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## **Dr Reia Guppy**

has been with UTT for 14 years and is currently an Associate Professor in Marine Sciences. She has been an educator for 17 years and actively involved with environmental work for the past 28 years.

Dr Guppy is the founder of Terra Forensic Sciences Services, an environmental forensics organisation, and is an avid proponent for sustainable development through education of environmental conservation.



## **Lakshman Lochan**

is currently an Instructor with UTT in the field of Biosciences, Agriculture and Food Technology. He holds a BSc and MSc in Environmental Sciences and Management, with Government and World Affairs.

Mr Lochan is a founding Director of Working Initiatives for Sustainability and Education (WISE), an NGO established to engage local research and enhance rural and social development.

*Authors of:*

*'Environmental Pedagogy and the Bermuda Triangle of Sustainable Development'*

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## **Amna Imamshah**

is presently employed as an Instructor at UTT, teaching Health, Safety, and Environmental courses. She has extensive experience in education and has developed numerous courses and training programmes for both UTT and the industrial sector. Throughout her career, she has volunteered with non-profit organisations committed to advancing the lives of youth in our community.

*Author of:*

*'Aligning Curricula and Educational Programmes to the Environmentally Sustainable Development Agenda in the Caribbean'*

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## **Dr Halima-Sa'adia Kassim**

holds a PhD in History from The UWI. She has previously held teaching, research, development and management positions nationally and regionally. She is currently employed at The UWI as a Senior Planning Officer involved in business intelligence and institutional research. Dr Kassim has published peer-reviewed articles on the Muslim community related to the development of formal and non-formal educational institutions, religious organisations, gendered identities, cultural retention and negotiation in T&T; co-authored book chapters on indentured Muslims; and published peer-reviewed articles or book chapters related to higher education administration, research management and education and gender.



## **Dr Lennise Baptiste**

has more than 30 years combined professional experience in the fields of education and evaluation. She holds a PhD in Evaluation and Measurement from Kent State University, Ohio. She began the evaluation of projects and programmes in the US in 2005, while employed at the Research and Evaluation Bureau at Kent State University. In 2010, she received the Michael Scriven Dissertation Award for Outstanding Contribution to Evaluation Theory, Methodology, or Practice. She has been working across the English-speaking Caribbean since 2011, evaluating projects as an independent consultant.



## **Dr Perry Polar**

holds a PhD from The UWI. He has worked extensively in and has published in several areas, including agriculture, environment and the urban sector. He is also engaging in filmmaking as a means to improve scientific communication. He is currently employed at the St Augustine Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, The UWI, as Programme Manager of HIT RESET Caribbean.

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