

2019 Talk Calendar

| January | February | March |
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| 19 January 2019 • 11am - 12pm “Healthy communication with your children” by Dr Brendan J Gomez | 16 February 2019 • 11am - 12pm “How your child can learn better from play” by Michelle Huan | 16 March 2019 • 11am - 12pm “Teaching your child to learn with visuals” by Christy Tong |
| April | May | June |
| 20 April 2019 • 11am - 12pm “Wellness in early childhood: health, safety and nutrition” by Anna Phang | 11 May 2019 • 11am - 12pm “Helping parents manage their stress” by Dr Brendan J Gomez | 29 June 2019 • 11am - 12pm “Teaching your child to be more attentive” by Carynne Loh |
| July | August | September |
| 20 July 2019 • 11am - 12pm “Creating the perfect play-space at home” by Chan Yi Bing | 17 August 2019 • 11am - 12pm “How to foster creativity in your children” by Michelle Huan | 14 September 2019 • 11am - 12pm “Understanding child behaviour” by Nagasangari Kunagaratnam |
| October | November | December |
| 12 October 2019 • 11am - 12pm “Maximising your child’s potential” by Carolyn Choo | 16 November 2019 • 11am - 12pm “Reading with your children” by Professor Dr Mogana Dhamotharan | 14 December 2019 • 11am - 12pm “Effective ways to discipline your child” by Priya Vijayan |

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At Peninsula we believe that the success of your child's education involves a 4-way relationship. It's between you, the school, our teachers and our partner Peninsula Grammar. In the spirit of this, we have arranged for this series of free talks to enrich your knowledge of child-raising.

As the age-old idiom goes, "Experience is the mother of wisdom". And as we all know, the content of educational courses in universities and colleges were written based on decades of experience from philosophers, practitioners and psychologists.

We bring to you the best minds of child educators from the industry and childhood education providers to impart their expertise.

How do these talks benefit you?

- You will gain deeper insight into your children's education.
- You will receive useful tips on handling specific challenges in child-raising.
- You will have some hands-on practice in applying knowledge from the talks.
- The talks will be carried out in an interactive style to make the learning experience more effective. Snacks will be provided during the talks.

Speaker Profiles



Dr Brendan J Gomez lives a passion of helping people find the best in themselves. He is an Applied Developmental & Counselling Psychologist who was awarded the United States Fulbright Scholarship to pursue his PhD. Having collaborated with the UN on school-based interventions addressing emotional and behavioural issues, and having worked as a school teacher before, one of his key missions in life is to promote Positive Youth Development and Social-Emotional Intelligence in schools and universities. Dr Brendan has held various teaching and leadership positions in universities and the corporate sector in Malaysia, United States and New Zealand for the past 15 years. He is currently Head of Psychology and Head of the American Degree Program at SEGi College (SJ). He has research publications in international journals, and has appeared in local and international newspapers, TV and radio. Dr Brendan has facilitated learning and skill development for people across ages – from university undergraduate and postgraduate students to corporate participants to young people in schools and community settings. He is highly rated by learners and participants, and is HRDF-Certified.

Dr Brendan J Gomez (Fulbright, Penn State)
Head, American Degree Program
SEGi College Subang Jaya



Professor Dr Mogana Dhamotharan is currently professor of education at the Faculty of Education, SEGi University. She was Professor and Dean at Wawasan Open University, School of Foundation and Liberal Studies, Penang and the School of Education, Languages and Communications, Kuala Lumpur; Associate Professor, Educational Foundations, Sultan Hassanul Bolkiah Institute of Education, University Brunei Darussalam, Brunei Darussalam; and Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Malaya. She was also The Commonwealth of Learning Consultant to the Open University Sri Lanka, a Visiting Fellow at The Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, Canada, and the Overseas Research Student Award recipient for her doctoral studies at Glasgow University, Scotland, United Kingdom. Her publications include co-authored books, preschool books, refereed contributions in books, refereed articles in international journals, refereed articles in local journals, peer refereed publications, reports, contributions in newspapers, and magazines. Professor Mogana Dhamotharan has presented papers and conducted workshops at international, regional, and local conferences, seminars, and workshops.

Professor Dr Mogana Dhamotharan
Faculty of Education
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Carolyn Choo is a linguist by qualification who believes firmly in child centred practices in the early years. In her 25 years as an educationist, she has worked with students of all ages, from 4 – 60 years old. A certified trainer and practical examiner (early childhood) with Montessori Centre International UK, she has conducted early childhood training workshops in Malaysia, Korea, Iran, China, Vietnam and Myanmar. She currently holds dual portfolios at SEGi College Subang Jaya. She still lectures on the degree in Early Years Education, and her areas of specialisation include leadership & management, creativity, literacy and understanding of the world. Since 2011, she has been on the Executive Committee of the Malaysian ECCE Council, which was set up to advocate for professionalism and quality practices in the Malaysian early childhood industry.

Carolyn Choo
Head, Academic - Faculties and Faculty of Education
SEGi College Subang Jaya



Priya Vijayan is a full time lecturer at SEGi University. She has a Masters in Psychotherapy and Counselling and Masters in Early Childhood Education. She has fifteen years of teaching experience in the industry dealing with children and students of all ages ranging from preschool to tertiary education. She has a varied experience in counselling students (children and adolescents) and their families with personal, school or work difficulties. She has conducted workshops and group programmes assisting parents to make informed decisions about their child's education. She has organised many classroom activities and outreach activities for students at the undergraduate level. She has a great passion for working with children and parents in helping them benefit in the context of diverse caring environments.

Priya Vijayan
Lecturer, Faculty of Education
SEGi University



Miss Anna Phang is currently a Programme Leader for the Bachelor of Education (Hons) Degree at the Faculty of Education at SEGi University, Kota Damansara. Prior to assuming her current position, she worked as a Preschool Teacher, Primary School Teacher and Trainer for Preschool Teachers. She has over 20 years of experience working in the educational field of different levels in the private schools. She was awarded an Executive Certificate in Nutrition Therapy by Ministry of Human Resources (Kementerian Sumber Manusia) in 2008. She holds a Master in International Business and Administration, Master in Education and Bachelor of Early Childhood Education Degree. She strongly believes that teachers are the 'Agents of Change' who are able to nurture the young minds to reach their fullest potential in becoming well-developed children and adults.

Anna Phang
Programme Leader (B.Ed), Faculty of Education
SEGi University



Chan Yi Bing is currently a lecturer at the Faculty of Education, SEGi University teaching the Diploma in Early Childhood Education Programme. She has a Bachelor degree of Early Childhood Education (Pass with Honours – with Distinction), with Special Educational Needs minor from University of Malaya, Certificate of Play Therapy from Play & Expressive Arts and is currently a Master student in Early Childhood Education at UPSI. She has 6 years of teaching experience in the early childhood industry and 5 years in the tertiary education sector. She is also a mother of one child and holds on to learning through play philosophy, especially in nurturing her own daughter. She loves transforming daily routines into meaningful learning experiences for the children. She is passionate about literature and is also one of the volunteer storytellers in the community library in Cheras. Through interactive sessions and creating bonding opportunity between parents and children, she tries to help stimulate children in their development and enable children to see their own parents as learning models.

Chan Yi Bing
Lecturer, Faculty of Education
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Nagasangari is a Senior Lecturer with the Faculty of Education, SEGi College Subang Jaya. She has been a practitioner specialising in Special Education for 8 years and a Programme Development Coordinator in an NGO for the past 2 years. Her teaching experience ranges from young children to adults with learning disabilities. She is a qualified practitioner, having undergone teacher training in one of the NGOs dealing with Special Education. She is also a member of the ECCE Council Malaysia. Nagasangari holds a M.Ed. (Special Education, UM) and B. Com (Hons) (USM) and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education (OUM).

Nagasangari Kunagaratnam
Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Education
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Michelle Huan is a full time lecturer with the Faculty of Education, SEGi College Subang Jaya. She has a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and a Master degree in Education (Early Childhood). She also holds an International Diploma in Montessori with Montessori Centre International, UK. She was involved in the clinical role and product training in the pharmaceutical line for 10 years. Her decision to change her career path to the field of early childhood education started when she had a child of her own. She is a strong believer of the importance of quality early childhood education. She has since worked as a practitioner in the early years settings for 4 years, before moving on to becoming an early childhood lecturer. She is a member of the ECCE Council Malaysia.

Michelle Huan
Lecturer, Faculty of Education
SEGi College Subang Jaya



Carynne Loh is a full time lecturer at SEGi University. She has a Bachelor in Education (Hons), majoring in Early Childhood Education with Special Educational Needs minor, and is currently a final year Masters in Education student. She has four years of teaching experience in the early childhood industry working in an inclusive preschool. Throughout her journey, she enjoys planning creative learning experiences for young children and creating her own teaching materials. She has a varied background in dance, music, art and is very much inclined towards sports and movement, in which she incorporates in most of her lessons. Her passion in Early Years Education motivated her to bring back the essence of fun in children's learning and development. She believes that children learn best when they are in a comfortable and happy environment, and it is the educator who makes the most difference.

Carynne Loh
Lecturer (Diploma), Faculty of Education
SEGi University



Christy Tong is a full time lecturer at SEGi University. She obtains a Bachelor in Early Childhood and a Master of Teaching and Learning. She has seven years of teaching experience in the early childhood industry. She started her journey as a trainee teacher in a preschool. Slowly, she finds her passion in teaching growing and starts taking up more roles in the preschool, including the role of a principal. She loves working with children and constantly finds different strategies to engage them in learning more effectively. Her philosophy of education is "Every child can learn, just not in the same way". She strongly believes that children must be guided to achieve their fullest potential. After many years being in the industry, she then decided to become an early childhood lecturer to share her knowledge and experience to more preservice teachers.

Christy Tong
Programme Leader (Diploma), Faculty of Education
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