

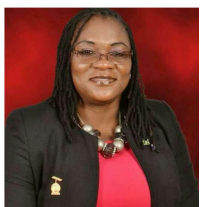


Ms. Petal Punalall-Jetoo is the National Science Coordinator and heads the Science Unit within the Ministry of Education's National Centre for Educational Resource Development (NCERD), Guyana. In this capacity her work mainly focuses on strengthening science education. Ms. Punalall Jetoo is presently working on reorienting science education for sustainable development. She serves on the Caricom Science, Technology and Innovation Committee (CSTIC) under the guidance of the Rt. Honourable Dr. Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister responsible for Science and Technology within Caricom. Her work in Science Education and Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development in Guyana is now being expanded in other Caribbean countries through the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean. She serves as the Regional Coordinator and Trainer for the expansion of the UNESCO Global Microscience Experiments Project for the Caribbean.



Mr. Christopher Fernandes currently holds the position of Chairman of John Fernandes Ltd Group of Companies. Over a period of 50 years, he has embraced a wide range of activities in the field of business management, with dedicated service built on a foundation of honesty, integrity, and hard-work. He has also contributed significantly to the social, sport, and cultural development in Guyana. Mr. Fernandes served as

the Hon. Counsel for Germany to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. At present, he's the Chairman of the Board of Governors, St. Stanislaus College (2005 – Present) and the Chairman of the St. Stanislaus College Farm Committee of Management (1985 – Present); Director of Food for the Poor (Guy) (1991 – Present), Chairman, Catholic Youth Camp, Camp Kayuka (1974 – Present) and Trustee, Shipping Association of Guyana Inc. (2005 – Present). For his outstanding service to Guyana, he was awarded the Arrow of Achievement (AA) in 2012, and the Cacique Crown of Honour (CCH) in 2016.



Ms. Coretta McDonald, A.A. is the President of the Guyana Trades Union Congress, 3rd Vice President of the Caribbean Union of Teachers and General Secretary of the Guyana Teachers' Union and Graduate Head teacher, who has been in this profession for over twenty-five (25) years. She is an advocate for rights and equality and is very passionate about the rounded development of our

boys and girls and the challenges that confront them from day to day. Ms Coretta or Ms McDonald as she is fondly called is a very tactful and self-driven individual, who seeks out every avenue possible to accomplish tasks or goals. In short, she's just a Phenomenal Woman.



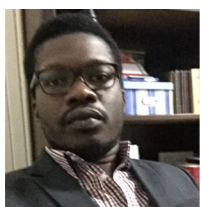
Dr. David Singh holds a BSc (distinction) in Applied Chemistry from the University of Guyana and PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from Temple University in Philadelphia, USA. A former senior lecturer at the University of Guyana, he served as lead scientist of the Government of Guyana Environmental and Social Audit Panel for the Omai Gold Mines Ltd Tailings Dam Failure. His work in the extractive

industry has involved environmental monitoring of alluvial gold mining operations, the first extensive scientific study of mercury in areas of mining activities, and the first scientific study of mercury contamination in gold jewellery workers in Guyana. Dr. Singh has worked extensively in policy and environmental decision making, serving as the inaugural Chair of the Guyana Environmental Assessment Board (1998-2001), Director of Environmental Management at the Guyana Environmental Protection Agency pillar of national development strategies.



Mr. Joel Simpson is the founder and Managing Director of the Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination (SASOD) in Guyana. He holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree along with a Master of Laws Degree in Human Rights Law from the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom. Simpson has over 14 years experience in human rights research, programming, policy and practice. Mr. Simpson has worked as the

UNESCO Human Rights Researcher at the HIV Education Unit, University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine campus in Trinidad and Tobago, after serving as Human Rights Associate at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) country office in Guyana. In May 2011 with Simpson's leadership, SASOD founded the Guyana Equality Forum (GEF) which is a network of 21 local civil society groups, currently, working cohesively to realize equal rights and justice for all Guyanese. SASOD serves as the GEF's secretariat.



Mr. Yonnick David's entrepreneurial seed germinated in New York City, where he started a promotional company as a side job and in months he had a team who found themselves working with some of New York's most elite Night Clubs. He successfully launched and ran a number of other small businesses. In 2015, he also had a longing for home. He decided to return to Guyana when he was still relatively young so that he could make positive

and useful contributions to the development of the country. Mr. David is currently enrolled in the University of Guyana International Relations program, does some contract work with a government ministry and is also a Scout Leader with the Scout Association of Guyana.

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“Education as Freedom: Education Reform & Socio-Economic Development in Guyana”

Venue: Savannah Suites, Pegasus Hotel,

Kingston, Georgetown, Guyana

Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Time: 18:00 - 20:30 hrs

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The University of Guyana's inaugural investing campaign “I Love UG” began on Valentine's Day 2017. It provides a structured opportunity for alumni, students, friends, well-wishers, businesses and civil society to support various needs at the University in a variety of ways. We ask today that you consider this option of support. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/UGPACEAlumni/>

Save The Dates:

Thursday, February 1, 2018

The Second Conversation on Law and Society
Guyana's Borders: Boundaries, Barriers or Bridges?
The Theatre Guild, Parade Street, Georgetown

Friday, February 16, 2018

Open /Career Day
Theme: “Expanding your Horizons: Exploring the Possibilities”
University of Guyana, Turkeyen Campus

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Opening of Online Applications for the
2018/2019 Academic year

Friday, March 15, 2018

Turkeyen and Tain Talks 12 Theme: “Race and the Future of Guyana”

Saturday, March 31, 2018

Race for Pace
Guyana Motor Racing & Sports Club

May 20-22, 2018

Entrepreneurship Conference Theme: “**Economic Transformation through Entrepreneurship & Innovation**”
Ramada, Georgetown Princess



ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

National Anthem

Opening Remarks

Prof. Ivelaw L. Griffith

The Tenth Vice - Chancellor, The University of Guyana

Brief Remarks

Mr. Paolo Marchi

Deputy Representative, UNICEF Guyana and Suriname

Mr. Marcel Hutson,

Chief Education Officer, On Behalf of The Hon. Minister of Education

Moderator

Ms. Jacqueline Murray,

Director, The Institute of Distance and Continuing Education (IDCE)

Eight (8) minute presentations on Guyana and Education Reform Overview:

Prof. Michael Scott, *Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Engagement, University of Guyana -*

Education as Freedom- Education Reform and Socio-Economic Development in Guyana

Mr. Ed Caesar

Chair, Education Reform Commission
The Ministry of Education and Reforms

Ms. Petal Jetoo, *National Science Coordinator - Reforms on The Teaching of Science*

Mr. Christopher Fernandes, Chair of the School Board, St. Stanislaus College –

Thoughts on Reforms in Management of Education

Ms. Coretta McDonald, President, The Guyana Teachers Union.
Education Reform –Some Thoughts from the Profession.

Dr. David Singh, Vice President, Conservation International Guyana, *Education and Training for Environmental Sustainability*

Mr. Joel Simpson, The Guyana Equality Forum
Education for All- What's Needed

Discussion: Questions & Answers

Vote of Thanks

Mr. Yonnick David, Young Entrepreneurs Network

Please join us for light refreshments in the lobby.

ABOUT TURKEYEN & TAIN TALKS

Turkeyen Talks/Tain Talks are intended to be bi-monthly thought fora with the following three aims:

- ☛ To facilitate, informed and respectful discourse on matters of public interest that have significant national, regional, or international implications;
- ☛ To enable the University to serve as a public intellectual broker, allowing the academic, civic, business, diplomatic, and other communities to listen to and learn from each other and;
- ☛ To offer meaningful evidence-based and policy-relevant engagement between UG students, lecturers, researchers, and alumni, on the one hand, and the public and private sectors and the international community, on the other.

APPRECIATION | The University wishes to extend sincere thanks to Resident Representative for UNICEF, Ms. Sylvie Fouet, and the Deputy RR, Mr. Paolo Marchi, Ms. Audrey Michelle Rodriqges, Education Specialist and Ms. Pat Gittens of UNICEF, The Vice Chancellor Prof. Ivelaw L. Griffith; Deputy Vice Chancellor (PACE) Prof. Paloma Mohamed; Ms. Jackie Murray, Director, IDCE, University of Guyana, Yonnick David, YELP, as well as all the panelists listed and speakers who contributed to this evenings discussion already listed on the programme. Special thanks also to several people who have consistently partnered with The University to make this series a success. These include Ms. Ramlogan and staff of The Pegasus Hotel; Ms. Aficia Esbrand, Ms. Trovana Azeez, Ms. Chistine Chowargir, Ms. Schemel Patrick, Ms. Tara Smith and Mr. Rhinold Cameron of PACE, Kester Daniels, Ms. Gwyneth George and Staff of The University of Guyana Learning Resource Centre, Ms. Paulette Paul - PRO and staff of the Public Relations Department, The Personnel Officer, Mr. Jeffery Walcott, The Registrar and Staff of The Registry; Mrs. Denise Braam, Director, Centre for Communication Studies, Ms. Nelsonia Persaud Budhram, Mr. Opheao Griffith of the CCS, Mr. Malcolm Williams, Mr. Kyle Craig and members of the Government of Guyana's E-governance Unit, the local Media corps, and Mr. Neil Sooklall and staff of Impressions Inc. We are also grateful for the work of those members of the University community who serve as ushers and to you the civil society participants who grace us with your presence and ideas from the floor and online.

Thank you!

UPCOMING TURKEYEN AND TAIN TALKS 12- “Race and the Future of Guyana” Friday, March 15, 2018

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Speakers



Ms. Jacqueline Murray is the Interim Director of the Institute of Distance and Continuing Education (IDCE). Prior to joining the staff at the Institute in September 2016, she lectured at the Berbice Campus where she held the post of Assistant Director from May 2014 to August 2016. Ms. Murray is the holder of a Bachelor of Social Sciences in Accountancy; Master of Science, Finance, Accounting and Management; Master of Education, Measurement and Evaluation; and will defend her Doctoral Thesis “Improving the Business Performance of a Caribbean University using a Customer Focused Strategy” in mid-February of this year. In April 1997, she was responsible for the establishing of the Business Education Department at the New Amsterdam Multilateral School and acted as the Head of the Department until 2000. Her teaching experience, which exceeds two decades, was acquired at a Commercial school where she taught Elementary English and Typewriting; Secondary School where she taught Principles of Accounts and Principles of Business in the fourth and fifth forms; the New Amsterdam Technical Institute where she lectured courses in Accounting, Economics, Management, Marketing, Industrial Relations, and the University of Guyana, Berbice Campus where she lectured the Financial Accounting, Business Finance, Cost Accounting, and Public Sector Accounting Courses.



Mr. Paolo Marchi has been working as Deputy Representative for the UNICEF office in Guyana and Suriname since October 2015. Previously Mr. Marchi was Head of the Child Protection Section at UNICEF Office for Bosnia and Herzegovina, which he joined after having worked in the UNICEF Gender and Rights Unit in NY. Prior to his work with UNICEF, he held different human rights related positions with other International Organizations (UNDP, and the Global Fund) and International NGOs in Morocco, Sierra Leone, Italy, and Switzerland. He has additionally worked as Researcher for the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to the Highest Attainable Standard of Health. Mr. Marchi holds a LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex, and a LLB from the University of Torino (Italy). His fields of expertise are children rights (with a focus on child protection) and economic, social and cultural rights.



Mr. Marcel Hutson's passion for education is rooted in his love for children and his desire to see them fulfill their potential, hence his mission which is to facilitate quality teaching in the classroom through continuous professional development of teachers and effective monitoring and supervision that will produce literate and numerate pupils that will foster smooth transitions from Primary to Secondary education. It is against this background that he has embarked on a career in education in 1985 at the Cyril Potter College of Education. Mr. Hutson has a Trained Class 1 Grade 1 Teacher's Certificate, Bachelor Social Science Degree in Sociology, Bachelor Arts Degree in Theology, Post Graduate Diploma in Education Administration and Master in Education Management Planning and Supervision. Additionally, he holds a certificate in the Management and Delivery of Education in Guyana via the Ministry of Education first Teacher Cadet Scheme, a Certificate in Reforming School Supervision for Quality Improvement through UNESCO and a Certificate of Training in Project Management through the Government of Guyana and Caribbean Development Bank.



Prof. Michael Scott is the current Deputy Vice-Chancellor – Academic Engagement. He is an Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) Post-Doctoral Fellow in Governance and Visiting Fellow to the Political Economy Research Centre, Sheffield University (2003). A PhD Graduate of University of London, Goldsmiths College, in Social Sciences and Administration 1995; MA Graduate University of Sheffield in Methods of Analysis in International Studies 1991; A British Council Graduate Scholarship awardee 1989. BSocSc University of Guyana, Sociology (Distinction) 1984; and Grade 1 Class 1 Trained Teacher, Cyril Potter College of Education 1977. An author and co-author of in excess of twenty-five scholarly pieces of work in books, journal articles, book reviews, working papers, conference papers on governance and the public sector; other publications including requested journal articles in other areas of interest, essays and poetry on diverse subjects; and advisory reports for international development institutions.



Mr. Ed Caesar is a Former Chief Education Officer and the current Chair of The Education Reform Commission. In his early years, he attended the Cambridge Academy Secondary School and Queen's College. He obtained a BA in History from the University of Guyana, then he proceeded to the University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, on a Government of Guyana scholarship, there he completed a Bachelor of Social Science and an Honours Degree in Human Kinetics in under three years, a record achievement among universities in Canada. He later obtained a post-graduate Diploma in Education (admin option) from the University of Guyana, an Advanced Certificate in Education from the University of Swansea, Wales and a Master's in Education (admin option) from the University of Guyana. Mr. Caesar has worked in the field of education for a number of years. He's held the positions of Regional Education Officer, Region 10 (1984); Assistant Chief Education Officer responsible for Secondary Schools (1988), Deputy Chief Education Officer (Administration) (1990), Chief Education Officer (1996) and Lecturer at the University of Guyana and the Critchlow Labour College.