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# Three Minute Thesis Competition: The UWI Mona Campus Edition



Jordan Freeman - Winner

The UWI Mona Library in collaboration with the Office of Graduate Studies and Research hosted the inaugural Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) Competition dubbed The UWI Mona Campus Edition between March and May 2021. This competition is a celebration and recognition of excellence in research within The UWI community. It also supports The University of the West Indies' effort to expand its reach as a global university through regional/international networking. The 3MT Competition originated as an academic competition developed by The University of Queensland (UQ) in 2008, for Australian research students. Since its inception, the Three Minute Thesis Competition concept has grown exponentially as a multi-national event held in over 900 universities, across more than 85 countries worldwide.

## The 3MT™ Competition: The University of the West Indies Mona Campus Edition

Four UWI Faculties and six PhD students participated in the UWI Mona Campus Edition. Faculties represented included the Faculty Medical Sciences, Faculty of Science and Technology, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Humanities & Education. Participants were given three minutes to present a compelling videotaped oration of their thesis and its significance. They were challenged to consolidate their ideas and research discoveries, and explain them concisely and effectively in **three minutes**, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. Their presentation was supported by one slide which was a graphical representation of the ideas being presented.



Kemmoy Lattibeaudiere  
Runner up

The competition was hosted virtually via the Zoom platform, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Four participants were selected from *Round One*, the **Faculty Finals**, who then progressed to *Round Two*, **The UWI Mona Campus Finals**. At the Campus Finals, judges selected the winner and the runner up, while the attendees (just over 100) selected the People's Choice awardee. First prize was awarded to Mr. Jordan Freeman, Faculty of Science & Technology, who shared his research on the "Characterization of Starch from Ackee (*Blighia Sapida*) Seeds and its Potential for Industrial Utilization." The runner up was Mr. Kemmoy Lattibeaudiere, Faculty of Medical Sciences, whose research examined the "Identification and Isolation of Anti-Diabetic agent from *Desmodium Canum* (Strong Back Weed)." The People's Choice Award went to Mr. Andre Bernard, Faculty of Humanities & Education, for his research into "The Linguistic Construction of Male Masculinity in Jamaica." The presentations were so well received that even the judges expressed their wish that there was a third-place winner.



Andre Bernard  
People's Choice Awardee

Attractive cash prizes were awarded to the winner, runner-up, and People's Choice participants. The winner was also awarded **The UWI Mona Campus 3MT** trophy and all participants were recognized at an award ceremony held on May 28, 2020. Prizes were made possible through the kind sponsorship of Dunn, Pierre and Barnett Company Canada, Ltd., EBSCO Publishers, and the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, The UWI.

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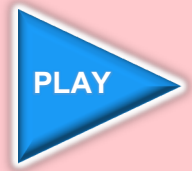
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# CYBRARIAN

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The first episode of the Mona Library Cybrarian, was published on our YouTube channel on July 14, 2021. The podcast was conceptualized by Mr. Adrian Duncan, Librarian at the Law Branch Library, who is also the host. The first episode featured a discussion with the Head of Systems, Mr. Kevin Bushay, on the role that technology plays within the library and the inclusion of library technology for vulnerable populations in the campus community. There will be new episodes released once every three weeks featuring insightful and mind stimulating discussions. The podcast will incorporate library staff, UWI students and faculty. It will focus on Library matters such as: its resources, services, thoughts on the future of the library, and user perception. The aim of this podcast is to capture meaningful conversations, showcase services, highlight library events, outreach activities, as well as resources available from the Mona Library. Some episodes will boast content geared towards, researchers that will include guidance on how to navigate various library platforms and resources with efficacy. Viewers will also have an opportunity to get to know the faces of the library.

## **Mona Information Literacy Unit (MILU)**

The Mona Information Literacy Unit significantly improved its online offerings over the 2020/2021 academic year, which included a full online teaching, learning, training and thesis experience. It's strategic approach cemented the unit as a part of the online teaching and learning strategy being pushed by the Library and by extension the University. The unit also examined the various ways that Librarians and other staff could be supported through the use of training strategies geared towards improving online teaching delivery.

Of note during this period of transition and agility there was a greater demand for remote reference services, in particular citation help, which was facilitated by the unit. MILU also presented on several topics of interest to the University community, including a presentation on identifying predatory journals using our Cabell's database.

The unit is staffed by a Librarian with responsibility for theses consultation and scrutiny, and an Instructional Design Specialist whose area of expertise includes online teaching and learning. It receives consistent, invaluable support from a Librarian assigned to Loans and Reference, as well as support from other librarians and paraprofessionals.

As the new academic year approaches the unit has a suite of training sessions and support programmes available to assist librarians, students and faculty.



# A ST Viewscan Universal Microfilm Digital Reader/Printer for West Indies and Special Collections



The WISC acquired an ST Viewscan Universal Microfilm Digital Reader/Printer which includes a motorized combo film and 16/35mm Roll Film Carrier, and comes with a 9 MP B&W Camera License USB 3.0 Interface1 through a grant (\$2.4M) provided by the CHASE FUND.

The Scanner was acquired as part of Digital Transformation within the Library. The WISC seeks to preserve and create greater access to the very unique and rare content contained in the microfilm collection which includes thousands of manuscripts, colonial

government papers, newspapers (from the English-speaking Caribbean), dating as far back as the eighteenth century.

The WISC embarked on pilot project titled “Assessment and Digitization of the Microfilm Collection of the University of the West Indies” which began on April 1, 2021 and will end on September 30, 2021. As part of the project, two training sessions, which were attended by members of staff from several sections of the Library, were conducted:

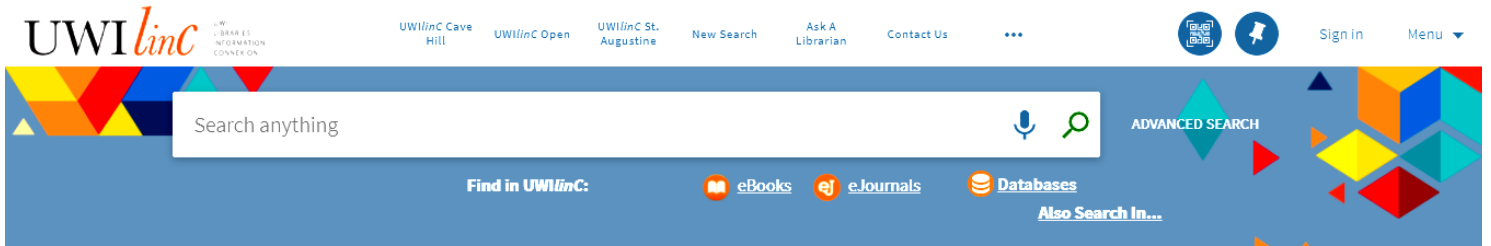
- Training in the Care & Preservation of Microfilm, conducted by Mr. Cedric Palmer on Thursday, May 27, 2021.
- Training in the Use of the Microfilm Scanner, conducted by a team from Jamaica Microfilm which was held on Friday, June 18, 2021.



“The team from Jamaica Microfilm demonstrating the use of the Microfilm Scanner.”

# The New UWilinC is Now Live!

## New, Easy-to-Use and Personalised Library User Interface



Libraries across The UWI have received a boost in the University's e-information portal, UWilinC. The new UWilinC interface is critical for The UWI system, as it moves towards harmonising its operations within the context of an institution-wide digital transformation exercise expected to bring foundational changes to how the University delivers information resources, services and value to all customers.

Staff and students can access the UWilinC new user interface with many browsers, including Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Internet Explorer. It can be accessed from the Mona Library Website and will bring significant changes to the original UWilinC interface, first introduced in 2011. It will enable users to optimise UWilinC with greater engagement and personalisation. Users must login to the portal with their UWI identification number and password to access resources.

Amongst the benefits of the new UWilinC interface are:

- intuitive navigation;
- easy access to electronic and digital resources;
- improved tools to search, discover and reference resources;
- increased visibility to eBooks, eJournals and Databases;
- one experience across multiple devices;
- enhanced interactivity through capabilities such as QR code quick access and voice search, and
- researchers can also pose questions through the Ask A Librarian facility with frequently asked questions (FAQs) and chat.

Ex Libris hosts UWilinC for The UWI. The new user interface (NUI) was made possible through the joint efforts of the Ex Libris team working closely with the cross-campus team, the UWI Library Systems Team (ULST), with input from librarians across the University Libraries.

The UWilinC NUI adds another facet in improving and enhancing the provision of information resources and services from the vast network of UWI libraries and beyond. Through UWilinC, these resources and services are available to the global UWI community, further supporting the digital transformation of The UWI.

Contextualising its rollout, especially within a global pandemic that has pushed demand for online and remote technologies in unprecedented fashion, the University Libraries will continue to look at improvements and enhancements to the platform that will support online teaching and learning.

- Adapted from  
The UWI Marketing



Logon to UWilinC  
here and explore  
the new features



# Law Branch Library Book Drive

The Faculty of Law and Western Jamaica Campus (WJC) branch libraries collaborated to celebrate UNESCO World Book and Copyright Day 2021 with a virtual panel discussion and books donation event. The day's event was planned and facilitated jointly by Mrs. Beverly Eccleston-Burte, Librarian at the WJC branch library and Ms. Myrna Douglas, Mona Law Librarian. Dr. Natalie Corthésy delivered the welcome and general remarks on behalf of Dean Shazeeda Ali and Ms. Tereza Richards of the Medical Library made closing remarks and expressed gratitude on behalf of Dr. Paulette Kerr, Campus Librarian.

Ms. Marjorie Henry provided Zoom link and technical support for the event. The discussants included Dr. Natalie Corthésy, Associate Dean of Outreach and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) & Lecturer, Mona Law, who enlightened attendees on the value of IP rights within the academy and the importance of the balance between such rights while providing access.



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**Faculty of Law Branch Library**

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Programme Chair:

Beverly Eccleston-Burte, Librarian, WJC



Dr. Natalie Corthésy  
Associate Dean of Outreach  
and CLE & Lecturer, MonaLaw



Mrs. Suzanne Ffolkes Goldson  
Senior Lecturer, MonaLaw



Ms. Myrna Douglas  
Mona Law Librarian

Welcome &  
General Remarks: Dr. Shazeeda Ali, Dean of the MonaLaw

#### Introduction of Discussants:

Discussions & Donation: Dr. Natalie Corthésy  
Discussions & Donation: Mrs. Suzanne Ffolkes Goldson  
Discussions & Donation: Ms. Myrna Douglas

Join us via Zoom:

<https://uwil.zoom.us/j/9530291321>  
Meeting ID: 995 3029 1321

#### Books Donated & Pledges:

Dr. Patrick Prendergast, WJC Campus Director  
Dr. Christopher Malcolm, Senior Lecturer MonaLaw  
Prof. Stephen Vasciannie, Senior Lecturer MonaLaw  
Prof. Velma Newton, Director, Caribbean Law Institute  
Mrs. Elaine Campbell Daenen, LLM Adjunct Lecturer & MPhil Student  
Ms. Kerona Spence, Legal Officer, The Legal Aid Council  
Mrs. Kareen Bourne, Mona Outreach Librarian

Expressions of Gratitude and Closing Remarks  
Dr. Paulette Kerr, Mona Campus Librarian

## Curbside Pickup



All Mona Library locations started offering curbside pickup officially in March 2021. A curbside pickup webpage was setup to facilitate online request of resources. Users may go to <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/library/curbside-pickup-uwi-mona-library>, follow the instructions and submit the requests. Your branch will then notify you on how and when to collect your holding. Curbside pickup hours are from 9:00am to 3:45pm, Monday to Friday. We encourage users to deposit books in one of our book return chutes when they are ready to return them.

We ask that users take a valid UWI ID with them for pickup and that they do not come if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.

# Mona Library Celebrates and Congratulates Staff Who Have Published Recent Scholarly Works

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Look out for a number of Mona Library activities and events that are upcoming:

### **Library Open Week 2021:**

Library Open Week 2021 is scheduled for October 25 - 29, 2021. The weeks activities will include a virtual launch, our signature event Celebration of Books, and three webinars.

The Celebration of Books exhibition will be presented virtually. It will feature books that are a part of the research and teaching output of The UWI Mona, published during the academic year 2020/2021.

Mona Library Video Competition.

### **Mona Information Literacy Unit (MILU) Training Opportunities**

A number of training opportunities organized and presented by our Mona Information Literacy Unit will be rolled out for the new academic year. There will be presentations on identifying predatory journals, using the different style manuals, using Endnote reference software, and Plagiarism.

***Follow us on social media or look out for our releases on UWI media for updates.  
See links to our social media accounts on page 7***

# What You Should Know

## Mona Library Portal

The Library, through Mona Information Literacy Unit (MILU), has a portal that provides easy access to a number of resources intended to help students succeed. Get help and information on citation styles, conducting research, avoiding plagiarism, etc. Find this resource at: [UWIML1](#)

You are required to log in with your OurVLE username and password.

## Orientation Website

The Library has a guide to all things library that new students need to know, including video tours of all Mona Library facilities and information about the services offered. To access this resource click on the banner below:



**Library Orientation  
2021**



## Ask a Librarian

The Ask a librarian page on the Mona Library website provides users with different options to have their questions answered including frequently asked questions (FAQs), live chat, telephone numbers including a WhatsApp number and email contact. Visit the page here: [Ask a Librarian](#)

## Research Assistance

The Library provides a Research Assistance page that gives researchers information on the various ways that they can get help with their research from the Library. View page at: [Research Assistance](#)

## Curbside Pickup

The Curbside Pickup Service is available from all Mona Library branches. Links are accessible from our homepage or just click here. [Curbside Pickup @ UWI Mona Library](#)

## Tablets Project

Students are able to borrow tablets, laptops and Chromebooks to use during the semester. If you would like to access any of these resources, please contact your lecturer or OSSD representative to make the request on your behalf. View instructions here: [Tablets Project](#)

## Contact Us

There are many ways in which you can contact the Library. To access several of the remote options, click the arrow below.





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