

# BARBARA A. MATALON, PhD

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## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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**2006-2009:** Consultant to the CRDS, a degree programme being developed for UTECH (in conjunction with Dr. M. Thorbourn)

**2005-2006:** Consultant to the Scholarship Fund, a non-profit organization to enhance the educational skills of Jamaican students.

**2003- 2009:** Part-time lecturer (Research: Psychological and Educational Constructs) (Master Students) Department of Educational Studies, Faculty of Arts and Education, U.W.I. (Mona Campus)

**2004 - 2009:** Consultant and member of steering committee of proposed Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies (for UTech)

**2003 -2005:** Consultant psychologist for JACLD: psychological testing and evaluation of students

**1998-2000:** *Tutor* (Classroom Measurement and Assessment) and (Classroom Assessment and Measurement - Advanced) for Department of Educational Studies, Faculty of Arts and Education, U.W.I. (Mona Campus)

**1995-2010:** *Director:* Materials Production Unit: (Chalkboard Press and *the Copy Shop*), UWI, Mona Campus

**1994-2015:** Supervisor and mentor to Master and PhD students in the preparation and writing of theses.

**1993-2015:** *Research Fellow/Assistant Lecturer:* Institute of Education, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus

**1992-1994:** *Guest Lecturer:* Department of Teacher Education, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus

**1991-1992:** *Substitute Lecturer:* Department of Teacher Education, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus (Evaluation and Measurement)

**1991-2006:** *External Examiner:* Department of the Joint Board of Teacher Education, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus.  
Subjects: Special Education; Classroom and Behaviour Management

**1988-1989:** *Professor:* Child Development. Department of Psychology, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, USA.

**1983-1991:** *Laboratory Director:* Behavioral Medicine Center, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, USA. (My duties included working with students in the Department of Education in the field of the analysis of behaviour)

**1981-1983:** *President:* One-To-One Volunteer Tutors, Miami, Florida. During my presidency, the association was awarded the prize for being the most outstanding volunteer association in the city of Miami.

**1978-1979:** Member of the research team for The Jamaica Survey of Handicapped Children (aged 4 -11) in Schools (Research Section: Ministry of Education)

**1977-1980:** *Administrator/Director:* The Learning Centre, a unit of the Jamaican Association for Children with Learning Disabilities

**1977-1980:** *Founder and First President:* Jamaica Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (JACLD.), Kingston, Jamaica.

## EDUCATION

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**1991:** PH.D. (PSYCHOLOGY)  
*University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida*

**1987:** M.SC. (PSYCHOLOGY)  
*University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida*

**1985:** B.A. (PSYCHOLOGY; MINOR: HUMAN SERVICES)  
*University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida*

## MAJOR PRESENTATIONS

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- 2007:** Created and taught a series of workshops regarding research and theses writing to graduate students of the Physics Department
- 2006-2010:** Created and presented a series of seminars and workshops to graduate students at the UWI: Citing Sources and Writing References: APA Style; How to Write Chapter 5: What You Should Discuss; Ethics in Education Research, etc
- 2005:** Created and taught a research programme designed specifically for the members of the Faculty of Human Management, UWI
- 2004:** Guest speaker at the Principals' Conference held by Multicare Foundation
- 2002:** Guest speaker at the Second Annual Adult Dyslexia Conference
- 2002:** Guest speaker at MICO Teachers' College: Drug Abuse: "How Teachers Can Recognise Drug Abusers in their Classrooms"
- 2001:** Guest speaker and major presenter at the First Annual Adult Dyslexia Conference

- 1997:** Main presenter introducing the concept of special education and characteristics of children with special needs to tutors of teachers' colleges in Jamaica (sponsored by the Government of the Netherlands)
- 1994:** ABA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A.  
(1) "Four Operants: Two Conditions"  
(2) "Verbal Ability in Social Situations"
- 1993:** ABA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.  
"Automatic Writing"
- 1991:** ABA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.  
"Response Strength and Seed Size"
- 1989:** APS CONVENTION  
Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.A.  
"Effects of Reinforcement on Flicking Behaviours of Pigeons"
- 1988:** S.E.A.P.A. Convention  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
"Operant Features of Grain Eating in Pigeons"

Between 1991 and 2009, I have conducted seminars and workshops for tutors, students, classroom teachers and other interested persons regarding special needs students, classroom and behaviour management, child development, assessment of children and children with specific learning disabilities. Additionally, I developed the syllabus for a course concerning exceptional students in the classroom taught at the University of Technology.

I have also supervised and mentored over 40 master and doctoral students at UWI and other universities in Jamaica. In 2007, I was proud to see 13 of my Master students graduate at UWI (of which 12 thesis and projects were highly commended).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- 2008:** Research: New and Practical Approaches (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) (co-author with T. Bastick)  
(*Textbook*)
- 2008:** Exceptional Students in the Classroom (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) (co-editor with M. Dixon)  
Chapter 2: Learning Disabilities (with M. Carlson)  
Chapter 3: Intellectual Disabilities (with M. Dixon, & S. McFarlane)  
Chapter 4: Emotional and Behavioural Disorders (with M. Carlson & M. Dixon)  
Chapter 13: Aetiology
- 2008:** Classroom and Behaviour Management: A Text for Student-Teachers (Revised edition) (*Textbook*)

- 2008:** Psychology of Learning (4<sup>rd</sup> ed.) (*Textbook*)
- 2007:** A Handbook for Research Students: Fundamentals of Citing Sources and Writing References
- 2007:** A Handbook for Research Students: A Recipe for Writing a Research Paper (What Goes Where?)
- 2003:** Classroom Questioning: Teaching for Transfer
- 2003:** Introduction to Specific Learning Disabilities. Journal of the Jamaica Reading Association; 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition
- 2000:** Why True/False Questions Are Not Valid Examinations for Students Attending Tertiary Institutions
- 1999:** What are we doing to our children in government schools? (Institute of Education Annual (Volume 2).
- 1994:** Test Bank for Classroom and Behaviour Management
- 1993:** Psychology of Learning: A Manual for Tutors (*Textbook*)
- 1993:** Test Bank for Psychology of Learning

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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- 2000-present: Board Member of the Special Olympics
- 2001-2015: Member of Jamaican Psychologists Association
- 2000-2012: Board Member of the Private Volunteers Organization (PVO/RSCD)
- 2000-2010: Member of the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies (USA)
- 1999-2004: Board Member of JACLD
- 1998-2001: *Chairman:* The Mico Youth and Development Centre
- 1993-2012: Director: The Multi-Care Foundation, Kingston, Jamaica
- 1989-2010: American Psychologist Society
- 1987-2010: American Psychologist Association
- 1986-2010: Association for Behaviour Analysts (International)
- 1977-2008: Jamaica Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.