



## VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

# ACADEMIC ADVISING & MENTORING IN HIGHER EDUCATION: A CARIBBEAN CONTEXT

## PROGRAMME

**Day One:** Monday 22 March, 2021

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Ms Lynette Joseph-Brown  
Chair, Academic Advising & Mentoring in Higher Education  
Symposium Committee

**WELCOME REMARKS:** Ms Lynette Joseph-Brown  
Symposium Chair

**OPENING REMARKS:** Prof. Indar Ramnarine  
Deputy Principal, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** Dr Sandra Reid  
Deputy Dean and Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry,  
Faculty of Medical Sciences, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus  
*“Interrogating and Integrating Academic Advising  
and Mentoring in Higher Education”*

**BREAK**

**INDIVIDUAL PAPER SESSION 1:**  
*Academic Advising in Higher Education*

Ignite session – Students sharing experiences in Covid-19

**SESSION CHAIR:** Dr Dianne Thurab-Nkhosi  
Senior Programme Officer, Quality Assurance Unit, Office  
of the Vice Chancellery, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**Greg-Louis Austin & Cynthia Onyefulu**  
University of Technology, Jamaica  
*“Undergraduate Students’ Perspectives on Academic  
Advisement in Face-to-Face Programmes offered  
at a University in Jamaica”*

9:00am – 9:45am

9:45am – 9:50am

9:50am – 11:15am

**Cathy-Ann Radix, Richelle Adams & Kevin Narinesingh**

The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

*“Adjusting Academic Advising Practice for an Undergraduate Programme to Increase Advisee Participation and Effectiveness of the Academic Advising Process”*

**Sylvia Henry & Sonia Mahon**, The UWI, Cave Hill Campus

*“Customizing an Academic Advisor Training Model: Changing the Culture of Academic Advising within a Caribbean Higher Education Institution”*

**Hilary Drakes-Morris**, The UWI, Open Campus

*“An Academic Advising Model for Students in the Online Environment”*

**Wanda Chesney**, University of the Southern Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago

*“The Student Advisement and Success Centre: An Integrated Approach to Student Success”*

**Malini Maharaj, Roxanne Brizan-St. Martin, Ricardo Lalloo, Leon Henry, Daren Conrad & Althea La Foucade**

The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

*“The Evolution of Academic Advising in the Department of Economics (The UWI, St. Augustine): Towards a Best-Practice”*

**BREAK**

**11:15am – 11:25am**

**INDIVIDUAL PAPER SESSION 2:**

*Mentoring in Higher Education*

**11:25am – 12:35pm**

**Ignite session – Students sharing experiences in Covid-19**

**SESSION CHAIR: Dr Talia Esnard**

Sociologist & Head of Department, Behavioural Sciences,  
The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**Katija Khan & Sandra Reid**

The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

*“Mentorship Perceptions and Preferences Among Medical Students”*

**Dale Miller**, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

*“Mentorship: How It Currently Exists and the Importance and Benefits Acquired for Life”*

**Debra Ferdinand-James**, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**Claudette Medina-Charles**, University of Trinidad & Tobago

*“Exploring E-Mentoring Thinking and Practice for Graduate Research Supervision in a Caribbean Context: A Mixed Methods Approach”*

Margaret Jean Westby, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus  
*“Dancing to a New Beat: Shifting the Dialogue in Mentoring”*

**PRIME NATION: Creative Presentation**

**WRAP UP**

12:35pm -12:40pm

12:40pm - 12:45pm

## Day Two: Tuesday 23 March, 2021

**RECAP & WELCOME:** Ms Kathy-Ann Lewis  
Manager, Careers, Co-Curricular and Community Engagement,  
Division of Student Services and Development

9:00pm - 9:05pm

**PANEL DISCUSSION:** *Academic Advising & Mentoring in Shifting/Vulnerable Contexts*

9:05pm - 10:05pm

**SESSION CHAIR:** Dr Maurice Smith  
University Registrar, The UWI

**Dr Brian Cockburn**, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology,  
The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**Ms Vakeesha John**, Student Representative, The UWI,  
St. Augustine Campus

**Mr Jerry Medford**, President, The University of the West Indies  
Alumni Association (Trinidad and Tobago Chapter)

**Dr Wayne Goodridge**, Head of Department, Computing  
and Information Technology, Faculty of Science and Technology,  
The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**BREAK**

10:05am - 10:15am

**INDIVIDUAL PAPER SESSION 3:**  
*Mentoring in Higher Education cont'd*

10:15am - 11:25am

**SESSION CHAIR:** Dr Andrea Joseph-Hutchinson  
Lecturer, Department of Physics, Faculty of Science  
and Technology, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**POSTER COMPILATION CONTRIBUTION:**  
Start of Compilation

Jannet McIntosh, The UWI, Mona Campus  
*“Mentoring Relationships, Love and Gender”*

Amanda Best-Noel & Alliyah Jackson,  
The UWI, St. Augustine Campus  
*“Designing a Mentorship Program for Student Leaders  
in a Higher Education Caribbean Landscape”*

**Shereyl Daley**, The UWI, Mona Campus  
*“Academic Mentoring in Higher Education:  
Changes for the Learning Organization”*

**Anita Ali**, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus  
*“Professional Development of Graduate Mentors Linked  
to a Successful Graduate Mentorship Programme”*

#### **WRAP-UP**

**EXTEMPO: Camille Renaud**, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus  
*Addressing the Struggles in Academic Advising*

**Dr Andrea Joseph-Hutchinson**, Lecturer, Department of Physics,  
Faculty of Science and Technology, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus  
*Wrap up and Discussion*

**11:25am – 12:00pm**

## **DAY 3: Wednesday 24 March, 2021**

**RECAP & WELCOME: Ms Nardia Thomas-Allain**  
Assistant Registrar Examinations (OCR)

**9:00am – 9:05am**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Prof. Jerome De Lisle**  
Director, School of Education, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus  
*“Diverse Realities, Experiences and Challenges of Delivering  
Academic Advising”*

**9:05am – 9:50am**

#### **BREAK**

**9:50am – 10:00am**

**PANEL DISCUSSION: *Interrogating Wellbeing in Higher  
Education: Perspectives, Policies and Practices***

**10:00am – 11:00am**

#### **STUDENTS' CREATIVE SESSION**

**SESSION CHAIR: Dr Deirdre Charles**, Director, Division of Student  
Services & Development, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**Mr Allister Hinds**, Director, Human Resource, The UWI, Mona Campus

**Mrs Anna Marina White**, CEO, SITAL College of Tertiary  
Education Ltd, Trinidad and Tobago

**Dr Sarah Chin Yuen Kee**, Counsellor, Counselling and Psychological  
Services (CAPS), The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**Dr Gillian Paul, President**, The College of Science, Technology  
and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAAT)

**11:00am – 11:10am**

#### **BREAK**

**INDIVIDUAL PAPER SESSION 4:**

*Interrogating Wellbeing in Higher Education Session*

**CHAIR: Ms Allison Dolland**

Deputy Campus Librarian, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**Karen Edwards-Sheppard**, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

*“Academic Advising, Integration, Motivation and Student Retention at The UWI: An Exploration of the Faculty of Social Sciences, St Augustine Campus”*

**Arti Ramroop**, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

*“An Investigation into Efficient Academic Advising and its Effect on Advisor and Student Well-being at The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad”*

**Jheanell A Morgan**, The UWI, Mona Campus

*“Appreciative Advising: Success for Students, Advisors and Mentors”*

**Keisha Samlal**, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

*“Mentorship and the Early Career Researcher in Higher Education: A Critical Reflection”*

**POSTER COMPILATION CONTRIBUTION: End**

**COLLECTIVE PERFORMANCE PIECE**

Emmanuel Joseph

Kamau Romano

Janiaia Clarke

**CLOSING REMARKS: Dr Talia Esnard,**

Sociologist & Head of Department, Behavioural Sciences,  
The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

**VOTE OF THANKS: Ms Lynette Joseph-Brown**

Chair, Academic Advising & Mentoring in Higher Education  
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11:10am – 12:10pm

12:10pm - 12:20pm

12:20pm – 12:40pm

