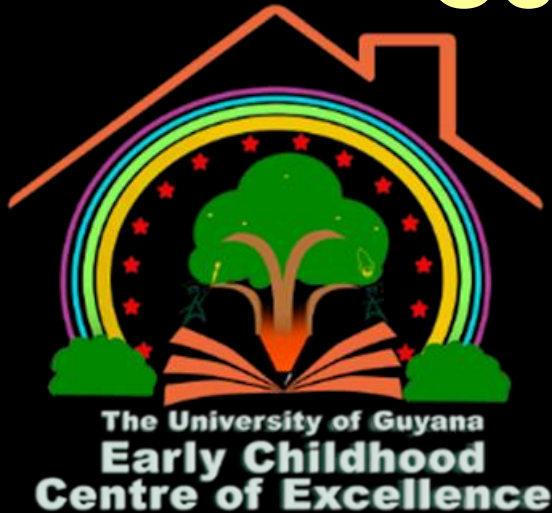


# University of Guyana Early Childhood Centre of Excellence (UGECCE)



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## Research Conversation

### Fathers and Childhood Development

Friday 8 March 2024

11:00-13:30 Hrs

UGECCE Conference Room

# Why Conversations about Research?

## Component No. 1

*Project University of Guyana Early Childhood Centre of Excellence  
2022*

Through collaboration ..., applied and basic studies will be done to establish and sustain a nationally and internationally recognised model for bridging research-to-policy gaps in ECD.

Hence, research findings will inform ECD practitioners, leaders and policymakers about advancement and development trends.

# Presenter

Professor Jaipaul L. Roopnarine



*Pearl S. Flak Professor of Human Development and Family Science*  
Senior Research Associate, Program on Latin America and the Caribbean, Maxwell School  
Syracuse University, USA

Professor Extraordinary of Developmental Psychology  
Anton de Kom University of Suriname

# About the Topic

During this conversation, Professor Roopnarine will offer insights into “Maternal and Paternal Depression and Children’s Behavioural Difficulties: Mediating Role of Partner Support and Affection and Parental Engagement”.

Professor Roopnarine will discuss how maternal and paternal depression affects the ability of parents to interpret and meet the emotional and cognitive needs of young children.

After highlighting data on father engagement and children’s cognitive and social skills across Caribbean countries, Professor Roopnarine will present two studies that determine whether partner support and affection and parental engagement lessened the impact of paternal and maternal depression on preschoolers’ emotional difficulties in Guyanese and Jamaican families.

# About Professor Roopnarine

Born in Guyana, he earned his B.A. in Psychology and Ph. D in Child Development from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA

**Current positions:** (i) Pearl S. Flak Professor of Human Development and Family Science, (ii) Senior Research Associate, Program on Latin America and the Caribbean, (iii) Professor Extraordinary of Developmental Psychology

**Notable achievements:** Fulbright scholar at the University of the West Indies, T&T; Indo-US-Sub-commission Professor of Psychology at the University of Delhi, India; Minority scholar in residence at The Pennsylvania State University; Visiting appointments at the University of Wisconsin, Cornell University, The City University of New York, and The University of the West Indies, Jamaica. Awarded the Distinguished Nehru Visiting Chair at M.S. Baroda University in Gujrat, India

**Research interests:** father-child relationships across cultures, mental health in Caribbean families and children, early childhood education from an international perspective, children's play across cultures, immigrant families and schooling in the USA

**Focus on fathers:** *Fathers across cultures: The importance, roles and diverse practices of dads*, Praeger, 2015; *Fathering in Cultural Contexts: Developmental and Clinical Issues*, Routledge, 2019

**Publications:** Several volumes on culture and development by the world's most prestigious publishers - Cambridge University Press, *Developmental Psychology*, *Journal of Family Psychology*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, *International Journal of Psychology*, *Child Development*, *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, *Journal of Black Psychology*, *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, *American Educational Research Journal*, *Early Child Development and Care*

**Editor:** *Journal Fathering*; **Editor-in-Chief:** *Caribbean Journal of Psychology*