



# LET US DREAM 2020

## TRIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Connecting Local Communities and Service Initiatives  
Through Global Networking  
November 20 - 22, 2020



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# LET US DREAM

## Empowering Communities

### HISTORY

The LET US DREAM Conference was launched in 2017 at Louisiana Tech University. The purpose of that first annual conference was to provide a forum for professionals, scholars, researchers, and post-secondary students to share experiences, activities, challenges, and achievements in their respective efforts to foster community improvement. The 2017 conference was a great success, featuring prominent keynote speakers, three separate panel discussions pertaining to the fields of Education, Health, and Social Service, and numerous organizational table presentations. The conference witnessed an enthusiastic turnout of about 200 attendees.

Over the past few years, the Let Us Dream Conference sites have expanded to include three additional localities. Moreover, the Let Us Dream Conference has evolved to include not only annual locally-hosted events, but now an international one as well. This year will mark the first **Triennial International 2020 Let Us Dream Conference**. Whereas the focus of the ongoing annual local conferences is to foster networking and community-improvement collaboration within specific communities, this year's international conference will provide a transnational forum for global networking and collaboration. The international conference offers an opportunity to explore and share the many and varied community-service possibilities and intervention models, as well as volunteer opportunities for younger and older generations. The primary intent is to create an inclusive, diverse, cross-cultural environment for sharing and growth through community improvement discourse among scholars, practitioners, and volunteers of all ages.

### VISION

**Empowering local communities for sustainable global impact and improvement.**

### MISSION

- To improve international networking and collaboration among all those interested in community improvement organizations and programs;
- To promote volunteerism and empower all those involved in local and global community improvement organizations and initiatives, including employees, volunteers, post-secondary students, researchers, and practitioners;
- To create a professional learning global community dedicated to improving local communities characterized by a diverse and inclusive culture of shared researcher and practitioner knowledge, skills, theories, and best practices.



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### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Date: Nov 20-22, 2020**

**Time: 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM (IST)**

- Welcome 03 Mins
- Official opening 05 Mins
- Opening keynote 25 Mins
- Panel breakout 40 Mins
- Unsung heroes 20 Mins
- Closing keynote 25 Mins
- Closing remarks 05 Mins
- Virtual Music Band 10 Mins





# DAY 1 EDUCATION

Friday, November 20, 2020

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM IST

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Opening Address

**DR. LESLIE K. GUICE**

**President, Louisiana Tech University, USA**

Time: 7:05 PM IST

Opening Keynote  
**DR. ANTHONY NORMORE**  
Professor Emeritus, California State  
University, Dominguez Hills, California, USA

Time: 7:12PM IST



Closing Keynote

**MS. BRINDA ADIGE**

**Director, Global Concerns India, India**

Time: 8:45PM IST

Closing Address  
**MR. RICHARD GALLOT**  
President, Grambling State University, USA

Time: 9:12PM IST





# PANEL DISCUSSION

DAY 1 | Nov 20, 2020  
7:40 PM IST

## EDUCATION PANEL 1 SPECIAL EDUCATION AND ONLINE CURRICULUM ACCESS



Moderator  
**MS. MANJU  
BALASUBRAMANYAM**  
Principal, Delhi Public School  
Bangalore North, India



**MS. CHARA BARCLAY**  
Inclusion Consultant,  
Limitless Inclusion, USA



**DR. EDWARD BELL**  
Director, Professional  
Development and Research  
Institute on Blindness, Louisiana  
Tech University, USA



**MS. SWATHI VELLAL**  
Founder Director, Ishanya India  
Foundation, Center for  
Individuals with Special Needs,  
India

## EDUCATION PANEL 2 UNDERSERVED CHILDREN AND DISTANCE LEARNING DISPARITIES



Moderator  
**MS. NIVEDITA  
MUKERJEE**  
K-12 & Higher Education Advisor  
and Mentor, India



**MR. UTTAM  
BANNERJEE**  
Chief Executive Officer  
at Samridhdi Trust,  
India



**DR. LAURA  
BRONSTEIN**  
Dean, College of Community and  
Public Affairs, Director, Institute  
for Justice & Well-Being,  
Binghamton University, USA



**MR. MANGAL  
PANDEY**  
Co-founder and CEO,  
Key Education  
Foundation, India

## EDUCATION PANEL 3 HOLISTIC LEARNING AND PSYCHO-SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Moderator  
**DR. JANICE  
WALLACE**  
Professor Emerita, Department  
of Educational Policy Studies,  
University of Alberta, Canada



**MS. SHUKLA BOSE**  
Founder, CEO, Parikrma  
Humanity Foundation,  
India



**MR. SAMUEL  
SPEED**  
Recruitment, Louisiana  
Tech University, USA



**DR. SWATI  
POPAT VATS**  
President, Podar  
Education Network,  
India



# DAY 2 HEALTH

Saturday, November 21, 2020  
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM IST

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Opening Address

**DR. HARVEY G. STENDER**

**President, Binghamton University, New York, USA**

Time: 7:05 PM IST

Opening Keynote

**DR. PHILIP MCCALLION**

**Professor & Director, School of Social Work, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA**

Time: 7:12PM IST



Closing Keynote

**DR. DEVI PRASAD SHETTY**

**Chairman Narayana Hrudayalaya Limited, Bangalore, India**

Time: 8:45PM IST

Closing Address

**DR. FR. ABRAHAM V M**

**Vice Chancellor, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, India**

Time: 9:12PM IST





# PANEL DISCUSSION

DAY 2 | Nov 21, 2020  
7:40 PM IST

## HEALTH PANEL 1 MINDFULNESS FOR HEALTH



Moderator  
**DR. SOPHIA WOODARD**  
Founder/CEO, Ashanti Truth,  
North Carolina, USA



**MR. MANSOOR AHMED S**  
CSR Officer, CBM India,  
Bangalore, India



**MR. PRASUN DUTTA**  
Assistant Manager, Marketing,  
RxDx Healthcare Private Limited  
Bangalore, India



**DR. SUJA ISAAC**  
Owner, SOUKYA International  
Holistic Health Centre,  
Bangalore, India



Moderator  
**DR. KEVIN WASHINGTON**  
Founder & CEO, Nyansapo  
Empowerment Works Unlimited,  
Head of Sociology and Psychology,  
Grambling State University,  
Louisiana, USA



**DR. TIFFANY BATES**  
Assistant Professor,  
Psychology and Behavioral  
Sciences, Louisiana Tech  
University, Louisiana, USA



**MS. SHASHI MUDGAL**  
Tata Institute of Social Sciences  
(TISS), Mumbai, India



**MS. MALATHI MURTHY**  
Life Skill Trainer and  
Counselor, APSA,  
Bangalore, India



Moderator  
**DR. SEEMA RANI**  
Founder & CEO of Heal Ur World,  
Bangalore, India



**DR. VISHAL RAO**  
Regional Director, Head  
Neck Surgical Oncology &  
Robotic Surgery; Associate  
Dean, Healthcare Global  
(HCG) Cancer Centre,  
Bangalore, India



**MS. AMUDHA ROBERT**  
Practice Nurse/Advanced  
Nurse Practitioner, NHS  
Blackburn with Darwen CCG,  
Lancashire, UK



**DR. CAMALYN WOODARD**  
Assistant Professor of  
Rehabilitation  
Medicine, Emory  
University School of  
Medicine, Georgia, USA

# DAY 3 SOCIAL

Sunday, November 22, 2020

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM IST

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Opening Address

**MR. BERNWARD ROBRECHT**

Chancellor, Catholic University of Applied Sciences, North Rhine-Westfalen, Cologne, Germany

Managing Director, KFH, Germany

Time: 7:05 PM IST



Opening Keynote

**MS. RASHMI MISRA**

Founder & Chairperson, VIDYA Integrated Development for Youth and Adults, India

Time: 7:12 PM IST



Closing Keynote

**MR. BRUCE SIEGMUND**

Executive Director, Destiny Malawi, Louisiana, USA

Time: 8:45 PM IST



Closing Address

**MS. ANITA EIPE**

Conference Host Chair, Bangalore, India

Time: 9:12 PM IST



Closing Address

**DR. PAULINE LEONARD**

International Conference Chair, Arizona, USA

Time: 9:12 PM IST





# PANEL DISCUSSION

DAY 3 | Nov 22, 2020  
7:40 PM IST

## SOCIAL PANEL 1 CRITICAL THINKING AND INFORMATION LITERACY



Moderator  
**DR. JOSHUA COMER**  
Program Coordinator for  
Communication and Assistant  
Professor of Communication, School  
of Humanities, University of  
Louisiana, Monroe, Louisiana, USA



**DR. DAWN  
ANDERSON-BUTCHER**  
College of Social Work,  
Executive Director of  
Teaching/Research, The  
Ohio State University, USA



**DR. MARTIN KLEIN**  
Vice President, Catholic  
University of Applied  
Sciences, North Rhine-  
Westphalia, Germany



**MR. VISHAL TALREJA**  
Co-founder, Dream a Dream,  
Bangalore, India

## SOCIAL PANEL 2 IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON COMMUNITY RESPONSE SERVICES



Moderator  
**DR. MYRA SABIR**  
Associate Professor and Narrative  
Psychologist, Department of Human  
Development, College of Community  
and Public Affairs, Binghamton  
University, New York, USA



**MS. PRARTHANA KAUL**  
Co Founder & Director, Gift  
Abled, Bangalore, India



**MS. DONNA LLOYD**  
Executive Director, Comfort  
House, Indiana, USA



**DR. RAJESH  
TANDON**  
Founder & President,  
Participatory Research  
in Asia (PRIA), Delhi,  
India

## SOCIAL PANEL 3 ANIMAL WELFARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



Moderator  
**DR. ESTHER DELISLE**  
Founder & President, Canadian  
Institute of Animal-Assisted  
Interventions, Quebec, Canada



**DR. ERIN EVANS**  
Assistant Professor,  
Sociology, San Diego  
Mesa College, Chair,  
Animals & Society  
Section, American  
Sociological Association,  
California, USA



**MR. MICHAEL  
KAUFMAN**  
Green Chimneys Farm  
and Wildlife Center,  
Sam and Myra Ross  
Institute, New York,  
USA



**MR. RICKY KEJ**  
Grammy Award  
Winning Composer &  
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India



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