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**SOCIAL JUSTICE & ADVOCACY THROUGH EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH**

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“Crossing Borders in Real Life and in Writing”
Dr. Behar presents a wide-ranging presentation, mixing poems, stories, and images, as she shares her journey from Cuban immigrant child to award-winning cultural anthropologist and writer. In the course of discussing her personal experiences, she will reflect on how she has crossed borders in her writing, moving between autobiography, ethnography, and fiction to do justice to the heart-opening encounters she has had with people in Spain, Mexico, and Cuba who have allowed her to witness their lives.

“Critical theory, Curriculum and Social Justice: Paulo Freire and Contemporary Issues”
The school curriculum is most often mandated by federal, state, and local educational systems rather than determined by the school stakeholders of a community, as Freire (1993) advocates. Today, a significant vision of schooling is challenging the current order of curriculum practice. This view focuses on school as a liberating agency, grounded in the belief that access to information through education—and thinking critically about this information—will educate an individual in becoming capable of making independent decisions. In the context of the emergence of critical theory, Paulo Freire is the key proponent of a school curriculum which promotes social justice. These powerful arguments for designing teaching practices and contemporary curriculum will be examined and discussed in this presentation.
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Ruth Behar was born in Havana, Cuba and moved to New York with her family when she was a child. She received her B.A. in the College of Letters from Wesleyan University, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology from Princeton University. She is the Victor Haim Perera Collegiate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Michigan. Among her honors, she is the recipient of a MacArthur “Genius” Award, a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, and a Distinguished Alumna Award from Wesleyan University. Ruth is well known for her humanistic and poetic approach to understanding identity, immigration, and the search for home in our global era. As much a provocative scholar as a creative writer, Ruth is also been known for her essays, poetry, and fiction. Collections of her poems have published in Spanish and English bilingual editions with Ediciones Vigía, an artisanal press in Matanzas, Cuba.

Verônica Gesser, earned her BA degree from the Regional University of Blumenau in Santa Catarina, Brazil in Pedagogy. She continued her studies and earned an MS at São Paulo Catholic University, Brazil in Curriculum and Supervision. It was while working on her Master’s degree that Veronica had the privilege of studying with Paolo Freire. She developed an interest in the area of curriculum and instruction, specifically dealing with the impact of public policy. This led her to pursue her doctoral degree in the United States at Florida International University in the area of Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in Instructional Leadership. Research has been an important part of her academic life and she is currently a Professor and Vice-Chair of the Graduate School of Education for both the Master’s and the PhD Programs at UNIVALI in Brazil. Veronica is a visiting professor at Barry University.
Fostering Professional Growth: From Beginning Teacher to Teacher Leader

Jennie Ricketts-Duncan, Ph.D., Barry University
Sherian Demetrius, Ph.D., Miami-Dade County Public Schools

The road to becoming a teacher leader starts at the beginning teacher stage. Along with this quest is the need for greater understanding of practices that support development of teacher leaders. This research proposes that participation in professional development helps foster development of the teacher leader. Findings from two research studies provide a clearer understanding of what defines a teacher leader, the concepts of beginning teachers and teacher leaders’ self-efficacy, and commonalities as manifested in their practice.

The Critical Factors That Influence Faculty Attitudes and Perceptions of Teaching English as Second Language Nursing Students

Traci J. Starkey, Ph.D., RN, Barry University

English as second language students often encounter cultural and language barriers that impede their success in nursing programs. The grounded theory method was used to explore the attitudes and perceptions of nurse faculty. A theoretical framework was developed that explains the interactive processes involved in teaching these students.
Exploring Deep Vocabulary in the Early Years: Learner Literacy Achievement in Action
Lianna Mendez-Bonner, Barry University
Students who are from low socio-economic and cultural background do not always possess adequate vocabulary to enable them to have a voice in academic and social contexts. This research advocates for a more conscious effort and critical awareness of pedagogical knowledge that provides deep vocabulary instruction to these vulnerable students though action research in the classroom.

Gardening: An Effective Alternative to Dwindling Electives in 2nd Grade
Cheryl A. Clarke, Barry University
Excluding electives in the primary grades produces unmotivated, academically poor performing students. Gardening uses skills embraced by the Common Core mandate and produces similar affect as traditional electives. Data analysis supports research so the educator can create opportunities that benefit each student while addressing benchmarks.

How Primary Teachers Make Assessment Decisions For English Language Learners. A Phenomenological Case Study
Dalia Garcia, Barry University
Many U.S. school districts continue to struggle to address persistent achievement gaps between increasing numbers of English language learners (ELLs) and their native-English-speaking counterparts.

Holocaust Education and Citizenship Values
Ivana Fredotovic, Barry University
Sashay Goodletty, Barry University
Gerene K. Starratt, Ph.D., Barry University
Current research on Holocaust education and its contribution to the development of students’ citizenship values has yielded mixed and limited findings. This presentation will address the development of a study to investigate the relationship between Holocaust education and middle school students’ citizenship values using a survey methodology approach.

Decision Making in the Dissolution Stage of a Protest Movement: A Case Study of Occupy Miami
Charles Scurr, Barry University
The purpose of this qualitative research project is to study decision making in the dissolution stage of a protest movement using the 2011-2012 Occupy Miami Protest as a case study.
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Preliminary Findings from a Phenomenological Study of the Benefits of Consensual Non-monogamy Amongst Married Couples

Julie Blunkosky, Barry University

Little is known about the lives of married couples who engage in alternative sexual relationships. This session presents findings from a phenomenological study of the benefits of consensual non-monogamy amongst married couples who swing. Implications for gaining awareness of personal bias when interacting with this population are discussed.

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The Scarlet Letter of Counseling

Tanya Willson, Barry University

Despite evidence of a growing population of people who do not identify with any religion, the counseling field has not begun research on how to serve this group. By identifying the unique needs of this group, counselors can learn to address the counseling and social justice needs of the non-religious.

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Opportunities for Student Researchers in a Community-based Education Research Collaborative: South Florida Education Research Alliance (SFERA)

Panelists:
Gerene K. Starratt, Barry University
Lauren Shure, Barry University
Isadore Newman, Florida International University
Linda Bliss, Florida Atlantic University
Maria R. Lugas, Nova Southeastern University
Mirlenda Noelliste, Barry University
Philomena Marinaccio, Florida Atlantic University
Steve J. Rios, Florida Atlantic University
Russell Clement, Broward County Public Schools
Richard Baum, Broward County Public Schools

Providing hands-on research experience for graduate students is a goal of the South Florida Education Research Alliance (SFERA), a local community-based education research collaborative. The panel will discuss current student community research, planning (including a lab manual in development), and lessons learned in navigating the logistics of this unique initiative.
Global Citizenship Begins in Preschool: How Implementing Visible Thinking and Global Thinking Routines Nurtures Empathy in Young Children

Presenters:

Daniela Fenu-Foerch, Florida International University
Michelle Estarellas, The Joy of Learning Educational Center
Paula Luzzi Panno, The Joy of Learning Educational Center

This workshop offers opportunities to analyze how thinking routines and global thinking routines engage preschoolers in the nurturing of global habits of mind that enables them to listen with empathy and think flexibly as they attempt to see the world through the perspectives of others. In this presentation special emphasis will be given to how preschoolers become aware of their own emotions, how to manage their emotions, and the emotions of others in the classroom. We will also discuss how they learn about the relationship between the brain and the mind.

Global Perspectives: The Impact of Research on International Public Policy

Presenter:

Dr. Veronica Gesser,
Coordenação Institucional Pibid Univali, Brazil
Visiting Professor, Barry University

Global initiatives in education create opportunities for researchers to share information and collaborate in establishing networks for advocacy. By developing and supporting cross-cultural awareness in the area of education, there is an opportunity to recognize that global issues can be addressed in a coordinated effort to impact International Public Policy.

The IRB Process: What Novice Researchers Need to Know

Presenters:

Regina M. Williams, Barry University
Stephanie Auguste, Barry University
Michelle Aznarez, Barry University

Novice researchers seldom understand the intricacies of the IRB process. This workshop will share with students the IRB protocol submission process necessary to conducting research involving human participants. Workshop presenters will share personal experiences, and engage participants through various exercises important to understanding and completing the process.
Panel Session 1

Barry Curriculum and Instruction Doctoral Students' Research Development Experiences

Panelists:
Jennifer Mirabal, Barry University
Ruben Caceres, Barry University
Olena Drozd, Barry University
Dalia Garcia, Barry University
Anita Prabhakar, Barry University
Mark Rosenkrantz, Miami-Dade Public Schools

A panel discussion of senior PhD students will discuss their past and future research as well as the opportunities for research in the Barry doctoral program. The presenters will address a number of topics including developing a research agenda, preparing for Comprehensive Exams, and the dissertation process. The panelists are at different points in their doctoral degree program and seek to mentor colleagues as they journey through the program.

Breakout Session 3-C

Exploring the World of Literacy in the RTI Environment

Joyce V.W. Warner, Ed.D, Barry University
Lois K. Haid, Ph.D., Barry University

This research focused on the results of interviews which investigated the knowledge and implementation of RTI among practitioners and educational leaders. Implicit in this investigation is the question: What are challenges faced and the concerns and issues between perceived knowledge and appropriate implementation in relation to RTI implementation? This presentation will provide information regarding these discrepancies so that experts can help those in the trenches to be effective. Anticipate a Q&A section.
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Art Education and New Standardized Assessment Policy

Mark Rosenkrantz, Miami-Dade Public Schools

Due to art education policy changes, a group of art teachers participated in the construction and review of standardized test items. A researcher conducted participant interviews to examine how this experience mediated the participant’s conceptions of teaching art. Narrative analysis uncovered challenges during the experience and changes in teaching practices.

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International Students’ Identity Construction through Discourse

Anita Prabhakar, Barry University

International students from non-native English speaking countries, struggle with their language skills and are at risk of feeling disconnected from the society, marginalized, excluded and less empowered. This study uses a phenomenological approach to understand how international students construct their academic identity and focus on the role that language, power and discourse play. This study will give voice to international students and inform academia on making curricular changes.

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The Effects and Social Injustice of High Stakes Testing Used for Grade Retention of Third Grade Students - Including Students with Disabilities

Vanady A. Daniels, Barry University

Problem Statement: Florida’s 3rd grade retention policy has emotional effects on students and parents. This was a qualitative research study using the phenomenological approach. The study revealed that students and parents experience emotional stress when retained. There is an implication for further study of Florida’s retention policy for 3rd graders.

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Journey toward Self-Determination: Voices of Students with Learning Disabilities Pursuing STEM Careers

Michelle Aznarez, M.S., Barry University

Students with disabilities are critically underrepresented in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The purpose of this narrative inquiry is to explore and tell the story of how students with learning disabilities are engaged in STEM through examination of their perceptions, self-determination and interest in the STEM pipeline.
Introducing Visual Thinking Strategies to Teachers: Collaborative Action Research in a Low Performing High School

Mark Rosenkrantz, Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Jill Farrell, Ed.D., Barry University
Carter Winkle, Ph.D., Barry University

A research team initiated a Visual Thinking Strategies learning community at a local high school. The team conducted collaborative action research (LaBoskey, 2004) to examine how their relationships influenced teaching, learning, and their practice as professional development facilitators. Visual arts media were used to analyze and represent the findings.

Using Culture in the Mathematics Classroom?

Regina M. Williams, Barry University

Can culture be used to enhance student learning experiences? This session will share the results of an exploratory study involving mathematics teachers and their views on culture in mathematics. Topics such as defining culture, individual introspection on culture, the shaping of learning and instruction by culture will also be discussed.

Parents’ Experiences When Raising a Child with Severe Cognitive and Physical Disabilities

Valerie G. Scott, Ed.S., Barry University

This qualitative study focuses on the experiences of parents who have a child with severe cognitive and physical disabilities. The findings indicate that while the birth of a child with severe disabilities is definitely a challenge, many families are able to adjust and successfully manage their life long challenges.

Accommodating Students with Disabilities in the General Education Classroom: A Case Study

Jennifer Mirabal, Barry University

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) has increased the demand to educate students with disabilities in the general education classroom. This movement has forced general education teachers to diversify their classrooms to meet the needs of their students. This case study seeks to examine the instructional adaptations employed by general education teachers to accommodate students with disabilities. In addition, the study will examine the collaborative efforts made by the general and special education teachers to meet the individual students’ needs. Data sources include one hour classroom observations and interviews with the general and special education teachers. The presentation will include a description of the research design, data collection and analysis methods. Any findings, limitations, and implications to date will be presented.
Lunch will be provided
Landon Student Union Building
Roussell Dining Hall 2nd Floor

Meals tickets are enclosed with your badge

Breakout Session 2-C 11:00am—11:50am
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Closing the Academic Achievement Gap for Black Males
Stephanie Auguste, Barry University
Gerene Starratt, Ph.D., Barry University

In Florida, Black male students have the lowest high school graduation rates when compared to their peers of other gender/ethnic groups. This study contributes to the understanding of how peer mentoring programs can address the achievement gap between Black males and their peers.

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Research to Practice: Developing a Multi-Tiered Parent Education Model
Lisa Spencer Hoo, Ph.D., School Board of Broward County

This presentation reviews a study of mothers’ parenting relationships to provide insights into developing a multi-tiered parenting education and training model specifically for parents of elementary-age children with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and specific learning disabilities (SLD) within the context of a public school system.
### Workshop Session 2-A
#### Powers 166-A

11:00am—11:50am

**Using NVivo to Code Qualitative Data**

Presenter:
Ruth Ban, Ph.D., Barry University

This workshop begins with a discussion of the coding process in qualitative data analysis. Then, the use of NVivo will be demonstrated and examples will be offered from the presenter’s research. Participants will be invited to share their experiences with the software and qualitative data analysis.

### Workshop Session 2-B
#### Powers 166-B

11:00am—11:50am

**So You Want to Go to Graduate School?**

Presenter:
Betsy Thomas, Barry University

Barry University’s graduate programs can broaden your teaching and leadership expertise and career opportunities. Our masters, specialists, and doctoral programs are designed for the working professional. In this session, attendees will be able to learn about Barry’s graduate programs in education, tuition discounts for educators, simple admissions processes, and financial aid opportunities.

### Panel Session 2
#### Powers 166-C

11:00am—11:50am

**Panel**

**Expanding Educational Opportunities through Partnerships**

Panelists:
Roxanne S. Davies, Ph.D., Barry University
Greta Moncayo, Barry University
Carlos Viera, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Research suggests that community-based educational partnerships offer numerous opportunities to enhance educational quality, but they do not happen easily and are difficult to sustain over time. This panel presentation will share the initial steps, action taken, and lessons learned during the development of a Community Learning Partnership from a variety of perspectives.