

# DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

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## Introduction

The department has made modest progress in making our under-graduates more work ready, improving our graduate offerings and the quality of the graduate experience more generally, maintaining the volume of our research and its relevance to the development of the region, and in improving its administrative services to students.

Professor Brian Meeks has been seconded to take up the position of Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, UWI Mona.



The gender composition of the department continues to become better aligned with the composition of the student body. At the beginning of the academic year females accounted for some 70% of the full-time staff and at the end of the year this figure was 80%. Males still dominate the professorial rank but all three new permanent appointments went to females. The rest of the report discusses the research and publications output of the department, highlights the teaching initiatives that seek to transform the experiences of our students, the international exchanges at the level of faculty, outreach, and the administrative aspects of the work of the department.

## Research and Publications

The research output of the department has continued to be fairly good. During the period under review the members of the department produced 6 books and published monographs, 10 book chapters and 7 journal articles. If the books and monographs are converted to article equivalents, then the per capita output of the 19 full-time members of the department approximates 1.8 publications. In addition, 1 technical report was completed and 40 conference papers delivered. One member completed the requirements for her PhD.

Most members of the department are working in applied fields, that is, on central policy problems of Jamaica and the region. These include the problems of local governance structures, e-governance and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of government, political culture and the democratic commitment and policy orientation of the people, and the behavior and policy orientation of the new international actors in the region such as China.

### **Teaching Highlights (and producing the ideal UWI graduate)**

During 2008-2009, a number of courses were dropped and new ones developed and introduced into both undergraduate and graduate curricula in the Department. In an effort to broaden our student's knowledge of the wider Caribbean, a number of new courses on the politics of the different islands were planned and one delivered. As a part of our effort to further upgrade our graduate research programmes, the range of methodology courses on offer was expanded.

Consistent with the goals of the Strategic Plan of the UWI, the Public Sector Management sub-unit in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister began offering an internship programme for its graduate and undergraduate students. The International Relations programme continued its traditional offer of internship placements to 20-25 students with the highest Grade Point Averages. Such internships have paved the way for professional recruitment or for graduate programmes for many students and have given them a better appreciation of the real-life significance of many of their academic courses.

The Department of Government, together with the Department of Modern Languages in the Faculty of Humanities and Education, continued its engagement in the innovative UWI/University of the Antilles-Guyane/Institute of Political Studies, University of Bordeaux tripartite teaching programme which leads to the award of BSc and M.Sc. degrees in International Politics and Development Cooperation. So far, the Department has selected and dispatched three students on this programme, two of whom spent the year as students at the University Antilles-Guyane in Martinique, and one at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Bordeaux.

The International Relations final year group of students staged their annual negotiations simulation in April 2009, under the guidance of

Miss Michele Lowe from the Caribbean Regional Negotiations Machinery, Kingston office. Their task this year was to negotiate a peace agreement between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Tamil Tiger Movement. The simulation not only made them more aware of such far-flung conflicts but sensitized them to the difficulties of negotiating settlements to bitter communal conflicts.

## **Graduate Programmes**

After a decline in 2006/07, the population of graduate students has since been stable. During 2008-2009, there were 163 graduate students registered with the Department, of whom 11 were PhD candidates, 8 were MPhil candidates and 144 were in the MSc programme. By July 31, 2009, 31 students had completed the requirements for the MSc programme and submitted their final Research Papers. Two PhD candidates, Miss Maziki Thame and Mr. Rodney Worrell, both supervised by Professor Rupert Lewis, successfully defended their PhD dissertations in July 2009. Another Ph.D. candidate, Miss Aieka Smith received a UWI Sixtieth Anniversary scholarship in December 2008 and was the recipient of a Canada-CARICOM graduate research scholarship in June 2009. She will spend Semester One of 2009 – 2010 conducting research at the Centre for Globalization and Cultural Studies, University of Manitoba.

The department runs a Parliamentary Research Internship Programme. This year, 14 graduate students were selected to participate in the programme. They produced 38 briefs/papers in response to requests from the Jamaican Parliament. This involved over 400 hours of research time and earned the graduate students over \$800,000.

In December 2008, the Department held a short retreat to review its MPhil/PhD programme. Several decisions were taken on the programme's structure and management which as intended to improve the administration of the programme, and the completion time and quality of the output of the candidates.

The Department successfully held its annual graduate research conference and has continued its series of monthly research seminars for staff and graduate students and sought to expand them to include a few sessions on research training. These activities will be intensified in the following academic year.

Finally, two MSc students from the University of Stockholm spent the semester with us as exchange students.

The department has been gradually separating its graduate and undergraduate faculty. This year, the graduate teachers in the department had the best teaching evaluations in the faculty.

### **International Exchanges, Conferences and Symposia**

The department hosted the following:

- A conference entitled “Local Governance and Inter-governmental Relations in the Caribbean” January 8-9, 2009.
- A symposium on popular Jamaican music in April 2009.
- A research workshop on April 20, 2009. This was in the context of an exchange visit of colleagues from the Universities of Bordeaux and Antilles-Guyane. The workshop was entitled “The Categorization of Creole Societies in the Caribbean: Heritage, Appropriation, Innovation.”
- A public lecture and campus visit by Prof Kwok Leung of City University of Hong Kong. Public lecture topic: “Culture, Psychology and Social Justice.” August 5, 2008.
- A public lecture and post-graduate seminar by Prof. Walter Lonner of the Centre for Cross-Cultural Research, Western Washington University (USA). Public lecture topic: “Understanding ‘Human Behaviour’ Across Many Cultures: The Challenge of Cross-cultural Comparison”, June 3, 2009. This was jointly organized with the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work.
- Dr. Christine Chivallon of IEP Bordeaux delivered a seminar on “The War of Memory on Colonization and Slavery: the Current French Debate”.
- The Centre for Caribbean Thought co-hosted “Groundings: The Walter Rodney Conference” with the Institute for Caribbean Studies, October 2008.
- The department also hosted a number of other distinguished visitors who delivered lectures or seminars on topics ranging

from Development Assistance and Mexico-CARICOM relations to Research Methodology.

- Dr. Lloyd Waller was invited to participate in an observation and study tour of the American electoral system during the US presidential elections in 2008.

## **Outreach Activities**

The Department of Government joined forces with MIND to deliver a Public Sector Development Programme in Montserrat in October 2008 and January 2009. Dr. Eris Schoburgh functioned as Consultant Trainer for this project. Dr. Jessica Byron was invited to deliver a presentation on “Challenges and Opportunities in the Decolonization Process: the Experiences of Anguilla and Montserrat” at the Ninth Regional Seminar of the United Nations Committee on Decolonization, held May 14-15, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Dr. Byron was also asked to contribute to a CARICOM-Commonwealth Secretariat meeting on the training of Caribbean diplomats, held in Guyana in May. Prof. Anthony Harriott helped to organize a CARICOM/ Government of St. Kitts and Nevis conference on youth violence in the region which was held in St. Kitts July 22-23, 2009. Professor Trevor Munroe provided leadership to the National Integrity Action Forum. This is a two year anti-corruption initiative launched in January, 2009 by the Centre for leadership and Governance with the support of the USAID and endorsement from Prime Minister Golding and the Parliamentary Opposition. The Action Forum brings together the main public officials (the Chief Justice, the Contractor General, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Commissioner of Police, the Customs Commissioner etc.) with the leaders of the Private Sector, civil society and International Development Partners to bring about more tangible outcomes in Jamaica’s anti-corruption effort. Six events were organized during the period including workshops with religious leaders, opinion shapers and anti-corruption investigators. Prof. Rupert Lewis continued his invaluable work with Liberty Hall in Kingston, Jamaica.

## **Administrative Support and Student Services**

There have been continued positive changes in the performance of the administrative support unit of the department. The latest mystery shopper report commended the responsiveness and general work conduct of the staff. Work attitudes and work ethic have changed. New

members of staff were recruited and the department has continued to invest in training the new members of the unit.

### **Meeting the Funding Challenges**

Cost-saving measures have included cutting the number of full-time and part-time staff, replacing departing senior members of the department with appointments at the lower levels and cutting over-time. On the income generation side, the department has proposed a number of courses which will be delivered through the Weekend School. It is also pursuing other sources of funding that could add to the research and outreach capacities of the department. These have however not yet materialized.

### **PAPERS PRESENTED**

#### **Jessica Byron**

- “The Signing and Implementation of the EU-CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement: The Ongoing Development Questions”, Universite Antilles-Guyane International Colloquium, Guadeloupe and Martinique, November 6-8, 2008.
- “Challenges and Opportunities in the Process of Decolonization of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the Caribbean: Anguilla and Montserrat”. United Nations Decolonization Committee Regional Seminar, May 12-14, 2009, Frigate Bay, St. Kitts.
- “Independence or Autonomy? Perspectives on Governance in the Caribbean”, Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Kingston Jamaica, June 1-5, 2009.
- “Diversity and Inequality in World Politics”. International Studies Association/Brazilian Association of International Relations Conference, Rio de Janeiro, July 22-24, 2009.

#### **Anthony Harriott**

- Tackling Youth and Gang Violence in the Caribbean: Taking advantage of Smallness. Caribbean Conference on Youth Crime and Violence Prevention. St. Kitts, July 22-23, 2009.

- Towards a Framework for Violence Prevention – Lessons from Violence Prevention Interventions in the Caribbean. Caribbean Conference on Youth Crime and Violence Prevention. St. Kitts, July 22-23, 2009.
- Transnational Threats Multinational Solutions: The Caribbean in Global Context. Advanced Policy Making Seminar. Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies. Miami. May 20-22, 2009.
- The Impact of Violence on Schooling in Jamaica. Mico University College, Research Day Conference, April 1, 2009.
- The Caribbean’s Security Challenges and Responses in the Context of Crisis: Toward a Security Agenda for the Summit of the Americas, Brookings Institute and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Washington D.C. March 24, 2009.
- “...the storm clouds that were on the horizon are getting nearly directly overhead” – Violent crime in the Caribbean-Causes and Challenges. Third Inter-American Forum on Violence Prevention and Citizen Security: IADB and GOJ. Kingston, Jamaica Conference Centre. January 19-20, 2009.
- Social Integration and Crime and Violence in Conditions of Crisis. Caribbean Academics Conference. Barbados. December 2, 2008.
- The Roles of Internal Police Officers - Making International Assistance work. “Making United Nations Crime Prevention Work.” Conference of the Technical Working Group. UNODC and the Ministry of Justice Government of Germany. Berlin, July 2-4, 2008.
- Improving Evaluations of Police Performance – indicators and measurement issues. Workshop on Evaluating police performance – by Social Development Commission (GOJ) and COMET. Runaway Bay, Jamaica. October 15-16, 2008.
- Building Scenarios and Managing the Fallout from Serious Crimes against Tourists. Seminar on Security and Global Tourism Competitiveness. Kingston. September 9, 2008.

- International Police Officers and Making International Assistance work. Conference of the Technical Working Group. UNODC and the Ministry of Justice Government of Germany. Berlin. July 2-4, 2008.
- Crime and Development in the Caribbean: Bringing the CJS back into the developmental Dialogue. 23rd Annual Meeting and Conference of the ACCP – May 14-19, 2008. Ocho Rios, Jamaica.
- Improving Evaluations of Police Performance – indicators and measurement issues. Workshop on Evaluating police performance – by SDC and COMET October 15-16, 2008. St. Ann.
- Building scenarios and managing the fallout from serious crimes against tourists, Seminar on Competitiveness – World Economic Forum. Kingston. September 9, 2008.

### **Clinton Hutton**

- “Merritone’s Place in the Sound System Movement”, Symposium on Merritone: UWI, Mona (Oct. 2008).
- “From Douens to El Tucuche: Becoming and the Meaning of Being in LeRoy Clarke’s Art”, UNESCO Symposium to Mark the 70th Birthday Anniversary of Trinidad’s Master Artist, LeRoy Clarke . The Central Bank, Port of Spain (Nov. 2008).
- “The Entertainment Journalist as Art Critic: Understanding Caribbean Aesthetics”, 2009 Caribbean Culture and Media International Conference, Clark Atlanta University and UWI. UWI, Mona (July 2009).

### **Rupert Lewis**

- “Memorializing the Garvey Movement” Garvey, Garveyism, and the UNIA, University of Pennsylvania, March 20-21, 2009.
- “Peter Abrahams’ Pan-Africanism” Caribbean Studies Association, June 5th, 2009, Kingston, Jamaica.



- “History, Trauma, Memory and Democracy” Brown International Advanced Research Institutes, June 12, 2009, Brown University.

### **Brian Meeks**

- “Thinking about the Centre for Caribbean Thought”, 34th Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Kingston, June 1-5, 2009.
- “Rethinking Caribbean Futures beyond the 2008 Crisis of Capital”, 34th Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Kingston, June 1-5, 2009.
- “Re-visiting the Political in Grenada’s Revolution: Lessons for Caribbean Futures”, 34th Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Kingston, June 1-5.
- “Journalism and Hegemonic Dissolution in Jamaica”, 25th Miami Book Fair International, Miami, November 15, 2008.
- “Pan-Caribbean Futures: 25 Years after Grenada”, Syracuse University, University of Toronto, October 30, 2008.
- “From the Congress of Black Writers to the Grenada Revolution and Beyond: West Indian Exile and the Caribbean Left”, Alfie Roberts Institute, Quebec Studies, CDAS and QPIRG, McGill University, October 28, 2008.
- “Envisioning Caribbean Futures: Jamaican Perspectives”, Centre for Developing Area Studies, McGill University, October 28, 2008.

### **Lawrence Powell**

- “The Power of Mediated Constructions of Reality and Meaning”. 34th Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, June 3, 2009, Kingston, Jamaica.

### **Eris Schoburgh**

- “Modernizing Local Government Structure Via Fragmentation: Lessons from the Portmore Municipal Council- Jamaica”. Freeport Grand Bahama, May 10-14, 2009.

- “Is Subsidiarity the Panacea for Local Government Problems in the Caribbean?” Local Governance Conference, UWI, Mona, January 8-9, 2009.

### **Lloyd Waller**

- Information and Communication Technologies for Agricultural Development in Jamaica Today: The Possibilities of M (the Mobile Phone). Office of the Principal University of the West Indies Agricultural Conference. March 3, 2009.
- (with Commosioug, Michelle). Beyond Diffusion: Mapping the use of ICTs among Jamaican Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Jamaica. International Telecommunications Society 17th Biennial Conference and Executive Meeting. July, 2008.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

#### **Anthony Harriott**

- \* Organized Crime and Politics: Breaking the Nexus. Kingston: Canoe, UWI Press. 2008 (214 pages)
- \* Crime and Development: The Jamaican Experience. Francis, A. , Gibbison, G., Harriott, A. and Kirton, K. Kingston: SALISES. 2009 (112 pages)
- \* Controlling Violent Crime: Models and Policy Options. Kingston: Grace Kennedy Foundation. 2009 (Monograph 96 pages)
- \* Bending the Trend line – The Challenge of Controlling Violent Crime in Jamaica and the High Violence Societies of the Caribbean. Kingston: Arawak. 2008. (Monograph 76 pages)

#### **Rupert Lewis**

- \* Fitzroy Baptiste and Rupert Lewis eds; George Padmore: Pan-African Revolutionary. Ian Randle Publishers, Kingston, 2009. 209pp.

## Lawrence Powell

- \* (with Balford Lewis). Political Culture of Democracy in Jamaica: 2008: The Impact of Governance. Nashville, TN: US Agency for International Development & Vanderbilt University, 253pp., 2009.

## Chapters

### Anthony Harriott

- \* Police Transformation and International Cooperation – The Jamaican Experience. Uildricks, Neils (ed) 2009. Policing Insecurity: Police Reform, Security, and Human Rights in Latin America. Plymouth (UK): Lexington Books. Pp. 123-150.

### Rupert Lewis

- \* “Emancipate Yourself from Mental Slavery” in Paulette Ramsay et al Blooming with the Pouis: Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum. Ian Randle Publishers, Kingston, 2009: 272-279.

### Brian Meeks

- \* “The Grenadian Revolution 1979-1983” Immanuel Ness (ed.) The International Encyclopaedia of Revolution and Protest, Blackwell Publishing, London, 2009, pp. 1462-1466.
- \* “Reinventing the Jamaican Political System” in Manning Marable and Vanessa Agard-Jones (eds.) Transnational Blackness, London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2008, pp.73-86.
- \* “The Rise and Fall of Caribbean Black Power” in Michael West, Fanon Che Wilkins and William Martin (eds.) The Black International: From Toussaint to Tupac, University of North Carolina Press, July, 2009.

### Lloyd Waller

- \* (with Harriott, A). 2007. Organized Crime and Political Corruption in Jamaica: Unpacking the Nexus in Organized Crime and Politics edited by Professor Anthony Harriott. Kingston: Canoe Press, Pages 115-141.

## Journal Articles

### Anthony Harriott

- \* Controlling Violent Crime: Strategy and Policy Options. *West Indian Law Journal* Vol. 34. #1, May 2009. Page 99-118.

### Suzette Haughton

- \* 'Bilateral Diplomacy: Rethinking the Jamaica-US Shiprider Agreement', *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*, 3 (2008) 253-276.

### Clinton Hutton

- \* "The Revival Table: Feasting with the Ancestors and Spirits", *Jamaica Journal*, Vol. 31, No. 4, 2009, pp 52-65.

### Rupert Lewis

- \* "Marcus Garvey's Global Vision" in 76 King St. *Journal of Liberty Hall: The Legacy of Marcus Garvey* Vol. 1, 2009: pp. 65-80

### Powell, Lawrence

- \* "Social Values, Trust and Fairness: Gauging Neglected Psychocultural Factors in Jamaican Development" *Psychology and Developing Societies* 21(1), 33-49, 2009.
- \* (with Frey, Rosemary). "Protestant Work Ethic Endorsement and Social Justice Values in Developing and Developed Societies: Comparing Jamaica and New Zealand" *Psychology and Developing Societies* 21(1), 51-77, 2009.

### Waller, Lloyd

- \* Spinning webs of meanings: Limiting or expanding futures through representations of information and communication technologies for development in Jamaica. *Futures Volume* 40, Issue 7, Pages 674-687. 2008.

## Technical Report

### Jessica Byron

- \* (with Dunn L., Byron J., Hamilton A., Palmer Q.), Women's Rights Analysis of Economic Partnership Agreements: The

Implications of Trade Liberalization in the EU-CARIFORUM EPA for Jamaica, UWI Institute for Gender and Development/Commonwealth Secretariat/One World Action, April 2009.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **Jessica Byron**

- Member, PSOJ International Trade Committee.
- Member, Ministry of Foreign Affairs JTAT group.
- Member, International Advisory Committees for *Bulletin of Latin American Research and for European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*.

### **Anthony Harriott**

- Member, Special Planning committee – on campus security
- Chair, Predial Larceny Advisory Committee

### **Rupert Lewis**

- Co-editor, Caribbean Reasonings Series, Ian Randle Publishers, Kingston.
- Member, National Commission on Reparations
- Member, Council of the Institute of Jamaica
- Chair, Advisory Board, African-Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank
- Chairman, Friends of Liberty Hall
- Member, Editorial Committee of *Jamaica Journal*, Institute of Jamaica.

### **Brian Meeks**

- Member, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) and former Council member.
- Member, Editorial Board, The University of the West Indies Press.
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society*, (Columbia University).

- Member, Editorial Board of *Social and Economic Studies*, UWI.
- Member, Editorial Board of Lexington Books, Caribbean Series.
- Member, Institute of Caribbean Studies, UWI.
- Contributing Editor, *WADABAGEI Journal*, Caribbean Research Center, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York.
- Member, Editorial Board of the Journal of the University College of the Cayman Islands.

### **Lawrence Powell**

- Project Director, Cross-Cultural Variations in Distributive Justice Perception (CVDJP) study.
- Member, Editorial board, *American Review of Political Economy*.
- Member, Editorial board, *Southern Journal of Canadian Studies*.
- Member, Editorial board, *International Bulletin of Political Psychology*
- Member, Editorial board, *Journal of Diplomatic Language*.
- Editorial Consultant, *Journal of Cross-cultural Psychology* (political psychology, distributive justice)

### **Eris Schoburgh**

- Member, UNICEF/Social Investment in Children Initiative
- President, Optimist Club of Kingston
- Sponsor and School Governance Advisor, Omega Basic School, Orange Bay, Portland
- Member, Evaluation Committee (Initial) organized by UNDP for Local Government Capacity Building Project
- Member, Caribbean Studies Association

### **Lloyd Waller**

- Caribbean/UWI Representative - 2008 U.S.A. Presidential Election: U.S. State Department International Leadership Observer Programme
- UWI Representative – Harvard Model United Nations Assembly

- Advisor, Deputy Prime Minister of Jamaica and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
- Consultant, Organization of American States
- Member, National Youth and Development Committee
- Member, World Bank’s Development Gateway
- Member, International Institute for Communication and Development
- Member, International Institute of Communication and Development’s national knowledge sharing network - ICT4DJamaica

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### Major Prizes For Best Performances

The Department of Government awarded the following students for their outstanding performances for the Academic Year 2007/2008 at the annual Faculty Awards Ceremony held January 22, 2009.

<b>Ann Spackman Prize:</b>	Tamoya Natassia Williams GT11A -Introduction to Political Institutions
<b>Paulette Wilson Prize:</b>	Marcus Magallan Mullings GT13D-Introduction to Public Sector Management
<b>Archie Singham Memorial Prize:</b>	Kerry-ann Kerisha Drummond GT22C-Foundations of Caribbean Politics  Shane O’Niel Cunningham GT22D-Politics in the Caribbean
<b>Carl Stone Prize:</b>	Andrew Karl Lawrence GT24M-Research Methods in Political Science

**Gladstone E. Mills Prize & Nethersole Prize:**

Kevin Mark Orlando Carter  
BSc Public Sector Management

**Sir Laurence Lindo Prize:**

Vernecia Badal  
BSc International Relations

**Rosina Wiltshire Prize:**

Shane O'Niel Cunningham  
MSc International Relations

**MSc Staff Prizes:**

Mickelle Antionette Hughes  
MSc International Relations  
Research paper

Marvette Elaine Thompson  
MSc Comparative Politics/Political  
Theory Research Paper

Jody-Ann Melissa Henry  
Tanzia Saunders  
GT61D-Supervised Research Project  
in Public & Development  
Management

Sharon Anne Callen  
GT61C-Supervised Research Project  
in Public Enterprise Management