4th 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 5th 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)
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 Rolistion, 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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Leslie Francis, Christine Mooney, and Edward Volchok, Queensborough Community College

Moderator: Mazooz Sehwail, 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-Iscan 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 Amee Shah, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Making the Business Case for Cultural Competence (Part 2)
Laurie Shanderson and Amee 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

Notes