

**New Jersey City University  
Educational Technology Leadership**

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*Reflection*

Both education and experience are needed for building a firm leadership foundation and for helping an individual to thrive. Since the first Summer Institute, I have been reading many of the books listed on the EDTC 801 (Educational Technology Leadership I) supporting bibliography.

The two books that resonated with me were Dale Carnegie's (1981) book, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, which helped in shaping my self-confidence and interpersonal skills. Then, the other book that I would recommend that any doctoral student read is the *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen R. Covey (2013). I personally developed an appreciation for the following habits: (1) Be proactive -- (2) Begin with the end in mind -- (3) Put first things first -- (4) Seek to understand, then to be understood -- (5) Think win/win -- (6) Synergize and (7) Sharpen the saw. These have been put into action based on the leadership and service activities demonstrated below.

**Leadership Activities for 2015-2016:**

- ***LIMS Symposium Planning Committee (Feb 2016)*** - prepared an advertisement and newspaper article for the event and ensured that lunch and gifts were provided for event attendees. Presented on "Preparing an Online Portfolio".
- ***Girls in Technology Symposium, Hudson County Community College, New Jersey (March 2016)*** - led a coding workshop for high school students.
- Appointed as ***Cataloguing Librarian*** by the College's Council in March 2016. Supervises two employees.
- ***OCLC Global Council ARC Delegate*** - appointed in April 2016 to a three-year term as ARC delegate and will represent libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean beginning July 1, 2016.

**Leadership Activities & Events for 2014-2015:**

- Coordinated **Faculty Professional Seminar** (August 2014)
- **Attended President Sue Henderson's Student Reception (virtually)** and spoke briefly with the President using Apple's "face-time"; special thanks to Gihan Mohammad (September 22, 2014).

- College of The Bahamas **President's Cheer** - Event Planner (December 2014)
- ***Get Your Game On: MMORPG in K-12 Education*** - presented on the benefits of games in the classroom with Deborah Nagler and Mary Healy at NJEDGE conference on March, 13 2015. The keynote speaker, Etienne Wenger attended this session.

### **Service Activities 2015-2016:**

- Librarian Liaison for Culinary & Hospitality Management Institute (Jan 2016-April 2016) - served on the Faculty Board and provided APA consultation and curriculum expertise on course syllabi before submission to the College's Academic Board.
- Library Cadet Trainer - mentors high school students who show interest in the profession (Volunteer).
- Serves on Library Advisory Committee
- Serves on Health and Safety Committee
- Serves on Digital Libraries of the Caribbean Committee
- Trainer, Intermediate Computing Training Workshop, The College of The Bahamas (Volunteer)

### **Scholarly Activity 2015-2016**

- ***How to avoid Plagiarism in Academia: A Librarian's Perspective, Nassau Bahamas, (March 2016)*** - delivered a presentation on "Plagiarism" to junior and senior students attending the *Business Week* activities.
- Successfully completed Foundations of Virtual Instruction MOOC on April 3, 2016, as an online non-credit course offered through Coursera by University of California, Irvine. Instructor: Cynthia M. Carbajal.
- Participated in ALCTS E-Forum: Career progression in Cataloguing & Metadata (Feb 2016).
- Attended 10th International Conference on E-Learning, College of The Bahamas (June 25-26, 2015)

### **Publications 2014-2016**

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