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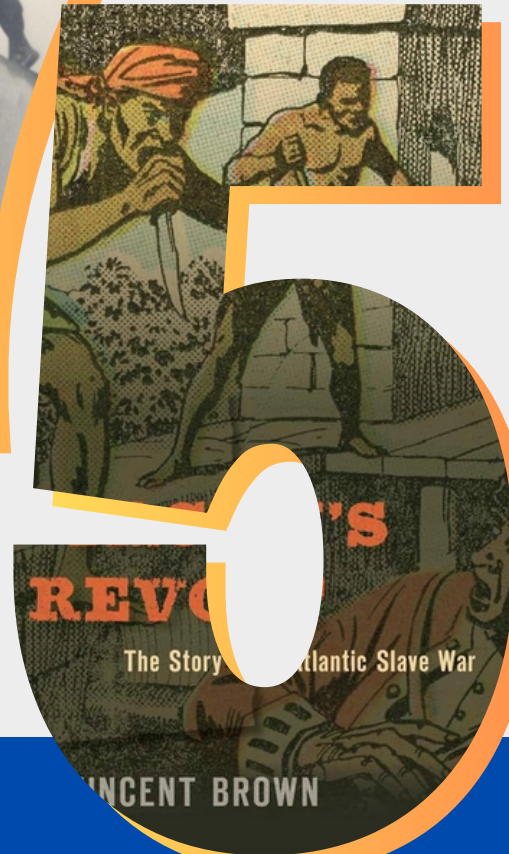
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75th Anniversary Exhibition & Library Open Week 2023

As The UWI continues to celebrate its 75th Anniversary, the Library, of course, could not be left out. We are, after all, 75 years old as well, and through our collective experiences have witnessed and participated in **75 Years of Triumph!**

Since 2015, we have hosted Library Open Week & Celebration of Books (COB). Each year COB honours those scholars who have published books during the previous academic year. This year we continue that tradition but will expand our focus to launching an exhibition that explores 75 years of scholarly output at The University of the West Indies.

The exhibition's aim is to present what is essentially an overview of the diverse range of research and scholarship areas that have emerged from the University over the past seven and a half decades. The exhibition also seeks to provide an opportunity for researchers and students to engage with each other and the public, thereby fostering a sense of community and collaboration. In short, the exhibition will celebrate the intellectual vibrancy of the Mona Campus and its contributions to the world of academia and beyond. It will focus on:

- The Mona Library and its Impact on Scholarship
- Research and Development:
 - Early Research on the Mona Campus
 - 'A' Class Programmes for National, Regional, International Development
 - Seminal Works
 - Defiance: UWI Scholars Challenging traditional discourse on politics, culture, and development
 - Campus Histories
 - Patents and Innovations on the Mona Campus
- Trailblazers! UWI Mona Female Writers
- Seven Decades of Journal Publications
- UWI Scholars in the Press (newspapers)
- Celebration of Books 2022/23!
- The UWI Press – Top Authors, Bestsellers and Winning Publication

We often say, in reference to accomplishment in Jamaica, “We likkle but we Tallawah.” This exhibition, will definitely focus on the “Tallawah”!



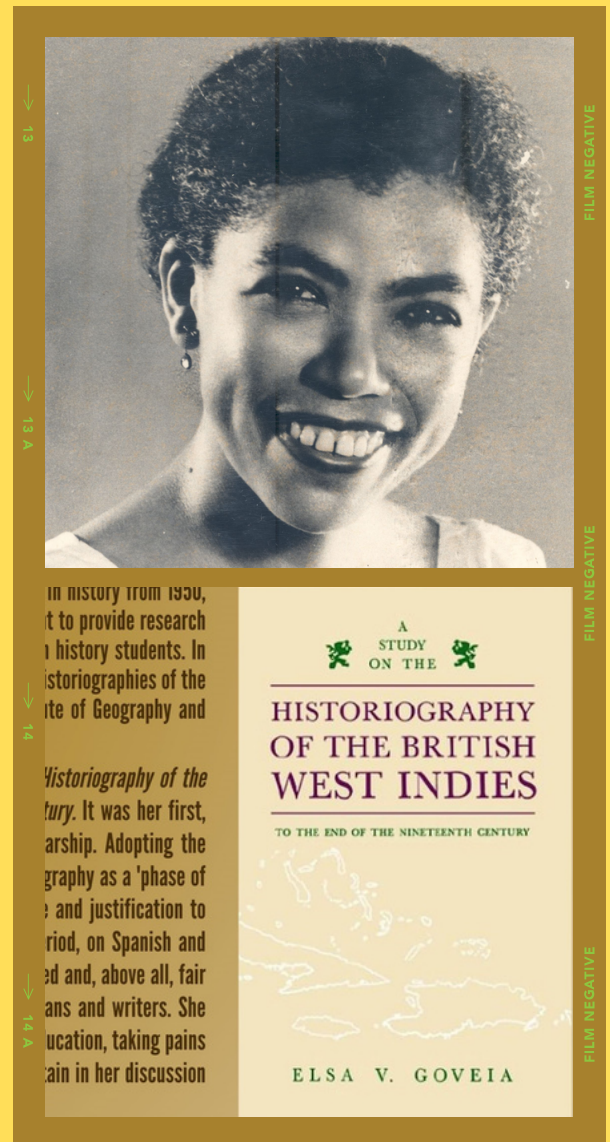
The Elsa Goveia Collection and Virtual Exhibition

Professor Elsa V. Goveia (1925-1980) began teaching at the then University College of the West Indies (now The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona) in 1950 when she took up teaching duties as Assistant Lecturer in History. Her steadfast work and dedication earned Goveia her first promotion to the post of Lecturer by 1952, Acting Head of Department from 1956 - 57 and then Senior Lecturer by 1958. Among her outstanding achievements was her elevation to the rank of Professor of West Indian History, at 36 years old. Prof. Goveia was the first to be conferred with this appointment at The UWI.

The Elsa Goveia Collection at The UWI Mona Library, West Indies and Special Collections (1951 - 1980), offers a unique opportunity to delve into her thoughts and passions through the content that exists nowhere else. The content is likely to stimulate research and scholarship as the scores of notebooks and notecards offer something novel to each researcher. The numerous correspondence on: advocacy regarding the British Guiana constitution, the West Indies Federation, published and unpublished reviews, give further insight into this global icon. The documents can be interrogated from several disciplines.

Also included in the collection are nineteen historical pictures from a photo album. These images not only capture Goveia in the academic and socio-political activism for which she is known, but they also give a rare glimpse into her early years. A bio-bibliography also complements this online collection, giving some background on the revered professor and highlights her publications, lectures and other achievements in West Indian history research. The Elsa Goveia Collection spans some nine archival boxes, and these are in the process of being digitized to better improve research and scholarship.

The virtual exhibition **Elsa Goveia: Trailblazer, Activist, Scholar** traces the life and career of this iconic figure. It features digitized items from the collection, detailing her influence and legacy. View the exhibition at : <https://libguides.uwi.edu/c.php?g=1306996&p=9606645>



Celebration of Books

Since October 2015, the Library has honoured UWI authors, through highlighting their work in our annual Celebration of Books (COB). COB is a celebration of published books and monographs by UWI authors. This year COB will be presented as part of our 75th Anniversary Exhibition. Nine books and ten UWI authors will be featured. This year we celebrate:

- STEM Century: It Takes a Village to Raise a 21st-Century Graduate: Jamaica Edition by Andre Coy
- Contact Languages and Music Edited by Andrea Hollington, Joseph T. Farquharson and Byron M. Jones Jr.
- International Intellectual Property Protection of Country Names: Balancing Nation Brands and Geographic Commons in a Competitive Global Marketplace by Natalie Cortesy.
- Climate Change and Agriculture: Perspectives, Sustainability and Resilience by Nouredine Benkelia.
- A Brief History of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica, 1965-2016 by Patrick E. Bryan
- Academic Integrity in the Caribbean: Plagiarism Policies, Perception, Prevalence and Possible Solutions by Ruth Baker-Gardner
- Each One Teach One: Parental Involvement and Family Engagement in Jamaica's Education System Edited by Saran Stewart, Sharline Cole and Yewande Lewis-Fokum
- World War II Camps in Jamaica: Evacuees, Refugees, Internees, Prisoners of War by Suzanne Francis-Brown
- Re-Visioning Change: Case Studies of Curriculum in School Systems in the Commonwealth Caribbean by Zellynne Jennings

For more information visit:

[https://libguides.uwi.edu/Libraryopenweek2023/Celebration of Books](https://libguides.uwi.edu/Libraryopenweek2023/Celebration%20of%20Books)

Conversation With Scholars

As The UWI Mona Library celebrates the achievements of UWI scholars/ researchers during Library Open Week through our annual signature event, Celebration of Books, we are saluting some of our best scholars by inviting them to share their journey with the wider community.

Join five of our brightest minds in the Multifunctional Room at the main Library or virtually on Mona Media YouTube channel as they share their experiences and answer some of your questions.

The UWI Mona Library invites you to **My Lived Journey: A Conversation with Scholars**

Moderated by: Ms. Christine Randle, Director UWI Press

Participants: Prof. Carolyn Cooper, Dr. Sasekea Harris, Dr. Livingston A. White, Dr. Stanley Griffin, Prof. Rupert Lewis

Event Details: OCT 25 2023, 2:30 PM, The UWI Mona Library Multifunctional Room

Logos: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, 75 ROOTED READY RISING, MONA LIBRARY Access ~ Anytime ~ Anywhere

Tips for Preserving Your Collections

The importance of preserving the collections housed by the libraries, museums, and other institutions will be considered during the presentation of Library Open Week 2023. The week of activities will begin on October 22, and among this year's featured events are the Preservation Awareness Symposium and Workshop. Here are a few preservation tips to safeguard your collections:

Books

- Store books away from direct sunlight.
- Handle books with clean, dry hands.
- Dust the tops of the books regularly to minimize pests and mold.

Audio

- Store magnetic media, i.e. cassettes, reel to reel tapes, CDs, LPs in a cool and dry place.
- Label containers with the event, location, people and date.
- Reel to reel tapes should be stored tails out (wound Backwards on the reel) to minimize the effects of sound bleed-through.

Documents

- Organize papers into acid-free folders and boxes for easy access and to protect from light and damage.
- Handle papers with clean, dry hands.
- Protect artwork and documents from direct sunlight when displaying.
- Do not force rolled or folded items open if they resist. Call a conservator.

Photographs

- Handle photographs at the edges with clean, dry hands
- Store photographs in albums that have acid-free pages or polyester, polypropylene, or polyethylene sleeves.
- Mount photographs with photo corners, not glue or tape.
- Protect from direct sunlight when displaying.

Library Open Week Preservation Events

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Exam Tea Project

Of the many things that we do to serve our community, the library is particularly proud of the Exam Tea Project. The event was planned and hosted by the Mona Library Middle Management Committee on May 2 & 3, 2023. The Committee was able to provide tea, juice, and an assortment of biscuits, chips and crackers, for the student body during the Semester 2 examination period through the kind sponsorship of LASCO and Jamaica Biscuit Company (Excelsior). Both entities readily came on board and provided the products needed to get the initiative going. Support was also obtained from all members of the Library family.



After the first day of serving the students, the Faculty of Social Sciences Guild representative came on board and donated items so that the committee was able to serve more students for more days than originally planned. The very appreciative students were served by committee members at 7:30 am each morning of the programme. They voiced their gratitude and satisfaction with the offerings on display. Students noted that it "put a pep in their step" going into exams. Highlights of each day were shared on the Library's social media pages and high praises were given through the various likes and comments.



The Committee looks forward to hosting this initiative each semester as we work to provide a caring environment for the students of The UWI Mona Campus. The Committee is comprised of senior MONATS staff members from all branches of the library and are as follows: Kevin Atkinson, David Brown, Marcia Bryan-West, Carron Edwards, Cheryl Folkes (Chair), Simone Harrison, Donnette Howell, Miguel McKoy, Cedric Palmer, Patrick Whyte, Stacie Young, Calarine Smith-Rance, Barbara Waul and Adrian Duncan (Resource Person).



Principal's Award



The Mona Library proudly recognizes the following members of staff who are recipients of the UWI, Mona 2023 Principal's Research Award Best Research Publication (Article) Mona Library

2021

Dr. Sasekea Harris, Mrs. Cheryl Folkes, Mrs. Karen Tyrell &
Mr. David Brown

“Nurturing Customer Service Culture in an Experience Economy:
Employees’ Assessment of The UWI, Mona Library Service Model”

Dr. Paulette Kerr, Mrs. Jessica Lewis Marshall

“The Framework and Context: Refocusing Information Literacy
at a Caribbean University”

2022

Dr. Sasekea Harris

“COVID-19 Impact on the Caribbean Academic Library:
Jamaica’s Preliminary Response to People, Place, Product & Services”

2023

Mr. Adrian Duncan

“The Intelligent Academic Library: Review of AI Projects & Potential for
Caribbean Libraries”

Dr. Sasekea Harris

“Building an Entrepreneurial Caribbean University Library:
Practice, Possibilities, and Lessons”

Library Printing Online Top-up (PaperCut)



Did you know that a web portal was added to the UWI Mona page that now allows students to adjust their credit balance for library printing services?

See the link on The UWI eservices product page at <https://eservices.mona.uwi.edu/allproducts>

The library also has a link on its homepage at <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/library/>

The system went live, on August 02, 2022.

eResources Fair 2023

The banner features the University of the West Indies logo and a 75th anniversary logo with the text "ROOTED READY RISING 1948 - 2023". The Monalibrary logo is also present with the tagline "Access ~ Anytime ~ Anywhere". The main title "e-RESOURCES FAIR" is in large blue letters, with "2023" in a red circle. Below the title is the theme: "THEME e-RESOURCES: YOUR ACADEMIC GATEWAY TO KNOWLEDGE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME". The "PRESENTERS" section includes three speakers: Jimmy MCCOLERY (ProQUEST), Donna DALEY (EBSCO), and Audrey SADLER (UWI Mona). The event details are: "THE UWI MONA LIBRARY MULTIFUNCTIONAL ROOM", "WEDNESDAY OCT. 25", "11:00 A.M. EST". A vertical sidebar on the right lists "GAMES", "QUIZZES", and "PRIZES". The bottom section lists "Vendor presentations from: EBSCO, ProQuest" and a "Special Presentation on: 'AI in Higher Education' by Audrey Sadler". The event is a "Live demonstration of e-Resources" and is "PRESENTED AS PART OF LIBRARY OPEN WEEK 2023". It is a "LIVE" event on YouTube, with the "UWI MONA MEDIA YOUTUBE" logo.

THEME e-RESOURCES: YOUR ACADEMIC GATEWAY TO KNOWLEDGE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

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LIVE UWI MONA MEDIA YOUTUBE

User Satisfaction Survey



Between November 14 - December 2, 2022, the library launched a LibQual User Satisfaction Survey to get feedback from our community regarding expectation and perceptions of the library services. The survey was aimed at determining the levels of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the products and services offered, and to find out what improvements were necessary.

As soon as the data were reviewed, staff began to make improvements to products and services to meet some of the needs identified by our users. We first tackled the recommendations by users that could be quickly addressed, and then started planning for medium to longer term improvements. Several of the improvements that were identified and addressed include library spaces and how they are used.

Here are two significant changes/improvements that have been made in the interest of our users:

**Users are now allowed to take their bags into the Overnight Reading Room
A Graduate Student Hub was created in the Main Library**

We also allowed users to take their bags into another of our reading rooms in Semester 2 (2022/2023) as a pilot, with the intention to provide similar access to other library spaces. However, this was discontinued primarily due to the lack of compliance as it relates to the policy of not bringing food into the library. The Library's management and staff are committed to implementing more improvements to the space.



RELAY TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS
**THE UWI MONA LIBRARY CHARTING THE PATHWAY
FOR YOUR SUCCESS**

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Congratulations
 to our 2022/2023
**Three Minute Thesis
 Competition Winner**
Allison Facey
 Faculty of Sports
 UWI Mona Campus



The Multifunctional Room
Main Library - UWI Mona Campus

Looking for a space to host events such as meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences, etc. The Multifunctional Room, Main Library, is available for rental. Bookings may be made by completing the form accessible from our website at <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/library/multifunctional-room>

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