

# Mixed Methods International Research Association Caribbean Chapter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Dr. Vimala J. Kamalodeen

We are very pleased to launch the first issue of the MMIRA-CC newsletter to chapter members. This newsletter will bring you up to date on chapter activities and give you a first glance at upcoming events. Featured prominently are nuggets in our history, and the achievements of our chapter members. We do invite you to send in your achievements, announcements and concerns. This e-newsletter was produced with the dedicated efforts of the Marketing and Communications team, spearheaded by the inimitable Dr. Hunt Anderson.

Enjoy reading!

## HISTORICAL NUGGETS

Since this is our first newsletter, we would like to acknowledge the founding members of the MMIRA- CC:

### Caribbean Members

Lorraine D. Cook, Vimala Kamalodeen, Dale Webber, Denise Eldemire- Shearer, Stafford Griffith, Stanford Moore, Steve Weaver, Rohan McCalla, Karen Thwaites, Tashane Haynes- Brown, Clavia Williams- McBean, Leemoy Weaver, Ingrid Hunt Anderson, Avalloy McCarthy-Curvin, Olivene Thomas, Marcia Thomas-Philips, Claudette FongKong -Mungal Lloyd Waller, Livingston White & Nadine Davis

### International Members

Tony Onwuegbuzie, Cindy Bengue, Burke Johnson & John Hitchcock

## SPECIAL NOTICES

**MMIRA-CC Website:** Our CC website is currently under construction and will be launched any day now. This will eventually facilitate easier payment of membership dues; and provide easy access to information, events, affiliated websites and journals including MMIRA (the int'l body) and the CJMMR (Caribbean Journal below).

**Membership:** Membership fees have been reduced to a flat rate of \$5.00 US for the Caribbean Chapter. We encourage payments to cover 2-4 years. Please note that MMIRA membership is also strongly encouraged to be able to access global resources and connect with the international community.

## Celebrating Members!!

- Feb 2019- Congrats Dr Ingrid Hunt Anderson on receiving the 2017/18, Faculty of Humanities & Education Dean's Award for Excellence in attaining the Doctor of Philosophy degree with High Commendation (UWI, Mona)
- Feb 2019 - Congrats Dr. Clavia Williams-McBean on being awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree (UWI, Mona)
- March 2019- Congrats Dr. Bephyer Parey on being conferred with the Doctor of Philosophy degree (UWI, St Augustine)
- March 2019- Congrats Professor Cynthia Onyefulu on your conferment of Professor at the Univ. of Technology, Jamaica.
- May 2019- Congrats Dr. Tashane Haynes-Brown on being awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree (UWI, Mona)
- June 2019- Congrats Dr. Ingrid Hunt Anderson on receiving the Graduate Studies & Publications award for the Most Outstanding Doctoral Thesis, 2017-18 (UWI, Mona)

**NOTE: We love to celebrate our members!**  
*Please share your achievements & awards by e-mail.*

# Signature Events

The MMIRA Caribbean Chapter, in collaboration with the University of the West Indies, hosted an overwhelmingly successful 3<sup>rd</sup> regional mixed methods conference, March 26 to 28, at the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business, St Augustine, Trinidad. In her conference report, the MMIRACC's president-elect elaborated that, in supporting its theme *'integrating qualitative and quantitative approaches: tensions, challenges and possibilities'*, "The aim of this year's conference was to provide a forum in the Caribbean for a thought-provoking experience of mixed methods research as a driver of holistic and multidisciplinary interrogation of the concerns of the world's peoples, through the provision of a solution-oriented forum in which global and regional scholars and decision-makers can share their ideas."



A special feature at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional MMR Conference was the launch of the Caribbean Journal of Mixed Methods Research (CJMMR). Picture above shows its Editorial Committee members. In back row from left are Professor Tony Onwuegbuzie, Dr. Loraine D. Cook (Editor-in-Chief), Dr. Vimala Kamalodeen, and Dr Ingrid Hunt Anderson. In front row from left are Professor Lloyd Waller, Ms. Leemoy Weaver and Dr. Steve Weaver (Editor-in-Chief). **Note: The CJMMR is currently seeking submissions. Send your MM abstracts to [loraine.cook02@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:loraine.cook02@uwimona.edu.jm) / [loraine.cook02@gmail.com](mailto:loraine.cook02@gmail.com)**



The conference attracted some 200 participants of diverse nationalities including the Caribbean, Europe, North America, United States, Asia and Africa. It delivered an artful mix of quality research and academics via presentations, workshops, seminars, poster competition and keynote lectures, hosted by a line-up of local and internationally esteemed researchers; intermingled with fun activities such as steel-pan entertainment, quirky photography, bird-watching, beach fun and the traditional Trini liming. One of the facilitators, renowned author and researcher, Professor John Creswell, who also oversees the Mixed Methods Research program at Michigan State University stated that, "... the Caribbean Chapter has attracted international acclaim. I will always go back to this conference when it occurs and reconnect with my talented Caribbean mixed methods colleagues. Thanks for the experience! John"

**"...the Caribbean Chapter has attracted international acclaim."**

## Special Recognition



Special recognition was given to Dr. Loraine D. Cook, the immediate past president of the MMIRA-CC, and senior lecturer and researcher at the School of Education, UWI, Mona. Dr. Cook was the visionary who spearheaded the team of founding members in building the MMIRA's Caribbean Chapter, the very first of its kind in the region. The photo above shows current president, Dr. Kamalodeen presenting Dr. Cook with a trophy to honor her mentorship role.



# Signature Events



## Awardees at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Chapter Conference



Awardees at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Conference included MMIRA executive committee members Professors John Hitchcock (top left), Tony Onwuegbuzie (middle left) and Burke Johnson (bottom left) who were recognized for their sustained contributions and invaluable mentorship as foundation members of the MMIRA-CC.



In picture above right, Professor Elizabeth Creamer (in middle), current president of the MMIRA, shares a picture moment with conference facilitators, Professors Cheryl Poth (right) from the University of Alberta/Canada, also a keynote speaker, and Peggy Shannon-Baker (left) from Georgia Southern University/USA.

## WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

Workshops are ongoing offerings of the MMIRA-CC Rates for these are **free or reduced for Chapter members**.

**February, 2019:** Basic Mixed Methods Research Designs workshop (Facilitator: Ms. Leemoy Weaver / UWI, Mona)

**Upcoming:**

**Sept 25, 2019/ 11am EST/9am Mtn Time:** Webinar on Mixed Methods Case Study Designs. Facilitators: Drs. Loraine D. Cook & Vimala J. Kamolodeen (UWI)

Posters illustrating mixed methods studies were judged by Professors Nataliya Ivankova of the University of Alabama and Tony Onwuegbuzie from Sam Houston State University. Awardees were: **BEST PRESENTATION OF A MM STUDY USING A COMPLEX DESIGN:**

Sharon Jaggernauth, S. Abdul-Majied, Rowena Kalloo, Vimala Kamalodeen, N. Ramsawak-Jodha, Z. Dedovets, D. Barrow. *A mixed methods intervention study using game-based approaches in Mathematics and Science at the primary level in (Trinidad)*

**BEST PRESENTATION OF MM APPLICATION IN AN EMERGENT DESIGN:**

Ingrid Hunt Anderson. *The Hidden Face: A Transformational Exploratory Study of Covert Bullying Among Adolescents in Jamaican Schools (Jamaica)*

**BEST PRESENTATION OF A MM STUDY PROPOSAL:**

Kenisha Blair-Walcott. *Impact of Collegiality on Faculty Performance in Different Types of Post-secondary Institutions: A Mixed Methods Study (USA)*

## RESEARCH DAYS: UWI, Mona



The MMIRA-CC was well represented on the annual Research Days, February 16-18, at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies. The booth attracted many prospective chapter members from within and outside of the university's arena. The picture above shows students from the Maritime Institute who voiced interest in joining the mixed methods research chapter.

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