



UNIVERSITY of GUYANA

University of Guyana Centre of Excellence for  
Teaching and Learning (CoETaL)

# BIENNIAL TEACHING CONFERENCE FOR TERTIARY EDUCATORS (VIRTUAL)

Theme: Emergency Remote Teaching, Leading,  
and Learning

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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*Georgetown, Guyana*

**9 am - 3 pm (GMT -4:00)**

*via Zoom Webinar*

**September 20 - 22, 2021**

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# Schedule

# DAY ONE

September 20, 2021

**Chairperson:**  
**Dr. Charmaine Bissessar, UG**

9:00 AM **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

9:02 AM **REMARKS**

Prof. Edward Greene  
*Chancellor, University of Guyana*

9:07 AM **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Prof. Paloma Mohamed Martin  
*Vice-Chancellor, XI, University of Guyana*

9:17 AM **OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Marcel Hutson  
*Chief Education Officer, Ministry of Education*

9:27 AM **INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Dr. Charmaine Bissessar  
*Director (a.g), CoETaL, University of Guyana*

9:30 AM **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Dr. Dimitrios Vlachopoulos  
*Programme Manager, Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences*

10:00 AM **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Dr. Charmaine Bissessar

10:10 AM **EDUTAINMENT**

Michael Khan  
*Lecturer, Faculty of Education and Humanities, University of Guyana*

10:15 AM **APPRECIATIONS**

Dr. Viola Rowe  
*Principal, Cyril Potter College of Education (CPCE)*

10:20 AM **BREAK**

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## DAY ONE

September 20, 2021

10:30 AM

**PLENARY SESSION 1: TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES TO BOLSTER STUDENT ENGAGEMENT DURING EMERGENCY REMOTE EDUCATION**

Prof. Ramesh Sharma, *School of Global Studies*  
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, *University Delhi*

10:50 AM

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Dr. Charmaine Bissessar

**SUB-THEME: STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

Moderator: Mr. Clarence Brotherson, *University of Guyana*

11:00 AM

**Physics Teachers' Pedagogical Content Knowledge on Students' Academic Achievement in Kwara State, Nigeria**

Aishat Yusuf, E. O. Omosewo, A. O Akanbi, R. E. Mohammed, A. T. Badmus & A. Usman, *University of Llorin*

11:20 AM

**Cultivating a Growth Mindset-Oriented Learning Environment to Support Students' Socio-Emotional Needs and Learning during Emergency Remote Instruction**

Afiya Fredericks & Dhymsey Vixamar-Owens,  
*University of Columbia*

11:40 AM

**The Future of Caribbean Undergraduate Science Laboratories: Leading, Teaching and Learning Using Virtual Simulations Post COVID-19**

Dave Cassie & Lydia Campbell-George, *University of the Southern Caribbean*

12:00 PM

**Tertiary Chemistry Education in Guyana: A Baseline Study Towards Innovative Pedagogy**

Jacqueline Murray, Medeba Uzzi, Dawn Fox  
*University of Guyana*

12:20 PM

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Mr. Clarence Brotherson

12:30 PM

**LUNCH**

# Schedule

## DAY ONE

September 20, 2021

1:00 PM

### **PANEL DISCUSSION: EMERGENCY REMOTE EDUCATION**

Moderator: Mr. Lenandlar Singh, *University of Guyana*

Dr. Lidon Lashley, *University of Guyana*

Dr. Leroy Hill, *University of the West Indies*

Dr. Mairette Newman, *Commonwealth of Learning*

1:30 PM

### **PLENARY SESSION 2: ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION TECHNIQUES DURING EMERGENCY REMOTE EDUCATION**

Dr. Gordon Harewood (Retd)

*Senior Manager, Examinations Development and Production, CXC*

1:50 PM

### **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**

Dr. Charmaine Bissessar

### **SUB-THEME: ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION TECHNIQUES**

Moderator: Dr. Roslin Khan, *University of Guyana*

2:00 PM

### **Equality of Online, Non-proctored Assessments Generated From an Item Bank**

Medeba Uzzi, *University of Guyana*

2:20 PM

### **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**Moderator:**

Dr. Roslin Khan

### **SUB-THEME: PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT DURING EMERGENCY REMOTE LEADING, TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Moderator: Mrs. Omawattie Ramdin

2:30 PM

### **Parental involvement, learning participation and online learning commitment of adolescent learners during COVID-19 lockdown**

Kehinde Clement Lawrence and Molebatsi Milton Nkoane

*University of Zululand*

2:50 PM

### **Possibilities or Problems? The Experiences of Private-School Parents during the Shift to ERTL**

Murella Sambucharan, Zaida Ventour, Rinelle Lee Piggott,

*University of the West Indies*

3:10 PM

### **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**

Mrs. Omawattie Ramdin

# Schedule

## DAY TWO

September 21, 2021

**Chairperson:**  
**Dr. Jacqueline Murray, UG**

9:00 AM **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

9:02 AM **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. Jacqueline Murray  
*Director, IDCE, University of Guyana*

9:07 AM **RECAP OF DAY 1 SESSIONS**

Ms. Medeba Uzzi  
*Assistant Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences  
University of Guyana*

9:17 AM **PLENARY SESSION 3: ISSUE OF CARE AND WELL-BEING  
DURING EMERGENCY REMOTE EDUCATION**

Dr. Katija Khan  
*Lecturer, University of the West Indies*

9:37 AM **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Dr. Jacqueline Murray

**SUB-THEME: THE ISSUE OF CARE AND WELL-BEING**

Moderator: Dr. Paulette Henry

9:47 AM **Exploring The Framework of Achievement Best For  
Improving Nigerian Students' Well-Being**

Saidat Morenike Adeniji, *University of New England*  
Khadijat S. Ameen, *University of Llorin*

10:07 AM **An Exploration of the Effects of COVID-19 on Undergraduate  
Social Work Students' Well-Being**

Debbie Hopkinson, *University of Guyana*

10:27 AM **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Dr. Paulette Henry

10:37 AM **BREAK**

10:47 AM **WORKSHOP 1: E-EQUALITY DURING THE PANDEMIC**  
Facilitator: Zaida Ventour, *University of the West Indies*

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September 21, 2021

11:17 AM

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Dr. Jacqueline Murray

11:22 AM

**EBSCO INFORMATION SERVICES PRESENTATION**

Damien Satterthwaite  
*Regional Sales Manager, EBSCO Publishing*

11:42 AM

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Dr. Jacqueline Murray

**SUB-THEME: QUALITY ASSURANCE DURING EMERGENCY  
REMOTE LEARNING, TEACHING AND LEADING**

Moderators: Dr. Viola Rowe/Ms. Kara Lord

11:52 AM

**Higher Education Quality Assurance in pandemic times**

Nataliia Stukalo  
*Vice-Head, National Agency for Higher Education  
Quality Assurance*

12:12 PM

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATORS:**  
Dr. Viola Rowe/Ms. Kara Lord

12:22 PM

**LUNCH**

12:52 PM

**PLENARY SESSION 4: DIGITAL DIVIDE: OPPORTUNITIES AND  
CHALLENGES DURING EMERGENCY REMOTE EDUCATION**

Dr. Wayne Wesley  
*Registrar & CEO Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC)*

1:12 PM

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Dr. Jacqueline Murray

**SUB-THEME: DIGITAL DIVIDE: OPPORTUNITIES  
AND CHALLENGES**

Moderators: Ms. Penelope DeFreitas/Ms. Juanelle Marks

1:22 PM

**Online Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Institutes  
During COVID-19 Pandemic: Students' Perspectives**

Mohammad Asif, Yeasmin Sultana & Neeha Saikia  
*Tezpur University*

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## DAY TWO

September 21, 2021

1:42 PM

**The Effects of COVID-19 on Rural School Communities in Guyana: New Directions or Old Methods Retooled.**

Charmaine Bissessar, *University of Guyana*

2:02 PM

**Dual Dilemma: The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on socio-economically vulnerable College-level students in Jamaica**

Jordan K. Williams & Dosseth Edwards-Watson  
*Trench Town Polytechnic College*

2:22 PM

**Students' Access to Academic Advisement During COVID-19: Implications for Students' Course Study Completion Rates**

Stephen Wallder & Rachelle McFarlane  
*UTECH*

2:42 PM

**Reflections on Emergency Remote Education during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Opportunities and Challenges**

Raymond Jagessar  
*University of Guyana*

3:02 PM

**Understanding the Technological Environment of Online Teaching in Guyana: Lived experiences of a University Lecturer**

Taijrani Rampersaud & Neketa Forde  
*University of Guyana*

3:22 PM

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATORS:**  
Ms. Penelope DeFreitas/  
Ms. Juanelle Marks

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# DAY THREE

September 22, 2021

**Chairperson:**  
**Mr. Lenandlar Singh, UG**

9:00 AM **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

9:02 AM **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Mr. Lenandlar Singh  
*Lecturer, University of Guyana*

9:07 AM **RECAP OF DAY 2 SESSIONS**

Dr. Troy Thomas  
*Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences  
University of Guyana*

9:17 AM **PLENARY SESSION 5: LEADING, TEACHING  
AND LEARNING POST-COVID**

Dr. Carol Basile  
*Dean, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers' College,  
Arizona State University*

9:37 AM **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Mr. Lenadlar Singh

**SUB-THEME: LEADING, TEACHING, AND LEARNING  
POST-COVID-19**

Moderator: Dr. Jacqueline Murray

9:47 AM **Supporting Jamaican teachers through COVID-19  
And Beyond**

Carol Hordatt Gentles, Tashane Haynes Brown, Sharline Cole,  
Yewande Lewis Fokum, Schontal Moore & ONeil Rattray  
*School of Education, University of the West Indies*

10:07 AM **Leading Remotely: Four Cs for Leading Teachers  
During Crisis**

Carmel Roofe  
*Deputy Dean, Graduate Studies and Research,  
University of the West Indies*



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## DAY THREE

September 22, 2021

10:27 AM

**Students' Experiences Transitioning to Emergency Remote Teaching - A Case Study**

Lenandlar Singh  
*University of Guyana*

10:47 AM

**Blended Learning, Facilitating and Leading During and Post-Disruptions**

Nicole Welsh, *UWI Open Campus, Grenada*  
Robert Tucker, *UWI Open Campus, Jamaica*

11:07 AM

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Dr. Jacqueline Murray

11:17 AM

**PLENARY SESSION 6: INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND EMERGENCY REMOTE EDUCATION**

Dr. Lidon Lashley  
*Lecturer, University of Guyana*

11:37 AM

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Mr. Lenadlar Singh

11:47 AM

**LUNCH**

**SUB-THEME: INNOVATION IN LEADERSHIP AND TEACHING INCLUDING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

Moderator: Dr. Mishel Moriah

12:17 PM

**Mothers' Evaluation of Fathers' Involvement in Emergency Remote Education for the Hearing Impaired Child**

Olufemi Timothy Adigun and Prof. Dumisani R Nzima  
*University of Zululand*

12:37 PM

**Online Transition for Students with Disabilities in the time of COVID-19 Pandemic**

Mintu Bhattacharya  
*Gauhati University Assam*

12:57 PM

**Remote Teaching and COVID-19 in Inclusive Primary Schools in Belize**

Candy Garnett, D. Danderson, & K. Curry  
*MoE Belize; Oklahoma State University*

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**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Dr. Mishel Moriah

1:27 PM

**Panel Discussion:**  
**University of Guyana-Arizona State University Special  
Programme Creating Educational Change through  
Practitioner Action Research**

Moderator: Dr. Stephanie Smith

Kara Lord, *Faculty of Education and Humanities*

Angelina Autar, *Faculty of Social Sciences*

Shanomae Rose, *Faculty of Earth & Environmental Sciences*

Lisa Edwards, *Institute of Gender Studies*

Monique Sarius, *Belladrum Secondary*

2:12 PM

**QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

**MODERATOR:**  
Dr. Stephanie Smith

2:22 PM

**CLOSING PLENARY**

Dr. Jacqueline Murray

Director, IDCE, *University of Guyana*

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**CLOSING REMARKS**

Prof. Paloma Mohamed Martin

*Vice-Chancellor, XI, University of Guyana*

2:47 PM

**CULTURAL PERFORMANCE**

Tomorrow and the World Poem by Martin Carter

2:50 PM

**APPRECIATIONS**

Mr. Lenandlar Singh,

*Member of Organizing Committee & Advisory Board*

*University of Guyana*