



**The United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission  
Presents a Discussion Forum**

with

**Chathra Hendaheva**

on

**Graduate Studies in the US**

Chathra Hendaheva will talk about her journey as an award-winning student in Sri Lanka to her current position as a PhD candidate at a US university. The forum will provide the audience the opportunity to ask questions about the graduate application process, research in the US, working on campus and balancing studies and family life.

**Date: Friday, 17 January 2014**

**Time: 3.00 - 4.00 p.m.**

*Tea will be served from 2.30 - 3.00 p.m.*

**Venue: United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission Auditorium**

**New Address: 55 Abdul Caffoor Mawatha, Colombo 3**

*(off Duplication Road, next to Stone & String)*

**Entry: By prior registration only – seating will be on a first-come first-served basis.**

**Call: 256 4176 and 471- 8744 to register**

**Chathra Hendaheva**

Chathra Hendaheva is a Ph.D. candidate and a Fulbright Science and Technology Award Fellow at Rutgers University where she is working towards her dissertation focused on analyzing user Web search behavior. Chathra holds a Master of Science in Computer Science from Rutgers University. She completed her Bachelor's degree in Information Technology at University of Moratuwa, where she secured the award for the Best Information Technology Graduate for the Year 2002/2003. Chathra was also a finalist and a multiple gold medal recipient at the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants-UK (CIMA) awards, which exemplify her interest in multidisciplinary research. She was awarded the International Fulbright Science and Technology award in 2008 to pursue doctoral studies in US, which provided with 3 years of full funding. She has also served as a teaching assistant in many Computer Science undergraduate courses at Rutgers University, where she has received high ratings for effectiveness in teaching and has gained valuable experience as an instructor. She has published and presented her research work in international conferences and symposiums, where she has gained exposure to research conducted worldwide in her area of interest. Prior to starting her studies in the US, she worked as a Business Systems Analyst and completed two internships developing software modules for a free and open source disaster management system and as a software engineering intern.