**Tri-State Best Practices Conference**

**at**

**Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands**

**Call for Papers**

***Redesigning Introductory Courses in Higher Education***

**Conference Date:** Saturday, March 2, 2019 **Abstracts Due:** November 30, 2018

Bergen Community College, Meadowlands campus is hosting its eighth Annual Best Practices Conference for educators. The theme for this year’s conference, *Redesigning Introductory Courses in Higher Education,* is intended to give educators in our metropolitan region a forum where innovative approaches to introductory level education can be shared. This year’s conference will celebrate the innovative best practices of faculty engaged in redesigning their introductory level courses. Faculty across all academic and professional disciplines will highlight innovative learner-centered instructional and assessment practices used in and out of classroom settings. Student Affairs professionals engaged in the co-curriculum are encouraged to present effective practices for serving students that demonstrate this effort to re-envision introductory education as well.

Participants are invited to submit research papers for presentation, share assignments and teaching demonstrations, case studies and poster presentations, roundtable discussion groups. We encourage you to invite your students to attend and share their experiences. Students could participate in planned discussion groups, roundtable sessions, and poster presentations.

Possible presentations could include:

* Experiential Learning Projects, Field Assignments, Service Learning and Student Engagement
* Real World experiences, simulation
* Active Learning Assignments
* Learning Communities
* Incorporating students’ diverse backgrounds into the classroom experience
* Developing Study Abroad Programs and Opportunities to learn about diverse cultures
* Effective group collaborations
* Use of technology and media
* Learner-Centered Assessment Practices and Models
* Etc.

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Instructions for Submission of a proposal:

Submitting a full panel or roundtable:

Panels and Roundtables run for 75 minutes. Roundtables usually include between one and four discussion leaders while traditional panels have three presenters. Each individual presentation in a 3 person panel should be limited to 20 minutes to leave time at the end for questions. For roundtables we ask for a general abstract, a title for the roundtable, and the information for each participant. For traditional full panels, we ask for a title for the panel, individual titles for each presentation, individual abstracts for each presentation, and the names and contact information for each presenter. If you would like to include a 4th participant as a chair/moderator please include their information as well. Otherwise the conference organizers will assign one to you.

Submitting a partial panel of 2 presenters or an individual presentation:

Each individual presentation should be limited to 20 minutes to allow for audience comments and questions at the end. If you want to have a double time block of 40 minutes for a single presenter you MUST indicate that in the submission abstract as well as the form itself. Partial panels and individual presentations will be paired up into full panels by the organizers. Every effort will be made to pair presentations together that address similar topics.

The submission form requires name, institutional affiliation, email address, a title for the presentation, a 250-300-word abstract for each presentation, Please put the panel title in the form for the title when submitting a full panel and include individual titles for each presentation with the names of the presenters in the abstract.

Send all questions or communication to the conference committee at:

[tristatebestpractices@gmail.com](mailto:tristatebestpractices@gmail.com)

All submissions are to be made through an online form available on the conference website [www.bergen.edu/tristate](http://www.bergen.edu/tristate) under the link "Tri-State Submission Form." Additional information about the conference including the conference program and the keynote speaker for 2019 will be added to this site in the coming months. Registration will open after the conference program has been set and posted on the site.