

# Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute for First-Year Curricular Innovation

## GEN Z FYE



University of Connecticut | Institute for Student Success  
First Year Programs & Learning Communities (FYP&LC)  
May 10, 2017 | NextGen Hall | 8:15 am - 3:45 pm

# Agenda

Welcome to the First Year Programs & Learning Communities' 4th Annual Curricular Innovation Conference! This year, we will discuss issues that affect Generation Z. GenZ includes students who were born starting in the mid- to late-1990s and is associated with widespread internet and social media use and with an unsettlement from a childhood spent during the Great Recession. Through interactive presentations and FYE instructor networking, we will focus on how to help these students find success at UConn.

8:15-8:45am REGISTRATION NextGen Forum

8:45-9:00am OPENING REMARKS FROM DAVID OUIMETTE NextGen Forum

9:10-10:05am SESSION ONE

**Room 116. Student Anxiety & Mental Health. Dr. Betsy Cracco, Leo Lachut**

Actively engage with contemporary mental health topics through a series of scenarios.

**Room 117. Critical Thinking, the News, & Social Media. Sarah Renn**

Explore how to critically engage with social media and news topics in your classroom.

Try your hand at identifying fake or misleading information and leave with teaching resources.

**Room 118. New Instructor Orientation. David Ouimette**

Welcome to teaching FYE! This session will help you get off to a great start on your adventure.



10:15-11:25am SESSION TWO

**Room 116. Creative & Innovative Teaching. Dr. Amit Savkar**

Spice up your teaching with innovative tools and creative strategies.

**Room 117. GenZ Students: Today's Freshmen are Not Like Yesterday's. Principal Matthew Peel**

Explore what makes today's 17-19-year-olds tick and how to use that information to design learning opportunities. Compare what *we* think students need to what *they* say they need and what their high school teachers suggest.

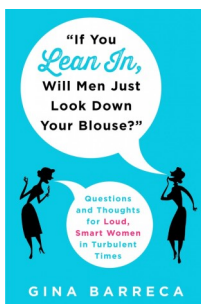
**Room 118. Authentic Pedagogy Panel. Moderated by Dr. Stephen Dyson**

**John Armstrong, Dr. Jason Courtmanche, Dr. Sarah Scheidel**

Hear from experienced instructors who have personalized their pedagogy, imbuing the course with personal strengths to maximize student learning and make teaching fun.

**Room 014. Learning Community Innovation Zone (LCIZ) Makerspace Workshop #1**

Explore UConn's first makerspace and leave with a completed project. *Prior registration required.*



**Be one of the first 70 people  
to arrive in the NextGen Forum  
for the keynote Address &  
receive a free copy of  
Regina Barreca's book!**



11:30am-12:50pm UCONN NATION EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENT

Burton Family Football Complex/Werth Family UConn Basketball Champions Center



1:00-2:10 pm SESSION THREE

**Room 116. Integrating International Students. Dr. Cynthia Deroma**

Experience what it is like to be taught in a foreign language with different classroom expectations. Discuss what we can do to support international students without lowering academic standards and share resources offered by UConn.

**Room 117. Facilitation vs. Lecture. Dr. Christine Wilson**

Worried about silent students just staring back at you? Learn how to encourage active class participation.

**Room 118. Teaching as Advising/Advising as Teaching. Whitney Losapio, Dr. Sarah Scheidel**

Learn how your FYE instructor role can be enriched by, and inform, your student advising.

**Room 014. Learning Community Innovation Zone (LCIZ) Makerspace Workshop #2**

Explore UConn's first makerspace and leave with a completed project. *Prior registration required.*



2:20-3:35 pm

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY DR. REGINA BARRECA**

*Excellence, Exploration, and Attempting Something New*

NextGen Forum, followed by book signing



## Regina Barreca

Dr. Regina Barreca is an internationally acclaimed author, columnist, and professor of literature and feminist theory. She has appeared on 20/20, The Today Show, CNN, the BBC, NPR and Oprah to discuss gender, power, politics, and humor. Her books include the bestselling *They Used to Call Me Snow White But I Drifted: Women's Strategic Use of Humor*, *It's Not That I'm Bitter: or How I Learned to Stop Worrying About Visible Panty Lines and Conquered the World*, and *Babes in Boyland: A Personal History of Coeducation in the Ivy League*. Several books she's written or co-written have been translated into other languages, including Chinese, German, Japanese, and Spanish. Called "smart and funny" by *People* magazine and "Very, very funny. For a woman," by Dave Barry, Regina was deemed a "feminist humor maven" by *Ms. Magazine*. Novelist Wally Lamb quips that "Barreca's prose, in equal measures, is hilarious and humane."

Regina earned her B.A. from Dartmouth College where she was the first woman to be named Alumni Scholar, her M.A. from Cambridge University where she was a Reynold's Fellow, and her Ph.D. from the City University of New York where she lived close to a good delicatessen. She is Founding Editor and Co-Editor of *Lit: Literature Interpretation Theory* (Routledge) and her specialties include 20th-Century British literature, women's writing

# Recognizing our Community Leaders!

## Faculty Course Oversight Board

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## 2016-17 Outstanding FYE Instructors

Whitney Losapio  
Maryann Morris

## 2016-17 Outstanding FYE Mentors

James Lun  
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## 2017 Conference Planning Committee

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