficiary Assessment (BA) of the National Sericultural Project.” As Director of the Beneficiary Assessment Project, I participated in negotiations with the funding agencies, played a leading role in the design of the project, in recruiting and training personnel, in networking with various levels of governments and NGOs, and in implementing the project during its first two years. Three out of the five volumes in the first reports were prepared under my direction and leadership. With a team of

20 researchers, BA employed qualitative evaluation including participant observation and qualitative, conversational interviews.

- 1989-1990** National Commission on Rural Labour, Government of India: With funding from the commission, I carried out the research and prepared the report on Organization of Rural Labour in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- 1984-1985** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Sabbatical Research Grant and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Senior Fellowship for “Economy, Caste, Class and Politics: Social Change in Kerala, 1901-1947.”
- 1983-84** SSHRC Internal grant for “Capitalist Penetration, Class Formation and Political Development in Kerala.”
- 1982-83** SSHRC Internal grant for “Agrarian Unrest in India: A Comparative Study of Four Regions.”
- 1981** Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Senior Short term fellowship for “Agrarian Unrest in India: A Comparative Study of Four Regions.” (Unable to take up the fellowship due to other commitments)
- 1979-1980** Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Senior Fellowship for research on Peasant Organizations in four states in India.
- 1974-1975** Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Junior fellowship for Doctoral research on “Rural Class Conflict: the Political Mobilization of Agricultural Labourers in Kuttanad, South India”
- 1969-1970** Research Fellow, University Grants Commission and Delhi University research project on the people of the North-East Hill Areas. My research was on aspects of political mobilization among the Khasis, a major tribe in the region.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books:**

- 2006** Tharamangalam, Joseph (Ed.) 2006. *Kerala: Paradoxes of Public Action and Development*, Orient Longman, Delhi. The book also includes a long, theoretically informed introductory chapter by me titled: “Understanding Kerala’s Paradoxes”
- 1981** *Agrarian Class Conflict: The Political Mobilization of Agricultural Labourers in Kuttanad, South India*, University of British Columbia Press, Vancouver.

**Book Chapters:**

- Forthcoming (2006)** “ Understanding Kerala’s Paradoxes” in *Kerala: The Paradoxes of Public Action and Development*, Tharamangalam (Edit.), Orient Longman, Delhi.
- 2003** Symposium paper and Rejoinder reprinted in Malayalam in T.T. Sreekumar (Edit), *Story So Far: Debates on Kerala’s Development Experience*, Books, Kottayam, Kerala.
- 1999** "The Social Roots of Kerala’s Development Debacle", in *M.A. Oommen (Ed.), Kerala’s Development Experience, Vol.1*. Concept Publishing. New Delhi.
- 1996** "Caste Among Christians in India" in M.N. Srinivas (Edit.), *Caste: Its 20th Century Avatar*. Penguin, India.
- 1992** "The Communist Movement and the Theory and Practice of Peasant Mobilization in South India" in Berch Berberoglu (Edit.), *Class, State and Development in India*, Sage.
- 1991** "Nehru's Legacy of Secularism in India" in Amal Ray et al.(Edit.),*The Nehru Legacy: An Appraisal*, Oxford and IBH, Delhi
- 1990** "Gandhi and Secularism: Discussion", Chapt.8, Mercy Kappen (Edit.), *Gandhi and Social Action Today*, New Delhi: Sterling.

**Papers in Refereed Journals**

- 2006** “Claiming Development Studies form the Humanities: Development as Freedom” *International Journal of the Humanities*. Vol. 1. Common Ground Publishing
- 2004** "Religion in the Global-Local Matrix" Special Issue of *Asian Journal of Social Science*. Edited with an Introduction by Joseph Tharamangalam. Vol.32, No.2, July.
- 2004** “Whose Swadeshi? Contending Nationalisms Among Indian Christians “, special Issue on Religion in Global-Local Matrix, *Asian Journal of Social Science*, 32,2, July.
- 2003** “Belief and the Sociological Imagination: A Personal and Biographical Exploration”, *International Journal of the Humanities*, Vo. 1, Common Ground Publishing.
- 1999** *Kralathinte Vikasanathakarcha*, (in Malayalam), Samvadam. July-August.

**Thiruvananthapuram.**

- 1998                    “Rejoinder” to respondents to the Symposium, “The Kerala Model of Development, A Debate” *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars (now renamed Critical Asian Studies)*, Vol.30. No.3.
- 1998                    Lead Article for Symposium on the Kerala Model of Development, “The Perils of Social Development Without Economic Growth: the Development debacle of Kerala, India”, *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*. Vol.30, No.1.
- 1995                    “Indian Social Scientists and the Critique of Secularism”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, XXX, 9, March 4, Bombay
- 1993                    “Kathleen Gough and the Indian Revolution, in *Anthropologica*”, Vol.35(2), Waterloo, Canada (special issue on *Anthropology, Imperialism and Resistance: The Work of Kathleen Gough* edited by Richard Lee and Karen Sacks.
- 1989                    "Religious Pluralism and the Theory and Practice of Secularism", *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, XXIV, Nos. 3-4.
- 1986                    "Indian Peasant Uprisings: Myth and Reality" (Review Essay), *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Frank Cass & Co., London.
- 1984                    "The Penetration of Capitalism & Agrarian Change in Southwest India, 1901-1941: A Preliminary Analysis", *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*, Vol. 16, No. 1, pp. 53-62.
- 1984                    Caste and Agrarian Class Conflict in South India", *Kerala Sociologist*, Vol. XII, pp. 17-21.
- 1981                    "The Communist Movement and the Theory and Practice of Peasant Mobilization in South India", *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Stockholm, Vol. XIII, No. 2, pp. 487-498 (reprinted in Berch Berberoglu (above). and Economic Change, Bangalore.

**Recent Invited Presentations**

2005.                    “What Can Cuba and Kerala Learn from Each Other?” presentation at a special comparative session on Cuba, Bolivia, and West Bengal, at the Conference to

mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Decentralized Planning in Kerala, October 7-9, Trivandrum, Kerala

2005. “Human Development and Poverty Reduction: Lessons from Success Stories”, invited paper presented at Global College, U of Winnipeg, February 23, 2005
2005. “Conquering Hunger and Disease: Lessons from Kerala and Cuba”. Invited paper presented at Global Political Economy Program, U of Manitoba, February 22, 2005
2005. “Development Experience on the Ground: What Do Kerala, Cuba and Sri Lanka Have in Common?” IDS Speakers’ Series, Graduate Program in IDS, SMU, and March 4, 2005

**Book Reviews:** Several, mostly in several journals over the years, including Pacific Affairs

**MAJOR RESEARCH REPORTS:**

- 1990 For the World Bank and Government of India, Ministry of Textiles: Beneficiary Assessment of the National Sericulture Project in the Southern States, First Reports in 5 volumes, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore. Three volumes on the southern states were prepared under my direction and guidance.
- 1990 For Government of India, Ministry of Labour: "Rural Labour Organization: The Experience of Kerala and Tamil Nadu" submitted to the National Commission on Rural Labour, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India
- 1980 "A Comparative Study of Peasant Organizations in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Bihar", research report submitted to the Social Science Research Council of Canada and the Shastri Institute.
- 1975 "Organization and Mobilization of Agricultural Labourers in Kuttanad, Kerala" research report submitted to the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, Calgary, Canada.

**Other Conference Papers and Presentations:**

- 2004 “Claiming Development Studies for the Humanities: Development as Freedom”, presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on New Directions in the humanities, Prato, Italy, July 20.
- 2003 “Belief and the Sociological Imagination: A Personal and Biographical Exploration”, presented at the First International Conference on New

**Directions in the Humanities, Rhodes, Greece.**

- 2002** Panel Organizer, Pnael 1, Research Committee 22, World Congress of Sociology, Brisbane, Australia. Religion in Global-Local Matrix.
- 2002** "Nationalist and Sub-altern Discourses Among Indian Christians" RC 22, Panel on Religion in Global-Local Matrix, World Congress of Sociology,, Brisbane, Australia.
- 2000** "Education and development in Kerala" Address delivered to Workshop on Amartya Sen on Education and Development"
- 1999** "The Kerala Model of Development: Towards a Political Economy of Incentives" Position Paper presented at the workshop on "The Kerala Model of Development: Towards a Political Economy of Incentives", Thiruvananthapuram, India. August 12.
- 1998-99** A total of 8 presentations including inaugural and keynote addresses at various academic conferences during my tenure as Vice-President (India Office) of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute) in India.
- 1996** "The Social Roots of Kerala's Development Debacle", paper presented at the International Conference on Kerala's Development Experience: National and Global Dimensions, December, 9-11, New Delhi.(To be published in a forthcoming volume as noted above)
- 1994** "The Campaign Against Matriliney, Discourse of Reform, and the Construction of a Patriarchal Ideology", presented at the International Conference on Kerala Studies, Trivandrum, India, August, 1994 (currently being revised for publication).
- 1994** "The New Critics of Indian Secularism', paper presented at the World Congress of Sociology, RC 22 at Bielefeld, Germany, July 18-23.
- 1992** "The Social Activist and Modern Consciousness" presentation at Conference on *Alternatives to the Culture of Development*, Bangalore, September 20-24, 1992 (organized by Pipal Tree and the Max Muller Bhavan).
- 1992** "Kathleen Gough and the Indian Revolution" Symposium on "Anthropology, Imperialism and Resistance: The Work of Kathleen Gough", presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Anthropology Society, Montreal, May 11, 1992. (Published in Anthropologica above)

- 1992 **"The Colonization of the Seed: The Political Ecology of World Agriculture", Annual meeting of the Atlantic Association of Sociology and Anthropology, Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax, Canada, March 12-15**
- 1990 **"Religion and Morality for One World: Traditional South Asian and Modern Christian Ecumenical Perspectives", invited paper prepared for Symposium on "Moral Issues in Global Society", XII World Congress of Sociology, Madrid, July 9-13, 1990 (presented in absentia).**
- 1989 **"The Changing Patterns of Agrarian Movements in India", paper presented at the XIXth Indian Sociological Conference, Hisar, March 3-5.**
- 1989 **"Nehru's Legacy of Secularism in India", presented at a National Seminar on Nehru Legacy, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India, February 24-25.**
- 1988 **"Ethnic-Religious Pluralism and Secularism in India", paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, March 26, 1988.**
- 1986 **"Ethnic-Religious Pluralism and the Theory and Practice of Secularism: Reflections on the Indian Experience", presented at the XI World Congress of Sociology, New Delhi, August.**
- 1985 **"The Quiet Revolution in Kerala: An Anthropologist Takes A Close Look at a Village", the annual meeting of the AAA at Washington, DC, December 5.**
- 1985 **"From Class Struggle to the Politics of Accommodation: Social Change and Politics in Kerala", the Second World Congress on Malayalam Language, Kerala Culture and Development, Washington, DC, August 24.**
- 1983 **"The Penetration of Capitalism into Travancore's Agriculture: 1901-1941", XIth International Conference of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Vancouver, Canada.**
- 1982 **"Caste and Agrarian Class Conflict in South India" annual meeting of the North East Anthropological Association, Princeton, New Jersey.**
- 1979 **"The Communist Movement and the Theory and Practice of Peasant Mobilization in South India", annual meeting of the American Society for South Indian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. (I was a specially invited overseas guest from India.)**

- 1978 "Trade Unionism vs. Class Struggle: Dilemmas of a Communist-led Agricultural Labour Movement in South India", annual meeting of the Atlantic Association of Sociology and Anthropology, St. John's Newfoundland.
- 1977 "The Agricultural Labour Movement in Kerala", annual meeting of the Canadian Asian Studies Association, Fredericton, New Brunswick

**Other Presentations:**

- 1995 Invited Panel Presentation: "Community, Conflict, Ideology and Transcendence: Reflections on Contemporary Religious Imagination in Urban India", International Conference on Religious Imagination and the City, Bangalore, December 19.
- 1994 "Indian Secularism and Its Discontents", Seminar presentation to Faculty and graduate students, Dept. Of Political Science, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram, August.
- 1993 "The Anti-Matrilineal Discourse and the Construction of a Patriarchal Ideology in Kerala", seminar presentation to the Faculty, School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam Kerala, December 15.
- 1989 "Ideology and Development", Faculty Workshop on Development, United Theological College, Bangalore, September.
- 1989 "The New Agrarianism in India", special lecture, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, August 19.
- 1989 "Panel Presentation on "Sociological Perspectives on Development", Plenary Session, Indian Sociological Association Annual meeting, Hisar

**..JOURNAL EDITOR**

- 1978-1979 Editor (South Asia Section), *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars* (since re-named *Critical Asian Studies*)
- 1977-Present Member of Editorial Board, *Critical Asian Studies*

**PARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES:**

- 2003-2005 Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2002-Present Presidential Committee on Fair Treatment Polity, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS.

- 2000-2001 Pension Members' Committee, MSVU.**
- 1997 Department Appointment Committee, Religious Studies Department, MSVU**
- 1997 Academic Vice-President Search Committee , Mount Saint Vincent University.**
- 1996-97 Senate member, MSVU**
- 1996-97 Grievance Officer, MSVU Faculty Association**
- 1996 Presidential Transition Committee (Search Committee for President), MSVU**
- 1996-97 Employment systems Review Committee, MSVU**
- 1995-96 President, MSVU Faculty Association**
- 1995-96 Member, Board of Governors, Mount Saint Vincent University  
-Board Finance Committee  
-Board Budget Committee**
- 1995-96 Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) National Council**
- 1995-96 CAUT Nominations Committee**
- 1993-94 Grievance Officer, MSVU Faculty Association**
- 1993-94 Member, negotiating team, MSVUFA**
- 1991-93 Dalhousie University Shastri Institute Committee; I developed a course on India under the auspices of the SICI; the course is now offered at Dalhousie and Saint Mary's under International Development Studies.**
- 1985 Departmental representative at the Joint Speakers' Committee Inter-university Sociology/Anthropology Department**
- 1983-1984 Curriculum Review Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology.**
- 1982-1984 Library Representative, Sociology/Anthropology Department**
- 1982-1984 MSVU Student Affairs Committee**

- 1982-1984**                    **Organized the International Student Association at the Mount and acted as its faculty advisor. Many of its activities initiated at that time since became regular events on campus.**
- 1980-1981**                    **Member, Sociology/Anthropology Department Co-operative Education Programme Committee.**

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

- 1988-89**                    **Vice-president (India Office), Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi.**
- 1997-99**                    **Member of Executive, Indo-Canadian Association of Nova Scotia, chair of its Cultural Committee**
- 1989-1993**                    **Member, Board of Studies, School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, and Kerala, India.**
- 1988-1991**                    **Member, Steering Committee, National Sericulture Project, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi.**
- 1988-90**                    **Founder and Coordinator, Bangalore Sociology Forum.**
- 1989**                        **Member, Advisory Committee, School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India**
- 1989**                        **Organizing team, Training Programme for Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, September 11-16; also coordinator of session on “Social and Political Dimensions of Development.”**
- 1988**                        **Rapporteur, Session on Polity and Society, National Seminar on “India: The Emerging Challenges,” October 6.**
- 1985-1986**                    **Member, Amnesty International; Co-ordinator of its death penalty subcommittee.**
- 1982-1984**                    **Founding member and MSVU representative, the Host Family Committee of Halifax-Dartmouth.**
- 1981-1982**                    **Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Asian Studies Association**

- 1981**                      **Chairperson, Local Arrangements Committee for the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Asian Studies held at Mount Saint Vincent University**
- 1973-1974**                **Member, Committee for Assisting Ugandan Refugees, Toronto**
- 1973-1974**                **Resource person/consultant, Asian Community Council, Toronto**

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

**International Sociological Association  
Canadian Association for the Study of International Development  
Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association  
American Society for Hindu-Christian Studies  
Life Member, Indian Association of Canadian Studies  
Life Member, Indian Sociological Association  
Kerala Sociological Association**

**REFERENCES:**

**On Request**