Returning to Colorado State University 33-years later: A summary of the continuing career and impact of Dr. Tissa Illangasekare

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Abstract. In 1978 Dr. Tissa Illangasekare received his Ph.D. from Colorado State University. Little did he know at time the impact and success that he would have achieved 33 years later upon his return to Colorado State University to give the Borland Lecture in Hydrology at Hydrology Days 2011. Tissa’s career to date spans across multiple universities, disciplines and countries. His research focus areas have spanned across many different subject areas including snow, dams and DNAPLs just to name a few. Along the way, Tissa has had significant impact on the students and colleagues that have been associated with these diverse subjects. Although, his direct impact has not ended with his research group and associated collaborators. Indirectly, he has enhanced the lives of the family and friends of his students. A very brief overview of Tissa’s past research and associated students will be presented in order to both honor and thank him for his contributions.