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Introduce yourself in a brief paragraph:

After a master's degree in Mathematics, I began my academic career as a Teaching Fellow in the Department of Mathematics, Monash University during which time I obtained my doctorate based on a research thesis on a topic in Elastodynamics. Since then I have taught at Universities in Papua New Guinea, and Australia. My teaching has covered many areas of undergraduate mathematics and at advanced levels in Continuum Mechanics with specialization in Elastodynamics. My research publications have been in leading Journals in Elasticity, Acoustics and Theoretical Seismology.

Throughout my career I have had a strong second line of interest in classical and epic literature in Sanskrit and over the last thirty years I have been giving Harikatha (storytelling) performances in English and Kannada to various academic and general audiences in Australia and India. Since retiring from full time teaching at Flinders University, the main focus of my activity has been as a katha performer. My current visiting Fellowship at the Australian National University is related to this activity.