



# LINDA L. MECCOURI

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Dr. Linda Meccouri is a positive change, strengths-based consultant working with colleges, universities, health-care, business and community organizations in the areas of teaching, student success, leadership, and organizational development.

Prior to forming her consulting practice, Dr. Linda Meccouri served as the Dean of Professional Development at Northern Essex Community College in Massachusetts where she designed and facilitated ongoing professional development for faculty and staff. She served as Faculty Development Coordinator, Professor and Department chair of Computer Science at Holyoke Community College and Springfield Technical Community College.

With over thirty years of teaching experience at the community college, undergraduate and graduate level, Linda is the recipient of two Endowed Chairs for Teaching Excellence from two different community colleges, and is highly respected for her creative approaches to teaching, learning and professional development. Linda has offered consulting and training to business, healthcare, K-12, higher education, community and non-profit organizations for over 25 years on topics including “Strengths-Based Practices for Educators and Community”, “Working in Inclusive Groups”, “Appreciative Inquiry”, “Teaching for Inclusion and Excellence”, “Universal Design for Learning”, “Instructional Applications of Emerging Technology”, and “Leadership That Brings out the Best in People”. She has presented nationally and Internationally on first generation college student success.

Linda’s inspiring keynotes on “Resilience in Low-income, First-Generation College Students”, “Teaching for Excellence in Diverse Classrooms”, “Universal Design”, and other relevant topics are consistently praised as “motivational”, “engaging”, “entertaining” and “transforming” by faculty and administrators. A dynamic, energetic approach connects with her audiences and appreciatively speaks to the heart of what helps students succeed.

Linda is a scholar, a storyteller, and an entertainer. Her ongoing research “Making It: Persistence in Higher Education Against the Odds” examines the factors involved in higher education persistence and success for low-income, first generation college students with many of the social indicators associated with failure. She is also studying teachers/administrators that have made a positive difference. Linda is passionate about student success and teacher/faculty success. Linda is an enthusiastic Appreciative Inquiry facilitator and specializes in faculty/staff development and leadership using this powerful model of “discovering the positive core of organizations” to move forward to “their preferred future”. A “playful geek”, Linda has extensive teaching/workshop experience in traditional, accelerated, online, and hybrid formats offering well-designed programs to maximize the success of the student whatever the format. She has created and facilitated numerous professional development programs designed to integrate technology and computer-mediated communication into the undergraduate and graduate curricula working carefully with a wide range of professionals from tech-savvy to tech-phobic.

What she does best is cultivate the strengths of an organization, walking the visionary path with practical feet and has a reputation for getting things done while maintaining integrity and promoting human dignity.

Linda earned her Ph.D. in Instructional Technology and Multicultural Teacher Education from the University of New Mexico and her Master’s in Organizational Development from Antioch University and is dedicated to creating positive organizations through appreciative and respectful collaboration.