

# Schedule

Monday, May 23, 2016

Arthur Chung Conference Center, Liliendaal

09:30: OPENING SESSION (Main Auditorium)

- National Anthem
- The National Pledge
- Welcome: Stephen Lewis (Form 4, Queen's College)
- Cultural Item: Medley of Songs (Korokwah Folk Singers)
- Brief Remarks: Hon. Ms. Nicolette Henry, Minister responsible for Culture, Youth & Sport
- Cultural Item: National Dance Company
- Brief Remarks (The Programme): Professor Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith, Vice Chancellor, University of Guyana
- Cultural Item: Eldorado Verde: Premiere of "is WE own" by Annette Arjoon & Dave Martins
- Remarks and Declaration: His Excellency Brigadier David Granger, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana or Honorable Prime Minister, Mr. Moses Nagamootoo
- Appreciation: Ruth Canterbury (Form 4, The Bishops High School)

Chairperson: Vibert C. Cambridge, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Ohio University

10:30 – 12:00: PLENARY PANEL (Main Hall)

## P#1: Who Are We? (Main Hall)

Moderator: Dr. Vibert Cambridge

Respondent: Tota Mangar

- Dr. Allyson Stoll (University of Guyana). "Between A Little Rock and a Hard Place."
- Dr. Paloma Mohamed (University of Guyana, Institute for Peace Action). "Then Let Them See Its Roots": Tracing National Consciousness Through Letters Published in Guyanese Media (1856 -2016).
- Dr. Nigel Westmaas (Hamilton College, New York). "The Historical and Contemporary Contours of Guyanese Philosophy."
- Dr. David Hinds (Arizona State University). "Post-Colonial Governance in Guyana: Authoritarianism, Ethnic Clientilism and Political Instability."

12:00: LUNCH

## P#2: Lunchtime Performance (The Cafeteria)

Introduction: Al Creighton

- Ron Bobb-Semple (USA). *Slo Fyah*

13:00 -14:30: PLENARY PANEL (Main Hall)

## P#3: A Conversation About Security and Sovereignty

Guyana's top national security leaders and other stakeholders discuss the nature of the nation's contemporary internal and external security challenges and countermeasures.

Moderator: Professor Lloyd Griffith

- Honorable Khemraj Ramjattan, Vice President and Minister of Public Security

- Brigadier (Ret.) Edward Collins, Presidential Advisor on National Security
- Rear Admiral (Ret.) Gary Best, Presidential Advisor on the Environment
- Dr. Hilton McDavid, Professor of Business and National Security Affairs, University of the West Indies, Mona
- Captain Gerry Gouveia, CEO, Roraima Airways and member, Private Sector Commission

14:30 – 16:00: CONCURRENT PANELS

**P#4: The Journey (Room: B01)**

Moderator: Edward Meertins-George, Esq.

Respondent: Vincent Alexander

- Estherine Adams and Shammane Joseph (University of Guyana). Partition or Perish: Eusi Kwayana's Peculiar Solution to Guyana's Race Problems: 50 Years Later
- Peter Ramrayka (U.K.). Book Discussion: *Recycling a Son of the British Raj*
- Rev. Dr. Gillian Wilson (United Theological College of the West Indies, Jamaica). Burnham and Education, 1965-1985: An Assessment.

**P#5: Who Are We? (Room: B02)**

Moderator: Sr. John Brownman

Respondent: Dawn Holder, Esq.

- Dr. Michael Scott (University of Guyana). The Sociology of Race
- Angelina Autar (University of Guyana). Mental Health and Depression: A Study of Undergraduate Students at a Caribbean University Using Two Depression Screening Tools.
- Nadine Sanchara (Ohio University). Glamorization of Alcohol in Contemporary Guyana.
- Dr. Denis Canterbury (Eastern Connecticut State University). The New Authoritarianism in Guyana—1992-2015.
- Duane Edwards. Suicide in Guyana: A Sociological Analysis

**P#6: Science and Technology (Room: B03)**

Moderator: Lance Hinds

Respondent: Dr. Suresh Narine

- Dr. Norman Monroe (Florida International University). Climate Change
- Shanomae Rose (University of Guyana). Green Economy and Transportation
- Dr. Terence Blackman (Medgar Evers College, City University of New York). Can You Hear the Shape of a Drum?
- Fidel Captain (USA). Recommendations for 21st Century Post-Secondary Education in Guyana and Other Developing Countries
- Dr. Carl Niamatali (Guyana.) Guyana Health Challenges for the 21 century -Novel Ideas ...new Solutions

**P#7: Social, Economic and Political Perspectives on Race in Guyana: The Youth Speak. A Round Table (BO 3)**

Moderator: Collin Haynes

- Atesha Christie, Program Support Officer Youth Challenge Guyana Partners (YCG)
- Lisa Punch, Prevention of Teenage Suicide (POTS)
- Ryan Belgrave, Andre Smith, Guyana Youth and Student Movement (GYSM) –
- Cynthia Rutherford, Youths For Change (YFC)
- Allister Collins, President's Youth Award For Guyana (PYARG)
- Kezia Campbell, Benab Foundation

- Maya Persam, Queen's College (QC)

17:00

**P#8: Performance: *Drums and Riddims: The Heart Beat of the Nation* (Main Hall)**

Moderator: Andrew Tyndall

An exploration and celebration of the nation's ancestral beats featuring among others: Buxton Fusion, National School of Music, National School of Dance, Indus Voices, Andrew Tyndall, Andrea Mentore, Mark Cyrus, Deodat Persaud, and Gavin Mendonca.

# Schedule

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

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09:30 – 11:00: CONCURRENT PANELS

**P#9: Performance. What Can We Become? (Room: B01)**

Introduction: Karen Wharton

Respondent: Alim Hosein

- Charlene Wilkinson (University of Guyana). Who is Speakin' Like That?

**P#10: Musical Creativity in the post-Independence years: A Round Table (Room: Main Auditorium)**

Moderator: Vibert C. Cambridge, Ph.D, Professor Emeritus, Ohio University

Respondent: Stanley Greaves

- Derry Etkins (St. George's, British Virgin Island). The Road to Guyana's Sound
- Gavin Mendonca (Guyana)
- Deo Persaud (Guyana). Music and Peace: Buxton Fusion
- Amar Ramessar (Guyana)
- Rohan Sagar (Guyana)
- Burchmore Simon (Guyana)

**P#11: Issues in Gender and Development in Guyana (Room: B02)**

Moderator: Dr. Simone James-Alexander

Respondent: Dr. Alissa Trotz (University of Toronto)

- Dr. Mellissa Ifill (University of Guyana). Compiling Social, Political, and Economic Indicators on the Situation of Women in Guyana.
- Cecilia McAlmont (University of Guyana). Women Parliamentarians in Guyanese politics.
- Jewel Thomas (University of Guyana). Barriers to Young Women's Participation in Politics in Guyana or Women and Identity in Guyana.
- Dr. Paloma Mohamed (University of Guyana).

**P#12: How can we do it? (Room: B03)**

Moderator: Dr. Omannauth Udho

Respondent: Dr. Desmond Thomas

- Dr. Vishwa Nath Verma (University of Guyana). Nutrients in Local Rice?
- Dianna DaSilva-Glasgow (University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago). Upgrading In The Global Furniture Value Chain: What Possibilities for Guyana?
- Tarron Khemraj (tba). Principles and Policies for Guyanese Economic Development
- Collin Haynes (USA). Restructuring Guyana's Public Health System
- Winston Felix (University of Guyana). The Venezuelan Challenge to Guyana's National Interest

11:15 – 13:15: PLENARY PANEL (Main Hall)

**P#13: Contesting Guyana's Foodways: Reflections on Identity, Development, and Indigeneity, 50 years and Counting.**

Moderator: Norwell Hinds (Youth Worker, GuyberNet)

Respondent: Dr. Nigel Westmaas

- Laura George (Amerindian Peoples' Association, Guyana). Reflections on Foods and Indigeneity—Post Independence.
- Mark Chatarpal (Indiana University). The Pesticide Paradox, Biotech companies and Guyanese agricultural politics.
- Naicelis Rozema (Independent Researcher). Multicultural food consumption? Contextualizing the Food Policies of Guyana, Venezuela, and the United States.
- Anan Xola (Afri-Can FoodBasket). Local Food: The Sustainable Food Movement in Light of Climate Change and Food Injustice.
- Arnold De Mendonca (Inter-American Institute for Co-operation in Agriculture, Guyana). Guyana—Strides Towards Food Security.
- Aruna Panday (York University). Irrigation & Drainage: Technology, Development and Identity in Guyana.
- Dr. Wazir Mohamed (Indiana University). Intersections of African and East Indians in the History and Memory of Sugar and Rice.

13:30 – 15:00: CONCURRENT PANELS - LOOKING FORWARD

**P#14: Society, Religiosity, and Values (Room: B02)**

Moderator: Dr. David Singh

Respondent: Reverend Father Charles Davidson, Anglican Bishop of the Diocese Guyana

- Vidur Dindayal (United Kingdom). The Four Questions
- Charles Liverpool (Atlanta). A Just and Caring Society
- Jolana Watson (Ohio University). Decolonization and Media Technologies
- Keith Waithe and Dr. Michelle Yaa Asantewa (United Kingdom). Guyanese Komfa: A Ritual Act in Practice.

**P#15: Eusi Kwayana: "The Great Teacher at Large." (Room: B03)**

Moderator: Dr. Wazir Mohamed (Indiana University)

Respondent: Estherine Adams (University of Guyana)

- Dr. Nigel Westmaas (Hamilton College, New York). "Measuring the Extraordinary Range and Depth of Eusi Kwayana's Prose: A Biographical Assessment."
- Dr. David Hinds (Arizona State University). Eusi Kwayana and the Independent Pole in Guyana's Post-Colonial Political Tradition.
- Dr. Alissa Trotz (University of Toronto).

**P#18: Science and Technology's Role in Defining Guyana's Trajectory: Then, Now and What Must Be....Technology." A Round Table (Room: B01)**

Moderator: Dr. Suresh Narine

Respondent: Dr. Terence Blackman

- Dr. Charles Griffith
- Dr. Patrick Chesney

15:30 -17:00: CONCURRENT PANELS: How Do We Get There?

**P#16: Economy and Governance (Room: B01)**

Moderator: Stanley Ming

Respondent: Keith Cholmondeley

- Dianna DaSilva-Glasgow (University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago). Food and Agricultural Exports
- Ann Persaud (University of Central Lancashire). Public Private Partnership: Ingenious or Idealistic? An Exploration of the Guyana Experience
- Collin Constantine (Kingston University & University of London). Allocation of Human Capital and Economic Performance in Guyana
- Dr. Leyland M. Lucas (Morgan State University). Diaspora Engagement.
- Eric Philips (Guyana). A Just and Caring Society

**P#17: Repositioning the University of Guyana for National Development (Room: B02)**

Moderator: Dr. Mellissa Ifill (University of Guyana)

Respondent: Dr. Ivelaw Griffith, Vice Chancellor, University of Guyana

- Dr. Thomas Singh (University of Guyana). Financing Tertiary Education: A Corporate Model.
- Dr. Patsy Francis (University of Guyana). Exercising Political Control: The Rationale for Autonomy at the University of Guyana.
- Bruce Haynes (University of Guyana). Quality Operational Services and Strategic Support: The Role of Non-Academic Staff in Repositioning the University of Guyana for National Development.

**P#19: Sustainability, Innovation & Entrepreneurship—Mainstreaming through education in Guyana with links to the Caribbean and Global Community: A Round Table (Room: B03)**

Moderator: Dr. Maya A. Trotz (University of South Florida)

Respondent: Dawn Fox (Guyana)

- Dr. Michelle Foster (West Virginia)
- Ayanna Young Marshall (Guyana)
- Saran Nurse (USA)
- Petal Punalall-Jetoo (Guyana)

17:00: CLOSING PLENARY (Main Hall)

- Dr. James Rose
- Dr. Nigel Gravesande (University of Guyana). Rapporteur's interim report

# Schedule

Sunday, June 5, 2016

York College, The City University of New York, 94-20 Guy R Brewer Blvd,  
Jamaica, NY 11451

08:00 - Noon: Registration

09:30: Opening Plenary Session (Faculty Dining Room)

- National Anthem
- Premiere of **Is We Own** by Annette Arjoon & Dave Martins.
- Welcome remarks
- Conference Logistics

10:00 – 11:30 CONCURRENT PANEL

**P#20: Who Are We? (Room 3B01)**

Moderator: Dr. Pauline Baird

Respondent: TBD

- Vidur Dindayal (United Kingdom). The Four Questions
- Dr. Rory Fraser (University of Alabama). Guyana Nature
- Dr. Kimani Nehusi (Temple University). Ancestral Land, Ancestral Memory and Re-memory.

**P#21: What Has Been Our Journey? (Room 3C04)**

Moderator: Hugh Hamilton

Respondent: Dr. Rudy Jadoopat

- Damion Trent (USA). Guyana, A farce of Independence
- Dr. Judy Gleason Carew (University of Kentucky). Jan Carew on Guyanese culture
- Dr. Aliyah Khan (University of Michigan). Estate and Exile
- Dr. Lear Matthews (Empire State College, CUNY) and Desmond Roberts (Independent Researcher). Diaspora Identity
- Dr. Godfrey L Brandt (Godfrey Okeye University). Land of the Lost Jaguar: On Conceptions of Home and Ideologies of Return in the Contemporary Guyanese Diaspora

**P#22: What Can We Become? (Room 3C05)**

Moderator: TBD

Respondent: Dr. Dhanpaul Narine

- Eric Phillips (Guyana). Towards a Just and Caring Future.
- Dr. Terence Blackman (Medgar Evers College, City University of New York). Can you hear the Shape of a Drum?
- Tarron Khemraj (USA) Economic Development
- Dr. Denis Canterbury (Eastern Connecticut State University) The 'New' Authoritarianism in Guyana—1992 to 2015

11:30-12:30: LUNCH

12:30-14:00: CONCURRENT PANELS

**P# 23: What can we become? (Room 3B01)**

Moderator: Gaitura Bahadur

Respondent: TBD

- Dr. Rory Fraser (University of Alabama). Place and Identity.
- Dr. Regina Bernard-Carreno (Baruch College, City University of New York) Preserving Guyanese Culture ( a performance)
- James Richmond (USA). Evolution of Guyanese Unique Creative Poetic Art Form
- Dr. Shamir Ally (William Loveland College) Servant leadership
- Ronald Lammy (Guyana Cultural Association of New York, Inc.). GCA Awards

**P# 24: How can we get there? (Room 3C04)**

Moderator: Ngozi Moses

Respondent: Dr. Wazir Mohamed

- Dr. Leyland M. Lucas (Morgan State University). Role of the University in a Developing Economy
- Dr. Lorraine Emeghebo (Molloy College) Partnership to Enhance Nursing Education in Guyana
- Dr. (Rudy) Rampadarat Jadoopat (New York, USA). A Strong Correlation Between the Economic Development of Guyana and its International Economic Relations.
- Dr. Michael Ralph (College and University Professional Accreditation Services). A Call to Action: The Fierce Urgency of Now: A Blueprint for Guyana Diaspora Engagement.
- Sase Singh (USA). What Can We Become of Sugar

**P# 25: “Beyond the water’s edge: The nexus between defense and diplomacy in Guyana” (Room 3C05)**

Moderator: Professor Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith

Respondent: Colin Moore, Esq

- Ambassador George W. Talbot
- Col. (Ret.) Desmond Roberts
- Captain Gerry Gouveia, CEO, Roraima Airways and member, Private Sector Commission

14:00-15:30: PLENARY SESSION

**P# 26: Diaspora engagement**

Moderator: Dr. Rovin Deodat

Respondent: Kojo Nnamdi

- Dr. Leyland M. Lucas (Morgan State University). Leveraging the Diaspora for Community Economic Development.
- Dr. Lear Matthews (Empire College, City University of New York) and Col. (Ret.) Desmond Roberts (Independent Researcher)
- Dr. Carl Niamatali (Guyana.) Guyana Health Challenges for the 21 century -Novel Ideas ...new Solutions

15:30-17:00: CLOSING PLENARY SESSION



- Ms. RKHTY (USA). A Song.
- Professor Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith
- Dr. Nigel Gravesande (University of Guyana). Rapporteur's Interim Report