

Briefing Report—2023—March - August

A Note from the Chair



As the chair of East Coast College Social Science Association (ECCSSA), I am proud to share some of the exciting developments taking place in ECCSSA.

The past year has been a tremendous growth for our organization. We have successfully organized the conference on -The Knowledge Economy and Purpose of The University. It has been a great success, and I am truly grateful to all the participants. The conference was an excellent platform for us to discuss and explore the various aspects of the knowledge economy and the purpose of the university. We were able to gain valuable insights from the presentations and discussions, and I am sure that these will help us in our future endeavors.

In addition, ECCSSA will publish volume 20 of The ECCSSA Journal in the summer of 2023, and we invite all the conference participants to submit their completed papers by April 15th.

Finally, I am proud to announce ECCSSA's upcoming 48th annual roundtable conference on September 23rd 2023. This year's conference will be held virtually, and the theme is "Social Sciences and Technology: Unlocking New Possibilities for a Connected World." It will be a unique opportunity for scholars worldwide to come together and share best practices, network, and discuss the current trends and challenges facing our fields.

The ECCSSA conference is a great opportunity for researchers and educators for all disciplines to learn from each other, build relationships, and gain a better understanding of the current landscape of the subject.

These are just a few of the exciting developments taking place at ECCSSA. I am proud of our progress this year and am confident that we will continue to grow and thrive in the coming year. I am grateful for all the board member's contributions and look forward to continuing to work together.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

Dr. Sushma Shukla, Chair

SUMMARY OF COLLOQUIUMS

The last conference held on Friday, November 4th was held virtually and had many national and international participants. The theme was as follows:

The Knowledge Economy and Purpose of The University

The US Higher Education establishment is in the throes of a crisis. Basic values are being questioned, and there is no agreement on purpose. Reforms are being attempted to focus on increasing enrollment management and marketing and administrative organization efficiency. The unanswered question is: What is the purpose of college in the knowledge economy? Panelists at this ECCSSA Roundtable will address the incipient academic demands from the following perspectives:

Has the college degree outlived its usefulness?

Has the curriculum lost its relevance?

What are the external constraints shaping the development of the knowledge economy?

What is the role of faculty in student development?

This conference had several speakers and presenters, including our keynote speaker. These are the academic professionals who presented their papers and participated making this conference educational and an incredible experience:

Professor Sudhakar Panda (Keynote Speaker) - *Education-the Road to development: The Indian view on education has both a spiritual and an ethical context while the American view of education underlines its functional relationship with economic development. But given the importance of education in nation building and development education holds the key to a nation's economic development as much as to human personality development. Colleges and Universities imparting higher education in any country whether India or the United State have increasingly an important role to play than ever in shaping the development of the economy and the society than in conducting the normal task of teaching, conducting examinations and handing over the certificates. They have to create the "transformation agents" or the catalysts of change in the society.*

Rashmi Dwivedi - *New Education Policy 2020 with Special Reference to Higher Educational Institutions -Scenario of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh: Quality in higher education is global need which expects academic culture, multi facet development of students. Higher education includes academic progress, research, students, staff, co-curricular activities, infrastructural and instructional facilities, employment of students, social dimensions etc. At present, Indian higher education system is working with rigidity needs renovation and new education policy 2020 objectives of higher education can establish measure milestone for it.*

Krishnendu Das - *The effect of Poverty in India and its different regions on different dimensions: Poverty has been one of the fundamental problems in any developing economy. Many methods and ways have been derived to measure and analyze poverty by researchers. Since India is still a developing country, poverty remains in its core. This study aims to analyze the Multidimensional Poverty in India from 1992 to 2016 under rural-urban classification. We tried to use one of the unconventional ways to derive Multidimensional Poverty Index by using fuzzy logic. Fuzzy logic basically captures the vagueness of the poverty in a multidimensional set up.*

Ashima Ghosh - *Challenges of Inclusive Education of Tribal Groups in India: Education enables upward socio economic mobility and is key to escaping poverty. United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) is the education goal. It aims to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life long learning opportunities for all." One of its targets is to achieve universal literacy and numeracy Government of India is committed to the upliftment of all sections of the society and implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Special efforts are being made for the upliftment of the marginalized sections of the society such as the tribal groups...*

Prashanta Chandra Panda - *Higher Education in Transition and Faculty Insecurity: Preparedness Ahead: Institutional expectations from faculty members have undergone sea change in the present decade. They include refinements in subjects, contemporary pedagogy, a balance of uniformity and innovations, multi-disciplinary approach, acquisitions and practises of new skillsets, continuous evaluation, delivery of contemporary and emerging market changes to students have made teaching the most labour intensive as well as intellectually challenged...*

Karen Hannel - *Veteran Studies: A New Field and Degree for the Evolving Environment of Academia: In 2019, Saint Leo University launched the first Veteran Studies BA program in the country. This interdisciplinary inquiry is grounded in the social sciences, humanities, and fine, performing, and literary arts and is predicated on the idea that military service creates unique communities. Veteran Studies reaches beyond stereotypes to embrace the rich diversity of veterans who, throughout time and place, have contributed to the national identity, intellectual milieu, cultural expressions, scientific and technological advances, and collective remembrances of their societies. In this presentation, I will sketch a thumbnail picture of Veteran Studies and discuss the challenges that arise in establishing a new field of study.*

Steven Payson - *Scholarship is the Opium of the Economists: This paper raises the provocative question of whether academic scholarship in economics is overrated. Scholarship is often seen by the public as an honorable and dedicated effort, fueled by a devotion to the pursuit of knowledge, in its most complex form. In this paper, however, a rather different perspective is offered—one in which scholarship is seen, not as an esteemed mission, but as ritual. It is a ritual that offers a “warm glow” of self-satisfaction, and a level of escapism from the world’s pressing economic problem. Scholarship forces any new thought on a topic to be weighted against all other published thought on any closely related topic....*

Jia Yu - *Collaborative Online International Learning between SCSU & LJMU: Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) collaborated with Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) and started a collaborative online international learning (COIL) project. The COIL project is an online learning experiences among students from both US and UK, enhancing their awareness of global citizenship, and enriching their understanding the importance of sustainability, which are two of the essential purposes of higher education....*

Babita Srivastava - *Diversity and Its impact on the knowledge economy: With the advancement of technology, the world is practically on a single platform. More people are able to utilize their skills and pursue a degree. Though finance plays a large role in higher education as many students are in need of scholarships, grants, and loans to pursue a higher education degree. The United States is one of the most popular countries where students from all over choose to attend university. As a result, American universities are incredibly diverse....*

Sushma Shukla - *The Role of Community Colleges in the Knowledge Economy after the Pandemic!!: As the United States recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, we as a nation are now facing new economic challenges. Even though the labor market has recovered substantially, and employment has returned to pre-crisis levels, but still there is extensive debate regarding the health of the United States economy. Additionally, even though the worst effects of the recession are now diminishing, the economy still faces various challenges like deteriorating infrastructure, wage stagnation, rising income inequality, elevated pension and medical costs, and large current account and government budget deficits.*

Heather Parker - *Reimagining Leadership in a Post-Covid Context: Reaching Students and Faculty Where they Are: Prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic, there were standard and established best practices for interacting with and relating to students and faculty on college campus. The massive upheavals associated with college life and the Pandemic rendered previously accepted best practices obsolete. We now have an opportunity to reimagine how leadership interacts with students and faculty by asking important questions about what students and faculty truly need. A seismic shift in college culture must take place in order to accommodate the changing needs of both students and faculty....*

UPCOMING CHRONICLE HIGHLIGHTS

ECCSSA 48th Annual Virtual Conference Roundtable, September 23rd 2023

CALL FOR PAPERS, RESEARCH, AND PROPOSALS

Theme:

“Social Sciences and Technology: Unlocking New Possibilities for a Connected World”

Please consider submitting your work and encourage colleagues to do the same when registration opens!



Special Congratulations to Jia Yu for her publication with Brandon Supple titled “International Comparison on Economics Impact from the COVID-19 Pandemic: Policy Analysis” in the Medical Research Archives. Please check it out here: <https://esmed.org/MRA/mra/article/view/3502>.



As well as a special congratulations to Babita Srivastava for her publication with Raza Mir titled “The Knowledge Based View of the Firm: An Assessment” in the Journal of Organizational Psychology. Please check it out here: <https://articlegateway.com/index.php/JOP/article/view/5648>. She also published a book chapter titled “Green Supply Chain Management Post-COVID-19 Pandemic” in Handbook of Research on Supply Chain Resiliency, Efficiency, and Visibility in the Post-Pandemic Era for IGI Global. Please check it out here: <https://www.igi-global.com/chapter/green-supply-chain-management-post-covid-19-pandemic/302700>.

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