

# **Tri-State Best Practices Conference: Collaborations and Connections**

**March 1, 2014**

**Hosted by  
Bergen Community College at the  
Meadowlands**



## Notes

# Conference Program

Check-In, Continental Breakfast, and Welcome Address by President Kaye Walter  
5th Floor Conference Room 8:30-9:00am

## **Session I**

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

Service Learning: Implementation Across the College

Room: 407

Service Learning in Expository English Classes: the Farmers Market  
Elyse Zucker, Hostos Community College

The Service Learning Committee and Grants for Service Learning projects

Sandy Figueroa, Hostos Community College

Community Outreach and Community Health Program Planning

Petal Leu Wai See, Hostos Community College

From Theory to Practice in Gerontology

Eunice Flemister, Hostos Community College

Moderator: Lori Talarico, Bergen Community College

Roundtable: Discussion on Assessing Student Learning

Room: 408

The Role of the Assessment Fellow in Institutional Assessment

Gail Fernandez, Joseph A. Mamatz, Jr., Jill Rivera, Shyamal Tiwari, Bergen CC

Paperless Grading with Moodle 2.x Rubrics in Speech Communication and Public Speaking Courses

Jessica Farnoli, Bergen Community College

What Do Instructors Need to Know about Students? When Do They Need to Know It?

Heather Barrack, Bergen Community College

Using a Contract Approach to Assessing Student Work

Pamela Haji, Bergen Community College

Moderator: Denise Avrutik, Bergen Community College

## **Experiential Learning and Co-Operative Education: Educational Partnerships**

**Room: 409**

**Collaborative Design Courses for Undergraduate Curriculums**

Stephanie Santos and Thomas Olenik, New Jersey Institute of Technology

**The Role of Cooperative Education in Higher Education**

Yi-Yu Chen, School of Business at New Jersey City University

**Moderator: Annemarie Roscello, Bergen Community College**

## **Collaborative Approaches to Composition Courses**

**Room: 410**

**Structured Group Collaboration Leads to Improved Writing Skills for English Language Learners and Students with Developing Literacy Skills**

Melissa Krieger, Bergen Community College

**Teaching Writing through Collaborative Learning**

Maria Schirta, Hudson County Community College

**A Collaborative Interdisciplinary Approach to Enhancing Student Learning Experiences: A conceptual Physics Course Paired with Summary Writing via Chapter Summarizing Strategies**

Weier Ye and Wenli Guo, Queensborough Community College

**Moderator: Elizabeth Marsh, Bergen Community College**

## **ePortfolios and the Collaborative Educational Experience**

**Room: 411**

**Starting an ePortfolio: A Multidisciplinary Approach**

Lana Zinger and Alicia Sinclair, Queensborough Community College

**The Capstone Course ePortfolio as a Catalyst for Institutional Collaboration and Integration, Part 1**

Rajendra Bhika, Hector Fernandez, and Nicole Maguire, LaGuardia Community College

The Capstone Course ePortfolio as a Catalyst for Institutional Collaboration and Integration,  
Part 2

Rajendra Bhika, Hector Fernandez, and Nicole Maguire, LaGuardia Community College

Moderator: Gary Porter, Bergen Community College

## Classroom Practices that Engage Students in Collaborative Learning Room 412

Flipping the College Classroom: A guide to Best Practices

Dena Whipple, Director SUNY Orange Center for Teaching and Learning

Designing Effective Peer Review in First-Year Writing

Kimberly Banks, Queensborough Community College

Material Culture, Object Analysis and Critical Thinking in the Curriculum

Diane Maglio, Berkeley College

Moderator: Alicia Rodman, Bergen Community College

## **Session II**

### **10:15-11:30am**

Mentoring Student-Faculty Collaborations for Achieving Success

Room:407

Creating the Bergen Scholarly Journal

Jennifer Lyden and student presenter Maria Ortiz Naretto, Bergen Community College

The “Honors Challenge” Project

Maria Makowiecka and student presenter Stephanie Franco, Bergen Community College

Student Conference Consortiums: The Beacon Conference and the BCC Honors Conference

Anne Maganzini and student presenter Erin Hazen, Bergen Community College

Moderator: Anne Maganzini, Bergen Community College, Psychology

## Collaboration and Connections in English Composition and English Basic Skills

Room 408

Choices, Connections, Collaboration: Combining a First Year Experience with English Basic Skills

Part 1

Lori Talarico, Bergen Community College

Choices, Connections, Collaboration: Combining a First Year Experience with English Basic Skills

Part 2

Iris Bucchino, Bergen Community College

Cultivating Connections with Basic Writing Students in Accelerated Writing Courses

Irwin Leopando, LaGuardia Community College

Moderator: Mark Wiener, Bergen Community College

## Digital Media and Design: Connecting Students to Technology from High School to College

Room: 409

High School, County College, and University Partnerships: Teaching and Testing Sustainability through Advanced Digital Media part 1

John Cays, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, New Jersey Institute of Technology

High School, County College, and University Partnerships: Teaching and Testing Sustainability through Advanced Digital Media part 2

Teaching Old Tricks to New Dogs: Rethinking Typography Education in the Age of Social Media

C J Yeh and Christie Shin Fashion Institute of Technology SUNY

Moderator: Emily Vandalovsky, Bergen Community College

## Service Learning and Active Learning Approaches: Connections to the Community

### Room 410

Course as Event: Collaborative Course Design and Significant Learning Experiences

John F. O'Hara, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Active Learning in an Introductory Psychology Course

Eva Goldhammer, Queensborough Community College

Incorporating Service Learning into the Curriculum

Deborah Cook, Bergen Community College

Moderator: Linda Hall, Bergen Community College

## The Dilemma Group: Working Together to Enhance Our Teaching Effectiveness

### Room 411

Workshop Panel Presenters: Jennifer Aitken, Tamara Cunningham, Jacqueline Ellis, Mary McGriff, Ann Wallace

New Jersey City University

Moderator: Gina Herrmann, Bergen Community College

## Collaborations that Benefit Student Learning: Classroom, Library, and Writing Center Connections

### Room: 412

Making the Assignment Work: A Collaborative Effort that Benefits Students, Faculty, and Staff

Part 1

Michele Paradies (Biology), Anne Sandor (Writing Consultancy Coordinator), Andrew Heitz (Library), Orange County Community College SUNY

Making the Assignment Work: A Collaborative Effort that Benefits Students, Faculty, and Staff

Part 2

Michele Paradies (Biology), Anne Sandor (Writing Consultancy Coordinator), Andrew

Heitz (Library), Orange County Community College SUNY

Internal Grant to Foster Faculty-Librarian Collaboration

Rubina Vohra (Faculty) and Min Chou (Library), New Jersey City University

Moderator: Katherine McGivern, Bergen Community College

**Roundtables, Workshops, and Mini-Sessions**  
**11:30am-12:10pm**

Roundtable: Using an Inter-professional Clinical Fieldwork Group to facilitate Clinical fieldwork/internship/externship experiences

Room: 408

Roundtable Moderator: Laurie Shanderson, Assistant Dean, School of Health Sciences, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Roundtable: Pair Up For Success: Teaching Paired Courses in the American Language Program

Room: 409

Roundtable Moderators: Mina Ahn, Gemma Figaro, Margarita Lopez-Bernstein, Camelia-Manuela Lataianu, Maria Kasparova, Bergen Community College

Workshop on College Discovery Scholars Project: Engaging Model to Increase Retention for Academically and Financially Disadvantaged Students through Learning Communities and Co-Curricular Activities

Room: 410

Workshop Presenters: Kyoko Toyama, Jeffrey Collins, Tanairy Estevez, College Discovery Program, LaGuardia Community College

Moderator: Barbara Brown-Abolafia, Bergen Community College

**Presentation and Discussion: The Challenge of Maintaining the Balance  
Between Academic Integrity and Technology  
Room 411**

Presenters and Discussion Leaders: Catherine Roche and Lynn Aaron, Rockland Community College

Moderator: Eileen Fitzgerald, Bergen Community College

**Roundtable: Enhancing and Implementing Internship Attraction Events  
in Collaboration with Career Services**

**Room 412**

Roundtable Moderator and Presenter: Esther Lawrence, Assistant Dean School of Business  
Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

**Fifth Floor Conference Room**

**12:15-1:30pm Welcome and Introduction by Vice President William  
Mullaney**

**Luncheon and Keynote Address by Dr. Davis Jenkins “Start  
with the End in Mind: Building Guided Pathways to Student  
Success”**

In many community colleges, students are left to navigate a complex and often confusing array of programs, courses and support services mostly on their own. Many students do not see a clear path to their goals, become frustrated, and drop out. This presentation describes the efforts by a growing number of colleges and universities to redesign academic programs and support services in order to create more clearly structured and educationally coherent program pathways to student end goals, with integrated progress monitoring, feedback and support. These efforts are being implemented on a large scale—in some cases benefiting thousands of students—and ideally involve strengthened pathways between community college and four-year programs as well as with employment.

***Davis Jenkins is a Senior Research Associate at the Community College Research Center at  
Columbia University***

### **Session III**

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

Collaborations for Global Learning Opportunities

Room: 407

Making Global Politics “Real”: Connecting Community College Students with the United Nations and NGOs through Creative Partnerships

Bojana Blagojevic, LaGuardia Community College and Clark Soriano, United Nations  
facilitator

Engaging Students in Global Learning: Knowledge, Skills, Dispositions part 1

Meg Tarafdar, Queensboro Community College

Engaging Students in Global Learning: Knowledge, Skills, Dispositions part 2

Ian Beckford, Queensborough Community College

Moderator: Camelia-Manuela Lataianu, Bergen Community College

Collaborations that Transition the Exceptional Community College

Student to the Four Year College

Room: 408

The Transfer Seminar: Enabling Student Connections that Foster Student Success part 1

Asst Provost Thomas J. Grites, Jean Abbott, and student presenters Amber Christos and Marc Nanfara, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

The Transfer Seminar: Enabling Student Connections that Foster Student Success part 2

Asst Provost Thomas J. Grites, Jean Abbott, and student presenters Amber Christos and Marc Nanfara, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

SUNY Orange Faculty and Administration Collaborate to Celebrate Student Scholarship via an Annual Multi-Disciplinary Research Conference

Michele Iannuzzi Sucich , Orange County Community College

Moderator: Linda Hall, Bergen Community College

## Service and Experiential Learning: Creating Connections to the Community

Room: 409

FDU Connects with the Market Street Mission  
Gerard Cleaves, Fairleigh Dickinson University

A Unique Productive Partnership: Collaboration between Lehigh Carbon Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant Students and Adolescents in the Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Program

Stephanie Miller and Jason Kehm, Lehigh Carbon Community College

Think Globally- Act Locally: International Collaborations, Local Partnerships, and Culturally Diverse Experiences

John Zanetich, Berkeley College

Moderator: Benicia D'Sa, Bergen Community College

## Team Teaching: Collaborations with Colleagues

Room: 410

Interdisciplinary Team Teaching: Basically, All That Jazz part 1

Elaine Torda, Geofrrey Platt, and student presenters Anja Loughman, William Perez, and Jacqueline Thompson  
Orange County Community College SUNY

Interdisciplinary Team Teaching: Basically, All That Jazz part 2

Elaine Torda, Geofrrey Platt, and student presenters Anja Loughman, William Perez, and Jacqueline Thompson  
Orange County Community College SUNY

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Teaching Business Management Courses  
Thomas Kernodle and Gina Torino, Empire State College SUNY

Moderator: Jane Phelps, Bergen Community College

## Forging Connections through Technology

Room: 411

Using Mobile Technology to support LPN nursing students' academic success

Carolyn Johnson and Lisa Tappeiner, Hostos Community College

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

Maureen Greenbaum, Union County College

Virtual Timelines and Pin Boards: Using Engaging Digital Media Tools to Craft Interdisciplinary Writing Assignments

Latoya Reid, Passaic County Community College

Moderator: Mecheline Farhat, Bergen Community College

## Book Clubs, Active Learning, and Online Writing: Transforming the English Composition Classroom with new Learning Environments

Room: 412

Oprah's Book Club in the Classroom

Heather Wojdylo, Passaic County Community College

Active Learning: Don't Lecture Me!

Shanetta Cathey, Passaic County Community College

Blended Learning in Honors: A New Writing Process

Brian Seymour and Osvaldo Acosta-Morales, Community College of Philadelphia

Moderator: Andrew Panyko, Bergen Community College

## Session IV

### 2:45pm-4:00pm

## Collaborative Research and Experiential Learning in Partnership with the Community Organization, Hour Children

Room: 407

Experiential Learning and the Hour Children: Social Sciences

Rose Marie Äikäs, Queensborough Community College

Experiential Learning and the Hour Children: Art  
Elizabeth Di Giorgio, Queensborough Community College

Experiential Learning and the Hour Children: Massage Therapy  
Isabella Lizzul, Queensborough Community College

Experiential Learning and the Hour Children: Business  
Sebastian Murolo, Queensborough Community College

Experiential Learning and the Hour Children: Health Education  
Lana Zinger, Queensborough Community College

Moderator: Mina Ahn, Bergen Community College

## Students Mentoring Students: Collaborations Between Campuses

Room: 408

Successful Partnerships for Student Progress: Exposing Middle and High School Students to Learning Opportunities in a College Setting Part 1  
Simran Kaur, Joan Peterson, and Areti Tsimounis, Queensborough Community College

Successful Partnerships for Student Progress: Exposing Middle and High School Students to Learning Opportunities in a College Setting Part 2  
Simran Kaur, Joan Peterson, and Areti Tsimounis, Queensborough Community College

Collaborative Mentoring Program on a College Campus  
Mary Callahan, Delaware Valley Community College

Moderator: Kathleen Williams, Bergen Community College

## Interprofessional Education and Articulation Agreements in Health Professions Education

Room: 409

Interprofessional Education: Modifying Health Profession Education to Meet the Needs of Our Modifying Health System

Jennifer McCarthy and Mary Chmielewski, Bergen Community College

Success! Articulation Agreements in Nursing: Four Community Colleges and New Jersey City University

Joyce Wright, New Jersey City University

Integrating Evidence-based Practice into Nursing Clinical Rotations

Nancy Bonard, Passaic County Community College

Moderator: Joe Mamatz, Bergen Community College

## Collaboration to Ensure Student Retention

Room: 410

Using Student Conferences in Academics and Advisement: So How's it Going? Using One on One Checkpoints in the Classroom

Salena Fehnel, Berkeley College

Using Student Conferences in Academics and Advisement: Faculty on the Frontlines: Beginning Retention Efforts in the Classroom

Robert Case, Berkeley College

Students and Teachers Collaborate for College Success

Benicia D'sa, Bergen Community College

Moderator: Judith Fitzpatrick, Bergen Community College

## **Collaborations in The Learning Assistance Center Room 411**

Faculty-Tutor Collaboration: Math Liaisons

Ruth Feigenbaum, Kaat Higham, Luis De Abreu, and Madhvi Shah, Bergen Community College

Satisfaction Guaranteed: Comprehensive Assessment Techniques for Learning Assistance Centers

Khairia Fazal, Margaret Roidi, John Findura Jr, Bergen Community College

Moderator: Sara Mastellone, Bergen Community College

## **Building a Productive Collaborative Relationship: Combining Environmental Psychology, Biology and Feminist Theory to Design an Ecofeminism Course**

### **Room 412**

Part 1

Karen Steinmayer, Hostos Community College

Part 2

Julie Trachman, Hostos Community College

Moderator: Sarahfaye Mahon, Bergen Community College

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