



Mixed Methods International Research Association – Caribbean Chapter

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members, Colleagues and Friends

The last year and a half have brought times of uncertainty and special challenges associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has also threatened the growth and stability of our Caribbean societies and the world at large, including our institutions of academia and research. Nonetheless, MMIRA-CC as a mixed methods research forum, is proud to report that the Chapter has managed to sustain its viability and quality offerings for the benefit of our valued members, colleagues and affiliates. As such, the aim of this newsletter is to keep our members and other interested parties informed and abreast of significant events, activities, features and important notices. Since we had foregone the last issue of this newsletter, this issue will also incorporate highlights of events held during 2020-21 in addition to our current ones. On behalf of the Chapter committees, let me extend a hearty thank you for your support over the years and wish you all a blessed, safe and fruitful 2022 when it comes. Let us press forward together with an eventful year for the Chapter and the hope for a return to normalcy. Happy holidays!



Ingrid Hunt-Anderson, PhD.
President, MMIRA-CC

SPECIAL NOTICES

SOCIAL MEDIA

We now have an Instagram page. Please visit us @mmira.cc. 'Linked In' will be coming soon.

MEMBERSHIP

Payment of Membership dues are still postponed until further notice. However, fees will be charged retroactively from March 2021 once we get our payment portal installed. To become a MMIRA-CC member go to our website www.mmiracc.com. Then click 'Join Us' to register.

CELEBRATING MEMBERS!

- Nov. 2021- Congratulations Professor Loraine D. Cook on your conferment of Professor by the University of The West Indies (UWI), Jamaica.
- March 2021- Congrats to Dr. Thisbe Usher of University of Belize, on the conferment of your Doctorate in Curriculum Studies
- Nov. 2020 - Congrats to Dr. Avalloy McCarthy-Curvin of the UWI, Mona Campus on the conferment of your Doctorate in Mathematics Education

UPCOMING

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

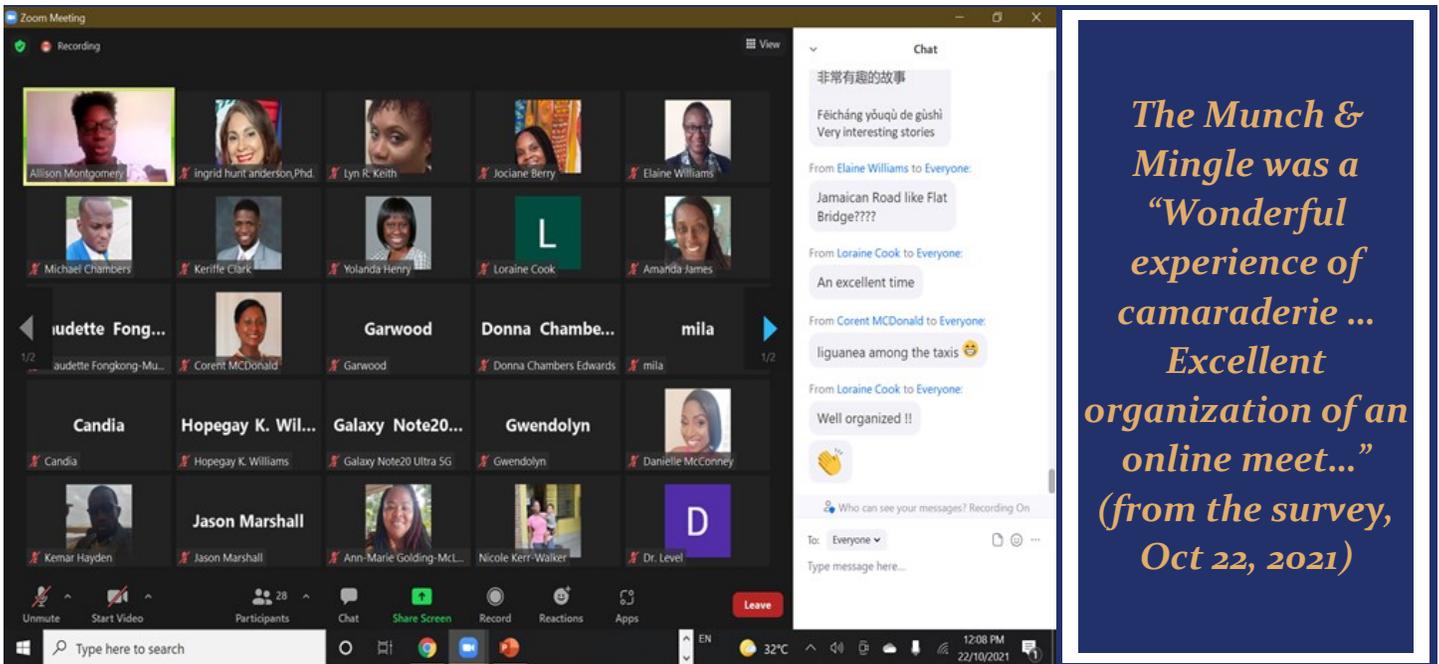
Over several months ahead, we will offer a variety of webinars and research Chulha Chats. Also workshops as part of our 'Cherries in the Mixed Methods' series. The 1st Chulha Chat will be Jan 18 followed by a Workshop on Survey Design in MMR, Jan 26. Look out!

SOCIALS

The Chapter's 2nd social event, 'Lunch & Labrish' will be in June 2022. Look out!

MUNCH & MINGLE!!

The MMIRA-CC staged its first *Munch and Mingle* social (see picture below) for the new season on Friday, October 22 at 11:00 a.m. (Jamaica time). The event was held virtually via Zoom and peaked at 33 persons. Among other things it engaged patrons with an overview of the Chapter, the benefits of membership, fun games, a MMR quiz, prizes and an interactive 'getting acquainted' segment that concluded with a vote for the most interesting person. Kudos to the Membership committee - Ms. Allison Montgomery (Chair), Dr. Lyn Keith, Mrs. Elaine Williams and Ms. Jociane Berry.



The Munch & Mingle was a “Wonderful experience of camaraderie ... Excellent organization of an online meet...” (from the survey, Oct 22, 2021)

INAUGURAL WEBINAR

On December 8, the Professional Development Committee team led by Dr. Vimala Kamalodeen, organized and launched the first Webinar as part of a series of mixed methods research-based offerings planned for this season. Dr. Claudette Fongkong-Mungal hosted the session which was opened with greetings from the President, Dr. Hunt-Anderson. Professor Loraine Cook and Dr. Kamalodeen facilitated a scintillating, engaging and thorough 75-minute session titled, *Core Concepts in Mixed Methods Research*. The Webinar attracted 174 registrants, across 7 regions, 60% of whom were graduate students. 105 persons attended. The Webinar was highly praised for its comprehensiveness and clarity. Congratulations!

“It was truly informative”
“The use of Caribbean research examples was GREAT!”
“Thank you for this very enlightening presentation.”
“Thank you to the presenters ...Very informative and helpful.” (Zoom Chat Box, Dec. 2021)

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WEBINAR
 CORE CONCEPTS IN MIXED METHODS RESEARCH

Presenters:

PROFESSOR LORAINE D. COOK
 Professor, Educational Psychology, School of Education, UWI, Mona Campus
 First President, MMIRA-CC

DR. VIMALA KAMALODEEN
 Lecturer, Mathematics and Computer Science Education School of Education, UWI, St Augustine Campus
 Second President, MMIRA-CC

WEBINAR FOCUS POINTS

- Definition
- Paradigms
- Designs
- Integration

Registration Link:
<https://forms.gle/dvZ6Fr2eTGtVptO9>

Wednesday, 8th December 2021
 10AM EST / 11AM AST

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RESEARCH NUGGETS: FEATURING CARIBBEAN MM RESEARCHERS

We invite Caribbean MM Researchers with **recent** publications (in the last year) to be featured in this newsletter. If you would like your MMR publication to be featured, send the full reference, in APA format with the DOI, if available, to our email mixedmethodsccc@gmail.com. Make the Subject line- ‘Research Nuggets’.

Jaggernaut, S., Ramsawak-Jodha, N., Kamalodeen, V. J., Dedovets, Z., Barrow, D., & Figaro-Henry, S. (2020). Exploring Gamification for Reinforcing Geometrical Concepts and Skills at the Primary Level in Trinidad: A Mixed Methods Pilot Study. *Caribbean Curriculum*, 26(1), 65-98.

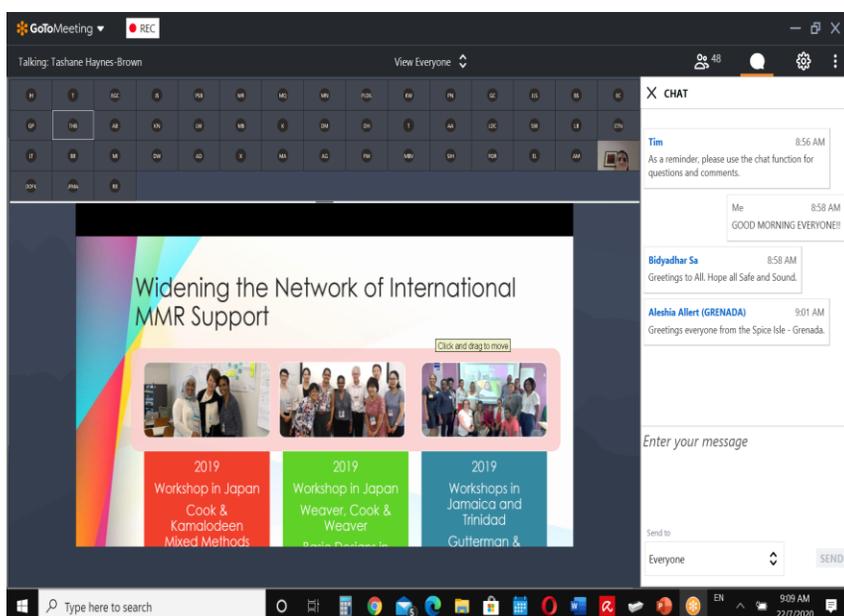
Hunt-Anderson, I.E. (2021). The Cloak and Dagger: A Mixed Study of Covert Bullying in Jamaican High Schools. *Caribbean Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, 2(1), 54-97.
 doi:10.37234/CJMMR.2021.0201.A03

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020-21

MIXED METHODS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM, DECEMBER 17, 2020

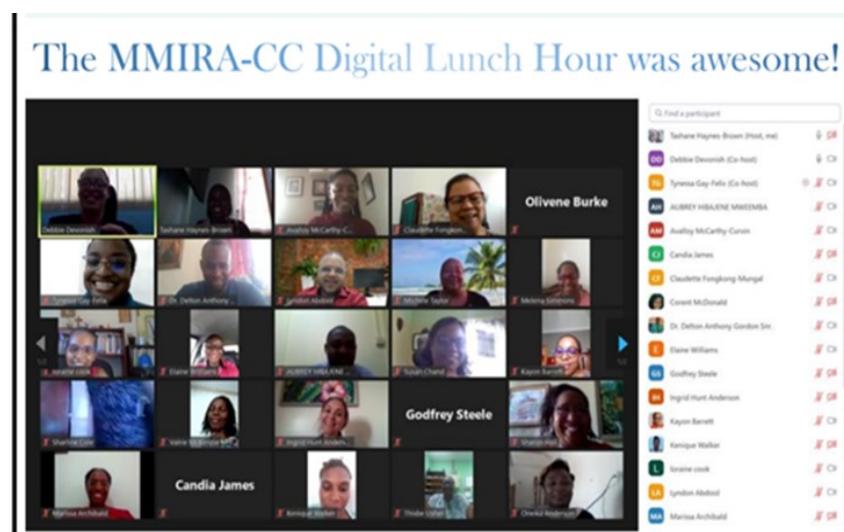
Under the leadership of the past president, Dr. Tashane Haynes-Brown, the Caribbean Chapter hosted a one-day online symposium in collaboration with the Caribbean Journal of Mixed Methods Research on December 17, 2020. The event attracted over 160 participants from the Caribbean and nine other regions across the world. The keynote speaker was Professor Emeritus Donna Mertens, who was joined by a panel of MM researchers that included Professors Tony Onwuegbuzie, Elizabeth Creamer, Burke Johnson, Judith Schoonenboom and John Hitchcock for a *Meet the Experts* session. The symposium also featured two workshops- a QDA Miner workshop, led by the software developer and president of Provalis research, Dr Normand Peladeau, and *Basic Mixed Methods Research Designs*. The latter was facilitated by our Caribbean MMR scholars, who also formed part of the planning team, Drs. Loraine Cook, Vimala Kamalodeen, Ingrid Hunt-Anderson, Tashane Haynes-Brown and Ms. Leemoy Weaver.

“THE CONFERENCE WAS OUTSTANDING! CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS!” (EMAIL COMMUNICATION, PROFESSOR BURKE JOHNSON, DECEMBER 18)



MMIRA GLOBAL WEBINAR, JULY 22, 2020

At the invitation of its parent body, MMIRA, the MMIRA-CC participated in MMIRA's Global Webinar series which was held on July 22, 2020. The Caribbean Chapter was represented by Professor (then Dr,) Loraine Cook, Dr. Vimala Kamalodeen, Dr. Tashane Haynes-Brown and Ms. Leemoy Weaver who did a presentation titled 'The Development of the MMIRA-CC'. This was well received and helped to widen our global presence.



DIGITAL LUNCH HOUR September 23, 2020

The Chapter hosted a digital lunch hour social. The event was led by Dr. Devonish (chair) and members of the Membership committee. Over twenty individuals from the University's Campuses attended the virtual event. The engaging event saw participants participating in quizzes, riddles and thought-provoking conversations. It was an awesome experience!

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