

# SOUTH ASIA PROGRAM

## SINHALA AT CORNELL

### *A unique program at a world-renowned center for South Asia scholarship*

- Cornell University's South Asia Program is an interdisciplinary hub for faculty and students, supporting research and teaching on South Asia.
- Sri Lanka Studies has been central to Cornell University since the 1960s, linked to faculty members across several disciplines in Cornell's colleges and professional schools.
- Cornell University is the only university outside Sri Lanka offering a full curriculum in Sinhala. We are the global leader in Sinhala language teaching materials.
- Cornell's Sinhala Language Program was established by Prof. James Gair (Ph.D. Cornell University; D.L./Sahitya Chakravartin, Kelaniya University).
- Prof. W.S. Karunatileke, Department of Linguistics, Kelaniya University, collaborated closely with Prof. Gair to develop Cornell's Sinhala Language Program and teaching texts.

### *A language at risk*

- Cornell's Sinhala program is funded approximately 50% by Cornell and 50% by external funds.
- The University has threatened to reduce its contribution by 2018.
- This would reduce the curriculum.
- It would also make it harder to win external funding.
- ❖ To protect the Cornell University Sinhala program we need to replace University funding with restricted funds. In the short term, USD 1 million is needed. USD 2 million would secure the program fully.

### *Give to the Cornell Sinhala program today!*

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Option 3: Gifts of USD 100,000.00 (in one or multiple installments) are possible as endowment gifts. Contact Prof. Anne Blackburn, Director, Cornell South Asia Program: [amb242@cornell.edu](mailto:amb242@cornell.edu); 607.255.8923.