

**CENTRE FOR GENDER AND
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
MONA UNIT**

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WORK OF THE UNIT

Consistent with the UWI's Strategic Plan 2007-2012, and recommendations of the OBUS Assessment team, the CGDS Mona Unit implemented its mandate of teaching, research and outreach/public service. This was a successful year in which the Unit met most of its targets. For Teaching, priority was given to: revising courses for the Minor for recertification by AQAC in AY08/09; gaining BUS approval of a new Major in Gender and Development; and preparing outlines for new gender courses that respond to emerging gender and developing issues in the Caribbean. Increased policy research and public service, positively impacted the Jamaica 2030 Development Plan, Jamaica's HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan, provided data on Human Trafficking in Jamaica and gender training for UN staff and other groups. The Conversations in Gender Series was revived and several public events and book launches were held.



Specific Achievements

TEACHING

Major in Gender and Development (New)

The Board of Undergraduate Studies approved the Unit's first Major in Gender and Development being offered by the Centre, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, Psychology, and Social Work. Full implementation is scheduled for AY 2008/2009.

The Philosophy of Gender Courses (New)

Two new courses were successfully offered: GS35A: The Philosophy of Gender and GS35B: The Philosophy of Gender in Caribbean Thought.

Courses Being Developed

Outline for a course on Gender, Reproductive Health & HIV/AIDS was drafted and will be submitted for approval in AY 2008/2009.

Cross Disciplinary Teaching

FD12A - Science, Technology and Medicine in Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences

MU Staff delivered Unit 6 which addresses issues of 'Gender, Science, Ethics and Technology' in Semesters 1 & 2. Course material was also updated in response to emerging gender issues.

Diploma in Gender and Development Studies

Ms Castello supervised the research projects of two students pursuing the Diploma on-line.

Guest Lectures

The Mona Unit staff presented nine (9) guest lectures and short courses in response to requests from several institutional partners locally and overseas (Barbados, Belize, Haiti).

OUTREACH

The Conversations with Gender Series was revived & the following sessions were held during AY2007/08:

'Iraqi Women and Gendered Relations'. Public Lecture: Dr. Nadjie Al-Ali, Director of Gender Studies, SOAS, University of London presented a public lecture on her book on March 31, 2008.

'Women's Reproductive Rights are Human Rights'. Public Lecture: Mrs. Margarete Macaulay, Attorney-at-Law, Advocate on Women's & Children's Rights & a member of Policy Advisory Committee on Abortion, presented a public lecture for International Women's Day 2008 and the Dorian Powell Prize Awards Ceremony. The event was held on Friday March 7, 2008 at the UWI's Undercroft.

Midlife and Older Women. Book Launch: Dr Joan Rawlins' book was launched on November 13, 2007 in the Multifunctional Room, by Professor Denise Eldermire- Shearer. Dr Peta-Anne Baker, Lecturer, UWI Social Work and Mr Jeff James, Caribbean Director, Help Age International also made presentations on gender and ageing in the Caribbean.

Outreach: In response to requests from the media, staff of the Mona Unit gave several radio interviews & provided input for print articles on emerging gender and development issues. These helped to increase public awareness & discussion on gender issues, and gave visibility to the work of the UWI & the Centre.

Main Targets Set for AY 2008/09:

- Launch and teach courses in the new Major in Gender and Development.
- Maintain delivery of eight undergraduate gender courses for the Minor & postgraduate teaching
- Revise courses & resubmit courses for the Minor for re-certification by AQAC;
- Complete and submit at least one new course for approval by AQAC.
- Maintain research and publications with a minimum of two per year for academic staff
- Publish and launch a minimum of two (2) CGDS publications
- Continue strategic partnerships with key stakeholder institutions to impact gender mainstreaming in policy and institutional policies
- Mobilise a minimum of US\$50,000 from Summer School income, sale of publications and consultancies.

Academic Staff: The Mona Unit employs 2 full time Lecturers, 1 part time Lecturer/Research Associate and 1 Senior Lecturer/Head. Per capita publications for AY:1.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Dr Leith Dunn

- “Celebrating Mary Jane Seivwright: Pioneer in Nursing Education”. Nursing Midwifery Research Conference, UWISON, Kingston, May 30, 2008.
- “Mainstreaming Gender in HIV/AIDS Programmes”, “Promoting a Rights Based Approach to HIV/AIDS” for a workshop on Gender and HIV/AIDS for UNIFEM and Jamaica AIDS Support for Life at Eden Gardens, Kingston, May 29 2008.
- “Gender Mainstreaming in Trade Unions”. Caribbean workshop on Women and Trade Unions, Public Service International and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Crystar Villas. Kingston, May 15 2008.
- “Gender and Governance: Lessons for Women in Trade Unions”. Women's Section of the Joint Confederation of Trade Unions/FES Workshop. Ocho Rios, February 8-9, 2008.
- “Tools for Gender Mainstreaming in DFIDC Policies and Programmes”. Gender Training Workshop, Department of International Development staff in the Caribbean. Portland, February 6 2008.
- “CEDAW Draft Report for the Bahamas: 1993-2007”. Workshops organised by the Bureau of Gender Affairs. Nassau, November 30 and December 1, 2007.
- “The Role of Women in Breaking the Cycle of Gender-Based Violence in the Jamaica Society”. Public Forum, Council of Voluntary Social Services, Gender and Community Sector, & PAHO Kingston, November 15, 2007
- “The Gendered Dimensions of Environmental Justice: Caribbean Perspectives”. Environmental Justice Symposium, Wellesley College, Boston, November 9-10 2007.
- “Child Trafficking: Global and Caribbean Perspectives”. Caribbean Child Research Conference. The University of the West Indies. Kingston, October 23, 2007.

- “Mainstreaming Gender in Local Government”. Gender and Governance Training Workshop conducted for UNIFEM Haiti in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti: August 2007.

Dr Marshall

- “Freedom From Sexual Slavery? Black Feminist and Alderian Approaches To Socio-Sensual Liberation”. Abolition of The British Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: Telling The Story. The College Of The Bahamas, Nassau, The Bahamas, February, 2008.
- “Exploring the Continuum of Diverse Passionate Realities: Mona Students' Perceptions of Sexual Variants and Sexual Paraphilias”. Annual Caribbean Studies Association Conference, San Andres, Columbia, May, 2008.

June Castello

- “Breaking Up the Folly Ground: Liberation Politics in Feminism and Theology”. CGDS, Mona Seminar -What Kind of Church Is This: The Philosophy and Politics of 'Gender' in Christian Theology, Kingston, Jamaica, September 28, 2007.
- “Forever Indebted To Women - Inspite of the Difference”. Public Lecture, Hugh Lawson Shearer Institute of Trade Union Education, University Centre. March 18, 2008, Belize City.

Mr. Keino Senior

- “African Feminist Philosophy: the Creation of a Moral Confusion”. Moving Forward Conference, College of Arts and Social Sciences, July 11-12, 2008, University Of Aberdeen, Scotland.
- “Legacy of Slavery: The construction and evolution of Caribbean gender identity and cultural precepts”. National Bicentenary Conference, December 2007, Montego Bay, Jamaica.

PUBLICATIONS

Staff Members

Staff	Publications	Papers accepted for publication	Presentations at conferences and workshops & Guest Lectures
Ms June Castello	–	1	2
Dr Leith Dunn	3	4	20 (12 conf. + 8 guest lectures)

Refereed Journal Articles

Leith Dunn

- * “Women In Philanthropy: From Traditional to Transformational Leadership in the 21st Century”. The Gift, UWI’s Centre for Caribbean Philanthropy’ Vol. 7 (2) 2007.

Book Chapters:

Leith Dunn

- * Milestone or Minefield? Gender, Technology and Development in the Caribbean Single Market. In K. Hall, & M.Chuck-A-Sang, (Eds.), CARICOM Single Market and Economy: Genesis and Prognosis. Kingston: Ian Randle Publishers (25 pages).
- * Gender and Governance. In JA People, Volume 10, Issue No. 2, July 2008. Gender and National Development, PIOJ (Leith L Dunn, Pansy Hamilton, Linnette Vassell, Georgia Brown Wyster). Vol. 10 No.2 2008. (7 pages)

Technical Reports

Leith Dunn:

- * “Gender Review of the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS in Jamaica”. For UNIFEM and National AIDS Committee. (33 pages).
- * “Caribbean Gender Checklist and Indicators for HIV and AIDS Policies and Programmes”. For UNIFEM Caribbean's Project: Capacity Building for Mainstreaming Gender Analysis in HIV and AIDS Programming in the Caribbean. Leith Dunn, Jeanette Bell & Althea Perkins. (38pages).

INCOME GENERATION

The Unit exceeded its target of raising US\$50,000 and this was generated from: Summer School courses; the sale of CGDS publications and consultancies.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Dr. Leith Dunn

- Member, Board of Governors: Shortwood Teachers College
- Member, IDB Civil Society Advisory Committee
- Member, Technical Working Group for Jamaica Social Policy Evaluation Project (JASPEV) Cabinet Office; Co-Chair: Gender and Governance Sub-Committee
- Member, Gender Task Force, Jamaica 2030 Development Plan PIOJ
- Member Population Task Force. Jamaica 2030 Development Plan PIOJ
- Member Working Group to review National Gender Policy for Jamaica.

Mr. Keino Senior

- Member, Gender Task Force: National Development Plan
- Member, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)
- Member, The American Philosophy Association (APA)
- Member, Caribbean Philosophy Association (CPA)
- Chair, Dance and the Child International Conference (DACI) 2009
- Examiner, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts

INFORMATION ON STUDENTS

The Mona Unit taught 459 students in its eight undergraduate courses offered for the Minor in Gender and Development Studies. (Table 1 summarises student registration for 2007/2008.

Postgraduate Teaching

MSc in Gender and Development Studies

CGDS Mona Unit Lecturers taught three MSc courses offered by the CGDS Regional Coordinating Unit.

Postgraduate Students

Academic staff supervised eight (8) postgraduate students enrolled in the CGDS MSc programme, SALISES, & other faculties. All MSc students completed & submitted theses. Four additional theses were examined.

CGDS Prizes Awarded

Mr. Daniel Townsend, was the 2006/07 Awardee for the Dorian Powell Award for academic excellence completing the Minor in Gender and Development Studies. He was the first male recipient of this prize.