

Curriculum Vitae Beular Mitchell

PERSONAL

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OBJECTIVE

To work closely with students at the School of Education, enhancing the theory lodged in the curriculum literature with the real-life experiences I have gained of the intricacies of curriculum policy development, with the aim of widening the pool of skilled, competent personnel and indirectly contributing to the development of worthwhile curriculum policy that can effect meaningful change across the region. Further, to maximise the training received as a teacher educator and honed through the many years working with teachers in the education system in Trinidad and Tobago in an effort to facilitate the current thrust towards quality teaching and teacher education.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2012 Doctor of Education (Ed.D)
University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK
Thesis title: *Understanding Curriculum Policy: A Case Study of Curriculum Policy Development for Secondary Education in Trinidad and Tobago.*

2007 Project Management Professional (PMP)
Certificate in Project Management
Project Management Institute, Washington

- 2006** Certificate in Educational Leadership
McGill / University of Montreal, Canada
- 1992** Masters in Education (Teacher Education)
The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine, Trinidad
Thesis title: *The Relationship between the Training Received at Teachers' College and the Classroom Behaviours of Newly Trained Teachers in the Primary School Classrooms in the County of Victoria*
- 1984** Diploma in Education
The Teaching of English
UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad
- 1980** Bachelor of Arts (English)
UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad
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WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 – present **Lecturer**
UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad

EDCU 6309 – M.Ed. Concentration in Curriculum - Curriculum Theory as Process
EDCU 6310 – M.Ed. Concentration in Curriculum - Curriculum Policy and Planning
*EDFA 5210 – Foundations of Education - Curriculum Plenary
*EDRS 5220 - Project in the Theory of Education

2011- 2013 **Assistant Lecturer**
UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad

Teaching Duties 2011 – 2013 (Current and Previous):

EDCU 6309 – M.Ed. Concentration in Curriculum - Curriculum Theory as Process
EDCU 6310 –M.Ed. Concentration in Curriculum - Curriculum Policy and Planning
*EDIA 5000 - Designing Instruction for Adolescents
*EDTL 5231 - Practice in Education
*EDFA 5210 – Foundations of Education - Curriculum Plenary
*EDRS 5220 - Project in the Theory of Education
*EDRS 6210 – Fundamentals of Educational Research
**Courses in which teaching duties are shared.*

Graduate Supervision

EDRS 6900 Research project
2 candidates for the Masters in Education (M.Ed), Concentration in Curriculum (2011 – 2012)
2 candidates for the M.Ed, Concentration in Curriculum (2012 – 2013)
1 candidate for the Masters of Philosophy in Education (MPhil)

February 2011 – August 2011 – Curriculum Coordinator
Ministry of Education (MOE), Trinidad and Tobago: Curriculum Development Division

Duties included:

The oversight of the design, development, implementation and evaluation of curriculum in three curriculum areas: Modern Languages/ Visual and Performing Arts/ English
The coordination of the work of three curriculum areas – Modern Languages/ Visual and Performing Arts/ English
The development of education and curriculum policy
The conduct of interviews for the selection of teachers of English into the system

2008 - 2011 - Project Manager

MOE, Trinidad and Tobago: Teacher Education and Teacher Performance Project Unit

Duties included:

The development of policies for teacher education in Trinidad and Tobago
The development of standards for teaching and teacher education
The development of a four-year teacher professional development programme
The development of a framework for the National Council for Teaching and Teacher Education (NCTTE) in Trinidad and Tobago

2007 - 2008 Curriculum Coordinator (Ag)

MOE, Trinidad and Tobago: Curriculum Development Division

Duties included:

The oversight of the design, development, implementation and evaluation of curriculum in three curriculum areas: Modern Languages/ Visual and Performing Arts/ English
The coordination of the work of three curriculum areas – Modern Languages/ Visual and Performing Arts/ English
The development of education and curriculum policy
The evaluation of instructional materials
Chief Examiner for National Certificate of Secondary Education (NCSE) English/Language Arts
The conduct of interviews for the selection of teachers of English into the system

2001 – 2007 Curriculum Officer

MOE, Trinidad and Tobago: Curriculum Development Division

Duties included:

The oversight of the design, development, implementation and evaluation of curriculum in three curriculum areas: Modern Languages/ Visual and Performing Arts/ English
The development and moderation of the NCSE Language Arts examinations
The conduct of interviews for the selection of teachers of English into the system
The review and revision of the criteria for assessment of teachers' qualifications (English)

Special Assignments:

Team Leader – Revision of English/Language Arts Forms 1-3 Curriculum Guides
Team Leader – Development of English/Language Arts Forms 3/4/5 Curriculum Guides
Team Leader – Development of the Language Arts Teacher's Guide Form 4 - 5

Coordinator –The Heads of Departments Training Workshop

1994 - 2001 Lecturer

MOE, Trinidad and Tobago: Corinth Teachers College, Corinth

Duties included:

Coordinator – Department of Language and Literary Studies

Special Assignment:

Curriculum Writer –English/Language Arts Form 2 Curriculum Guide

1998 – 2008 Tutor (Communications)

The UWI, School of Continuing Studies: South Campus

1980 - 1994 Teacher 111

MOE, Trinidad and Tobago: Fyzabad Anglican Secondary School

Duties included:

Dean of Studies with responsibility for the coordination of the school's curricula; oversight of the conduct of the CXC examinations at the school

Head of Department (English)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, ST. AUGUSTINE

2013 – present

Chair - School of Education (SOE) Curriculum Committee

(With responsibility for facilitating the development of quality curriculum at the SOE; fostering an enriching curriculum culture and instilling quality assurance curriculum measures within the SOE)

Member - Faculty of Humanities and Education Curriculum Committee

(With joint responsibility for reviewing and advising on new programmes and courses to be introduced into the Faculty)

2012 – 2013

Member - Biennial Conference Planning Committee, School of Education

2012 – 2013

Chair - The Diploma in Education Review Committee – Structure and Content component

2012 – 2013

Member - Quality Assurance Committee – Graduate Studies

CARIBBEAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

2001 – 2005

Examiner (English) - Caribbean Examination Council (CXC)

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

2014

Presenter - Ministry of Education Consultation Exercise – Review of the National Curriculum at the Secondary Level.

2011

Member - Ministry of Education Steering Committee - 3-Year Training Programme for the Professional Development and Support Initiative for Secondary School Principals (Ministry of Education/The University of the West Indies Initiative)

2010

Technical adviser – An ICT Professional Development Strategy for Teachers in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago - (A Commonwealth of Learning / Ministry of Education Initiative)

2009 - present

Member - Education Advisory Council - The University of Trinidad and Tobago - Trinidad and Tobago

2008 – 2010

Component leader – Professional Development sub-component – Seamless Education Project: A project of the MOE, aimed at providing high quality teacher education throughout the education system

2008

Member - Advisory Committee - Education for Democratic Citizenship in the Caribbean: A Distance Course for Educators - Organization of American States (OAS)

Participant – Organization of American States / CARICOM -Training of National Coordinators of the OAS Teacher Education Project and Teacher Education Policy Makers (The development of standards for teacher education) – Antigua

Chair - OAS Teacher Education Project - Sub-regional meeting - Antigua

2006 – 2010

National Coordinator for Teacher Education, Ministry of Education, Trinidad and Tobago

2006

Coordinator - Consultation on Organisation of American States (OAS) Harmonized Policy Framework Documents
(An exercise aimed at drafting standards for teaching and teacher education in Trinidad and Tobago)

2002 – 2006

Member - Cabinet-appointed National Textbook Evaluation Committee, Trinidad and Tobago

2001

Trainer - Reading Readiness Programme

A component of the Secondary Education Modernization Programme, aimed at addressing the needs of under-performing students at the secondary level of education in Trinidad and Tobago

PRESENTATIONS

2013

The eConnect and Learn Curriculum Change in Three Secondary Schools in the St Patrick District in Trinidad – The Voice of the Teacher

Presented at the School of Education's Biennial Conference 2013, UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

The Status of Teacher Education in Trinidad and Tobago: A Quest for Standards

Presented at the School of Education's Biennial Conference 2013, UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

2011

A Search for Standards in the Field of Teacher Education in Trinidad and Tobago

Presented at ACTT's 1st National Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education NAPA, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

2008

Decolonising Methodologies: My Perspective

Presented at The University of Sheffield's Study School Centre of Excellence, Macoya, Trinidad and Tobago

2008

Current landscape for democratic citizenship education: Ministry's vision regarding the role and function of the distance education course in local education policy

Presented at the meeting of the Advisory Council for the Project 'Education for Democratic Citizenship in the Caribbean: A Distance Course for Educators.'

The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados

2006

Professional Development and the Way Forward

Presented at Trinidad and Tobago Educational Leadership Programme Futures Conference Premier Quality Services Limited (PQSL), Macoya, Trinidad and Tobago

UNPUBLISHED DOCUMENTS

2009*Standards for Teaching and Teacher Education*

(A project of the MOE, Trinidad and Tobago: Teacher Education and Teacher Performance Project Unit with the support of TTUTA; Principals' Associations; ECCE, Primary and Secondary teachers; Ministry officials)

2006*NCSE Language Arts Curriculum*

(A capsule of the NCSE Language Arts curriculum produced for the Curriculum Development Division's Education Expo, Ministry of Education, Trinidad and Tobago)

CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**2014***Workshop – Mixed Methods Research Workshop*

Continuing Professional Development and Outreach Unit

School of Education, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

Workshop – Implementation of the New UWI GPA

Centre for Excellence for Teaching and Learning (CETL)

The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

2013

Conference – *ISATT 16th Biennial Conference on Teachers and Teaching – Excellence of Teaching? Practice, policy, research: Ghent, Belgium.*

Workshop – Preparing Your Course for Online/Blended Learning

Centre for Excellence for Teaching and Learning (CETL)

The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

2012*Conference – 2012 Summer Conference - Living and Learning Across a Lifetime*

Association of Teacher Educators: Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Workshop – Writing Valid Examination Questions and Papers

Instructional Development Unit (IDU)

The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

Workshop – Blended Learning: Using myeLearning for Teaching and Learning II

IDU, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

Workshop – Curriculum Committee Workshop: Assessing Courses and Programmes

IDU, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

2011

Workshop – *Enhancing Pedagogy Skills for Teachers*
Singapore Cooperation Programme - National Institute of Education
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Workshops – *An Introduction to My e-Learning*
University Teaching Workshop
Academic Decision-making: “Evaluating Curriculum and Pedagogical Practices”
Teaching Portfolio Workshop
Preparing your Course for Online/Blended Learning
IDU, The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

Workshop – *Mediation Workshop*
Author Lok Jack Graduate School of Business
The University of the West Indies, St Augustine

2010

Workshop – *Re-visioning Education Workshop*
Microsoft’s Trinidad and Tobago: Partners in Learning
Port of Spain

2009

Workshop – Project Management Practices in the Caribbean
The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

2008

Summit - International Institute for Learning (IIL) Caribbean and Latin American Project
Management (PM) Summit 2008
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

2006

ASCD Institute – *Creating the Capacity for Change*
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Washington DC

Workshop – *New Approaches to Policy and Practice for Teacher Educators in the Americas*
Organization of American States / Republic of Trinidad and Tobago / University of Trinidad and
Tobago, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

2005

Workshop – *Using Distance Education and Information and Communications Technologies*
(ICT) to Support Teacher Training
Commonwealth of Learning (COL) / Ministry of Education,
The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

2004 - 2006

Workshop – *Educational Leadership 1 and 11*
Trinidad and Tobago Educational Leadership Project

Facilitators: Mc Gill / University of Montreal
Macoya, Trinidad and Tobago

Symposium – *Critical Thinking*
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

2002

Workshop – *Communicative Language Teaching - Promoting Innovations in Second Language Learning and Teaching*

Facilitator: Dr. Kathleen Bailey, Professor of Applied Linguistics, Monterey Institute of International Studies

The University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

2001

Workshop – *Strategies in English Language Arts Teaching*

Facilitator: Dr. Lorri Neilson, Professor of Education, Mount St. Vincent University
MOE: Curriculum Development Division, Trinidad and Tobago

Workshop – *Instructional Materials Design, Development and Production*

Facilitator: Dr. Olabisi Kuboni

MOE: Curriculum Development Division, Trinidad and Tobago

2000

Workshop – *Curriculum Development Training Workshop*

Facilitator: R. A. Sargeant, Associate Professor, Mt. St. Vincent University
MOE: Curriculum Development Division, Trinidad and Tobago

1997

Workshop – *Adult Learning Principles and Teaching Methods*

Facilitator: Dr. Lennox Bernard

School of Continuing Studies, San Fernando

1993

Workshop – *The Teaching of English*

Facilitator: Roy Narinesingh

MOE: Curriculum Development Division, Trinidad and Tobago

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Founding Member and President of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Teacher Educators (TTATE)

Member of Professional Management Institute (PMI), Washington

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Teacher Education

Curriculum Policy
