WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department collaborated with other departments and institutes to host several public events. These included:

2015

- October 9th – Lecture Series by Maximiliano Jara, Third Secretary, Consul of Chile in Kingston. The Lecture Series was titled “A Look from the South: Introduction to South American Reality on Historic and Current Processes” Maximiliano Jara graduated as a Journalist from the Diego Portales University.
- October 10th – Dr. Raymond Brown, Faculty Diplomat-in-Residence did a Guest Lecture in the course GOVT6070-Regionalism in a Globalized Age titled, “NAFTA at 21: A North America Community”
October 13th – Professor Rupert Lewis did a Guest Lecture in the course GOVT2005-Caribbean Political Thought, in SR5 at 3:00pm titled, “Black Radicalism: From Garvey to Walter Rodney”.

October 21st – the Department along with The National Commission on Reparations and in association with Ian Randle Publishers, hosted the launch of Dr. Clinton Hutton’s book, Colour for Colour Skin for Skin, Marching with the Ancestoral Spirits into War Oh at Morant Bay, at the UWI Regional Headquarters, Mona.

November 3rd – the Department hosted a Public Forum entitled, “Concepts in Global Security”, presented by Ambassador Luis Moreno, United States Embassy at the Eon Nigel Harris Council Room, Regional Headquarters, at the University of the West Indies.

November 19th – Professor Jessica Byron hosted the showing of a film by Raoul Peck entitled “Fatal Development Assistance” at 2:30pm in SR5, Faculty of Social Sciences.

November 20th – Stuart Harbinson, a Senior Fellow from the European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE) and Steven Fevrier, a Trade Expert (Former Trade Advisor to Small States, the Commonwealth Secretariat, Geneva) did a Guest Lecture in the course GOVT6069 – The World Trading System in Room 23 of the Old Management Studies Building. The presentations addressed the dynamics and alternative scenarios for negotiations in various disciplines leading up to, and during, the 10th World Trade Organization Ministerial Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya.

November 21st – the students in the course GOVT2009 – Introduction to African Politics made a presentation where they represented 7 African countries (Angola, The Gambia, Algeria, Somalia, Tanzania, Rwanda and Sierra Leone) in their annual course simulation exercise. It was held in the Social Sciences Lecture Theatre at the University of the West Indies, Mona.

November 21st – a Simulation exercise was carried out by the Model United Nations on the "Immigration Policy in a Changing European Union".
November 26th – Dr. Vaughn Graham and Ms. Joanna Simpson presented at the Department of Government Graduate Research Seminar Series. Dr. Graham’s presentation was titled, “Development Assistance in Jamaica within the Changing Global Context” and Ms. Simpson’s was titled, “Staying-Out: The process of becoming an integrated, prosocial and law-abiding member of Jamaican society”.

2016

January 28th – The Department of Government, The Centre for Leadership and Governance and the Institute of Caribbean Studies held a Graduate Seminar which included the following presenters, Dr. Herbert Gayle, Dr. Christopher Charles and Ms. Gleasia Reid. The presentations were as follows:

- Dr. Gayle’s presentation was titled, “How and Why Jamaicans Vote: A Glimpse of Integrated Methodologies”
- Dr. Charles and Ms. Reid’s presentation was titled, “Forecasting General Elections in Jamaica with the CHAMPSKNOW system”

March 10th – The Department of Government, The Venezuelan Embassy in Kingston and The UWI-Latin America-Caribbean Centre (UWI-LACC), hosted the showing of a film entitled, “Chavez, on the Life of President Hugo Chavez” in recognition and commemoration of the 3rd Anniversary of his death on March 5, at 4pm at the Eon Harris Council Room, UWI Regional Headquarters.

March 17th – Mr. Jean-Pierre Murray accompanied 9 students from the Department of Government, representing the Model United Nations Club and the Governance Society UWIMUN Club to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade’s Commonwealth Day Celebrations under the theme “An Inclusive Commonwealth”. Other guests included the British, South African and Trinidadian High Commissioners, as well as students from the Mona High School.
• March 21st–24th, The UWI Mona Model United Nations (UWI MUN) in association with the Department of Government hosted a Mental Health Week entitled, “Think Healthy”. The Jamaica Mental Health Advocacy Network and Respect Jamaica were also involved in the week of activities.

• March 21st – The Department of Government in association with the Mona School of Business and Management hosted a Public Forum, entitled, “Election 2016: Reflections & Next Steps” at Lecture Room 3, Faculty of Medical Sciences at 6:00pm. The presenters were Mrs. Maxine Henry-Wilson, Commissioner and CEO of the Jamaica Tertiary Education Commission & Former Minister of Education, Mr. Julian Robinson Member of Parliament for South Eastern St. Andrew & Deputy General Secretary of the People’s National Party, Senator Matthew Samuda, President, Generation 2000 (G2K) and Dr. Lloyd Waller, Head, Department of Government, UWI, Mona

• March 23rd–24th – The Department of Government, The Centre for Leadership and Governance and the Institute of Caribbean Studies, hosted “The Academic Conference on International Football 2016- The Business of Football” in the Multifunctional Room, the Main Library, from 9:00-5:00pm.

• March 24th – Dr. Kavita Johnson, Lecturer, Department of Government and Ms. Giuliana Urbina Mazzini, who works at the Public Affairs Section (Cultural Affairs Office) of the Embassy of the United States presented at the Department of Government Graduate Research Seminar Series. Dr. Johnson’s presentation was titled, “Caribbean Foreign Policies towards China and Japan: Small States in Changing International Relations” and Ms. Mazzini’s presentation was titled, “Placing Residents at the Heart: An Analytical Study of the Current Situation of the George Town World Heritage Site”.

• April 4th – Dr. Jacqueline LaGuardia of the Institute of International Relations, St. Augustine Campus did a Guest Lecture Presentation entitled, “Economic Changes and Cuban Society Today” as part of
the Department’s graduate course in Latin American Politics (GOVT6067), in N2, Faculty of Humanities and Education.

- April 7th – the Department of Government in association with the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), hosted a Public Lecture on, “The Cuba-US Normalization Process” presented by Dr. Jacqueline Lagueardia from the Institute of International relations, St. Augustine Campus.

- April 13th–15th – Dr. Eris Schoburgh attended the 20th Annual International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) Conference hosted by Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the City University of Hong Kong. Dr. Schoburgh presented her current research findings in a paper entitled, “From Self-Help to Local (Economic) Development: Are Development Committees ‘Fit for Purpose?’

- April 21st – Dr. Jermaine McCalpin was a Guest Speaker at Worcester State University’s 101st Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. His presentation was titled, “Seven Principles of Reparations of Historic Injustice”. Dr. McCalpin was presented with the keys of City of Worcester, Massachusetts in recognition of his contributions to the work of justice for the Armenian genocide.

- April 28th – the Department hosted the MPhil Upgrade Seminar of Mrs. Victoria Angus-White, a MPhil Student in the Department of Government at 2:00pm in SR4 entitled, “An Investigation into the Culture of Political Campaigning and its Relationship with Voter Apathy in Jamaica”.

- July 8th – The Consulate of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in Jamaica in association with the Department of Government hosted a special screening of the award-winning film, “If Only I Were That Warrior”, at the Social Sciences Lecture Theatre at 6:30pm.
CONFERENCES

2015

• October 1st–3rd – The Department of Government in association with the Mona School of Business and Management held a conference entitled “International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) Regional Conference, Optimizing Public Services Management for Development Innovation in Policy, Strategy and Technique” at the Mona Visitors Lodge at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus.

• November 4th – The Department hosted the inaugural, “Caribbean Students Drug Policy Conference at the Mona Visitors Lodge, The University of the West Indies, from 8:00am–5:00pm.

AWARDS

• Dr. Suzette Haughton – received the award for The Best Research Publication at the 2015 Principal Award Ceremony for the article titled, “The 2009 Jamaica-USA Extradition Affair: A "Securitized" Response to Jamaica’s Drug Problem”

• Prof. Jessica Byron – received the award for the Most Outstanding Researcher at the 2015 Principal Award Ceremony for the articles titled, “Development Regionalism in Crisis? Rethinking CARICOM, Deepening Relations with Latin America” | “CARICOM Foreign Policy since 2009: A Search for Coherence in National and Regional Agendas” | “The "Slums of Empire" and Gordon K. Lewis: Reflections on Decolonization and Sovereignty in the Caribbean” | “A Caribbean Perspective on Regionalism: What Role for CELAC?” “Responses to the Sovereignty/ Vulnerability/Development Dilemmas: Small Territories and Regional Organizations in the Caribbean”
PAPERS PRESENTED

During the period under review, faculty made presentations at various local, regional and international conferences and seminars and these are detailed below.

2015

Murray, Jean-Pierre

- September 4th – presented at a conference on Caribbean Integration and Development Issues, hosted in the Dominican Republic. He presented a paper titled “Jamaica’s Empowerment Approach to National Development: A Human Opportunities Perspective.” The conference was organized by the Instituto Tecnologico de Santo Domingo (INTEC), in association with the Observatorio Dominicano del Caribe y Centroamerica (ODCCA), and the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO). The project was financed by the European Union.

Hawthorne, Omar

- October 30th–31st – attended and participated in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, The Anti-Corruption Academic Initiative Symposium (ACAD), at MGIMO University in Moscow

Waller, Lloyd, Walters, Shinique, Johnson, Stephen and Thakur, Dhanaraj

- November 19th – made presentations at the “Department of Government Presentation of Research Findings of the Impact of Information Communication Technology on Gender Based Violence”. It was held at the FMS Lecture Theatre 1 which is located at the Faculty of Medical Sciences.
PUBLICATIONS

Books & Monographs


Referred Journal Articles


- **Haughton, Suzette A.** (2015). Colombia-Jamaica-Nicaragua-United


- **Schoburgh, Eris and Gatchair, Sonia** (2015) “Development Local Governance” with Palgrave MacMillan, co-edited with Emeritus Professor John Martin, Latrobe University. Dr. Schoburgh authored/coauthored five (5) chapters in addition to introduction and conclusion.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Schoburgh, Eris**

- November 4th – was a member of the interview panel for an LED Coordinator, Social Development Commission

- December 10, 2015 & January 14, 2016: Participated in Board of Directors and Finance meetings of the Social Development Commission

- March 21–22, 2016: acted as a Facilitator in two sessions of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum Regional Programme Consultation Meeting held under the theme: “Strengthening Local Government’s Role as a Partner in Development,” held at the Hilton Hotel, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

**Hawthorne, Omar**

- February 10–15, 2016: was the Faculty Advisor to the UWI Model United Nations club and attended the Harvard National Model United Nations Conference, with 14 students, where 6 students won awards.

STUDENTS

A. GRADUATE

Departmental Prizes


B. UNDERGRADUATE

Departmental Prizes

1. Lori Whyte & Yanique Jackson – ANN SPACKMAN PRIZE—awarded annually to a Mona student registered for any degree programme (day) within the Faculty of Social Sciences, who has performed best in GOVT1000- Introduction to Political Institutions paper for the Academic Year examinations.

2. Shabaska Bailey – PAULETTE WILSON PRIZE – awarded annually to a Mona student registered for any degree programme within the Faculty of Social Sciences, who has performed best in GOVT1012- Introduction to Public Policy and Management examination for that Academic Year.

3. Garrick Donaldson and Jordan Craig – ARCHIE SINGHAM MEMORIAL PRIZE – awarded to the student (Faculty of Social Sciences) with the best performance in GOVT2006- Foundations of Caribbean Politics; and GOVT2007- Politics in the Caribbean.
4. **Garrick Donaldson** – RUPERT LEWIS PRIZE – awarded to the student (Faculty of Social Sciences) with the best performance in GOVT2005 – Caribbean Political Thought.

5. **Simone Morris** – CARL STONE PRIZE – awarded annually to the student (Faculty of Social Sciences) with the highest average in the combined courses: GOVT2044 – Research Methods in Governance I and GOVT2054 – Research Methods in Governance II.

6. **Isha Levy** – NETHERSOLE PRIZE – awarded annually to the final year student with the best performance in any degree offered by the Department of Government, with the exception of the BSc. (International relations) e.g. BSc (Public Policy and Management); BSc. (Political Science).

7. **Sasha-Gay Codling** – SIR LAURENCE LINDO PRIZE – awarded to Mona student with the best performance in BSc. (International Relations) final examination provided that the student obtains at least Second Class (Hons).

8. **Abigail White** – ROSINA WILTSHIRE PRIZE – awarded to the incoming MSc. International Relations student with the best overall performance in International Relations at the Undergraduate Level.