



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### ***Faculty of Education and Humanities at the University of Guyana to Host In-Person Roundtable on “Women, Culture and Society” as part of the university’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations***

The Faculty of Education and Humanities at the University of Guyana will be hosting a roundtable discussion event on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, at 12:30h as part of a year of activities to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the university opening. The roundtable event, which will be held in-person at the University of Guyana, Education Lecture Theatre, Turkeyen Campus, and live-streamed via Zoom (Webinar ID: 930 5177 1353 Passcode: UG60wcs) will feature two roundtables with panelists including current staff of the university, former students, and practitioners in culture from the wider society. The roundtable discussions will be preceded by a keynote address from the current Vice-Chancellor of the University of Guyana, Prof. Paloma Mohamed Martin, who will speak to her experience as both an academic and a practitioner in the field of culture.

Among those scheduled to attend the event as panelists and moderators are Guyana Prize-winning writer Mosa Telford, artist and writer Dominique Hunter, academic and artist Akima McPherson, academics Carolyn Cummings, Tivia Collins, Vashti Singh, and Candice Hunter.

The event is the first of future events planned on culture in society with a similar roundtable on Men in Culture and Society planned for later in the year. Additional speakers include Roslin Khan and Bonita Hunter (Dean and Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Education and Humanities).

The symposium will feature frank and informative discussions on the state of women in culture and the creative arts, women in academia, and the responsibility of institutions to engage in the preservation and celebration of Guyanese culture and cultural forms. The event is part of the faculty's, and university's, wider interest in playing a role in public engagement on issues affecting Guyanese society. To this end, the event will be attended by political and cultural leaders of Guyanese society, members of the diplomatic communities, school children, and members of the wider society.

In celebrating the role women have played, and continue to play, in preserving culture in society, the faculty intends for this roundtable discussion to precipitate a larger valuation of women in society and culture.

The roundtable event is free of cost, kindly click on the link to join.  
<https://zoom.us/j/93051771353?pwd=Y3JJaDhpQ1VIbVAwS3IESXJySFhWdz09>



The poster features the University of Guyana crest at the top center, with the text 'UNIVERSITY of GUYANA' below it. The main title is 'The Faculty of Education and Humanities' in a bold, dark font. Below this, the event title 'women, culture, & society' is written in a large, colorful, bubbly font. To the left of the main title is a circular logo for the 'UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA CELEBRATING 60th ANNIVERSARY 1963-2023'. Below the main title, the text 'A Roundtable Celebrating Women' is displayed. The date and time are '24 May, 2023' and '12:30 h - 15:00 h'. The location is 'University of Guyana, Education Lecture Theatre'. At the bottom, registration information is provided: 'Register: tinyurl.com/Women-Roundtable-UG' and 'Webinar ID: 930 5177 1353 | Passcode: UG60wcs'.

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UG’s forward-thinking Blueprint 2040 is currently setting the course for the University’s future design and institutional response to the changing needs of Guyana, the region and the world. UG will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2023 and is stepping up its focus on becoming one of the leading and most sought-after educational institutions in the world for both staff and students.

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