



SHARON A. BONG
Associate Professor

Academic qualifications

Ph.D. Religious Studies, University of Lancaster, UK, 2002
M.A. Women and Religion, University of Lancaster, UK, 1997
M.A. English Literature, University of Malaya, Malaysia, 1996
B.A. (Honours II Upper) English Literature, University of Malaya, Malaysia, 1991

Professional qualifications

Licentiate of the Trinity College of Music, LTCL (Teacher's Diploma), 1991

Job Experience

Apr 2003-present • **Monash University** • Bandar Sunway • Malaysia

Associate Professor (Gender Studies)

- Lecturer in Gender Studies
- Deputy Head of School Education (2017-2018)
- Gender Studies major Coordinator (2015-)
- Internship Coordinator (2011-)

Senior Lecturer (Gender Studies)

- Lecture in Women's Studies and Creative Writing

- Arts Undergraduate Course Coordinator (2006, 2010 S2)
- Arts Postgraduate Coordinator (2009-)

May 1998-May 1999 • **ARROW** • Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

(Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women)

Programme Officer (Publications)

- Wrote for and edited the bulletin *ARROWs For Change*
- Researched, analysed data and networked nationally, regionally and globally on women's reproductive health and rights
- Organised workshop on 'Health, Reproductive Rights and Globalisation' in conjunction with the Third International Women's Conference Against APEC
- Represented ARROW at the 43rd UN Commission on the Status of Women

Mar 1997-Feb 1998 • **New Straits Times** • Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Specialist Writer (Features)

- Highlighted gender perspective in social issues i.e. incest, role of NGOs, HIV and AIDS, human rights, development, culture, religion and globalisation
- Wrote reviews on books, restaurants and novelty shops, personality profiles

Research

Research interests

Feminist standpoint epistemologies; genders, sexualities in religions and theologies; climate justice and gender justice; qualitative researching and analyses using ATLAS.ti and NVivo (Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis Software)

Academic publications

Book

Bong, Sharon A. (2006). *The tension between women's rights and religions: The case of Malaysia*. New York: the Edwin Mellen Press.

Edited Book

- Bong, Sharon A. (Ed.). (2014). *Trauma, Memory and Transformation in Southeast Asia*. Petaling Jaya, Malaysia: Strategic information and Research Development Centre (SIRD).
- Bong, Sharon A and Joseph, Pushpa (Eds.). (2008). *Re-imagining marriage and family in Asia: Asian Christian women's perspectives*. Petaling Jaya, Malaysia: Strategic information and Research Development Centre (SIRD).

Book chapters

- Bong, S. A. (2018). The feminist praxis of Talitha Kum Southeast Asia: Combatting trafficking in persons to realizing human dignity. In Virginia Saldanha and Metti Amirtham, SCC (Eds.) *The 21st century woman still claiming her space: Asian feminist theological perspectives* (pp. 87-107). New Delhi: Media House.
- Bong, S. A. (2018). Transgender. In Lisa Isherwood and Dirk von der Horst (Eds.) *Contemporary Theological Approaches to Sexuality* (pp. 40-52). London and New York: Routledge. ([Invitation to publish](#))
- Bong, S. A. (2018). The power of transformation and transforming power: A Malaysian female-to-male transgender person's narrative. In Jeane Peracullo and Andrea Lizares Si (Eds.) *Liberating power: Asian feminist theological perspectives* (pp. 13-33). Retrieved from <https://www.amazon.com/Liberating-Power-Theological-Perspectives-Conference-ebook/dp/Bo78XM9VXJ>
- Bong, S. A. (2017). Not only for the sake of man: Asian feminist theological response to Laudato Si. In Grace Ji-Sun Kim and Hilda P. Koster (Eds.) *Planetary solidarity: Global women's voices on Christian doctrine and climate justice* (pp. 81-96). Minneapolis: Fortress Press. ([Invitation to publish](#))
- Bong, S. A. (2017). The roots of human dignity in a Southeast Asian context. In Klaus Krämer and Klaus Vellguth (Eds.) *Human dignity: Discourses on Universality and Inalienability* (pp. 71-78). Quezon City: Claretian Communications Foundation, Inc.
- Bong, S. A. (2016). A God by any other name. In Lúcas Chan Yiu Sing, James F. Keenan and Shaji George Kochuthara (Eds.), *Doing Asian theological ethics in a cross-cultural and an interreligious context* (181-193). Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications.
- Bong, S. A. (2016). Women's and Feminist Activism in Southeast Asia. *The Wiley Blackwell encyclopedia of gender and sexuality studies* (pp. 1–5). Retrieved from: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781118663219.wbegss593/pdf> (institutions/organisations). DOI: 10.1002/9781118663219.wbegss593. ([Invitation to publish](#))
- Bong, S. A. (2016). Women's Ways of Knowing. *The Wiley Blackwell encyclopedia of gender and sexuality studies* (pp. 1–3). Retrieved from: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781118663219.wbegss597/pdf> (philosophy/ethics). DOI: 10.1002/9781118663219.wbegss597. ([Invitation to publish](#))
- Bong, S. A. (2016). Zum pluralismus der Menschenwürde im südostasiatischen kontext (On the pluralism of human dignity in the Southeast Asian context). In Klaus Krämer and Klaus

- Vellguth (Eds.), *Menschenwürde: Diskurse zur universalität und unveräußerlichkeit (Human Dignity: Discourse on universality and inalienability)* (pp. 100-110). Freiburg, Basel and Vienna: Herder.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2015). Going beyond the universal-versus-relativist rights discourse and practice: The case of Malaysia. In Sanja Bahun-Radunović and V. G. Julie Rajan (Eds.), *Violence and gender in the globalised world: The intimate and the extimate* (pp. 27-44) (2nd ed.). Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2015). Negotiating tensions in the discourses of gender, sexuality and religion. In James Chin and Joern Dosch (Eds.), *Malaysia post-Mahathir: A decade of change?* (pp. 169-194). Singapore: Marshall Cavendish.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2014). Gender, sexuality and Christian feminist movements in Asia. In Felix Wilfred (Ed.), *The Oxford handbook of Christianity in Asia* (pp. 182-194). Oxford: Oxford University Press. ([Invitation to publish](#))
- Bong, Sharon A. (2014). In the name of Allah: Containment of trauma and memory in Malaysia. In Sharon A. Bong (Ed.), *Trauma, memory and transformation: Southeast Asian experiences* (pp. 145-167). Petaling Jaya, Malaysia: Strategic information and Research Development Centre (SIRD).
- Bong, Sharon A. (2014). Sacralizing time and space through an epistemology of peace: A feminist reading of DiscipleSFX of Malaysia. In Agnes M Brazal and Kochurani Abraham (Eds.), *Feminist Cyberethics in Asia: Religious Discourses on Human Connectivity* (pp. 119-139). New York: Palgrave MacMillan.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2014). The Ecclesia of Women in Asia: Liberating theology. In Linda F. Hogan and A. E. Orobator (Eds.), *Feminist Catholic Theological Ethics: Conversations in the World Church* (pp. 64-71). Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books. ([Invitation to publish](#))
- Bong, Sharon A. (2012). Theologies of, for, and by Asians: Reformulating dialogue. In David Joy and Joseph F. Duggan (Eds.), *Decolonizing the Body of Christ: Theology and theory after empire?* (pp. 79-106). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2011). The narratives of GLBTQ persons: Towards an epistemology of the body. In Judette Gallares and Astrid Lobo-Gajiwala (Eds.), *Feminist Theology of Liberation Asian perspectives: Practicing Peace* (pp. 81-100). Quezon City, Philippines: Claretian Publication.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2010). The suffering Christ and the Asian body. In Kwok Pui-Lan (Ed.), *Hope abundant: Third World and indigenous women's theology* (pp. 186-193). Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books (Invitation to reprint).
- Bong, Sharon A. (2009). Sexualising faith and spiritualising sexuality in postcolonial narratives of same-sex intimacy. In Allison Moore and Carlo Zuccarini (Eds.), *Persons and Sexuality* (pp. 33-44). Oxford, UK: Inter-Disciplinary Press.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2009). The sexuality-spirituality project. In Lyn Richards (Ed.), *Handling Qualitative Data, 2nd edition, Companion Website*. Sage. Retrieved from: <http://www.uk.sagepub.com/richards/homeP8.htm>. ([Invitation to publish](#))

- Bong, Sharon A. (2008). Going beyond the universal-versus-relativist rights discourse and practice: The case of Malaysia. In Sanja Bahun-Radunović and V. G. Julie Rajan (Eds.), *Violence and gender in the globalised world: The intimate and the extimate* (pp. 25-40). Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2007). Queer revisions of Christianity. In Agnes Brazal and Andrea Lizares Si (Eds.), *Body and sexuality: Theological-pastoral perspectives of women in Asia* (pp. 234-249). Manila, Philippines: Ateneo de Manila University Press.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2006). Postcolonialism. In John Sawyer (Ed.), *Blackwell companion to the bible and culture* (pp. 497-514). Blackwell: Oxford. ([Invitation to publish](#))
- Bong, Sharon A. (2004). An Asian postcolonial and feminist methodology: Ethics as a recognition of limits. In Ursula King and Tina Beattie (Eds.), *Gender, Religion and Diversity: Cross-Cultural Perspectives* (pp. 238-249). London and New York: Continuum.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2003). Suffering, resisting, healing: an Asian view of the body. In Janet Martin Soskice and Diana Lipton (Eds.), *Feminism and Theology* (pp. 356-364). Oxford: Oxford University Press. ([Invitation to publish](#))

Journal articles

- Bong, Sharon A. (2012). Decolonizing Malaysian theologies. *Asian Christian Review*, 6(1), 67-89.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2011). Negotiating resistance/resilience through the nexus of spirituality - sexuality of same-sex partnerships in Malaysia and Singapore. *Marriage and Family Review*, 47(8), 648-665. doi: 10.1080/01494929.2011.619305.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2011). Beyond queer: An epistemology of bi choice. *Journal of Bisexuality*, 11(1), 39-63. doi: 10.1080/15299716.2011.545304.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2009). Not 'for the sake of peace': Towards an epistemology of the sacred body. *Asian Christian Review*, 3(1), 50-68.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2007). Debunking myths in CAQDAS use and coding in qualitative data analysis: Experiences with and reflections on grounded theory methodology. *Historical Social Research* [The official journal of Quantum and Interquant; an international journal for the application of formal methods to history], 19(Supplement), 258-275.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2002). Suffering, resisting, healing: An Asian view of the body. *Concilium* [International Journal of Theology and Religious Studies], 2, 122-129. ([Invitation to publish](#))
- Bong, Sharon A. (2002). Debunking myths in qualitative data analysis [44 paragraphs]. *Forum Qualitative Sozialforschung/ Forum: Qualitative Social Research*, 3(2). Retrieved from <http://www.qualitative-research.net/index.php/fqs/article/view/849/1845>.

Social Commentaries

- Bong, Sharon A. (2018, September 30). Compassionate caning: To educate not hurt the person. *The First* (Newsletter of the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church). Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/compassionate-caning-to-educate-not-hurt-the-person>

- Bong, Sharon A. (2018, February 3). EWA tasting and seeing Christ as the Bread of Life, Rice of Life and the Meat of Life. *The First* (Newsletter of the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church). Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/ewa-tasting-and-seeing-christ-as-the-bread-of-life-rice-of-life-and-the-meat-of-life>
- Bong, Sharon A. (2017, May 30). Asia's diversity and gender diversity. *The First* (Newsletter of the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church). Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/asias-diversity-and-gender-diversity>
- Bong, Sharon A. (2016, October 30). What's gender got to do with climate justice? *The First* (Newsletter of the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church). Retrieved from http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/whats-gender-got-to-do-with-climate-justice?utm_source=November+1%2C+2016&utm_campaign=CTEWC+Constant+Contact+&utm_medium=email.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2016, March 1). Caring for our common home. *The First*. Retrieved from http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/caring-for-our-common-home?utm_source=March+1%2C+2016&utm_campaign=CTEWC+Constant+Contact+&utm_medium=email.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2015, September 2). Citizen's call out. *The First*. Retrieved from http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/citizens-call-out?utm_source=September+FIRST%2C+2015&utm_campaign=CTEWC+Constant+Contact+&utm_medium=email.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2015, May 1). A poor woman's dignity. *The First*. Retrieved from http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/a-poor-womans-dignity?utm_source=May+FIRST%2C+2015&utm_campaign=CTEWC+Constant+Contact+&utm_medium=archive.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2015, January 1). Religion or rights: The higher moral ground. *The First*. Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/religion-or-rights-the-higher-moral-ground>.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2014, September 3). A home to call one's own. *The First*. Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/a-home-to-call-ones-own>.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2014, May 3). Not containing trauma and memory in the name of Allah. *The First*. Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/catholic-theological-ethics-in-the-world-church-forum-asia>.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2013, December). The Gospel of Families. *The First* (Newsletter of the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church). Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/the-gospel-of-families>.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2013, July 30). Casinos, connections, contestations. *The First*. Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/casinos-connections-contestations>.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2013, March 8). What's in a name? *The First*. Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/whats-in-a-name1>.

- Bong, Sharon A (2012, October 15). To cut or not to cut: that is not the question. *The First*. Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/to-cut-or-not-to-cut-that-is-not-the-question>.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2012, May). A second life. *The First*, 6-7. Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum-submissions/a-second-life>.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2011, December 4). Asian Catholic women theologising on human connectivity. *Herald: The Catholic Weekly*, 18(46), 6.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2011, October 28). Obedient wives, first-class prostitutes and terrorism. *The First*. Retrieved from <http://www.catholicethics.com/forum/obedient-wives-first-class-prostitutes-and-terrorism>.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2010, December/2011, January). The Way of Love. *Catholic Asian News*, 39(11)/40(1), 7-10.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2010, August 15). The future of Catholic theological ethics (Guest Editorial). *The Herald*, 17(31), 10. ([Invitation to publish](#))
- Bong, Sharon A. (2007, January 30). Positions that matter. *Kakiseni*. Retrieved from <http://www.kakiseni.com/articles/features/MTAzMw.html>. (link broken)
- Bong, Sharon A. (2007, March). Re-imagining marriage and family life. *Catholic Asian News*, 36(3), 15-17.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2007, February 18). Re-imagining women, marriage and family life in Asia. *Herald: The Catholic Weekly*, 14(7). 28.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2004). The spirit of the Cheong Fatt Tze. *Resource*, 12(2), 95-99.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2004). To develop or not to develop: That is the question? *Resource*, 11(4), 85-90.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2004). Restoration and conservation of no. 8 Heeren Street. *Resource*, 11(3), 65-68.
- Bong, Sharon A. (2004). Moving forward by remembering our past: Conserving Malaysia's built heritage. *Resource*, 11(1), 61-67.

Awards and commendations

- 2018 Vice Chancellors Diversity and Inclusion Award
Pro Vice-Chancellor's Long Service Award (2018) – 15 years of service in Monash University Malaysia
Pro Vice-Chancellor's Long Service Award (2013) – 10 years of service in Monash University Malaysia
Pro Vice-Chancellor's Letter of Commendation for Excellence in Education (March, 2017) – establishment of the Gender Studies major
Vice-Provost's (Learning and Teaching) commendation on outstanding unit evaluation result for AMU2907 Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Global Contexts, Semester 2, 2016

Vice-Provost's (Learning and Teaching) commendation on outstanding unit evaluation result for AMU3858 Writing Experiments, Semester 2, 2015
Vice-Provost's (Learning and Teaching) commendation on outstanding unit evaluation result for AMU3560 Contemporary Feminisms in Asia, Semester 1, 2015
Pro Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (Round 2, 2012)
Pro Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (Round 1, 2012)
Pro Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Academic Service (Round 1, 2012)
Pro Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research (Round 2, 2011)
Pro Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (Round 2, 2011)
Pro Vice-Chancellor's Community Service Award, Monash University 2007
Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President's (Education) commendation on outstanding unit evaluation result for ATS3858 Writing Experiments, Semester 2, 2012
Deputy Vice-Chancellor's (Education) commendation on outstanding unit evaluation result for ATS2906 Genders, Sexualities and Religions in Southeast Asia, Semester 2, 2011
Deputy Vice-Chancellor's (Education) commendation on teaching excellence for GND2070/3070 Rethinking Global Culture: Sex, Race, Consumption, Semester 2, 2010
Dean's Commendation of Excellence in teaching for outstanding teaching in WRT3421 Writing Techniques and GND2010/3010 Contemporary Feminist Theory, Semester 1, 2010;
GND2070/3070 Rethinking Global Culture: Sex, Race, Consumption, Semester 2, 2009
Chevening (British High Commissioner's Award) 1999-2002
Chevening (British High Commissioner's Award) 1995-1996

Research grants

External grants

1. Pickering, S., Tazreiter, C., Powell, R., and Bong, S. A., 2014-2016: Women's decision-making and information sharing in the course of migration. DIBP-ANU (Department of Immigration and Border Protection and Australian National University) Collaborative Research Programme, AUD\$33,813.

Internal grants

1. Goh, Joseph N.; Bong, S. A., and Kananatu, T., 2018: International Conference on Gender and Sexuality in Asia. Global Asia 21 (GA21), Monash University Malaysia, RM15,000
2. Fagenblat, M., Landau, M., Mews, C., Barton, G., George, S., Wolski, N., Aly, W., Bong, S. A., 2008: Internationalising interreligious studies: Collaboration, International Strategic Initiatives Fund, Monash University Australia, AUD\$15,000.
3. Bong, S. A. 2007: Re-imagining marriage and faith through the narratives of same-sex partners in Southeast Asia, New Appointee's Research Grant Plan, Monash University Australia, AUD\$6,000.

Conference participation

Keynote address

- Jan 2018 Presented 'You are what you eat: The ethics of eating meat and queer ecofeminism', EWA 8th Biennial Conference, 18-21 January 2018, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Mac 2012 Presented 'Refining qualitative data', QRAM 9th National Research Seminar, 31 March 2012, Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
Symposium II: Reporting and Writing Qualitative Data (Dos & Don'ts)—panelist
- Aug 2009 Presented 'Opportunities and challenges for women in Asia Pacific in the 21st century', World YWCA Asia and Pacific Regional Training Institute: 'Women Creating Safe and Secure Communities, 2-7 August 2009, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia

Plenary speaker

- Nov 2014 Presented 'Freedom of Religion and Gender', Podium 2, International Conference on 'Freedom of Religion: A Human Right Claimed and Instrumentalised', 26-27 November 2014, Münster, Germany, organized by Missio (Aachen), the Franz-Hitze-Haus Academy and Institute for Christian Social Sciences, University of Münster
- Mac 2014 Presented 'Critical qualitative researching amid academic conservatism', QRAM 2014 AGM and seminar, 29 March 2014, Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

By invitation

- Feb 2017 Presented, 'Feminine genius: Revisiting gender complementarity today', 4th Biblical Studies seminar, 'Bible and Gender', 27 february 2017, STM (Seminary Theology Malaysia)
- Jul 2016 Presented, 'A Gender Perspective on Catholic Sexual Ethics: Who Defines the roles and issues', Joint symposium of DAKATEO, ET and INSeCT (International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology) 2016, 'Gender and Ecclesiology: An Intercultural Dialogue', 14-17 July 2016, Tagaytay, Philippines
- Jun 2016 Presented, 'Talitha Kum Southeast Asia: A feminist "network of salvation"', Panel 3 "Religious identity and gender" (followed by a seminar, on the same day, Friday 10 June, 1500-1800), International Theological Conference (themed, 'Religious identities in a globalized world'), 9-12 June, Catholic Theological Faculty, University of Munster, Munster, Germany

- Mac 2016 Presented 'The feminist praxis of Talitha Kum Southeast Asia: Combatting trafficking in persons to realizing human dignity', Gender Studies Seminar Series 02/2016, 28 March 2016, University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur
- Apr 2015 Presented, 'To marry or not to marry: The law and sexuality rights in Malaysia', Tonan Talk: A Brown Bag Lecture Series, 15 April 2015, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Kyoto, Japan
- Presented, 'To marry or not to marry: The law and sexuality rights in Malaysia', Seminar Series, 14 April 2015, Nara Women's University, Nara, Japan
- Jun 2015 Presented, 'The Ecclesia of Women in Asia: Liberating Theology', FTESEA/ATESEA Women Theological Educators and Women in Theological Movements Conference, 21-25 June 2015, UCCP Shalom Centre, Manila, the Philippines
- Sept 2014 Presented, 'Gender, Sexuality and Christian Feminist Movements in Asia', Christianity in Asia, Intensive Summer Programme, 17-19 September 2014, University of Münster, Germany
- Apr 2014 Presented, 'Rethinking the discourse of victimhood: The case of the Obedient Wives' Club' at the Monash-Warwick Alliance Workshop, themed, 'Rethinking violence against women: Comparative and transnational perspectives', 9-10 April 2014
- Feb 2011 Presented 'Women's rights and religions in Malaysia' at seminar, 12 February 2011, organized by the Center for Gender and Women's Culture in Asia, Nara Women's University, Nara, Japan
- Jan 2011 Presented 'Women's rights and religions in Malaysia' at seminar, 20 January 2011, organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore
- Oct 2010 Presented 'The suffering Christ and the Asian body' at the American Academy of Religion, 30 October- 1 November 2010, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- Jul 2010 Presented 'Narratives of sexuality and belonging' at the Second Conference of the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, 24-27 July 2010, Trent, Italy

July 2009 Presented 'Queering narratives of belonging' at the Workshop on 'Revisiting Pluralism in Malaysia', 9-10 July 2009, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

Paper presenter

Jun 2016 Presented, 'Spirited closets' for the panel "Queering 'Spirit' in the Real and the Reel: Vignettes of Hope, Agency and Empowerment from Malaysia and Indonesia", AAS-Asia Conference 2016 (themed, 'Asia in Motion: Horizons of Hope'), 24-27 June 2016, Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan

Jan 2016 Presented, 'The Feminist Praxis of Talitha Kum Southeast Asia: Combatting Trafficking Trafficking in Persons to Realising Human Dignity', 7th Biennial Conference of the Ecclesia of Women in Asia (themed, '21st Century Women Still Claiming Her Space: Asian Feminist Theological Perspectives'), 19-25 January 2016, Tagaytay, Manila, Philippines

Jul 2015 Presented 'A God by any other name', 1st Asian Cross-Cultural Conference for Catholic Theological Ethicists (themed, 'Doing Catholic Theological Ethics in an Interfaith Context in Asia'), 17-20 July 2015, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram (DVK), Bangalore, India

Nov 2013 Presented 'The power of *transformation* and *transforming* power: A Malaysian female-to-male *transgender* person's narrative', Sixth Biennial Conference of the Ecclesia of Women in Asia, 14-18 November 2013, Bangalore, India

Nov 2011 Presented 'Sacralising time and space: DiscipleSFX of Malaysia' at the Fifth Biennial Conference of the Ecclesia of Women in Asia, 6-9 November, Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, Kuala Lumpur

Jun 2010 Presented 'In the name of "Allah": The containment of trauma and memory in Malaysia' at the 1st International Conference of the School of Arts and Social Sciences, Monash University Sunway Campus, 22-24 June 2010, Bandar Sunway, Malaysia

Feb 2010 Presented 'Using ATLAS.ti for grounded theory analysis: the case of analysing GLBTQ persons in same-sex relationships' at Computer-Aided Qualitative Research Asia 2010, 3-4 February 2010, Kuala Lumpur

Aug 2009 Presented 'Practising peace in the narratives of GLBTIQs towards an epistemology of the body' at the 4th Biennial Conference of the Ecclesia of Women in Asia, 26-29 August 2009, Hua Hin, Thailand

- Jun 2009 Co-organised and presented 'The sexual other in religion', Interreligious studies collaboration two day internal workshop, Monash University Sunway Campus, Malaysia, 8-9 June
- Nov 2008 Presented 'Sexualising faith and spiritualising sexuality in postcolonial narratives of same-sex intimacy' at the 5th Global Conference on 'Persons and Sexuality' organised by the Inter- Disciplinary.Net, 3-5 November 2008, Salzburg, Austria
- Aug 2008 Presented 'Negotiating resistance/resilience through the nexus of faith-sexuality of same-sex unions in Malaysia and Singapore' at the Conference on Resilience and Transformation of Families in Asia, 4-5 August 2008, Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore (NUS)
- Sep 2007 Presented 'Re-imagining marriage and faith through the narratives of same-sex partners in Southeast Asia: Ethics of Researching on Sensitive Topics' at the 4th International Qualitative Research Convention, Malaysia, 3-5 September 2007, PJ Hilton, Malaysia
- Nov 2005 Presented 'Partial visions: Toward an Asian-Malaysian feminist standpoint epistemology' at the American Academy of Religion, 19-22 November 2005, Philadelphia, USA
- Aug 2004 Presented 'Politicising spirituality: An Asian-Malaysian feminist standpoint epistemology' at the 4th International Malaysian Studies Conference (MSC4), 3-5 August 2004, National University of Malaysia, Bangi, Malaysia

Supervision

PhD (Main Supervisor)

Vizla Kumaresan	Commenced 10 September 2018 'Becoming Men: Examining the psychological and decision making processes in becoming men'
Laura Eva Wong	Commenced 1 September 2016 'Making masculinity" Being "butch" in Singapore'
Alwyn Lau Wing Wang	Commenced 12 September 2011

Intimating the unconscious: Politics, psychoanalysis and theology
in malaysia

- Ng Siow San Commenced February 2012 (awarded PhD in 2016)
'Inner guidance of Malaysian-Buddhist pilgrims'
- Joseph N. Goh Commenced January 2012 (awarded PhD in 2015)
'Piercing transcendence: Condomless sex between men in
Malaysia and spiritual considerations'
- Sheila Tan Commenced April 2010 (supervisor change 2014)
'Stress, social support and well-being among Malaysians: The role
of spirituality and religiosity'

PhD (Associate Supervisor)

- Jacqui Kong Huiyi Commenced 1 August 2011 (converted to part-time status in
2015)
'Serving up Ethnicities: Asian Celebrity Chefs and the Search for
Identity'
- Shafizan Mohamed Commenced 2008-2012, 2012-2014 (awarded PhD)
'Blogging and Citizenship: the Lived Experience of Malaysian
Bloggers'

MA Coursework (Main Supervisor)

- Rohini Rajadorai Completed 2015
'Healthy Masculinities: Analysing Representations of Men's
Health and Constructions of Masculinity in *Men's Health Malaysia*'
- Tania Wee Tien Ning Completed 2013
'A Comparison of Beauty on American And Malaysian Magazine
Covers'

MA Research (Associate Supervisor)

- Eugene Chua Kee Hong Completed 2010

'Black Humour: Comic Darkness in Joseph Heller and Kurt Vonnegut's Fiction' (Associate Supervisor)

Honours (Main Supervisor)

Hannah R. Jambunathan	Completed 2018 'Sexism in the streets: Dynamics of street harassment within a Malaysian context' (1 st class Honours)
Jasmine Gomez	Completed 2018 'Decolonisation of the wardrobe: The intersection of the self, body and clothing in the context of "Brown" girls in Malaysia' (1 st class Honours)
Krishna R. Vishinpir	Completed 2018 'In search of the silverlining: A study on female entrepreneurship amongst Myanmarese Muslim refugees living in Malaysia' (1 st class Honours)
Leann E Fernandez	Completed 2018 '#MeToo in Kuala Lumpur: Understanding the effects of sexual harassment movements in an Asian context' (2 nd class Honours)
Laura Eva Wong	Completed 2015 'Feminine lesbians: invisibility and Experiences of Femmes in Singapore and Malaysia' (1 st class Honours)
Leila May Nair	Completed 2015 'Women's Leadership in the Catholic Church: Perspectives from Diverse Stakeholders in Malaysia' (2 nd Upper Honours)
Cheah Wui Jia	Completed 2012 'Persuasion and Promises: The Study of the Christian Protestant Church in Malaysia and its Tithing Practices' (1 st class Honours)
Chiam May Yen	Completed 2012

'Malleable Bodies: The Militarisation of Asian Women in Non-Fiction' (1st class Honours)

Syahirah Anwar Completed 2012
'The Veiled Tension: Negotiating the Hijab in Singapore' (2nd Upper Honours)

Kong, Jacqui Huiyi Completed 2010
'Feasting on "the Other": The Commodifications of Difference and the Performance of Authenticity in Food Adventuring Television Programmes' (1st class Honours)

Sidhu-Brar, Ujval Singh Completed 2007
'The Twilight of Duality: Transgressive Aggression, Religious Anti-Religiosity and the Arrival at the Absolute Self in Vedic Metal' (1st class Honours)

Cheong, Sarah Jane Completed 2006
'Construction of Self: Subversion of Service Provide/Sex Worker Binarism through a Deconstructive Reading of Embodied Narratives' (2nd Upper Honours)

Leow, Natalie Completed 2005
'Spiritual Persuasions: On Loving and Leaving the Church' (1st class Honours)

Postgraduate Diploma (Main Supervisor)

Ng Siow San Completed 2011
'Inter-generational Voices: Identity, Traditions and Modernity'

Wong Sook Jinn Completed 2007
'Deconstructing Stereotypes on Student Motivations, Study Approaches and Confidence in CS/IT'

Education

School of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS), Monash University, Malaysia

Key contributions

Deputy Head of School Education (2017-2018)

- Coordinated market survey (Green Zebra) for SASS to assess marketability of: new majors (Film, TV and Screen, Development Studies); name change of existing degrees (Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies to Bachelor of Digital and Media Studies)
- Facilitated unit enhancement across majors
- Facilitated expansion of SASS's course offering:
 - development of new major – Film, TV and Screen Studies (commencing 2019)
 - unit enhancement of AMU2685 Malaysian Studies (transformed to an intensive unit commencing Winter 2019, comprising a study trip to Georgetown, Penang)
 - Formalisation of 'In search of' study trips as a credit-bearing unit, AMU2690 Discovering the Asia-Pacific Study Trips (commencing Summer A, 2019)

Gender Studies major Coordinator (since 2016)

- Introduced the **Major in Gender Studies** in 2016 with four new home-grown units written, e.g. AMU1310 Introduction to Gender Studies, AMU1309 Introduction to Sexuality Studies, AMU2908 Critical Methodologies for Action Research and AMU2907 Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Global Contexts
- Introduced and established the Minor in Gender Studies, since 2010 which includes writing ATS2906/3906 Genders, Sexualities and Religions in Southeast Asia (first offered in 2011)

Internship Coordinator (since 2011)

- Formalised internship by facilitating the unit for assessment ATS2744 Faculty of Arts Workplace Internship (first offered in Summer B, 2011/2012)
- Promoted AMU3744 through biannual pre-departure briefings
- Strengthened student learning experience evidenced by increased enrolment: 11 (SSB 2012), 10 (SSB 2013), 13 (SSB 2014), 19 (SSB 2015), 10 (SSB 2016), 38 (SSB 2017), 71 (SSB 2018)

Unit Coordinator – creative writing units (2003-2015)

- Enhanced student learning through practical learning in creative writing laboratories since 2003

Teaching portfolio

2018 S1	AMU1310 Introduction to Gender Studies
2018 S2	AMU2906 Genders, Sexualities and Religions in Southeast Asia AMU2907 Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Global Contexts
2017 S1	AMU1310 Introduction to Gender Studies
2017 S2	AMU2907 Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Global Contexts
2016 S1	AMU1310 Introduction to Gender Studies AMU3744 Workplace Learning Internship AMU4720 Research Issues and Methodology (team-taught)
2016 S2	AMU2906 Genders, Sexualities and Religions in Southeast Asia AMU2907 Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Global Contexts AMU4727 Readings in Social, Political and Cultural Theory (team-taught)
2015 S1	AMU3560 Contemporary Feminisms in Asia AMU4720 Research Issues and Methodology (team-taught)
2015 S2	AMU2906 Genders, Sexualities and Religions in Southeast Asia AMU3858 Writing Experiments AMU3744 Workplace Learning Internship AMU4727 Readings in Social, Political and Cultural Theory (team-taught)
2014 S1	OSP (sabbatical)
2014 S2	AMU2906 Genders, Sexualities and Religions in Southeast Asia AMU3858 Writing Experiments AMU3744 Workplace Learning Internship
2013 S1	ATS2560/3560 Theorising Sexed Bodies: Contemporary Feminist Theory ATS3857 Writing Techniques

APG4382 Contemporary Issues in Asia (Master of Communication and Media Studies, team-taught)

- 2012 S1 ATS2560/3560 Theorising Sexed Bodies: Contemporary Feminist Theory
 ATS3857 Writing Techniques
- 2012 S2 ATS2906/3906 Gender, Sexualities and Religions in Southeast Asia
 ATS3858 Writing Experiments
 ATS4727 Readings in Social, Political and Cultural Theory
 ATS2744 Faculty of Arts Workplace Internship (summer)
- 2011 S1 ATS2560/3560 Theorising Sexed Bodies: Contemporary Feminist Theory
 ATS3857 Writing Techniques
 ATS4720 Research Issues and Methodology
- 2011 S2 **ATS2906/3906 Gender, Sexualities and Religions in Southeast Asia**
 ATS3858 Writing Experiments
 ATS4727 Readings in Social, Political and Cultural Theory
 ATS2744 Faculty of Arts Workplace Internship (summer)
- 2010 S1 GND2010/3010 Contemporary Feminist Theories
 WRT3421 Writing Techniques
 COM4010 (H) Research Issues and Methodology (Honours coursework unit)
 AST4000/5000 Contemporary Issues in Asia (MA coursework unit)
- 2010 S2 GND2070/3070 Rethinking Global Culture: Sex, Race, Consumption
 WRT3422 Writing Experiments
- 2009 S1 **GLO2000/3000 Global Studies**
 WRT3421 Writing Techniques
 COM4010 (H) Research Issues and Methodology (Honours coursework unit)
- 2009 S2 GND2070/3070 Rethinking Global Culture: Sex, Race, Consumption
 WRT3422 Writing Experiments
- 2008 S1 GND2010/3010 Contemporary Feminist Theories
 WRT3421 Writing Techniques
 COM4010 (H) Research Issues and Methodology (Honours coursework unit)
- 2008 S2 OSP (1 July 2008-1 January 2009)

- 2007 S1 WRT3421 Writing Techniques
COM4010 (H) Research Issues and Methodology (Honours coursework unit)
- 2007 S2 **WMN2150/3150 Consuming Otherness: Global and Global Culture**
WRT3422 Writing Experiments
- 2006 S1 **WMN2240/3240 Introduction to Contemporary Feminist Theories**
WRT3421 Writing Techniques
COM4010 (H) Research Issues and Methodology (Honours coursework unit)
- 2006 S2 WRT3422 Writing Experiments
- 2005 S1 MAL1000 Malaysian Studies
WRT3421 Writing Techniques
COM4010 (H) Research Issues and Methodology (Honours coursework unit)
- 2005 S2 WRT3422 Writing Experiments
- 2004 S1 MAL1000 Malaysian Studies
WRT3421 Writing Techniques
- 2004 S2 WRT3422 Writing Experiments
- 2003 S1 **GSC2407 Authorship and Writing**
GSC3421 Writing Techniques
MAL1000 Malaysian Studies
- 2003 S2 **GSC3422 Writing Portfolio**

Gender Studies Programme, University of Malaya, Malaysia

Jan-Feb '99 Lectured in women and religion
Nov-Dec '97

English Department, University of Malaya, Malaysia

Aug '91-'94 Tutored in English Literature

Engagement

Academic community

- Qualitative Research Association of Malaysia

Committee member (<http://www.myqra.org/>), 2012-

- **Ecclesia of Women in Asia** (academic forum of Catholic women theologizing in Asia)
 - Local conference team (head) 2020 (EWA 9)
 - Consultant 2016-2018, 2018-2020
 - Local conference team (head) 2011 (EWA 5)
 - Ex-officio 2009-2011
 - Coordinator 2007-2009
 - Executive Coordinator 2004-2006
- **Asian Regional Committee of the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church**
 - Forum writer (http://catholicethics.com/forum_writers), 2011-
 - Member of the Asian Regional Committee (<http://catholicethics.com/regional>)
- **UNESCO Chair in Interreligious and Intercultural Relations Asia-Pacific**
 - Associate, 2010-
- **Postcolonial Networks**
 - Member (www.postcolonialnetworks.com), 2012-
- **Catherine of Siena Virtual College**
 - Academic Patron (<http://www.catherineofsiena.net/about/patrons1.asp>), 2009-
- **John Wijngaards Catholic Research Centre**
 - Academic Patron (<http://www.wijngaardsinstitute.com/who-we-are/>), 2013-

Peer reviewer

Asian Ethnicity

Asia-Pacific Journal for Public Health

Pacific Affairs

Thirdspace

Government

- **Malaysian Qualifications Agency**
 - Consultant—panel to draft Programme Standards for Communications, 2012-2013
- **Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development (MWFCD)**
 - Participant (academic stakeholder) – ‘Output 2: Gender mainstreaming framework and policy recommendations for the implementation of the 11th Malaysia Plan’, organised by the MWFCD, 30 August 2018, Putrajaya Marriott Hotel, IOI Resort City

Consultant—wrote the Third Malaysian government report on the status of women for CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women), July 2005

Civil society/women's movement/public

Global

- Participated as a 'Sokoni (market) consultant' at the World YWCA Council 2007 and International Women's Summit, Nairobi, Kenya, 6 July.
- Participated at the Women's Pre-Assembly of the 7th General Assembly of the World Conference on Religion and Peace, Amman, Jordan, 22-29 November 1999;
- Represented the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) at the 7th Women's Global Leadership Institute, organised by the Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers State University, New Jersey, 7-18 June 1999;
- Represented ARROW (Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women) at the United Nations' 43rd Session on Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 2-10 March 1999

Regional

Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW)

- Worked as a Programme Officer (publications), 1997-1998

National

UNHCR Malaysia

- Facilitated 'Gender and development awareness training for stakeholders', for the UNHCR Malaysia involving female and male refugee community leaders, UNHCR staff and partners, 29 October – 28 November 2018

Gender Equity Initiative (GEI)

- Representing Monash as a member institution of GEI (organized by the Bar Council and Association of Women Lawyers) to host a forum to be held in August 2016

All Women's Action Society (AWAM)

- Co-wrote the Adolescent Reproductive Health Module (Trainer's Manual & Guide), commissioned by the Federation of Family Planning Associations of Malaysia, September 1999;
- Have been a member since 1998

Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

- First Vice-President, 2004-2006, 2006-2008
- Conceptualised and facilitated a national workshop, 'Moving Forward With Courage', Kuala Lumpur, 11-12 September 1999;
- Have been a member since 1995
- Editor of Blue Triangle (for issues: October 2006-November 2009)

National Council of Women's Organisations (NCWO)

- Coordinated the Commission on Human Rights Report for the regional Beijing+5 prepcom (UN Preparatory Committee), August 1999;
- Co-organised and facilitated an interfaith workshop, 'Impact of Culture and Religion on Women's Experience', NGO Forum, Huairou, China, September 1995 in conjunction with the UN 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing, China

Public Presentations/interviews

2017 'Happily ever after? #4 Sexist fairy tales', BFM, 23 May, podcast available at:
<http://www.bfm.my/happily-ever-after-4-sexist-fairy-tales.html>



The image is a screenshot of a podcast webpage from BFM 89.9. The header includes the station's logo, contact information (TEL: +603-7710-9000, SMS: +6016-201-9000), and a navigation menu with 'PODCAST' highlighted. The main content area shows the podcast title 'HAPPILY EVER AFTER? #4: SEXIST FAIRY TALES' by Vanessa Loder and Sharon Bong, dated 23-May-17 19:00. Below the text is a cartoon illustration of three women in a room: one in a pink dress, one with a large red wig, and one in a blue dress kneeling and cleaning the floor with a bucket.

2017 'Feminist Fridays #11: Ecofeminism', BFM, 21 April, podcast available at:
<http://www.bfm.my/sharon-bong-feminist-fridays-11-ecofeminism.html>



2017 Pelangi Campaign
IWD Seminar 'Is feminism queer?',
11 March, Pusat Rakyat Loyar Buruk,
Kuala Lumpur

2017 'Feminist Fridays; A 101 on Feminism', BFM, 10 Feb, podcast available at:
<http://www.bfm.my/sharon-bong-feminist-fridays-feminism-101.html>



2016 'The Gendered Chicken Drumstick', BFM, 25 May, podcast available at:



<http://www.bfm.my/night-school-the-gendered-chicken-drumstick-sharon-bong.html>

2016 'Barbie's Big Makeover', BFM, 10 May, podcast available at:
<http://www.bfm.my/barbies-big-makeover.html>



2010 'Foreign Brides in Malaysia', BFM, 18 August, podcast available at:
<http://www.bfm.my/foreign-brides-purchase.html>

2009 Friends-In-Conversation, RoH Malaysia and The Micah Mandate Forum 'The politics of gender and public morality', 7 March, Bangsar Lutheran Church, Kuala Lumpur

2008 Seksualiti Merdeka Forum 'Probing sexualities—recent research into sexual diversity in Malaysia', (annual public forum on sexuality rights in Malaysia), 30 August, The Annexe, Kuala Lumpur

2004 Amnesty-International Malaysia Forum 'It's in our hands: Stop violence against women' in conjunction with launch of *Global Report on Violence Against Women*, 11 March, Petaling Jaya

Media Interviews/profiling

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