

DLIS 40th Anniversary & Gathering of Graduates

“From Search to Discovery: Reimagining the Library and Information Landscape”

October 3-6, 2012

Mona Visitors’ Lodge & Conference, UWI Mona

Conference Highlights: Celebrating & Reflecting

The DLIS 40th Anniversary Conference and Gathering of Graduates

- **UNESCO-UWI Pre-Conference Workshop “Metadata and Resource Discovery”** - 24 participants including Librarians and graduate students from Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago. Workshop presenters were Ms. Fay Austin, Rutgers University, Mrs. Hyacinth Brown, Adjunct Lecturer, DLIS, UWI and Ms. Rosemarie Runcie, Head, Cataloguing, UWI Library.
- **Daphne Douglas Distinguished Lecture** ““Local, Global, Virtual and for All: Information Technologies and Services Impacting Communities” presented by: Professor Jeannette A. Bastian, Simmons College. There were over 80 persons in attendance. The Lecture was held to honour **Professor Emerita Daphne Douglas**.
- **Exhibition “Blazing the Trail for 40 years”** was mounted in the UWI Main Library, Mona for the month of October, 2012.
- **Conference & Gathering of Graduates “From Search to Discovery: Reimagining the Library and Information Landscape”**. Guest Speaker at the Opening Ceremony was Ms. Nadine Molley, Principal, Ardenne High School. 74 participants from countries including Barbados, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago, and representing a range of information units and libraries attended. 16 Papers deliberated in 6 Sessions and 2 Poster Sessions

(For further details see full Conference Programme)

Keynote speakers were:

- Dr. Daniel Boivin, Executive Director, OCLC Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean
“Libraries: A Force for Change”
- Mr. Carlton Samuels, Adjunct Lecturer, DLIS, UWI, Mona
“The Information Professional in the Value Chain of the Knowledge Economy”.

Gala Dinner & Honouring of Outstanding Graduates

Special Awards were made to the three remaining members of the 1971 Advisory Committee which designed the programme for the Department of Library and Information Studies.

- **Professor Roy Augier**
- **Dr. Joyce Robinson**
- **Dr. Hazel Bennett**

The Department honoured past Heads for their contribution to the Department.

- **Professor Daphne Douglas**
- **Dr. Hazel Bennett**
- **Ms. Stephney Ferguson**
- **Professor Fay Durrant**
- **Dr. Cherrell Shelley-Robinson**

Twelve outstanding graduates of the Department were also honoured from the Decade of 70s, 80s and 90s:

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| - Mrs. Laxmi Mansingh | - The. Hon. Charles Gibson |
| - Mr. John Aarons | - Mrs. Karen Barton |
| - Ms. Fay Austin | - Ms. Valerie Simpson |
| - Ms. Jennifer Joseph | - Dr. Paulette Kerr |
| - Dr. Cherrell Shelley-Robinson | - Mrs. Shamin Renwick |
| - Mrs. Merline Bardowell | - Mrs. Cheryl Peltier-Davis |

The **Library & Information Studies Alumni Association (LISAA)** was launched by Mrs. Celia Davidson-Francis, Director of Alumni Relations, UWI, Mona. *For further details, please see the attached Application Form & the Constitution).*

Conference Evaluation

53 evaluation forms representing the 2 days of the Conference were completed. Participants expressed varying satisfaction with the registration process, sessions and conference materials. In addition 94% were satisfied with Presenters/Speakers; 64% found the content of the sessions appropriate and 79% found the content informative. 81% agreed/strongly agreed that the conference was well organized.

Voices of some participants

“The panel discussion was a welcome change which prompted much discussion”

“Very good conference”

“Very satisfying and though provoking conference

“A good experience, pity the attendance was not greater.”

“The conference was definitely of a high standard”

“Just happy to be part of this historic occasion”.

Post-Conference Tours to the Blue Mountains: *Craighton Estate & Hollywell National Park.*

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The 1971 Advisory Committee Members



Award presented to Dr. Joyce Robinson by Mrs. Elsie Aarons



Award presented to Dr. Hazel Bennett by Mrs. Elsie Aarons

Award presented to Professor Roy Augier by Mrs. Elsie Aarons

Past Heads of the Department



Professor Daphne Douglas



Dr. Hazel Bennett



Ms. Stephney Ferguson

Professor Fay Durrant

Dr. Cherrell Shelley-Robinson

Outstanding Graduates Awards

DECADES OF THE 70s



1974 Laxmi Mansingh

Mrs. Laxmi Mansingh obtained A UWI Post Graduate Diploma in Library Studies in 1974 and the (MLS) degree from Dalhousie University, Canada in 1977. She made her mark in the field of Medical Librarianship. Joining the staff of the UWI Mona library system in 1974, she was assigned to the Medical Library where she spent her professional career. Quickly rising through the ranks to become Librarian-in-Charge in 1978 and in 1980 she was promoted to Librarian II and in recognition of her distinguished contribution, she was elevated to the rank of Senior Librarian III equivalent to that of a professor in 2001.

Over a ten year period she compiled and published *Medical Caribbeanna* an index to Caribbean health literature with over 10,000 entries. The database eventually formed the basis of MEDCARIB a health information system with a network of centers throughout the Caribbean linked to Medical Library Mona which was designated the Regional Coordinating Centre with Mrs. Mansingh as the Project Director and Regional Coordinator. The database became international when it was linked to BIREME's LILACS database in 1990. MEDCARIB has served as a template for database projects in other subject fields in the region.

She achieved outstanding success in attracting significant awards and grants for the promotion of Health Information Systems in the Caribbean. Totalling Six Hundred and Eighty Thousand US dollars (US\$680,000.00)



1976 John Aarons

Mr. John Aarons is a BA Hons. history graduate of UWI, who obtained the Post-Graduate Diploma in Archives Studies at the University of London, the UWI Post Graduate Diploma in Library Studies in 1976 and in 1998 the MA. Heritage Studies, UWI. His Career spans two complimentary disciplines Archival Studies and Library Studies and he has excelled in both. He has served as Government Archivist for Jamaica, Executive Director of the National Library of Jamaica and currently serves as University Archivist for the campuses of the UWI. He has been active in the professional associations of both disciplines, having served as president of the Jamaica Library Association on two occasions. John has provided leadership and service on several related committees at national, regional and International levels, presented papers at numerous conferences and boasts a respectable publication record in non-refereed as well as refereed journals.



1976 Fay Austin

Miss Fay Austin gained the BA degree from the University of Guyana in 1972, the Post Graduate Diploma in Library Studies from DLS, UWI in 1976 and the MLS from Kent State University, in 1977. She also holds a Post Graduate Certificate in Supervisory Management.

Miss Austin's career as a librarian is based exclusively in the USA. She is currently Head of Catalogue & Database Management at Rutgers University Libraries in Piscataway, New Jersey, a position she has held since 2005. Prior to this she served for 13 years as President of Phoenix Information Services, a library technical services consulting company and prior to that she was employed as Manager of Technical Services at the US Department of the Interior libraries and the Global Library at NASA in Greenbelt, Maryland.

From the beginning of her career in the late 70s she has been intimately involved with the mystique of Cataloguing (AACR & AACR2). This involvement has continued up to the present culminating thus far in the comprehensive study and analysis which lead to the publication of one of the first full-length books on RDA. This book has been recommended by the Library of Congress as a very useful training tool for the implementation of RDA in libraries. She has given service on numerous Boards of Special libraries and related information management associations and institutions including IFLA's Working Group on the World Information Society. And for these services and activities she has been recognized by her peers.

Her jointly authored Publication *Describing electronic, digital and other media using AACR2 and RDA; a how-to-do it Manual and CD-ROM for librarians*, published by Neal-Schumann in 2011 is likely to become the "New cataloguer's Bible"



1976 Jennifer Joseph

Miss Jennifer Joseph earned the BA Hons. General from the UWI St. Augustine (1974), a Post Graduate Diploma in Library Studies (UWI) 1976, M.S. Library and Information Science, Columbia University, N.Y.(1985) and Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Management U.W.I. Institute of Business, St. Augustine Campus (2004)

She is an experienced Information Specialist with over 30 years of sustained accomplishment in the development of Government Special libraries in Trinidad & Tobago. As an academic librarian she progressed swiftly up the ladder when she joined the staff of the St. Augustine Campus Library, moving from Librarian III in 1998 through Deputy Campus Librarian to Campus Librarian in 2008 and since 2009, University Librarian with general responsibility for the co-ordination and management of library and information services across the four campuses of The UWI.

Miss Josephs has provided exemplary leadership and service at the national level through service on several TT. cabinet appointed Committees, her involvement in the Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago (LATT) since 1977, (having served two terms as President of the Association 1993 – 1997) and currently she serves as the Association's representative on the National Library and Information System (NALIS) Executive Board (2005 - Present).

She has been similarly involved at regional and International professional levels serving as a Member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Latin America and Caribbean Standing Committee (2007 – 2011) and on IFLA's Executive Committee of the Round Table on the Management of Library Associations (RTMLA). She has participated in numerous conferences and has a growing list of publications in reputable journals.



1976 Cherrell Shelley-Robinson

Dr. Cherrell Shelley-Robinson holds the BA. Hons. General Studies, UWI, 1973; Diploma in Library Studies, UWI 1976; MLS, Rutgers, 1985 and the Ph.D. in Library and Information Studies, University of Toronto, Canada, 1997.

She has made outstanding contributions in two areas of the profession – school librarianship and library education in different ways, advancing to the top in the career path and contributing significantly to the literature in specific areas. She holds the singular distinction as the first graduate of DLIS to be appointed HOD.

Her leadership in school librarianship, library education and the advancement of the profession in general include mentorship of young professionals and holding executive positions in professional associations at national, regional and international levels. She has served as chairperson for LIAJA-School Section on several occasions, as President of the Library and Information Association of Jamaica (LIAJA) and on the executive of the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) as Director for the Caribbean Research. She has participated in and delivered papers at numerous conferences nationally and internationally.

She is a well-known author of children's literature resources and her research focus and publications in the area of Caribbean Children's literature has won for her recognition as an expert in this field. She is the recipient of numerous awards, among which are the 2001 Institute of Jamaica Musgrave Award (Bronze) for Life Time Work in Librarianship and the 2006 Distinguished Librarian of the Year award presented by the Library & Information Association of Jamaica (LIAJA).



1979 Merline Bardowell

Mrs. Bardowell, a graduate of UWI, Merline holds a BSc General, 1978 (natural science), The Post Graduate Diploma in Library Studies, UWI, 1979, M.S. Information Resources Management, Syracuse University 1986; EMBA;UWI, 1996.

Her Career reflects sustained interest in Science & Technology. She has distinguished herself in the fields of Science and Technology Information by pioneering several interesting programmes in this area. Worthy of note is the leadership role she has played in the development of the Science and Technical Information Network (STIN) while at the Scientific Research Council (SRC) as she moved up through the ranks from Technical Information Officer to Head, Divisional Director of Information and Group Director of the *Jamaican Institute for Scientific and Technological Information and Knowledge (JISTIK)*. This is Jamaica's focal point for scientific and technological information, with responsibility of collecting, collating and reviewing information concerning scientific research schemes or programmes relevant to the development of the Island's resources. She has served in leadership positions such as Executive

Director of the National Commission on Science & Technology (NCST), is presently coordinator of the National Foundation for Development of Science and Technology (NFDST) and has held positions on numerous Boards and she participated and presented papers at numerous national, regional and international conferences.

DECADES OF THE 80s



1980 Charles Gibson

The Hon. Charles Gibson graduated from the UWI in 1980 with the BA Library Studies and went on to earn the M.A. in Archives study from the University of London in 1982. He began his career as Librarian in the Belize Archives Department and soon moved in to full Archives management on his appointment as Archivist from 1982 to 1985 and Director of Belize Archives & Records Services from 1985 to 2008.

During this time he actively offered outstanding service and leadership in the field of Archives development at national, regional and international levels through service as Secretary, Belize Archives Advisory Board, (1990 - 2008) Commission for Archival Development, International Council on Archives (CAD/ICA) (1996 - 2004) and President, Association of Commonwealth Archivist and Records managers (ACARM) (1996 - 2000).

It is worthy of note that his leadership has not been confined to the field of Archives for he has also played significant leadership roles in his position as a public sector manager as evidenced by his service Public Sector Boards and Committees. Charles has recently been appointed as a Government Senator and Minister with responsibility for the Ministry of the Public Service and Elections & Boundaries.



1981 Karen Barton

Mrs. Karen Barton holds the BA Hons. Library Studies from the UWI (1981) and subsequently earned the Master of Arts degree Library and Information Studies (MALIS)- UW I (2004) She also earned a Diploma in Management Studies - Jamaican Institute of Management (1996) Diploma, Human Resource Development - Management Institute for National Development (1998).

Her career has been exclusively in the field of Public libraries where she continuously upgraded her professional skills, and had an active and progressively successful career in the Jamaica Library Service. She moved from library assistant through the ranks in progressively senior positions including Senior Librarian, and Regional Librarian to Senior Director (deputy to the Director General), Jamaica Library Service, the position which she now holds.

Recognition from her peers resulted in her election as President of the Association of Librarians in the Jamaica Library Service (ALJALS) in 2000 and in **2006** as President of LIAJA. Additionally she has provided effective leadership as chair of the annual Jamaica Library Service National Reading Competition, the Organizing Committee of the 60th anniversary International Conference of the Jamaica Library Service. In 1999 she Co-chaired the Local Organizing Committee for the Association of Caribbean Universities, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) Conference 2008, thus ensuring their success. She has also participated and presented papers in national and regional conferences on librarianship.



1981 Valerie Simpson

A 1981 B.A Hons. graduate of the UWI with a major in library studies, Mrs. Simpson went on to earn the Master in Library and Information Science (MLS) from the University of Pittsburgh School of Library and Information Science as well as a Post Masters Certificate of Advanced Studies in Library and Information Science. (1985)

Her career as a librarian began in at the Jamaica Information Service where she served as Chief Librarian (1980-1986) from there she went on to UWI, Mona where she spent 3 years from 1986 to 1989 as a cataloguer. She moved to the USA where she joined the Broward County Library South Regional-Broward Community College Library. In Florida, she assumed progressively increasing responsibility rising in 2000 to the position of Regional Librarian, Broward County Library-South Regional-Broward College Library where she is responsible for the management of the combined Broward County South Regional-Broward College Library as well as the Broward County Library System's Southeast Cluster of five libraries and a Reading Center,

In her capacity as librarian in Florida, she has distinguished herself as a Caribbean/Jamaican cultural ambassador and under her watch the Broward County South Regional- Broward College Library and its network of service points has hosted many Caribbean cultural and educational programs.

In August 2012 she was named as a luminary on Jamaica's Consul General's List of Jamaica 50 Diaspora honorees for Florida and the South U.S.A. LUMINARIES: These honorees are Jamaicans who have in recent years made outstanding contribution to the Jamaican community in the Southern United States.

1984 Paulette Kerr



Dr. Paulette Kerr gained the BA Hons. Degree in History and Sociology from the UWI in 1980 and completed the Post Graduate Diploma in Library Studies in 1984 and the M.A. History in 1992. In 2010 she gained the **Ph.D.** in Library and Information Science from the School of Communication and Information (SC&I) Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ.

Her Career in Librarianship began at the National Library of Jamaica in 1980 where she first served as Research Officer (1980-83) and Senior Librarian, Special Collections from 1984 to 1986. She then joined the staff of the Mona Campus Library, working there from 1986 to 2005. There she played a significant role in the development, promotion, delivery and coordination of the Information Literacy Programme in the Mona campus library system. As Head of MILU she Initiated IL outreach activities to High School students which led to an ongoing Summer IL outreach programme. In 2003 along with a colleague Mrs. V. George she jointly received the Sherlock-Macmillan ACURIL Award for paper presentation at the ACURIL 2002 conference and the ACURIL Award for excellence in Information Literacy. Her growing list of publications reflect her research interests in Information Literacy, Teaching/learning in academic libraries and 19th century Caribbean social history.

She has provided leadership in the profession having served in several capacities on the executive of the Jamaica Library Association becoming President of LIAJA in 1995 and now as Head of the Department of Library & Information Studies, UWI, she continues to provide effective leadership for the development of this Regional Library School.

1985 Shamin Renwick



Mrs. Shamin Renwick holds the Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Agriculture from the UWI, St. Augustine in 1984. She subsequently earned a Post Graduate Diploma in Library studies from DLIS, UWI in 1985 and followed this with the MPhil in Agriculture Extension (UWI, St. Augustine, 1993 and the MLS from DLIS UWI in 2003).

From 1986 to 1999 she worked as librarian at various pre university educational institutions in Trinidad and Tobago before moving on to the Medical Sciences Library of the UWI St. Augustine Campus library system and progressed up the ranks to hold the position of Senior Librarian 1 where she serves as Faculty Liaison Librarian: Food and Agriculture & Science and Technology.

A firm believer in continued professional development, Mrs Renwick has participated in and presented papers at numerous conferences at national, regional and international levels. Her strong service ethic is evident by her membership on numerous professional, academic and other work related committees and her leadership at the regional level through her

involvement with the Association of Caribbean Universities, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL). She served as Executive Council member during the period 2001 to 2006 and was elected as President and Chair of the ACURIL Executive Council for 2003/2004.

She has a growing list of publications in conference proceedings, refereed and non-refereed journals and books and recognition from her peers is evident from the following awards she received

- ACURILEAN Star award for Excellence in Research and Publication” at the 37th Annual ACURIL Conference in 2007.
- ACURILEANA Medal - for significant contribution to ACURIL 2003-2004 awarded in 2005
- Joint Awardee for “Innovative and Effective Information Services with the Application of Information Technologies” – Gale Group Award received in 2001,

DECADES OF THE 90s

1995 Cheryl Peltier-Davis



Mrs. Cheryl Peltier-Davis gained a BA Hons. degree in History and the Social Science in 1990 from the St. Augustine Campus of UWI and the MLS (with Distinction) from UWI, Mona in 1995.

She worked for a year as Departmental Librarian in DLIS before joining the Staff at the Campus Library, UWI St. Augustine, TT, where she worked from 1997 to 2001. She later moved to the U.S.A. where she served as Cataloguing Service Librarian at Western Libraries, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington From 2001 to 2003 and there she earned promotion to become Head, Cataloging Services Department. She moved to the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center (a joint service public/academic library), Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida in April 2006 where she continues to serve as Associate Cataloging Librarian.

As a young Librarian, Mrs. Peltier Davis very quickly became active in the Library Association of Trinidad & Tobago (LATT) serving on committees such as the Editorial Committee mainly responsible for publishing the Association's quarterly newsletter BIBLIO and annual bulletin BLATT as well as the Education and Research Committee of the Library Association of Trinidad . In 2001, she served as Member of the Planning Committee for the Library and Information Conference held in Trinidad and Tobago November 7-9 under the Conference theme: *The Living Library: an Imperative for the Learning* and since 2003 has served as Co-chair of the Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), Special Interest Group on Academic Libraries. She has given numerous training sessions and workshops, presented at conferences and has to her credit a growing list of respectable publications in refereed journals as well as two books, the first *Caribbean Libraries in the 21st Century: Changes, Challenges and Choices*. New Jersey: *Information Today* co-edited with Shamin Renwick and *The Cybrarian's Web - An A-Z Guide to Free Web 2.0 and other Resources on the Internet*. New Jersey: *Information Today*, 2011 for which she was awarded the Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) Research and Information Professionals Award given “to recognize and honor the research work conducted by information professionals in the field of libraries archives, information/documentation centers, museums in the Caribbean.”.

UNESCO-UWI Pre-Conference Workshop

“Metadata and Resource Discovery”

October 3, 2012, 8:30am - 1:00pm

DLIS Computer Lab



Presenters: L-R:-Ms. Rosemarie Runcie, Head, Cataloguing, UWI Library, Mona; Ms. Fay Austin, Head, Catalogue & Database Management, Rutgers University, USA; Dr. Paulette Kerr, Head, DLIS, UWI, Mona; and Mrs. Hyacinth Brown, Adjunct Lecturer, DLIS, UWI, Mona



Ms. Fay Austin presenting a copy of her book to Dr. Paulette Kerr



Pre-Conference participants

Professor Daphne Douglas Distinguished Lecture

“Local, Global, Virtual and for All: Information Technologies and Services Impacting Communities”

October 3, 2012

Faculty of Law Lecture Theatre



Prof. Jeannette Bastian, Associate Dean and Director, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, Boston, USA (Presenter) and Professor Emerita Daphne Douglas



Prof. Daphne Douglas and Prof. Roy Augier (former Dean, Faculty of Arts and General Science, UWI, Mona)



Dr. Paulette Kerr, Head, DLIS addressing the audience



Prof. Roy Augier addressing the audience



Brinetta Lewis, DLIS Student performing



Conrad Hartley, DLIS Student performing

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Conference Registration Desk



Dr. Paulette Kerr, Head, DLIS, UWI, Mona



Professor Daphne Douglas and Professor Roy Augier



Mrs. Claudette Thomas, LIAJA President



Professor Claudette Williams, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Education, UWI, Mona



Dr. Cherrell Shelley-Robinson, Adjunct Lecturer, DLIS, UWI, Mona



Opening Ceremony Guest Speaker; Mrs. Nadine Molloy, Principal, Ardenne High School



Ardenne High School Choir performing at the Opening Ceremony



Mrs. Kerry-Ann Rodney-Wellington, Lecturer, DLIS, UWI, Mona presents gift to Mrs. Nadine Molloy, Principal, Ardenne High School



Dr. Paulette Stewart, Lecturer, DLIS, UWI, Mona



Professor Fay Durrant, Professor, DLIS, UWI, Mona



Dr. Daniel Boivin, Executive Director, OCLC Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean



Ms. Jennifer Joseph, University Librarian, St. Augustine, Trinidad



Mr. Carlton Samuels, Adjunct Lecturer, DLIS, UWI, Mona



Conference participants



Presenters: L-R:- Ms. Jiselle Alleyne, Campus Librarian, College of Science Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago; Ms. Martha Preddie, Chief University Librarian, University of Trinidad and Tobago; and Dr. Rosemarie Heath, Lecturer, DLIS, UWI, Mona

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Launch of the Alumni Association LISAA
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Blue Mountain Tour (Craighton Estate & Hollywell National Park)

Saturday, October 6, 2012



EXHIBITION: BLAZING THE TRAILING FOR 40YEARS

