

Curriculum Vitae



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Education Qualifications

2016 - 2020	Doctor of Philosophy in Education, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand Thesis titled "Citizenship imaginations: An exploration of young Singaporeans' active citizenship"
2011 - 2012	Master of Education (Youth Development Leadership), University of Minnesota (Twin Cities), USA
2003 - 2005	Bachelor of Science (Physical Education & Sports Science, Social Studies) (Honours), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
2001 - 2003	Diploma in Education (Physical Education and Mathematics), National Institute of Education, Singapore

Academic and Professional Experience

2017	Research Associate, National Institute of Education, Singapore
2015 - 2016	Leadership Fellow, Asia Pacific Leadership Programme, East-West Center, Hawaii, USA
2014	Head (Values in Action & Partnerships), Ministry of Education, Singapore
2012 - 2013	Senior Curriculum Specialist (Character & Citizenship Education), Ministry of Education, Singapore
2008 - 2011	Curriculum Specialist (Character Development), Ministry of Education, Singapore
2006 - 2007	Head of Department for Physical Education & Co-Curricular Activities (Covering), Ministry of Education, Singapore
2005 - 2006	Teacher (Physical Education & Mathematics), Ministry of Education, Singapore

Memberships and Professional Activities

2016 - Present East-West Center Singapore Chapter

Awards

2018 21st Century Outstanding Service Award, East-West Center (EWC) Association, Hawaii, USA

2016 Victoria Doctoral Scholarship, Victoria University of Wellington, NZ

2015 Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellow, East West Center, Hawaii, USA

2010 Post-Graduate Scholarship Award, Ministry of Education Singapore

2005 Nanyang Alumni Award – Service Award, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

2005 Nanyang Award - Humanity (Team), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

2003 Rotary International 75th Anniversary Gold Medal Award, Rotary Singapore

Consultation and Executive Experience

- Service-learning, international service-learning, youth development, youth leadership, character & citizenship education

Research Interests

- Educational philosophy, public education in Singapore, citizenship education, adult education and lifelong learning, service-Learning, youth studies, critical theory, visual methodology

Selected Publications

PhD Thesis:

Thaiyalan, S. G. (2020). *Citizenship Imaginations: An exploration of young Singaporeans' active citizenship*. (Doctor of Philosophy). Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Retrieved from <http://researcharchive.vuw.ac.nz/handle/10063/8584>

Journals:

Thaiyalan, S. G., & Choo, L. W. (2023). A 'good' neoliberal citizen: A policy analysis of conceptions of young Singaporean citizens. *Policy Futures in Education* (Special Issue: Considering the global-local relationship in education), 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.14782/103231190696>

Tan, A.-G., D'Rozario, V., Tan, V., Victor, A. M., Yeo, K. S., Akhilandeswari, . . . Thaiyalan, S. G. (2009). International service-learning experiences: A perspective from character strength and positive affect. In K. C. Goh, V. D'Rozario, T. H. A. Ch'ng, & H. M. Cheah (Eds.), *Character development through service and experiential learning* (pp. 126-139). Singapore: Prentice Hall.

Book Chapters:

Thaiyalan, S. G. (2023). Living as citizens and learning to be citizens. In J. Wyn, H. Cahill, & H. Cuervo (Eds.), *Handbook of children and youth studies*. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-4451-96-3_79-1

Thaiyalan, S. G. (2020). Towards and education for active citizenship in Singapore. In A. Peterson, G. Stahl, & H. Soong (Eds.), *The Palgrave handbook of citizenship and education* (pp. 1–23). Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-67905-1_78-1

Thaiyalan, S. G. (2010). A letter from Siva Treks, tracks and trails: Ventures and adventures abroad in the spirit of service learning (pp. v-xiii). Singapore: Office of Teacher Education, National Institute of Education.

Book Reviews:

Thaiyalan, S. G. (2018). Book review: Teaching social studies for critical, active citizenship in Aotearoa New Zealand, Michael Harcourt, Andrea Milligan and Bronwyn Wood (2016). *Citizenship Teaching & Learning*, 13(1), 151-157. doi:10.1386/ctl.13.1.151_5

Conference Presentations

Thaiyalan, S. G. (2019, June). An exploration of young Singaporeans' lived citizenship through Photovoice – Lessons for citizenship education and service-learning. Resource sharing workshop presented at the The 7th Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Service-Learning, Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore.

Thaiyalan, S. G. (2015, May). Values in action: A pedagogy of empowerment for students to take ownership in contributing to community and being socially responsible. Paper presented at the 5th Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Service-Learning: Love Journey: Community Engagement through ServiceLearning, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan.

Shumer, R., Giles, D., Thaiyalan, S. G., & Ma, H. K. C. (2013, June). A dialogue between service-learning elders and young leaders. Paper presented at the 4th Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on ServiceLearning: Service-Learning as a Bridge from Local to Global: Connected world, Connected future, Hong Kong and Guangzhou, China.

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