



**UWI**  
ST. AUGUSTINE  
CAMPUS

**SYMPOSIUM**

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

**March 16 – 17, 2020**

School of Education  
The UWI St. Augustine Campus

# DAY ONE

Monday March 16, 2020

8:00am – 9:00am

## REGISTRATION

9:00am – 9:45am

### 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*

### CREATIVE PRESENTATION

Shimiah Lewis

*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***

9:45am – 10:10am

## BREAK

10:15am – 11:25am

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

**Session Chair:** Dr. Dianne Thurab-Nkhosi

*Faculty Development Specialist, Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning*

*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***

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*

***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***

10:15am – 11:25am

**INDIVIDUAL PAPER SESSION 2: Mentoring in Higher Education**

**Session Chair:** Dr. Talia Esnard

*Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences  
(Undergraduate Student Affairs)  
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 and 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***

12:30pm – 1:20pm

**LUNCH**

1:30pm – 12:30pm

**PANEL DISCUSSION: Academic Advising & Mentoring in Higher Education**

**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*

2:30pm – 2:45pm

**BREAK**

2:50pm – 3:50pm

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

**Session Chair:**

Dr. Andrea Joseph-Hutchinson

*Lecturer, Department of Physics, Faculty of Science*

*and Technology, The UWI St. Augustine Campus*

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***

**DAY TWO**

Monday March 17, 2020

8:00am – 9:00am

**REGISTRATION**

9:00am – 9:445am

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Prof. Jerome Delisle

*Director, School of Education**The UWI St. Augustine Campus****Diverse Realities, Experiences and Challenges of Delivering Academic Advising***

9:45am – 10:05am

**BREAK**

10:10am – 11:30am

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

11:30am – 12:30pm

**INDIVIDUAL PAPER SESSION: 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**

12:35pm – 1:20pm

**LUNCH**

1:30pm – 2:30pm

**CREATIVE PRESENTATIONS: Voices and Reflections**

**Session Chair:** Dr. Justin Zephyrine

*E-Learning Support Specialist*

*The UWI St. Augustine Campus*

Ms. Camille Renaud

*The UWI St. Augustine Campus*

**EXTEMPO: Addressing the Struggles in Academic Advising**

**COLLECTIVE PERFORMANCE PIECE**

Prime Nation

Emmanuel Joseph

Kamau Romano

Janiaia Clarke

2:30pm – 2:45pm

**LUNCH**

2:50pm – 3:50pm

## **OPEN PANEL DISCUSSION**

### **Session Chair: Ms. Lynette Joseph-Brown**

*Programme & Research Officer, Office of the Deputy Principal, The UWI St. Augustine Campus*

### **Dr. Chris Maharaj**

*Senior Lecturer, Materials and Manufacturing, Faculty of Engineering, The UWI St. Augustine Campus*

### **Ms. Nardia Thomas-Allain**

*Assistant Registrar, Examinations  
The UWI St. Augustine Campus*

### **Ms. Kathy-Ann Lewis**

*Manager, Careers, Co-Curricular and Community Engagement, Division of Student Services & Development, The UWI St. Augustine Campus*

### **Dr. Sandra Reid**

*Senior Lecturer, Psychiatry, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The UWI St. Augustine Campus*

### **Ms. Cheryl Carter**

*Assistant Registrar, Human Resources  
The UWI St. Augustine Campus*

3:50pm – 4:05pm

## **CLOSING**

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

#### **Dr. Talia Esnard**

*Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences  
(Undergraduate Student Affairs)  
The UWI St. Augustine Campus*

### **VOTE OF THANKS**

#### **Ms. Lynette Joseph-Brown**

*Symposium Chair*

4:15pm – 6:00pm

## **SYMPOSIUM CLOSING MIXER**