

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-State Best Practices Conference

## **Culture, Learning, and Learning Cultures: Teaching and Learning in a Diverse Environment**

**March 7, 2015**

Hosted by

**Bergen Community College at the  
Meadowlands**





# Conference Program

Check-In, Continental Breakfast, and Welcome Address

5th Floor Conference Room 8:30-9:00am

Poster Presentations: Available throughout the day in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Lobby  
*Presenters will be available for questions before and immediately after the luncheon and keynote address*

The Value of Academic Competitions & Program Impact on Student Development: Leslie Francis, Christine Mooney, Edward Volchok

Beacon Conference for Scholars at Two-Year Colleges, at Bergen in 2016, and Mentoring High-Achieving Students at the Two-Year College: Dorothy Altman and Maria Makowiecka

Medical Simulation and the Emergency Medicine Lab at BCC: Jennifer McCarthy

## **Session I**

**9:00-10:15am**

### Diverse Approaches to Student Success in Math

Room: 407

Use "Texting" to Increase On-time Homework Submission Rate

Tanvir Prince, Hostos Community College

Teaching to Learn: Strengthening the Mathematics Skills of Pre-Service Teachers

Melissa Krieger, Bergen Community College

Maximizing Student Success in Mathematics 05 (College Algebra)

Jason Kim, Bronx Community College

Moderator: Richard Laird, Bergen Community College

### Creative Approaches for International Students

Room: 408

Testing a Multilingual Intervention Designed to Meet the Needs of the Growing Bengali-speaking ESL Population at LaGuardia Community College

Leigh Garrison-Fletcher and Ruhma Choudhury, LaGuardia Community College

Introduction to College Life for International Students (Part 1)

Dr. Wilma Fletcher-Anthony and Lampeto Efthymiou, Queensborough Community College

Introduction to College Life for International Students (Part 2)

Wilma Fletcher-Anthony and Lampeto Efthymiou, Queensborough Community College

Moderator: Leah Saliba, Bergen Community College

## **Global Politics and Global Learning for a Diverse Student Population Room: 409**

Enhancing Intercultural Skills for Civic Engagement and Global Learning (Part 1)  
Meg Tarafdar and Josephine Pantaleo, Queensborough Community College

Enhancing Intercultural Skills for Civic Engagement and Global Learning (Part 2)  
Meg Tarafdar and Josephine Pantaleo, Queensborough Community College

Teaching Global Politics in a Diverse College, City and the World  
Bojana Blagojevic, La Guardia Community College and Clark Soriano, Senior UN Advisor in conflict contexts

Moderator: Win Win Kyi, Bergen Community College

## **Incorporating International Student Experiences in Learning Room: 410**

Luce World Pathways Heritage Language Scholars Program at LaGuardia Community College (Part 1)  
Hector Fernandez and Angela Wu, LaGuardia Community College

Luce World Pathways Heritage Language Scholars Program at LaGuardia Community College (Part 2)  
Hector Fernandez and Angela Wu, LaGuardia Community College

A Suburban Studies Project - English Language Learners in Suburbia  
Gemma Figaro, Bergen Community College

Moderator: Maureen Ellis-Davis, Bergen Community College

## **Lessons from the School of New Resources for Adult Learners Room: 411**

Re-Acculturation: The Teacher is Not the Enemy  
Jennifer Radtke, The College of New Rochelle, School of New Resources, Brooklyn Campus

Engaging Knowledge Ownership through Exercises of Becoming the History of a Discipline  
Jessica Kindred, The College of New Rochelle, School of New Resources, Brooklyn Campus

Moderator: Barbara Brown-Abolafia, Bergen Community College

## Reaching the Online and Hybrid Class Learners

### Room 412

Design, Deliver & Increase Demand for Online Hybrid Courses

Christine Mooney, Edward Volchok, and Leslie Francis, Queensborough Community College

Techno-Savvy Professionals in a Global MediaScape

Niberca Polo, College of Staten Island

Best Practices in Online Education

Gerard W. Cleaves, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Moderator: Lou Roliston, Bergen Community College

### Room 413

## Service Learning with Diverse Populations (Transnational Housing Facilities and Homeless Shelters) and Group Learning Experiences

Global and Diversity Learning through Academic Service-Learning and Art

Liz Di Giorgio, Queensborough Community College

Global and Diversity Learning through Academic Service-Learning and Massage Therapy

Isabella Lizzul, Queensborough Community College

Creating Effective Group Learning Experiences within the College Classroom

Sarah Maynard, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Moderator: Benicia d'Sa, Bergen Community College

## **Session II**

### **10:20-11:35am**

## Technology and Teaching for a New Generation

### Room:407

Twitter Boosts Student Learning and Enables PLNs (Professional Learning Networks) for Faculty

Maureen Lampel Greenbaum, Union County College

Blogging in the Classroom

Toni Hernen-Brzeski, Bronx Community College

Piloting Cisco Show and Share: Creating and Connecting a Digitally Diverse Video Learning Community

Jessica Fargnoli, Bergen Community College

Moderator: Eileen Fitzgerald, Bergen Community College

## Best Practices for Contextualizing the Holocaust in Community College Classrooms

### Room 408

Why 'Haters Gotta Hate' Doesn't Work Anymore

Barbara K Emanuele, Queensborough Community College

Where History Meets Literature: Teaching the Holocaust in the Community College English Classroom

Melissa Dennihy, Queensborough Community College

Collective Experiences, Individual Traumas: Exploring the Holocaust through Cultural Memory Theory

Johannes Burgers, Queensborough Community College

Moderator: Susan Jacobowitz, Queensborough Community College

## Understanding and Accommodating Diverse Learning Styles and Educational Backgrounds

### Room: 409

Understanding Learning Styles: What Does it Mean to be Smart?

Elvira Katic, Ramapo College

Developing a Research Assignment Incorporating Multiple Pedagogical Tools to Accommodate Diverse Learning Styles and Baseline Skill Levels

Michele Iannuzzi Sucich and Stephanie Herfel Kinsler, Orange County Community College

Universal Design for Learning: Perceptions of Faculty and Students at a Northeastern Community College

Michael Gawronski, Orange County Community College

Moderator: Lori Talarico, Bergen Community College

## The ACTioN Project: "All my Patients" an original, collaborative, learning experience for Associate Degree Nursing, Cinema-Video-Production and Acting Students.

### Room 410

The ACTioN Project: "All my Patients" a quality learning experience for Associate Degree Nursing Students with Simulations in Mental Health Health Nursing  
Claire L. Keane, Bucks County Community College

The ACTioN Project: "All my Patients" a quality learning experience for Cinema-Video- Production students  
Jean Konkel, Bucks County Community College

The ACTioN Project- "All my Patients" a quality learning experience for Cinema-Video- Production students  
Patricia Moore, Bucks County Community College

Moderator: Kathleen Williams, Bergen Community College

## The Blended Classroom - Moving Beyond Traditional Classroom Barriers Best Practices, Resources & Assessment

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The Blended Classroom - Moving Beyond Traditional Classroom Barriers Best Practices, Resources & Assessment  
Leslie Francis, Christine Mooney, and Edward Volchok, Queensborough Community College

Moderator: Mazooz Sehwal, Bergen Community College

## Challenges and Benefits of Teaching With Technology

### Room: 412

An "IP" Grade for IP Rights in Academia  
Lynn Aaron and Catherine Roche, Rockland Community College

The digitally cross-cultural classroom: Exploring student and professor interactions with technology  
Emalinda McSpadden, Bronx Community College

Study of students' attitude toward technology used in the teaching-learning process: The impact on developing a knowledge society  
Benicia D'sa, Bergen Community College

Moderator: Lynda Box, Bergen Community College

## **Diversity in Professional Education: Journalism, Business, and Design Room: 413**

Improving and Maintaining the Pipeline for Diverse Student Populations to Pursue Careers in the Design Fields  
John Cays, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Vincent Benanti, Bergen Community College, and Gregory Simon, High-Tech High School

Balancing Multiple Teaching Strategies and Incorporating Cultural Assignments and Activities in a Business Communications Course in One Semester  
Sandy Figueroa, Hostos Community College

Media Coverage of Race and Ethnicity: Pushing the Limits and Making the Most of Diversity  
Rebecca Leung, Ramapo College of New Jersey, School of Contemporary Arts (Journalism)

Moderator: Mecheline Farhat, Bergen Community College

## **Roundtables I**

**11:35am-12:15pm**

Incorporating students diverse backgrounds into the classroom experience

Room: 407

Moderators: Mary M. Adams and Bobbi George, Middlesex Community College

To Kill a Mockingbird: An Experiential Exercise for Developing Multicultural Competency in Counselor Education

Room: 408

Roundtable Moderator: Ann M. Ordway and Arielle C. Feldman  
Fairleigh Dickinson University, College of Florham



## Paired Courses: Creating a Pathway to Student Success

Room: 409

Roundtable Moderators: Amy Baldassare, Eileen Fitzgerald, Maria Kasparova, Mi Ahn, and Laura Schneider  
Bergen Community College

## Emerging Web 2.0 Tools in the Heritage Spanish Instruction: The Role of Blogs and Wikis in the Development of Writing Skills

Room: 410

Roundtable Moderators: Silvia Roig (Borough of Manhattan Community College) and Francisco Salgado-Robles (College of Staten Island)

## Just Words? Microaggressions in the Classroom

Room 411

Roundtable Moderators: Devon Vialva (Director, Equal Opportunity Program, Centenary College)  
Mona Ressaissi (MSU, CCM, Centenary College)

## Engaging students in active learning

Room 412

Roundtable Moderators: Elys Vasquez-Iskan and Elizabeth Tappeiner  
Hostos Community College

## Diversity and Learning Communities: Psychology and the Cinema of David Lynch

Room 413

Roundtable Moderators: Cindy Linden and Beverly Moore, SUNY Sullivan

## **Fifth Floor Conference Room**

**12:15-1:30pm**

### **Luncheon, Poster Presentation talks, and Keynote Address**

Poster Presenters will speak very briefly about their topics followed by a welcome and introduction of our keynote speaker by BCC Academic Vice President Dr. William Mullaney

Our Keynote Address will be given by Dr. Alicia B Harvey-Smith, President of River Valley Community College and a recognized spokeswoman for diversity in education, collaboration in higher education, and student success. Her talk is entitled: “Sustaining Diverse Teaching and Learning Environments in the Shifting Higher Education Landscape”

### **Session III**

**1:30pm-2:45pm**

#### **Experiential and Active Learning Techniques**

**Room: 407**

The Use of Excursion Papers in Arabic and French Courses  
Habiba Boumlik, LaGuardia Community College

Experiential Learning in Communication Courses: A Case Study from Montgomery County Community College

Rebecca McGovney-Ingram, Montgomery County Community College

Classroom Implementation of Active Instructional Strategies for Undergraduate STEM Education  
Xin Gao, LaGuardia Community College

Moderator: Jane Phelps, Bergen Community College

#### **Returning Students and Returning Veterans: Diverse Needs in the Classroom**

**Room: 408**

Understanding Adult Learners and Supporting Their Success—One Course at a Time (Part 1)  
Mary Manning and Julie Bencosme, Hostos Community College

Understanding Adult Learners and Supporting Their Success—One Course at a Time (Part 2)  
Mary Manning and Julie Bencosme, Hostos Community College

From Combat to Campus: Best Practices for Accommodating Veterans with Service-Connected Disabilities in the Classroom.

Deborah Rivel, Bronx Community College

Moderator: Christine Eubank, Bergen Community College

## Learning By Doing: Service Learning and Exposure to Diverse Populations

Room: 409

Minority's Responsibility to Give up Privilege and Learn in Alternative Break Trip

Patricia Bergamasco, Ramapo College

Learning through Diversity: Holistic Experiential Learning during an Alternative Break Trip

Neriko Doerr, and Tamira Alston, Ramapo College

Gaining Practical Experience with a Senior Population in a Life-Span Developmental Psychology Course

Eva Goldhammer, Queensborough Community College

Moderator: Susan Sapiro, Bergen Community College

## Beyond the Classroom: Learning Experiences through Technology that Link Students to the World

Room: 410

Globally Networked Learning: No Passport Required

Catherine Roche and Deborah Vinecour, Rockland Community College

The "Live Tour Experience Skills Series": an integrated experience, reading and writing event for {Skills} students

Elizabeth M. Marsh, Bergen Community College

Cultural Stereotypes in the Media: A Diversified Online Experience

Esther Lawrence, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, School of Business

Moderator: Dorothy Altman, Bergen Community College

## Diversity and the Health Professions

### Room: 411

Using Collaborative Testing as Posttest Review  
Andrea Centrella-Nigro, Ramapo College of NJ

Making the Business Case for Cultural Competence (Part 1)  
Laurie Shanderson and Ameer Shah, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Making the Business Case for Cultural Competence (Part 2)  
Laurie Shanderson and Ameer Shah, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Moderator: Joseph Goss, Bergen Community College

## Strategies for Effective Learning in a Diverse Classroom

### Room: 412

Cognitive wrappers as a tool to improve learning in students from diverse educational backgrounds  
Elizabeth Lacey, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Applying Vocabulary in ESL and International Composition Class  
Maria Kasparova, Andrew Tomko, Clifford Weinstein, Bergen Community College

The Progressive Learning Paradigm as Applied to the History Survey: A Case Study  
Pete Burkholder, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Moderator: Andrew Panyko, Bergen Community College

## Pedagogical Strategies for Composition Courses

### Room: 413

Re-examining the Impact of Written Corrective Feedback  
Monika Ekiert and Kristen di Gennaro, CUNY and Pace University

Using Psychology in the Classroom to Create a Safe Environment  
Elyse Zucker, Hostos Community College

How to create your own constructive Tyler Durden: Teaching Capitalism in the Classroom  
Sharmila Mukherjee, Bronx Community College

Moderator: Caroline Kelley, Bergen Community College

## **Session IV Roundtables II and Short Sessions**

### **2:50pm-3:45pm**

Roundtable: How to make the environment of the classroom safe for diverse opinions

Room: 407

Moderator: David Brahinsky, Bucks County Community College

Roundtable: Teaching students leadership skills through service learning on a multidisciplinary team

Room: 408

Teaching students leadership skills through service learning on a multidisciplinary team  
Eileen Klein, Ramapo College

Short Session: Failing at Fairness: Perceptions of Instructor Bias

Room: 409

Failing at Fairness  
Sara Mastellone, Bergen Community College

Moderator: Linda Hall, Bergen Community College

Roundtable: Telling Your Story: Accessing Diversity through Folk-Narratives in Public Speaking Pedagogy

Room: 410

Moderators: Matthew T. Jones, Michelle Altieri, and David Pallant  
County College of Morris

Short Session: Tutoring Diversity

Room 411

Teaching tutors to deal with diversity  
Hank Bordowitz, Bergen Community College

At the Center of It All: The Benefits of Providing Centralized Tutorial Support  
Candice Kaup Scioscia, Bergen Community College

Moderator: Mary Crosby, Bergen Community College

## Information Literacy for a Culturally Diverse Student Population Room 412

Promoting Online Resources for Ethnic Studies in a Historically Diverse Community College  
Jorge Matos, Hostos Community College

Using Primary Sources to Teach Visual Literacy  
William Casari, Hostos Community College

Moderator: Sarah Shurts, Bergen Community College

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