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PAPERS PRESENTED

• Dr. Tracy-Ann Johnson-Myers on Thursday October 30, 2014, presented at the Department of Government Graduate Research Seminar. Dr. Johnson-Myers presentation was titled, “The Effects of Mixed Member Proportional Electoral System on the Political Representation of Women and Ethnic Minorities. A Case Study of Women and Maori in New Zealand”.

• Dr. Jessica Byron made presentations at the following Seminars and Conferences: January 22, 2015: presentation “Regional Responses and Perspectives on the Cuba-US Rapprochement” in the context of a public forum on “Cuba-United States: Todos Americanos? reflections on the historic US-Cuba Rapprochement” organized by the CAGI
Centre of the Universite Antilles-Guyane and the Mayor’s Office of Pointe-a-Pitre Guadeloupe.

- **Dr. Jessica Byron:** February 18–21 2015: Attendance at the International Studies Association 56th Annual Convention, New Orleans, USA, "Global IR and Regional Worlds". (i) Presented in Roundtable WA42 on "Transdisciplinarity, Transregionalism. Transculturalism and other transgressions in Research/Practice: Reflections from Fieldwork on Development among the Marginal and Marginalized". (ii) Acted as discussant for Panel SD77 "Strategic Politics for the Poor, Small and Powerless? Caribbean Integration as Global Politics".

- **Dr. Sonia Gatchair** attended the International Research Society in Public Management (IRSPM) Conference in Birmingham England March 29–April 02, 2015 and presented a paper on "Implementation of Fiscal Responsibility Frameworks in Local Authorities".

- **Dr. Tracy Ann Johnson-Myers** attended the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago from April 15–19, 2015 and presented a paper on “The Mixed Member Proportional Representation System: Providing greater representation for Ethnic minorities?”

- **Dr. Omar Hawthorne** attended the Inaugural Office of the Contractor General Anti-Fraud and Corruption Conference, March 09–11, 2015 Kingston, Jamaica. Her presentation was titled “Infawma fi dead culture: A Case study of Protection for Whistleblowers in Jamaica”

**PUBLICATIONS**


- Byron, Jessica “CARICOM Foreign Policy since 2009: A Search for Coherence in National and Regional Agendas” Chapter Four in Bonilla A., Jaramillo G. eds. La CELAC en el Escenario Contemporaneo de America Latina y del Caribe, San Jose C.R.: FLACSO/CAF, pp. 79–100. (2014)
• **Byron, Jessica** “CARICOM Foreign Policy since 2009: A Search for Coherence in National and Regional Agendas” Chap Four pp. 79–100 in Adrian Bonilla & Grace Jaramillo eds. *La CELAC en el Escenario Contemporaneo de America Latina y el Caribe*, San Jose C.R: FLACSO/CAF 2014, 130 pp. (2014)


• Wilson, Stacy-Ann, and Dr. Nicole E. Johnson, “Teaching to Difference? The Challenges and Opportunities of Diversity in the Classroom” (2015)

• **Charles, Christopher** “Perspectives on Caribbean Football” London: Hansib Publications. (2015)


• Thame, Maziki and Dhanaraj Thakur, “The Patriarchal State and


### AWARDS

- **Jessica Byron** Honoured by French Government
  
  November 2014, recipient of French Government award Chevalier de l’Ordre National du Merite for contribution to the development and management of a jointly taught French-Caribbean B.Sc/M.Sc. programme in Politics and International Cooperation which links the University of Bordeaux IV, the Universite Antilles-Guyane and the UWI in its delivery and in staff research and teaching exchanges.

### NATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

**Dr. Jermaine McCalpin’s** activities for the period December 2014-January 2015 are as follows:

**Television**

- December 3, 2014 – Television Jamaica current affairs programme All Angles – spoke on the status of the West Kingston Commission of Enquiry
Radio

- December 5, 2014 – Nationwide News Radio – Nationwide at 5-Commission of Enquiry or Trial
- December 9, 2014 Love FM, the conduct of the West Kingston Commission of Enquiry
- December 11, 2014 NCU FM – State of Affairs, Commissions of Enquiry and human rights
- December 12, 2014 RJR Beyond the Headlines, the conduct of the West Kingston Commission of Enquiry

Newspaper

January 5, 2014 – Sunday Gleaner – Guest columnist “Is Jamaica a democracy?”

Dr. Lloyd Waller’s activities for February 2015 are as follows:

1. Pre-negotiations with external funder for a Joint initiative with the ICS for the development of a BSc in Sports and Nutrition Management
2. DOG National Study on Political Victimization
3. Development of a DOG National Programme on Electoral Voting - iVote Jamaica
4. The Governance Society National held a Forum on “Political Participation” – Participants Director of Elections, MPs and CAFFE representatives
5. Plans are being put in place for a National Forum with ICS on the Politics of Art to take place at a date to be announced.

Dr. Maziki Thame’s Outreach activities for the period January–March 2015 were as follows:

1. Invited Guest on Newstalk 93 FM on March 15, 2015 on the program, “The Left and Caribbean Futures”
2. Invited Moderator, Panel Discussion: Literature, Gender and Identity, Jamaican Writers Society and the Next GENDERation Initiative, March 5, 2015.


Dr. Eris Schoburgh served as a member of the panelists set up by the Government of Canada through the Federation of Municipalities for selection of a national coordination for the Caribbean Local Economic Development Project (CARILED) in Jamaica. Invited to be a member on the recommendation of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development on the basis of knowledge of local government and governance in the Caribbean Region.

Dr. Eris Schoburgh convened planning meeting for UWI’s First International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) Regional Conference slated for October 1–3, 2015 at the Mona’s Visitors’ Lodge. Conference is an initiative of the Public and Policy Management Unit (PPMU) in the Department of Government (DoG). The conference is being hosted in association with the Mona School of Business and Management.

Dr. Lloyd Waller and Ms. Nicola Satchell sat on the planning committee for the Mixed Methods Research Caribbean Conference 2015 that was held March 12–13, 2015 at the Mona Visitors’ Lodge

Dr. Omar Hawthorne on April 09. 2015, attended the President Obama’s Youth Town Hall meeting, UWI, Mona
STUDENTS

The team representing The Department of Government High Achievers Society did exceptionally well at the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference held at Texas A&M University with over 500 participants and 60 universities being present. Congratulations to Garrick Donaldson and Rashaun Keiute Watson 1st and 2nd place winners in the Oratorical contest at the Conference. Both students were selected to be participants in The Advanced Leadership Institute, which comprised of students chosen based on their writing and leadership abilities.

Students from the Department of Government, UWI, Mona joined over 3,000 students from all over the world to compete at Harvard National Model United Nations Conference in Boston, Massachusetts from February 12–15. The UWI Mona students (12), who are members of the Model United Nations Club on campus, were delegates representing the State of Palestine in the conference’s United Nations General Assembly simulation. At the conference, the students spoke, debated, negotiated and wrote draft UN resolutions on a wide range of current international issues, from international responses to ethnic crises, to the freedoms of journalists, to the Israeli settlements in the West Bank. In addition, the delegates had the opportunity to interact with students from a variety of different cultures and backgrounds. Jherane Patmore, 2nd year International Relations Major, won an award at the end of conference, a commendation for her public speaking and debating skills.

The Department of Government had its monthly Graduate Seminar on February 26, 2015 and April 16, 2105 in SR4. The following persons presented at the Graduate Seminar:

Mr. Othdane Thompson, Assistant Lecturer and PhD Candidate in the Department of Government made a presentation entitled, “A comparative analysis of the electoral Strategies and Management systems used by the two major political parties in the 2011 general elections”

Mr. Louis EA Moyston is currently a Research Fellow at the Office of the Principal at the UWI, Mona Campus and a MPhil-PhD Candidate in the Department of Government, made a presentation entitled, “The
Emergence of Leonard P. Howell and Early Rastafari in the Anti-Colonial Struggles, Jamaica 1933 to 1938”

Mr. Marcus Mullings, final year Phd candidate in the Department of Government a UWI Postgraduate Scholarship recipient, presented an “Independent regulation in the Caribbean: a decentralized mode of governance in a centralized space. An assessment.”