

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

During the 2011-12 academic year the Department concentrated on enhancing and completing activities related to the following five areas of its strategic plan. The areas of:

- Departmental integration, team building, process development and monitoring
- Staff development, recruitment and succession planning
- Research, community, relevance and outreach
- Deepening of teaching and learning
- Funding



The Department also completed activities associated with the 50th Anniversary of the Social Work programme. In addition, a number of new initiatives were discussed and developed to be pursued in the new academic year and planning cycle beginning 2012.

Major Activities

Visit of Delegation from University of Connecticut

In October 2011, the Dean and seven faculty members of the University of Connecticut visited with the Social Work Unit in celebration of their 50th anniversary and the partnership they had shared with that institution for over 20 years. A full week of activities was undertaken over the period

including participation in the CVSS all day workshop in celebration of its 70th Anniversary; presentation to social work classes; field visits to a number of agencies and communities and attendance at the Child Rights Conference hosted by SALISES. Another significant visit was to the UWI Township Project in August Town which resulted in the University of Connecticut's interest in exploring the possibility of establishing a similar project in Hartford and using the local project as an option for a graduate practicum.

Community Research Workshop – UWI SWU / CVSS United Way

The Social Work Unit collaborated with the CVSS / United Way in planning and hosting an inaugural Community Research Workshop - *Promoting Research, Analysis and Results* – in October 2011. This was an event in recognition of the CVSS' 70th anniversary and sought to focus attention on research being done for and by the voluntary sector. Members of the Unit made presentations and facilitated discussion, which not only focused on what was being done and what had been achieved, but the areas of need for further research and development, particularly in the voluntary sector.

Departmental Seminars

Annual Derek Gordon Research Seminar

On April 12, 2012, the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, hosted the 16th Annual Derek Gordon Seminar at the Mona Visitors Lodge. The seminar was held under the theme, *Crime and Social Theory in the Caribbean*. The seminar commenced at 2:30, with opening remarks from the Head of Department, Mr. Clement Branche and greetings from Professor Rupert Lewis. The remarks of both speakers emphasized the contributions of Derek Gordon in areas of research, institutional building and as a strong advocate for social justice.

The seminar featured the research work of 28 graduate students, which was presented in six papers by a total of 11 students.

The seminar also honoured retiring Professor of Criminology, Bernard Headley. To this end, a panel consisting of four faculty members, critically

reflected on the academic and social policy contributions of the work of Professor Headley. This discourse was captioned under the theme ‘*Crime, Violence and Social Theory in the Caribbean*’.

The keynote speaker for the seminar was Dragan Milovanovic, PhD, Professor and Brommel Distinguished Research Professor, Justice Studies Department, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Milovanovic’s presentation was titled: *Constitutive Harm, Justice-Rendering Schemas, and Alternative Construction of Agency (Quantum Consciousness)*.

Dr. Michael Barnett coordinated the Peter Tosh Symposium as well as National Heritage Month Film and Lecture Program on behalf of the U.W.I. National Heritage Month Committee and the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, U.W.I. Mona Campus. In February 2012 he was again engaged in the planning of a special Black History Month event, *Notions of Beauty in Black Communities in Jamaica* series on behalf of the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, UWI, Mona.

Staff Developments

Mr. Orville Beckford completed a Postgraduate diploma in teaching: Certificate in University Teaching and Learning (CUTL).

In May 2012, Ms. Ayesha Facey visited Washington D.C. where she completed a two-day StataCorp workshop entitled, “Using Stata Effectively: Data Management, Analysis and Graphics Fundamentals”. The aim of the programme was to expose individuals to basic introduction on how to manipulate and utilize the software package to perform data analysis.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Edwards, Dennis

- Assessment of developmental disorder in childhood. Jamaica Teachers Association and Canadian Teachers Federation summer Institute. Sam Sharp Teachers College. July 2012.

- Developmental disorders in special needs children. Salvation Army School for the Blind. Salvation Army School for the Blind. Sixty Minutes. July 28.

Bailey, Arlene

- and Ngwenyama, O. (2012) “Identity and Identification in Online Communities: A Symbolic Interaction Perspective”, Proceedings of the International Conference on Information Society (i-Society 2012), London, United Kingdom, June 25-28, 2012, pp. 256-261, IEEE.

Brodie Walker, Stacey

- An Analysis and Treatment of Eating Disorders in Jamaican Adolescents (January 14, 2012). University of West Indies, Mona Western Jamaica Campus. 1st International Scientific Conference: Dying to Be Beautiful? Body Image, Eating Behaviours and Health in the Caribbean.

Lipps, Garth

- with De La Haye W, Clarke T, Lowe G, Longman-Mills S, Barton EN, & Bain B. “A Comparative Study of Loneliness and Social Support among Individuals with and without the HIV Virus.” 2011 Caribbean HIV/AIDS Conference, Nassau, Bahamas (November 19, 2011).
- With Henry, M. (2011). “Negative Affectivity as a Mediator of Attachment and Depression during the Transition to University.” Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology – 2011, Nassau, Bahamas, November 18, 2011.
- with De La Haye W, Clarke T, Lowe G, Longman-Mills S, Barton EN, & Bain B (2010). “HIV and Depression.” 7th CCAS HIV/AIDS Workshop, St. Michael’s, Barbados (August 26, 2010).

Govia, Ishtar

- Jamaicans at Home and Abroad: Identities and Health Perceptions. 30th International Congress of Psychology, Cape Town, South Africa. (July 2012).
- Brown, D. R. Ferguson, T., & Boothe, M. (2012, July). Emergent non-communicable chronic diseases in the English-speaking Caribbean. International Conference on Health in the African Diaspora, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD.
- Psychologically Healthy Workplaces: Global and Local Perspectives. 30th Annual Convention of the Jamaica Employers' Federation, Ocho Rios, Jamaica. (May 2012).
- Racialized Identities and Psychological Well-Being among a Sample of University Students in Jamaica. 1st International Scientific Conference: Dying to Be Beautiful, Montego Bay, Jamaica. (January 2012).
- Researching Caribbean populations: Tools for the toolkit. Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology, Nassau, Bahamas. (November 2012).

Ricketts, Heather

- "Assessing Students' Anxieties: Two School Experiences." 6th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference, Kingston, October 19-20, 2011.

Gayle, Herbert

- 'Men as Parents: the Challenges of Fatherhood'. Sandals Foundation, Sandals Grande Riviera, Ocho Rios. May 19, 2012.
- 'Leave No Child Behind: The Case of our Boys.' The Jamaica Independent Schools' Association Principal Conference, Sunset Jamaica Grande, Ocho Rios, Jamaica. October 7, 2011.

Barnett, Michael

- Applying the Afrocentric Paradigm as an Investigative Tool of Analysis to shed light on the Epistemological, Ontological, Axiological and Cosmological Dimensions of the Rastafari Movement. 23rd Cheikh Anta Diop Conference, Philadelphia, October 7, 2011.
- Positioning Marcus Garvey as the Founder of the Black Power Movement in the United States. Aswad Conference in Pittsburgh. November 2011
- Leonard Howell's comparative impact on the Rastafari Movement in relation to the other First Generation Leaders of the Rastafari Movement. 37th Caribbean Studies Association Conference. (May 28 - June 2), Guadeloupe. May 2012
- Revisiting Leonard Howell as the First Rasta. 2nd Leonard Percival Howell Symposium U.W.I. Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica, June 15, 2012.

Chadwick-Parkes, Sandra

- "Building Business and Local Community Relationships, Synergies and Cooperation." Oral presentation, Happy Communities Conference, Aruba, December 6-8, 2011.

McLean Cooke, Wendy

- & Donalds, S. (2012). Primary Caregiver Perspectives on early childhood sexuality in Jamaica. Social Work Social Development 2012: Action and Impact Conference to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, July 8-12, 2012.

Taylor, Orville

- Churches/GSB Training Seminar. How the Plantation Past affects Contemporary Relations. Jamaica Pegasus. July.

- Fifty Years of Trade Union Struggle: Retrospection, Introspection and Reflection. UWI, HLS Trade Union Education Institute. Emancipation Park, May 2012.
- Career Choices and Decision Making. UTECH, Management Seminar, April 2012.

Public Lectures

- **Brodie Walker, Stacey.** “Eating Disorders: The Jamaican Experience”. University of West Indies, Mona Western Jamaica Campus. 1st International Scientific Conference: Dying to Be Beautiful? Body Image, Eating Behaviours and Health in the Caribbean, January 13, 2012.

Poster Presentations

- **Brodie Walker, Stacey.** January 26, 2012. Factors impacting delinquency in Jamaican and African-American adolescents. Poster, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of the West Indies, Mona, Research Day Conference: Promoting Health and Wellness: The UWI, Mona’s Innovative Approach.

Research

Gayle, Herbert

- Special examination of violence in Trinidad – under the Male Status Project, Ministry of the People and Social Development, Government of Trinidad and Tobago. (Completed this year)
- ‘The People Dead Project: An Examination of the lives of 120 career killers across 7 countries from 19 gangs including Crips, Bloods, Mara 18s, MS13, 22nd Street, Shower Posse, One Order, Clansman, Unity, and Rollers.’

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- * **Barnett, M.A.** 2012. Rastafari in the New Millennium: A Rastafari Reader. (Editor). Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press.
- * **Barnett, M.A.** & Onoura, Adwoa. 2012. “Rastafari as an Afrocentrically Based Discourse and Spiritual Expression.” In Rastafari in the New Millennium. (Ed. Barnett, M.) Syracuse, NY.: Syracuse University Press
- * **Barnett, M.A.** 2012.”From Wareika Hill to Zimbabwe: Exploring the Role of Rastafari in Popularizing Reggae Music” In Rastafari in the New Millennium. (Ed. Barnett, M) Syracuse, NY.: Syracuse University Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

Barnett, Michael

- * & James, Andrene 2011. Marcus Garvey as the Father of Pan-Africanism, Black Nationalism and Ethiopianism. In *76 King Street: Journal of Liberty Hall, the legacy of Marcus Garvey*. Vol.2. Kingston, Jamaica: Friends of Liberty Hall (Marcus Garvey) foundation.

Brodie Walker, Stacey

- * (2012). An analysis and treatment of eating disorders in Jamaican Adolescents. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science*, 2(5): 60-64.
- * and Morgan, K. 2011. The impact of family structure on child development in Jamaica. In Osei-Mensah Aborampah and Niara Sudarkasa (Eds.) Extended Families in Africa and the African Diaspora, Chapter 14, pp. 337-352. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press.

Non-Refereed

Ricketts, Heather

- * Patricia Anderson & (2011). “Urban Livelihoods and the Global Economic Crisis: A Case Study of Greater Portmore.” UWI Mona: Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work. Report submitted to the Office of the Principal, April 2012

Technical Reports

- * **Heather Ricketts**, M. Jennifer Jones and Aldrie Henry Lee (2012). “Situation Analysis of Children’s and Women’s Rights, Jamaica.” Report prepared on behalf of UNICEF, Jamaica
- * **Chadwick-Parkes, Sandra**. 2012. Building Disaster Resilient Communities: An Assessment of Community Disaster Risk Management Groups in Jamaica. Study conducted on behalf of the Building Disaster Resilient Communities (BDRC) project, Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) Jamaica.
- * **Chadwick-Parkes, Sandra**. 2012. Youth Armed Violence Interventions: The Caribbean and its Toronto Diaspora. Study conducted on behalf of Project Ploughshares and Peacebuild, Canada. Report available at www.ploughshares.ca
- * **Edwards, Dennis** et.al (2012). Operations Manual for Juvenile Rehabilitation Centre in St. Kitts and Nevis; (UWI Consulting / Development Bank Project).
- * **Edwards, Dennis** et.al (2011). Manual for Individual and Group Counselling – St. Kitts Juvenile Rehabilitation Centre (UWI Consulting / World Bank Project).

AWARDS

Mrs. Marina Ramkissoon, received the SALISES Visiting Fellowship Award, February 1 – May 30, 2012. She was also the recipient of an

'honourable mention' in the UWI, Guardian Life Premium Teaching Award Competition 2012.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Edwards, Dennis

- Member, International Federation of the Red Cross / Red Crescent (IFRC/RC) International Expert Roster for psycho-social recovery.
- Vice President, Jamaica Red Cross
- Member, UWI Centre for Disabilities Studies
- Member, Ministry of Education - Safe Schools Programme
- Member, Ministry of Education – Programme for Alternative Students Support
- Member, Ministry of Education – Independent Schools Commission
- Member, Jamaica Association of Guidance Counsellors in Education

Bailey, Arlene

- Organizing Co-Chair, International Federation for Information Processing Working Group 9.4 Conference 2013, Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries
- Program Co-Chair, Association for Information Systems Special Interest Group on Global Development 2012 Annual Conference
- Member, ICT4D Jamaica

Beckford, Orville

- Member, St. Catherine Red Cross
- Member, Grace Missionary Church Inner City Programme
- Member, Eltham Missionary Church Sunday School Outreach Programme – Gordon Pen, St. Catherine

Govia, Ishtar

- Adjunct Faculty Associate, Program for Research on Black Americans, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Barnett, Michael

- Co-organizer, National Expo event at the Haile Selassie High School
- Member, Currently on the Fund-Raising Board for the Haile Selassie High School.

Taylor, Orville

- Board Member, Museums of Ethnography
- Board Member, JCF Promotions Board
- Board Member, Asafa Powell Foundation
- Board Member, National Library of Jamaica
- Member, School Board, St. Patrick's Primary School
- Chair, Special Constabulary Association Annual Conference
- Member, Press Association

Ricketts, Heather

- Reviewer, *Journal of Happiness Studies*,
- Reviewer, *Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies*
- Reviewer, *Caribbean Journal of Education*
- Member, Technical Steering Committee - Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions, PIOJ
- Member, Steering Committee - Effective Social Protection, PIOJ and Ministry of Labour and Social Security
- Member, Social Policy cluster – SALISES 50/50 Project
- Member, Grenada Studies cluster – SALISES 50/50 Project

Chadwick-Parkes, Sandra

- Member, CVSS/UWJ Research and Planning Committee

Gayle, Herbert

- Member, Board of Management of Children First Agency
- Member, Board of Management. Griffin Trust, Jamaica (Managers of Hush the Guns Project).
- Chairman, Fathers Incorporated
- Member, Violence Prevention Alliance (UWI, Ministry of Health).
- Member, Centre for Studies in Public Safety and Justice

Mitchell, Rashalee

- Department Representative, Student/Staff Liaison Committee
- Social Policy Cluster Member, SALISES 50/50 Project
- President, Rotary Club of Portmore