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REPORT TO THE
REGIONAL COORDINATING UNIT
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MONA CAMPUS

FOR THE PERIOD
JUNE 2006—MAY 2007



Students at GEND1103 Introduction to Women's Studies Class



In Memory of Louraine



Mrs. Louraine Emmanuel
Administrative Officer, Regional Co-ordinating Unit,
Centre for Gender and Development Studies, UWI, Jamaica
(1986-2007)

The Centre for Gender and Development Studies, (CGDS), UWI, St. Augustine joins the Mona Campus in mourning the recent passing of our dear friend and co-worker Mrs. Louraine Emmanuel. Louraine was a warm, bubbly and caring colleague, with a *joie de vivre* that was infectious to those around her. As the Administrative Officer of the Regional Co-ordinating Unit at Mona, she interacted with all the campus CGDS Units on an ongoing basis. As the first Administrative officer who joined Lucille Mathurin Mair in the Regional Co-ordinating Unit in of the CGDS 1986, Louraine has played a vital role in the development of Centres and of Gender studies on the three campuses for over two decades. Although Jamaican born, she lived in Trinidad and Barbados for long periods with her then husband UWI lecturer Patrick Emmanuel. She was always committed to the regional potential of gender studies and to colleagues and friends in all the islands who constituted part of this network of scholarship and activism. We will miss her laughter, her love for the good things in life, and her presence.

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Cave Hill Campus**

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

We begin this report by expressing our profound sadness at the passing of Ms. Louraine Emmanuel, Senior Administrative Officer at the Regional Coordinating Unit at the Mona Campus. This will be the first meeting without her and she will be greatly missed. Our condolences are extended to the staff at the Mona Campus, her family and friends.

Prof. Rhoda Reddock who was on Sabbatical leave for 2005/2006 returned in August 2006. Prof. Patricia Mohammed who acted as Head of the Centre during this period, kept the same hectic, if measured, pace. This year also saw the introduction of four new undergraduate courses (three taught by CGDS Staff) bringing the total number of undergraduate gender-based courses on offer at St. Augustine to 22.

The CGDS, St. Augustine Campus held three meetings – one each with CGDS Staff, Members of the Board of Studies and stakeholders to discuss the UWI Strategic Plan for 2007-2012. The discussions and recommendations were submitted to the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

1.1 Staffing

Ms. Suelan Chin resumed duties on March 1, 2007. Suelan had been involved in a tragic road accident on May 23, 2006 in which she lost her mother. She was therefore on extended sick leave followed by maternity leave since that date.

Ms. Gabrielle Hosein's acting appointment as temporary lecturer was extended for another year pending the advertisement and selection of an applicant for the post of Lecturer. We are happy to state that Ms. Hosein has now been appointed as Assistant Lecturer effective 1st August 2007.

The post of Outreach and Research Officer has been established. Twenty-seven (27) applications were received and we are in the process of selecting a candidate.

1.1.1. Co-Appointment

Prof. Patricia Mohammed continued her Deputy Deanship, Graduate Studies and Research, Faculty of Social Sciences during this period.

1.1.2 Temporary Appointments

Ms. Donna Drayton	Research Assistant – Publications (P/T)
Ms. Michelle Seeraj	Research Assistant - Projects (F/T)
Ms. Eaulin Blondel	Documentalist (P/T)
Mr. Tyrone Ali	Asst. Lecturer – AR20M (GEND2013) P/T
Mr. Arden McLean	Tutor – GEND2013 (P/T)
Mr. Michael Grandison	Tutor – GEND2013 (P/T)
Ms. Shelene Gomes	Research Assistant – June-July 2006 Teaching Assistant/Tutor -May 2007 (Fac. of Social Sciences Funding)
Ms. Candice Dickson	Research Assistant – Fac. of Social Sciences. Ms. Dickson resigned from the services of the University on February 28, 2007.
Ms. Kavita Bhaggan	Research Assistant – March to July 2007 (Fac. of Social Sciences) Ms. Bhaggan replaced Ms. Dickson.
Ms. Crista Mohammed	Tutor – GEND2013 (P/T) (School of Education)

1.2 Fulbright Programme:

For the 2006/2007 academic year, Ms. Jennifer Guzzo is our junior resident Fulbright scholar. Ms. Guzzo is registered for the Masters of Music in Percussion Performance at the California State University, Long Beach, California. She is researching the role of women throughout the development of pan, beginning with the women's roles in the calypso art form, leading and progressing through their influences and involvement in steel pan's progression.

1.3 Research Affiliates:

The following were affiliated to the Centre during this period:

Ms. Tamara Bullock - Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, Mount Holyoke College - July 11th to August 25th, 2006. Ms. Bullock is doing research on *Gender and Development in Trinidad*.

Ms. Elizabeth Bradshaw - Bachelor of Arts, History, University of Cambridge – December 2006. Ms. Bradshaw's research is on *Ideas and Politics in the Black Power Revolt in Trinidad, 1970*.

Dr. Wesley Crichlow - Associate Professor, Ontario Institute of Technology – January – May 2007. Dr. Crichlow's research focuses on *Masculinity, Risk and Criminal Justice*.

Dr. Marina L. Cunin - Post Doctoral Research, Fieldwork Publications Research Division, UK February 2007 to February 2008. Dr. Cunin is conducting research on *Soldiers' Perceptions of Family Life: A Gendered Perspective*.

Ms. Jessica Alarcón- Postgraduate, African New World Studies, Florida International University – March – May 2007. Ms. Alarcón is conducting research on *Osun from Colonization to Creolization: Changing Faces, Changing Places, Changing Races*.

1.4 New Accommodation

After many years of lobbying for space, the Campus Principal allocated new accommodation to the CGDS St. Augustine on the second floor of a three-storey building which is to be constructed. This building will also house the UWI Security Department and the Human Resources Department. Plans are already drawn up and discussions have been held with the architects. However, this building will not be ready for at least another two years.

2. REVIEW OF OPERATIONS – June 2006 – May 2007

2.1 Teaching:

2.2.1 Undergraduate

Four new courses were introduced this year – one in Semester I and three Semester II and are highlighted hereunder. Due to an aggressive marketing campaign student numbers increased in most courses over this academic year.

Courses Taught in Academic Year 2006/2007

AR11C (GEND1103) – Introduction to Women’s Studies –
Semester I Students registered - 101
Lecturer – Ms. Gabrielle Hosein
Tutors – Ms. Camille Samuel, Ms. Shelene Gomes
Ms. Camille Antoine, Prof. Patricia Mohammed

AR22C (GEND2203) – Feminist Theoretical Frameworks –
Semester I - Students registered: 25
Lecturer – Ms. Gabrielle Hosein
Tutor - Ms. Shelene Gomes

AR20M (GEND2013) – Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean –
Sem. II Students registered : 84
Lecturers: Ms. Gabrielle Hosein and Mr. Tyrone Ali
Tutors: Mr. Arden McLean; Mr. Michael Grandison;
Ms. Crista Mohammed, Mr. Tyrone Ali

GEND3501 – Philosophy of Gender - Semester I (*New*)
Students registered: 13
Lecturer: Prof. Patricia Mohammed
Co-Lecturer: Dr. Edward Birmingham
Tutor: Ms. Shelene Gomes

GEND3052 - Philosophy of Gender in Caribbean Thought –
Semester II (*New*)
Students registered: 11

Lecturers: Prof. Patricia Mohammed:
Rev. Dr. Eddie Birmingham
Student Assistant: Ms Shelene Gomes

SOCI 3038 – Gender, Ethnicity and Class in the Anglophone
Caribbean: Issues of Identity, Nation and Citizenship (*New*)
Students registered: 17
Lecturer: Prof. Rhoda Reddock
In Attendance: Ms Gabrielle Hosein

SY27D (SOCI 2016) – Gender and Development with reference to
Caribbean Society – Semester I
From 2007/2008 this course will be changed to a 3rd year course
Students registered: 53
Lecturer: Prof. Rhoda Reddock
Tutor: Ms. Deborah McFee

SY37G (SOCL 3031) - Sex, Gender and Society – Semester II
Students registered: 41
Lecturer – Ms. Gabrielle Hosein
Tutor – Ms. Shelene Gomes

Other courses taught by Affiliate Staff:

AX39A (AGEX 3003) – Gender Issues in Agriculture (73)
E 21G (LITS 2107) - African Diaspora Women's Narrative (17)
F 26H (FREN 2608) - French Caribbean Women Writers (20)
(New) GEND3001 - Gender, Violence and Trauma in Discourse –
(18)
H 30C (HIST 3003) - Women and Gender in the History of
the English-Speaking Caribbean (39)
L 25A (LING 2501) - Language, Gender and Sex (52)
NS21B (GENS 3260) - Gender and Science (13)
S 26D (SPAN 2604) - Women in Hispanic Literature (50)

2.1.2 Postgraduate

The postgraduate programme is currently being substantially revised. The new programme is envisaged as one which caters to the range of options which graduate students require. It also hopes to address some of the difficulties which have emerged from our experience over the past ten years. At present we are concentrating on the completion of outstanding degrees and preparation for implementing the new revised programme by September 2008.

Ms. Raquel Sukhu, student from the first cohort, graduated with an M.Phil in October 2006. The present cohort of graduate students is in the process of writing their theses.

Four prospective students are pursuing qualifying courses in preparation for entry of the next intake. They are: Mr. Nicholas Gilbert, Ms. Sue Ann Barratt, Ms. Karen Hull-La Coa and Ms. Sabrina Charran.

A meeting was held with the Senior Assistant Registrar, School for Graduate Studies and Research to update students on the rules and regulations of the graduate programme.

2.2 Mid-Year Courses

2.2.1 The Course "Doing Ethnography: The Poetics and Politics of Qualitative Research: was offered for the second time during the

period June 6th to July 4th 2006. In the absence of Dr. Diana Fox, Ms. Shelene Gomes coordinated the course which was team taught by the following: - Prof. Patricia Mohammed, Dr. Kirk Meighoo, Ms. Veronica Farrell, Ms. Deborah McFee, Ms. Gabrielle Hosein, Ms. Akemi Kochiyama and Ms. Kathleen Sarkar. Nine students were registered and successfully completed the course.

2.2.2. AR11C (GEND 1103) Introduction to Women Studies

This course was successfully offered for the first time during the summer and was taught by Gabrielle Hosein and Veronica Farrell with Shelene Gomes as tutor. Fourteen students pursued and successfully completed the course. This course will be offered once again in the 2007 Summer programme.

3. RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

3.1 Online Journal

The Centre for Gender and Development Studies is pleased to announce the launch of its first Open Access Online Journal **The Caribbean Review of Gender Studies**. The first issue Vol. 1, No 1, with publication date April 2007, is themed: *Filtered through a Caribbean Lens: Engaging new Technologies of Gender*. The first issue was guest edited by Patricia Mohammed, with Editorial Assistant Donna Drayton and support assistance from Michelle Seeraj. It can be viewed on the following address <http://sta.uwi.edu/crgs/>

4. OUTREACH

4.1 Lunchtime Seminars:

Fifteen Lunchtime seminars were held during this period - six in Semester I and nine in Semester II. They continued to attract a wide audience. Presenters included students and local and international scholars. Ms. Camille Antoine was responsible for the organization of these seminars. (See Appendix I for details.)

4.2 International Women's Day

This year due to the many activities which were taking place at the Centre, the usual IWD Concert was not held. However staff was involved in various activities as follows:

↓ IWD 2007 March

For IWD celebrations 2007 CGDS disseminated an IWD message, supported a half day seminar organized by the

organization the Rights Action group led by Atilah Springer and participated in this activist seminar. The seminar was on networking, organization skills and activism and was aimed at activists and women who were part of the anti-smelter. Among the resource persons were Catherine Ali, mediator and activist. Approximately 20 -25 persons attended the seminar which was held at the Seminar Room, CGDS.

The IWD message was written and circulated and also sent to the UWI STAN magazine. To commemorate the IWD a lunch time seminar was also dedicated to the day during that month.

- ✦ Prof. Rhoda Reddock presented the keynote address at the International Women's Day commemorations organized by the Dominica National Council of Women (DNCW) and the Dominica Women's Bureau.



(Prof. Reddock at the IWD commemorations in Dominica)

- ✦ Prof. Patricia Mohammed was the keynote speaker at the commemorations hosted by the Department of Social Welfare, Social Services Division, Tobago House of Assembly. She made an appearance on early morning television *Rise and Shine* and delivered a paper on the Panel entitled '*Preparing women for the 21st Century*'.

4.3 Registration and Orientation

The Centre was able to attract a larger number of students this year due to its presence at registration as well as its advertising through the production of fliers and leaflets. An orientation session was held in December 2006 for administrative staff of the Faculty of Social Sciences to educate them about the CGDS and its offerings. Due to this exercise, we have been sent their faculty booklet for review of information on our courses. We hope that this will bear fruit in the future.

4.4. New Feminist Group – UWI St. Augustine

Approximately forty young women who participated in the course GEND1103 – Introduction to Women's Studies, taught by Ms. Gabrielle Hosein in semester I, decided to form a feminist group on the St. Augustine Campus. This group initially aims to deal with consciousness-raising and discussions on relevant issues. Their first activity was to participate in an Interclubs day on March 1, 2007 for which they prepared fliers and posters. They also took part in the International Women's Day activities.

4.5 UWI-HARP

The CGDS, St. Augustine continues to have a representation at UWI-HARP. Ms. Camille Antoine attended and participated in meetings. At the meeting in April 2007, discussions were held for the implementation of the UWI AIDS Policy on campus and the devising of strategies/activities to highlight HIV/AIDS educational activities. Activities for World Aids Day were also discussed.

4.6. CEDAW

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago is in the process of compiling its 4th and 5th Periodic Report to the Committee on the Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Violence Against Women (CEDAW). As a component of this report preparation, the Gender Affairs Division is engaged in Community Consultations throughout Trinidad and Tobago to ground the reporting process in the reality of the life of Women throughout the country. Ms. Deborah Mc Fee has facilitating five workshops on behalf of the CGDS.

4.7 Gender Sensitivity and Awareness Training – Civilian Conservation Corps

The Civilian Conservation Corps Programme targets young persons between the ages of 18 and 25. This programme sees to capitalize on the structure and discipline of the armed forces to enhance the lives of the young persons involved in the initiative. This programme, managed by the Ministry of National Security, requested that gender-sensitivity training be included as a component of the orientation programme. Ms. Deborah

McFee has conducted 3-hour gender training sessions at various units during the period January 22 to March 1, 2007.

4.8 Youth Programme

A three-year pilot Youth Programme is organized by the Military Academy. This programme targets at-risk young men between the ages of 18-25. This initiative requires participants to live in, and it is the first military/social government strategy which is structured over such an extensive period of time. The CGDS was invited to undertake a series of gender-sensitivity workshops with this youth group during the period May 7th to June 4th, 2007. Ms. Deborah McFee is conducting this training.

5. REGIONAL GENDER INTERVENTIONS

5.1 UWI 12 Activities

Prof. Patricia Mohammed presented a paper entitled "*Society: The Largest Classroom*" to the Conference of Presidents and Governor Generals of the Caribbean, Hilton Hotel, Trinidad on October 2nd 2006. The Theme of Conference – Education and Development in the Region.

On 25, October 2006 – Prof. Reddock presented the Annual St. Vincent and the Grenadines Independence Lecture organised by the UWI, School of Continuing Studies, in Kingston St. Vincent. The lecture was entitled – "*Brands, Bling and Hypersexuality: Globalisation and Cultural Constructions of Caribbean Masculinities and Femininities*"

On March 5-6, 2007, Prof. Rhoda Reddock was facilitator at a 2-day Training course for Gender Focal Points in Dominica organised by the Dominica Women's Bureau. This was in preparation for the implementation of the National Policy on Gender Equality prepared during the previous year.

Prof. Rhoda Reddock was also Guest speaker at the National symposium on Women organised by the Dominica National Council on Women (DNCW) and the Dominica Women's Bureau.

5.2 UN Training

Ms. Gabrielle co-facilitated with Ms. Annette Tjon Sie Fat at the UNIFEM-funded Gender Training for UN Staff in Suriname, March 8-9, 2007. This is part of a continuing programme which began last year in Barbados. The next course is planned for Jamaica in July 2007.

5.3 DAWN Training Institute

Ms. Gabrielle Hosein facilitated a session on Feminism at the DAWN Training Institute workshop held during 13-18, November 2006. Ms. Michelle Seeraj and Ms Shelene Gomes were participants in this week long workshop.

5.4 UNDP

Ms. Gabrielle Hosein is participating in the UWI team creating UNDP-funded Youth and Governance Training Modules, responsible for module on Gender and Governance. This programme began in February 2007 and is expected to end in February 2008.

5.5 Inter-Agency Programme on Mainstreaming Gender in HIV and AIDS Programming in the Region

The CGDS, St. Augustine was asked to organise a meeting of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee during the period February 26th – 27th 2007. This meeting's participants comprised representatives of UN Agencies, the Commonwealth Secretariat, regional HIV AIDS organisations – PANCAP; CCNAPC – Caribbean Coalition of National Aids Programme Coordinators; UNAIDS and CRN+. Immediately after this, the first national level gender training workshop was held in Port of Spain.

6. RESEARCH

6.1 Gender, Sexuality and Implications for HIV and AIDS

Over this academic year the main activity of this programme were fund-raising for Phase II, and completion of a book manuscript. Phase II is being organized through two main components which will run concurrently and will comprise of the following:

- ↓ Three community case studies of incest using child centered and ethnographic research methodologies;
- ↓ A high school survey of young people ages 11-18
- ↓ Ethnographic study of young people ages 18-24 including in-depth interviews among certain categories – single parents, married persons, persons involved in same-sex relationships, physically challenged persons etc.

6.1.1 Child Sexual Abuse with a focus on Incest

A proposal which was submitted to the UNIFEM Trust Fund focusing on Child Sexual Abuse was successful. This research will be conducted in collaboration with the Coalition against Domestic Violence and will begin in the second half of 2007.

6.1.2 Caribbean Sexual Cultures

A proposal prepared jointly with UWI-HARP, Cave Hill, Kamala Kempadoo, and UNIFEM was submitted to IDRC. Comments were received and the proposal was revised and we await the final decision. Responses so far have been positive. Funding was also received from the Government of Trinidad and Tobago Research and Development Fund for this research.

6.1.3. "Yuh Boysing": Understanding Gay Male Relationships and its Associated Risks in Trinidad.

This research was carried out by visiting scholar Dr. Wesley Crichlow in Trinidad. This was based on in-depth interviews carried out throughout Trinidad from January to May 2007.

6.1.3 Gender and Economics in the Caribbean: Quantifying the Migration – the Case of Guyana and Trinidad

A small grant was approved by the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), Cave Hill Campus for this research. Ms. Deborah Mc Fee is the Primary Researcher assisted and supervised by Prof. Patricia Mohammed. Ms. Mc Fee spent three weeks in Guyana where she collected data and is in the process of completing her report.

6.1.4 Making of Feminisms in the Caribbean

An application for funding from the Campus Research Fund for the continuance of this research was successful. This funding will facilitate work on the Biographical Dictionary of Feminists and Women's Movement Activists. This dictionary will be integrated into the online UWI/Emory Gender Imagebase.

6.1.5 Women, Gender and Water

The research network on this theme has now become involved in CAP-NET, the Caribbean Partnership of the Global Water Alliance (Caribbean Water Net). Prof. Reddock and Ms. Linnette Vassel presented a double session on Gender and Water at the launch through a regional training course on Integrated Water Resources Management organized by the Faculty of Engineering. A one-day workshop is planned for this year. Dr. Fredericka Deare is currently coordinating the Network

6.1.6 Nariva Swamp Project

An interactive DVD based on the Nariva Swamp Project has finally been completed. The DVD includes 1) a music video; 2) the video and 3) photographs which are available for use in other products. Ms. Gabrielle Hosein was responsible for the completion of this project. The music video was premiered unofficially at the Theology and Ecology conference organized by Prof. Ralph Premdas of the Department of Behavioural

Sciences and Canon Knolly Clarke of the Caribbean Conference of Churches as part of Prof. Reddock's presentation on Ecofeminism.

6.1.7 Gender Policy Intensive Course Output in 2007

A documentary film of 40 minutes entitled **Engendering Change: Caribbean Configurations** was produced from the implementation of the intensive training course staged last year by the CGDS. The film has been reproduced on DVD for circulation to all participant countries, to UNIFEM and other key agencies in the Region, to UWI personnel and for sale from the CGDS. It has been packaged as a training or outreach resource in Gender, with a CD rom and power point presentation of key prompts to assist use of the film in teaching and workshop settings. The power point presentation was produced by Michelle Seeraj and Deborah McFee.

7. INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES/ORGANISATIONS

7.1 St. John's University/St. Benedict's College

Collaboration with the St. John's University and St. Benedict's College continued following the session which was held on 4th January 2006. A joint workshop with the UWI/St. John's University/St. Benedict College – coordinated by Prof. Patricia Mohammed, Ms. Deborah McFee and Ms. Candice Dickson of UWI and Dr. Gar Kellom of SJU, was held during the period 4th – 6th January 2007. This workshop was quite successful. Prof. Eudine Barriteau and graduate student John Hunte of the Cave Hill Campus and representatives from William and Hobart Smith College also attended. Visitors were very impressed with the quality of Caribbean Scholarship in this area. As a follow-up to this workshop, a joint conference on Masculinity is being planned for January 2009.



Ms. Deborah McFee and
Dr. Gar McKellom

7.2. University of California, Berkeley - Collaboration

Prof. Mohammed received a two week fellowship at University of California, Berkeley, March 15th-March 31st, 2007 to do a

seminar with the Centre for Race and Gender and work with Professor Jocelyne Guibault on collaborative writing of a paper provisionally titled "To see sound and to hear image"

7.3. University of California, Berkeley - Summer Sessions

The CGDS, St. Augustine will be hosting the University of California, Berkeley summer sessions during the period July 9th – July 28th 2007. The following courses will be conducted during this period: *African American Studies N131: Caribbean Political Economy in the Age of Globalisation, and African American Studies N139: Life, Culture and Environmental use in Trinidad, Barbados and Rural South America*

These courses are Berkeley courses and will be taught by Prof. Percy Hintzen. The CGDS will be required to source guest lectures and generally coordinate this leg of the programme. Twenty-four students are expected to attend this programme.

7.3 SEPHIS/CGDS Lecture Tour

A Lecture tour for Ms. Elinor Sisulu was made possible through funding by SEPHIS¹. Ms. Sisulu was based in Trinidad during the period April - May 2007. She visited - Tobago, Grenada, Jamaica, Suriname, Barbados. and presented her lecture - "Mrs. Sisulu's Husband: Gender Relations in an African Marriage". She also sold copies of her award winning biography - *In Our lifetime: The Biography of Walter and Albertina Sisulu*. Ms Sisulu's lecture in Trinidad took place on Friday 5, April at the National Library in Port of Spain.

During her visits she met with persons involved in work on HIV and AIDS as well as persons involved in reading and writing for children. In Trinidad she also had a story-telling session at The National Library. In Jamaica she met with the senior South African writer Peter Abrahams. In Tobago she met with persons involved with the Tobago House of Assembly. In each case her visit was coordinated by either the CGDS units or the UWI School of Continuing Studies. In the case of Suriname the Institute for Women, Gender and Development Studies of the Anton de Kom University was involved. The CGDS-STA acknowledges the support of colleagues on the other campuses in this activity.

This tour was a direct outgrowth of Prof. Reddock's visit to South Africa and attempts to strengthen South-South Dialogue. Ms. Sisulu also gave a Lunch-time seminar on Women and the current Crisis in Zimbabwe.

¹ SEPHIS - South-South Exchange on the History of Development

7.4 – University of Suriname

On 14th February, 2007, Professor Patricia Mohammed presented the Keynote address “Gender Studies at the University: A Must” at the Anton de Kom Universiteit, Suriname, in commemoration of the 1st Anniversary of the launching of the Institute for Women, Gender and Development Studies within the Faculty of Social Sciences.



Prof. Patricia Mohammed presenting the key note address at the Anton de Kom Universiteit, Suriname

8. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

During the year under review staff attended various workshops and training programmes. Some of these programmes were self-sponsored.

8.1 *Ms. Glenda Y. St. Louis- Ottley – Administrative Assistant*

- ↓ June 29, 2006 - Managing Employment Relations, Employees Consultative Association
- ↓ October 25, 2006 - Acupuncture – Introduction and Demonstration

8.2 *Ms. Donna Drayton – Research Assistant*

- ↓ October 25th 2006 Macromedia Contribute Training — UWI

8.3 *Ms. Michelle Seeraj*

- ↓ September 5-7th 2006: CAFRA Gender and Trade Workshop.
- ↓ 11- 16 November, 2006 – workshop DAWN (Development Alternatives Network) training institute, held at the Cascadia Hotel Nov 11-16 – (member of the local planning committee).

- ✦ January 27th to March 24th 2007: Introduction to SPSS, Department of Behavioural Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences.
- ✦ February 10th to May 5th : Introduction to Events Management, UWI School of Continuing Studies (self sponsored)
- ✦ January 15th to March 22nd: Level 1 A French, Centre for Language Learning, Faculty of Humanities and Education (self sponsored)

8.4 **Ms. Camille Antoine**

- ✦ October 2006 - 2-day workshop on integrating gender into national aids plans, part of the UNIFEM Gender Mainstreaming in HIV/AIDS programming: Phase 2, programme, Barbados, UN House.
- ✦ 11- 16 November, 2006 – Attended one day of the 5-day workshop DAWN (Development Alternatives Network) training institute, held at the Cascadia Hotel Nov 11-16 - As member of the local planning committee.
- ✦ 11 December, 2006 - Attended a one-day meeting of the Caribbean Network of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) Capacity Builders with Dr Fredericka Deare, Coordinator of the Women, gender and Water project, at the Engineering Conference Room, Dec 11th Meeting for potential members.
- ✦ 12-14 March, 2006 - Attended one day of the three-day Training Course on IWRM which followed the members meeting.
- ✦ March 19th 2006 – attended one day of National Aids Coordinating Committee (NACC) Two-day annual research symposium, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port of Spain

8.5 **Ms. Shelene Gomes**

- ✦ 11- 16 November, 2006 – Attended workshop DAWN (Development Alternatives Network) training institute, held at the Cascadia Hotel .

- 8.6 **Prof. Patricia Mohammed**
 ✦ Attended Day 1 of the UWI Change Management Workshop for Heads of Department and Deans, 30, April 2007.
- 8.7 **Prof. Rhoda Reddock**
 ✦ Attended Day 2, of UWI Change Management Workshop for Heads of Department and Deans, 1, May 2007

9. OTHER ACTIVITIES

9.1 *Visitors to the Centre*

The following persons visited the Centre during this period:

- ✦ Prof. Janet Momsen, University of California
- ✦ Mr. Andy Taitt, Consultant Barbados
- ✦ Prof. Gautam Premnath, University of California
- ✦ Prof. Barbara Cruz, University of South Florida
- ✦ Prof. Kevin Yelvington, University of South Florida
- ✦ Assoc. Prof. Dennis Canterbury, Eastern Connecticut State University
- ✦ Prof. Branwell, Sheffield University, UK
- ✦ Prof. Shirley Hume, UCLA, Los Angeles
- ✦ Prof. Troy Duster, New Cork University & University of California
- ✦ Prof. Martha Tomhave, College of St. Benedict
- ✦ Prof. Ozzie Mayers, College of St. Benedict
- ✦ Prof. Eugene Baer, Hobart and William Smith College
- ✦ Dr. Chip Capraro, Hobart & William Smith College
- ✦ Commonwealth Secretariat Evaluation Team
- ✦ Laverne Jacob-Browne, University of Southern Caribbean
- ✦ Tom Sinkoviks, International Migration Organisation
- ✦ Dr. Alissa Trotz, University of Toronto
- ✦ Ms. Karen Diaz
- ✦ Ms. Isabela Lacerda, Alexander Street Press
- ✦ Ms. Elinor Sisulu, Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition, Johannesburg
- ✦ Ms. Opal Palmer Adisa, Author/Writer, University of Oakland
- ✦ Ms. Helen Moffett, Professional Editor, Writer and Research Fellow at the African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa

APPENDIX 1
LUNCH TIME SEMINARS

Lunch time Seminar Series 2006/7 –Topics and Presenters-
Semester 1

Semester Dates -	Presenter	Topic	Chair	Remarks/ Contact info
Wednesday September 20 th 2006	Meryl James- Sebro	Genderstanding Jesus: Women in His View	Prof Rhoda Reddock	Completed. Firstworks1@aol.com'
October 4 th	David Plummer	Sexuality, gender and our colonial baggage: cultural exports since the start of globalization in 1493	Prof Patricia Mohammed	Completed dplummer@fhe.uwi.tt
October 11 th	Dr Dave Dolly	Agricultural Livelihoods, Gender and the Use of Mobile phone technology: An Exploratory Investigation (For Intl rural women's day –(October 15 th)	Prof Rhoda Reddock	Completed.
November 1st	Akemi Kochiyama	Buying Security in Port of Spain: Contexts, Questions and Implications."	Ms Camille Antoine	Completed. akochiyama@gmail.com
November 29 th	Dr. Jean Antoine- Dunne	A Sense of Place	Prof Patricia Mohammed	Completed
December 6th	Dr Cynthia James	Noon Time Readings with the Centre: A Journey through Sapodilla Terrace: Selected Readings from the Works of Cynthia James and Others	Prof Rhoda Reddock	With readings by students Muhammed Mukawil and Irma Rambaran

Semester II

Date	Presenter	Topic	Chair	Status
January 31 st	Dr. Marina Mia Cunin [mailto:mialita@yahoo.com] 6638477/3939584	The Japanese Higher Education System: A Gendered Student Perspective	Prof Rhoda Reddock	Completed
February 7 th	Dr. Rita Pemberton	Beauty, Sustenance, Disease And Death: Water In 19 th Century Trinidad	Dr. Grace Sirju-Charran	Completed
February 28th	Dr. Michelene Adams [michelene_a@yahoo.ca] 632-0938	The Trickster Aesthetic in Erna Brodber's Jane and Louisa and Louisiana	Prof. Rhoda Reddock	Completed
March 14	Dr. Judy Sheperd- Faculty of Social Sciences, Visiting Scholar	Domestic Violence in Rural Communities: Towards Appropriate Interventions: Similarities between Alaska Native villages and Trinidad and Tobago.	Ms. Camille Antoine	Completed
March 23rd Venue: CLL Auditorium	Opal Palmer Adisa	Reading: Until Judgement Comes	Dr. Paula Morgan	Completed Co-hosted with the Dept. of Liberal Arts
April 4	Dionne Griffiths	Caribbean Dance Fusion: Redefining Contemporary Dance	Camille. Antoine	Completed
April 18 th	Mrs. Elinor Sisulu	When Elephants Fight the Grass Suffers: Current Struggles of Zimbabwean Women	Prof. Rhoda Reddock	Completed
April Friday 27th	Dr Joanne Dowdy	PH.D Stories – Conversations with my sisters	Ms. Camille Antoine	Completed
May 2 nd	Helen Moffett	Gender and Cricket	Prof Rhoda Reddock	Completed

APPENDIX II

Gabrielle Hosein - Activity Report June 2006-May 2007

Publications

"Masculinities in Motion" Photo Essay in on-line journal *Caribbean Review of Gender Studies*, Issue 1, 207.

Documentary Films

Speak Out! - 10 minute music video/documentary

Ketch Dis (Access Denied) - submitted to Inter-American Development Bank micro-documentary competition "The Faces of Exclusion."

Conference Presentations

"Sex, Lies and Videotape: Mainstreaming Pornography in the Caribbean" for presentation at the Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, May-June 2007, Brazil.

"Imagined Spiritualities: Identity and Participation in 'Indian Mas' in Trinidad" for presentation at CSA Conference, May- June 2007, Brazil.

Supervision

1. Tammie Yates' Research Project, Women in the Foreign Service, Gender and Development Diploma.
2. Aderinola Wilson UC 300 Caribbean Studies Thesis on the impact of Caribbean feminism on women.

APPENDIX III

Ms. Deborah McFee – Activity Report June 2006 – May 2007

Conference Presentations

Gender Sensitive Provisioning for Entrepreneurial Development in Trinidad & Tobago presented at Women in Business Conference held at Crowne Plaza Hotel November 17th & 18th 2006

In celebration of International Women's Day Ms McFee represented the Centre for Gender and Development Studies on the TV6 Morning Edition Programme. The other panelist included Ms Hazel Brown, Ms Lara Quenshall -Thomas, and Ms. Lynette Seubaran – Suite - . March 8th 2007.

"The Underlying Assumptions of Neo Liberal Economics and the Implications for Gender". Lecture done for the Department of Economics Course – Social Economics - April 4th 2007.

Supervision

Ms. Florence Jeffreys, Gender and Development Diploma – (Distance Education Programme) Research paper on: *Gender Relations in the Care of Post-operative Patients at the Mt. Hope Hospital*

Other Activities

- Review of the two-volume Encyclopedia set edited by Eileen M Trauth entitled Gender and Information Technology - February , 2007.
- In collaboration with Ms Michelle Seeraj preparation of a Teaching Guide to Accompany the DVD Engendering Change produced by Prof Patricia Mohammed - May 2007.

Appendix IV

Prof. Patricia Mohammed Activity Report June 2006 - May 2007

Publications:

Guest Editor and Initiator of First Online Open Access Journal for the Centre for Gender and Development Studies entitled *The Caribbean Review of Gender Studies*. First issue *Filtered through a Caribbean lens: Engaging new technologies of gender* launched May 14th, 2007 UWI website, address <http://sta.uwi.edu/crgs/>

"Gendering the Caribbean Picturesque" in *Filtered through a Caribbean lens: Engaging new technologies of Gender* Volume One, No. 1, *The Caribbean Review of Gender Studies*, May 2006.

"A Triangular Trade in Gender and Visuality: Considerations in the Making of a Cross Cultural Image Base" in *Feminist Africa 7 – Diaspora Voices*, Guest Editor, Rhoda Reddock. African Gender Institute, Cape Town, South Africa, 2006 (Online Journal, also available in hard copy).

"The Plasticity of Gender in Social Policy Formation" , Ch 12 in *Engendering Human Security*: Thanh-Dam Truong, Saskia Wieringa and Amrita Chhachi, (Eds.) Zed Books Ltd. London and New York, 2006, pp 277-296

Edna Manley, Jamaica Sculptor and Iris King, Jamaican Parliamentarian, entries in *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History*. Colin Palmer, Ed. 2nd ed. Detroit: Macmillan, November, 2006

Documentary Films

Engendering Change: Caribbean Configurations, 40 mins, Directed by Patricia Mohammed and Luke Paddington, Edited by Luke Paddington, Produced by Patricia Mohammed, CGDS, UWI St. Augustine/UNIFEM Barbados. January 2007

The Sign of the Loa (Fifth segment in the series **A Different Imagination**, 18 mins, Directed and Narrated by Patricia Mohammed, Edited by Luke Paddington, March 2007. Produced from an Award of the Trinidad and Tobago Film Company.

The Colour of Darkness, Documentary film presented on Panel at the Conference on Alliance of Civilizations hosted by Governments of Spain and St. Lucia and CARICOM in St. Lucia, September 11-13, 2006

Distinguished Lectures and Plenary presentations

"Gender Studies at the University: A Must" Keynote address at the Anton de Kom Universiteit, Suriname, Jan 14th. 2007

"Morality and the Imagination: Mythopoeics of Gender and Culture in the Caribbean" Inaugural Professorial Lecture at the Centre for Language and Learning, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, November 6. 2006

Conference and Seminar Presentations

The Sign of the Loa premiered at the Haiti Now! Art, Film, Literature, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, May 15-17th, 2007

'Woman is Boss': Overturning Gender Stereotypes" Panel presentation in the *Caribbean Women and Leadership Seminar*, hosted by Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business, University of the West Indies, April 27th, 2007

"Of Poteau Mitans, Bedis, Veves and Things: Caribbean Island Identities and Cultural Production" paper and documentary film, **The Sign of the Loa** presented at Islands as Crossroads: Cultural Diversities, Identities and Industries in Small Island Developing States, UNESCO Role of Culture in the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Seychelles, April 10-13, 2007

"Sounding the Caribbean: Cultural and Musical Articulations" Jocelyne Guilbault, & Patricia Mohammed, at "Imagining the Caribbean: Culture and Visual Translation" Thursday Afternoon Forum Series, Barrows Hall:

Race Nation and Diasporas in the Caribbean UC Berkeley, California
March 15th, 2007

"Adding Women and Stirring: Issues in Gender and Parliamentary Representation in the Caribbean", Paper presented at the First Annual Commonwealth Caribbean Workshop January 10-11th, 2007, Department of Behavioural Sciences Faculty of Social Sciences University of the West Indies St. Augustine

"Integrating Men's Studies into Curricula" Panel Presentation at Approaching Men's Studies in a Gender Studies Context: Cross Cultural Initiatives, CGDS/SJU/CSB Joint Workshop, January 4-6th, UWI, St. Augustine

"Society: The Largest Classroom" Paper presented to the Conference of Presidents and Governor Generals of the Caribbean, Hilton Hotel, Trinidad, Theme of Conference – Education and Development, October 2nd 2006

Supervisions/ Examinations

CGDS - St. Augustine

Marie Therese Bernard, MPhil, Gender and Development Studies, "A study of Women and the Glass Ceiling in Management in three Caribbean territories" (*Near completion*)

Janet Duncan M.Phil, Gender and Development Studies, "Perception of HIV/AIDS Risks Factors held by HIV Positive and other women in Tobago"

Cultural Studies Programme, St. Augustine

Steve Ouditt, Ph.D. Cultural Studies *Images of Abjection in Modern Trinidad* (Presented first seminar in March 2007)

Marsha Pearce, Ph.d. Cultural Studies *Mimesis versus Social Construction: The Contribution of Paintings in Trinidad to Caribbean Myths* (Successfully upgraded to Ph.D from MPhil in seminar April May 2007)

Carol La Chapelle, M.Phil. Cultural Studies shifted to M.A Cultural Studies *From Mc Burnie to the Messiah: The evolution of a Liberating Caribbean Dance Aesthetic*. Assisted this student with the

making of a documentary film component in dance as part of her project submission (near completion)

Irma Rambaran , M.Phil. Cultural Studies, *An Analysis of the Filmic nature of the Work of Derek Walcott (Near completion)*

Cultural Studies Programme, Mona Campus

Kai Barratt M.Phil. Cultural Studies, *Redefinitions of female sexuality in soca music (Has presented first seminar)*

Internal Examiner - Research Paper, Master of Law - Lorraine Natasha John, "Finding an Equal Place: A Constitutional Analysis of the Equal Opportunity Act, 2000 of Trinidad and Tobago" October 2006

Internal Examiner, UWI MPhil Thesis, Sir Arthur Lewis School for Social and Economic Studies, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, Halimah Amirah Faridah De Shong "Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) In Barbados: The Constructions of Masculinities In Men's Accounts" January, 2007

APPENDIX V

Prof. Rhoda Reddock Activity Report June 2006 - May 2007

Publications:

"Engendering Science and Interdisciplinary environmental Research for Environmental Security" in Thanh Dam Troung, Saskia Wieringa and Amrita Chhachhi (eds) *Engendering Human Security: Feminist Perspectives*, Zed Books, London and New York, 2006.

"Reflections: An Interview with Peggy Antrobus" in *Development and Change Forum*, No. 37, No. 6, 2006, pp.1365-1377.

"Diversity, Difference and Caribbean Feminism: The Challenge of Anti-Racism" in online journal, *The Caribbean Review of Gender Studies*, Issue 1, 2007.

Diaspora Voices, Special Issue of the journal *Feminist Africa*, No. 7, December 2006. (Guest Editor).

Encyclopedia Entries

"Audrey Jeffers" - Entry in *Encyclopedia of African American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*, Second Edition, 2006

"Elma Francois" - Entry in *Encyclopedia of African American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*, Second Edition, 2006

Seminar/ Conference Presentations

"Gender and the Negotiation of Identity and Citizenship in Multi-Ethnic Post-Colonial Societies" Invited Symposium presentation, World Congress of Sociology, Durban, South Africa, July 2006.

"Ecofeminism" presentation to Conference on Theology and Ecology, UWI, St. Augustine, 26, February 2007.

"Gender, Nation and the Dilemmas of Citizenship: The Case of the Marriage Acts of Trinidad and Tobago, presentation to the Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Brazil, May-June, 2007.

Distinguished Lectures/Keynote Addresses/ Plenary Presentations

"Feminism and Nationalism in the British Colonial Caribbean" Public Lecture, African Gender Institute and All Africa House, University of Cape Town, 15, June 2006.

Caribbean Congress of Labour - 80th Anniversary Conference of the First Caribbean Labour Congress (1926) 4, October 2006 - Women and the Development of the Caribbean Labour Movement.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Annual Independence Lecture - 25, October 2006 - "Brands, Bling and Hypersexuality: Globalisation and the Construction of Caribbean Masculinities and Femininities", Kingstown.

Keynote Address, International Women's Day Commemorations - Dominica National Council of Women and the Dominica Women's Bureau, 8, March 2007.

Northwestern University, Chicago, Conference - "Diasporic Counterpoint: Africans, Asians and the Diaspora" 21-22, April 2007 - Closing Plenary Speaker.

African Union-CARICOM African Diaspora Conference - 23-25, April 2007, London. Plenary Speaker - "Gender Equality"

Supervision

- Laverne Norville - Caribbean Studies Project

CGDS - Mona

- Crystal Brizan - M.Sc Gender and Development Studies, (completed)

CGDS - St. Augustine

- Yvonne Crysosthom - M.Phil Gender and Development
- Melvin Julien - M.Phil Gender and Development
- Jacquie Burgess - M.Phil Gender and Development

University of Amsterdam

- Hebe Verrest - Ph.D Human Geography, University of Amsterdam