

MMIRA-CC

Mixed Methods International Research Association – Caribbean Chapter

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE From the President

Dear Members, Colleagues and Friends

The aim of this newsletter is to keep members and other interested parties informed and abreast of significant events, activities, features, and special notices. I am proud to report that during my tenure as president, our Caribbean Chapter has continued to cater a high level of diverse and viable quality offerings for our research colleagues, both fledgling and experienced. We have had an exciting, eventful year with nine events to date, and more to come. These include two Chulha Chats doctoral sessions and one seminar that featured Caribbean researchers, five international and Caribbean combined research workshops; and a 'Munch and Mingle' social affair. This issue will highlight only events since our last issue in June. In addition, we are proud to have proposed and been accepted to host a virtual Caribbean Symposium at MMIRA's upcoming Global Conference in August 2022. We also hope to wrap up this season with an exciting social, 'Lunch and Labrish'. Since I will be demitting office in July, I am using this forum to also express sincere gratitude to all my standing committees and team members who worked arduously and committedly to ensure that we have had a rich and fulfilling season, July 2021 to July 2022. I wish to further extend a special welcome to the incoming president and president-elect. Enjoy the highlights below.

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

SPECIAL NOTICES

SOCIAL MEDIA

We now have an Instagram page. Please visit us @mmira.cc.

Also please note that we have a new Facebook page @mmira.cc.

'Linked In' will be coming soon.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are being deferred until the payment system has been installed. If your membership has expired, you will be charged retroactively. We look forward to the resolution of this in the very near future. You may still become a MMIRA-CC member (without immediate payment) by going to our website www.mmiracc.com. Then click 'Membership'/'Join Us' to register or renew your membership.

CELEBRATING MEMBERS!

- June, 2022- Special recognition to Dr. Zhane Bridgeman-Maxwell on her award of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry from Cave Hill, UWI. Congratulations also, to her supervisor, Dr Leah Garner-O'Neale.
- Aug, 2022- Kudos to Dr. Sharon Jaggernaut and Dr. Bridgeman-Maxwell who will be presenting their mixed methods research at the upcoming MMIRA Global Conference.

UPCOMING

MIXED METHODS CARIBBEAN SYMPOSIUM,

August 3-4, 2022

The Chapter is proud to have been accepted to host a Caribbean Symposium at MMIRA's Global Conference (in August) on the theme *Making Positive Vibrations in Caribbean Mixed Methods Research: Fostering Inclusion, Diversity and Resilience through Innovative Approaches and Perspectives*

The presenters include Drs. Sharon Jaggernaut (moderator), Ingrid Hunt-Anderson, Janielle Matthews, Vimala Kamalodeen, Loraine Cook and Claudette Fong-Kong.

***See conference registration links**

SOCIALS

Members, look out for the Chapter's next social luncheon, a virtual 'Lunch & Labrish' to be held soon in July. 2022.

MMIRA GLOBAL CONERENCE, August 3-4, 2022

*Registration is now open

MMIRA Members: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/271261669957>

MMIRA Non-members: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/307228146657>

CHULHA CHATS!!

Scintillating Chulha Chats, sessions 1 and 2, were offered in January and March, 2022 consecutively. The idea of Chulha Chats is an authentic Caribbean practice, that was creatively adapted and organized by our Professional Development Committee, chaired by Dr. Vimala Kamalodeen. The focus of these sessions involved providing a virtual forum whereby fledgling and experienced mixed methods researchers and supervisors could engage in open conversations with diverse Caribbean doctoral students or recently achieved doctorates. Both sessions were highly successful, each attracting over 100 attendees. Sessions were skilfully hosted/moderated by Dr. Leah Garner-O'Neale from the Cave Hill, UWI campus, who ensured that they moved beyond personal introductions and sharing of knowledge to heightened, interactive discussions of research designs, methodology, paradigmatic and philosophical approaches and challenges encountered in the research process, among other things. The attendees just could not get enough!



CHULHA CHATS
SESSION 1
WITH CARIBBEAN PHD CANDIDATES

Sandra Dee George
UWI, St. Augustine,
Trinidad

Dr. Leah Garner-O'Neale
Host,
UWI, Cave Hill, Barbados

Dr. Thisbe Lucas-Usher
University of Belize,
Belize

18TH JANUARY 2022
12-1 PM EST/ 1-2PM AST

TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Are you currently conducting mixed methods research?
You are invited to hear about mixed methods designs that have been used in PhD dissertations from current and past students.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/d2cxNmdKaK6RMiCB9>

For Website



CHULHA CHATS
SESSION 2
WITH CARIBBEAN PHD CANDIDATES

Zhané Bridgeman-Maxwell
UWI, Cave Hill
Barbados

Dr. Leah Garner-O'Neale
Host,
UWI, Cave Hill, Barbados

Miguel Ison
UWI, Mona,
Jamaica

8TH MARCH 2022
12-1 PM EST/ 1-2PM AST

TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Are you currently conducting mixed methods research?
You are invited to discuss mixed methods designs that have been used in PhD dissertations by current and past students.
Come let's chat with two mixed methods researchers about their experiences!

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/Z2zNWmVCVEYugx3NA>
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Website: <https://www.mmira.com/> Facebook: MMRCC2015 Instagram: mmira.cc

*I'm loving the session!
Fantastic work at this Chulha Chat!
Loving the synergy among these conversants!
Excellent presentations!
mixed methods can be likened to mixed farming...
Excellent visuals and analogies!
(Extracts taken from Chulha Chats 1&2)*

RESEARCH NUGGETS: FEATURING CARIBBEAN MM RESEARCHERS

Matthews, J. Z. (2022). Two Different Stories: A Mixed Methods Investigation of Crime in Antigua and Barbuda. (2) 1, 270-301. *The Caribbean Journal of Mixed Methods Research*. University of the West Indies, Jamaica. DOI:10.37234/CJMMR.2021.0201.A10

We invite Caribbean MM Researchers with **recent** publications 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 mixedmethodscc@gmail.com. **Make the Subject line- For Newsletter 'Research Nuggets'.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF 'CHERRIES IN THE MIX' WORKSHOP SERIES

Through the efforts of our Conference and Special Events Committee, chaired by Dr. Hunt-Anderson, the Chapter provided a diverse and exciting series of four workshops offered between January and April, 2022. These were facilitated by expert international and Caribbean MM researchers affiliated with varied educational institutions. Dr. Alison Crean and John Hitchcock, Director and Principal Researcher in educational studies respectively, at WESTAT, USA, initiated the series with a Survey Applications workshop that walked us through the avenues of developing a validated and reliable large-scale survey instrument using mixed approaches. Professors Sandra Shamroth Abrams, Elena Forzani, and Tony Onwuegbuzie of St. John's, Boston and Cambridge Universities respectively, along with an expert team, introduced us to Re-IMAGINE, a movement of new innovations and perspectives in Black methodologies in education. The third workshop, hosted by Dr. Sharon Jaggernauth of the University of the West Indies, Trinidad, and facilitated by Dr. Peggy Shannon-Baker and Dr. Ingrid Hunt-Anderson of Georgia Southern University and the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, respectively, provided new insights, with exemplars, into how a Qualitatively focused MMR study might be articulated and provide deeper understandings of the research problem or concern. To complete this 'cherries in the mix' workshop series, Drs. Elizabeth Kutscher of George Washington University and Bephyer Pary of University of the West Indies, Trinidad collaborated in teaching us the rudiments of how to develop codes, categories and themes in the qualitative component of the MMR that will also advance the integrity of the MMR process. The general consensus, 100% of feedback, was that attendees of these workshops "absolutely" wanted more!

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MIXED METHODS APPLICATIONS WITHIN SURVEY PROJECTS

Part of the 'Cherries in the Mix' Series

This virtual workshop will describe how a mixed methods approach to survey research in education can yield benefits over and above the use of standard approaches to survey design and execution.

Learn about content, sampling, and instrument development while attempting to address for respondent assumptions and interactivity, mixed methods and social exchange theory, qualitative information to help to interpret quantitative analysis, and the use of qualitative data to inform the dissemination of findings

Dr. John Hitchcock
Research Principal & Education Studies Associate, Westat, USA

Dr. Alison Crean Davis
Associate Director for Education Studies, Westat, USA

JANUARY 26
10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM EST/JA

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in collaboration with the School for Graduate Studies and Research, UWI

Re-IMAGINE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
25 March 2022
3:30PM- 6:30PM EST

Part of the 'Cherries in the Mix' Series

Facilitators

Dr. Ingrid Hunt-Anderson
University of the West Indies
Moderator, MMIRA-CC

ALSO PRESENTING

Charlotte Abrams, Madeline Abrams, Molly Kurpis

A Meta-Framework to Re-IMAGINE the Increase of Black Methodologists in Education Research: Integrative Mixed methods Anti-racist Groundwork Stigating and Nurturing Equity

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QUALITATIVE PRIORITIZED MIXED METHODS RESEARCH: EVIDENCE-BASED WORKSHOP

Facilitator
Dr. Ingrid Hunt-Anderson
University of the West Indies, Jamaica

Moderator
Dr. Sharon Jaggernauth
University of the West Indies, Trinidad

Facilitator
Dr. Peggy Shannon-Baker
Georgia Southern University, USA

KEY FOCUS AREAS:

- What Does Qualitative Mixed Methods Look Like?
- Prioritizing Strands in MMR
- Defining Qual MMR
- Finding Evidence of Qual MMR

Wed, February 23, 2022
1:00 to 2:50 PM EST

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP !!
OR
visit our website @ www.mmira-cc.com

facebook: mmira2015 | instagram: mmira-cc
Make enquiries to : mixedmethodscc@gmail.com or sharon.jaggernauth.uwi@gmail.com

Untitled Poll

1. Did you learn from this workshop? (Multiple Choice) *

Yes I learnt a lot	80(2) 41%
No, not really	0(0) 0%
I gained some new insights	0(0) 0%

2. Would you like to have more of these workshops? (Multiple Choice) *

Yes absolutely	0(0) 0%
No not necessary	0(0) 0%

Go to www.menti.com and use the code 4265 3717

What brings you to this workshop?

- I am a research student who is getting ready to conduct a mixed methods study.
- I am currently a PhD student at Utech, Jamaica. I intend to use the Mixed methods approach for my dissertation. So I am open to learning.
- I am enrolled in a Mixed Method Research course and hope to garner information to assist me in my course and get a better understanding of the approach.
- Pursuing PhD in Education using mixed methods for my research. Currently conducting the first phase of data gathering using an online survey.
- I want to learn about mixed methods applications within survey studies. Prof Cook said that Dr. Hitchcock was an expert.
- To gain more information on Mixed Methods.

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VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
Coding, Categorizing & Theming Qualitative Data in Mixed Methods (MM) Studies

Facilitators

Dr. Ingrid Hunt-Anderson
UWI, Jamaica
Moderator & President of MMIRA-CC

Dr. Elizabeth Kutscher
George Washington University, USA

Dr. Bephyer Pary
University of the West Indies, Trinidad

April 25, 2022
11:30 -1:00pm EST
Click here to Register or visit our Website below

Participants will learn approaches to analysing qualitative (qual) data, as well as, similarities and differences in qual analytic approaches across the basic MM research designs (sequential exploratory, sequential explanatory and convergent)

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