

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT



Perhaps the most significant event of the year for the Department of Government was the retirement of Professor Edwin Jones. Professor Jones has served this University in various capacities for almost forty years, and he has done so with distinction, humility and class. At the time of his retirement, Professor Jones was primarily responsible for teaching in Public Sector Management at both undergraduate and graduate levels in the Department and most active in nurturing the publication skills of younger academics among us. Professor Jones' contribution to the public life of the

country has also been outstanding, with his membership on numerous public sector boards and his work as a distinguished ministerial advisor being some — but by no means all — of his main areas of contribution. For these and other reasons, the Department was pleased to pay tribute to Professor Jones at a special function in his honour in July 2005. Professor Jones has most deservedly been elevated to the position of Professor Emeritus, a postgraduate scholarship for outstanding students has been named in his honour, and a Conference concerning his work and contribution to the academy will be held in November 2006.

The Department continued with its main work in the areas of teaching, research and public service, with several members making strong individual contributions in one or more of these areas. As is usually the case, most members of the Department obtained marks of more than 4.0 out of 5 for enquiries concerning teaching performance in the University's evaluation of lecturers. Though this is pleasing to us, we should note that the evaluation procedure does have some problems that need to be addressed. Generally, too, it may be time for the University to link the evaluation procedure to the spread of marks received by students in individual courses; for, as studies suggest, there is the possibility that some

high teaching evaluation marks are correlated as much with generosity on the part of lecturers in allocating grades as it is with teaching performance. Of course, this point is relevant well beyond the context of the Department of Government.

Another possible point for improvement in the teaching function of the Department concerns regional co-operation. The Department of Government at Mona, though relatively small, has a core of outstanding lecturers, some of whom are widely known and respected in other parts of the Caribbean. In view of this, the suggestion is that we should make arrangements for lecturers from Mona to offer lectures at other UWI locations on a visiting basis. This need not require significant administrative and cost considerations.

As to research, the Departmental effort has remained steady. On average, the Department produced approximately 1 publication per lecturer for the year. As an average, this reflects the fact that some lecturers, usually more senior persons, produced three or so refereed publications for the year, while others have concentrated on completing research projects that have not yet led to publications. In the course of the year, Dr. Lawrence Powell received the Principal's Award for Research, mainly with reference to his work in the area of distributive justice perception across cultures, while Dr. Eris Schoburgh's book on Local Government Reform in Jamaica, came hot off the UWI Press as the year ended. An annex to this Report sets out some of the main publications and conference presentations undertaken by staff members during the year.

The Department also continued its tradition of substantial public service in Jamaica. Again, the range of public service activities undertaken by members of the Department for the year is set out in an annex to this Report: it covers work for editorial and editorial advisory boards, board membership in both public and private sector companies, leadership in non-governmental foundations, consul-tancies on local and international issues, membership on school boards and library committees, and work on behalf of the Government of Jamaica. Generally, the Department is entitled to indulge in some amount of trumpet-blowing, and as we do so, we must hold a special note for Professor Trevor Munroe who, during the course of the year, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Social Science by Florida International University, not least for his strong contribution to public service in Jamaica for many years. Professor Munroe also coordinated the establishment and start-up activity, particularly the initiation of the graduate student/Parliamentary Research Intern

programme, of the Centre for Leadership and Governance, jointly housed in the Department and the Mona School of Business.

By the end of the year, there were a number of staff changes. Ambassador Raymond Valcin left the Department, after a two-year stint, to return to Haiti, where he is now assisting in restructuring the Haitian Foreign Ministry. Hazel Edwards, Nicole Warmington, Shae-Alicia Lewis, and Kim Emmanuel made valuable contributions to our work as Teaching Assistants, and have now moved on to other opportunities. Dr. Lloyd Waller was recruited to work in the area of Research Methods, while Ms. Lorraine Patterson joined us at the start of the year as a Teaching Assistant for the Foundation Course on “Law, Governance, Economy and Society”. In the course of the year, Anthony Harriott was promoted to the post of Professor, and beginning in the Academic Year 2006-2007, succeeded Stephen Vasciannie as Head of the Department. We congratulate Professor Harriott for his well-deserved professorial elevation and offer him support as he steers the Department to greater levels of achievement.

During the year as well, Professor Brian Meeks returned to teaching following his Mona Academic Research Fellowship. Throughout the time of his fellowship, Professor Meeks remained integral to the work of the Department, mainly through his contribution, together with Professor Rupert Lewis, at the Centre for Caribbean Thought. In June 2006, the Centre hosted at Mona, a successful Conference under the banner “Politics, Activism and History: The Life and Times of Richard Hart”, in association with the Department of Africana Studies, Brown University. Professor Meeks also shared some of the early fruits of his Mona Fellowship with the Department when he gave the keynote presentation on the topic of “Envisioning Caribbean Futures” at the Department’s annual Christmas Lunch.

We sometimes pay insufficient attention to the international efforts of members of this relatively small department. So, I close this Report by noting that in the course of the year, members of the Department made academic presentations or took part in other intellectual efforts in the following cities beyond Jamaica’s shores, among others: Accra, Basseterre, Dakar, Maseru, Miami, Ottawa, Port of Spain, San Diego, San Juan, St. John’s, Toronto, and Utrecht.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Jessica Byron

- “Norm Making in the International Community: The Contribution of Small Caribbean States to the Debate on Special and Differential Treatment”, International Studies Association Congress, San Diego, California, USA, March 22 – 25, 2006.
- “Strategic Repositioning: Foreign Policy Shifts in Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago 1990 – 2000”, Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico. March 15 – 18, 2006.
- “The Contribution of Regional Integration to the Building of Caribbean Civilization”, Ninth Annual Research Conference, East Caribbean Central Bank, Basseterre, St. Kitts, December 1-2, 2005.
- “Global Strategic Repositioning: The Response of Small Caribbean States to the Challenges of Economic Globalization”, Second Annual Globalization Studies Network Conference, hosted by CODESRIA, Dakar, Senegal, August 28 - 31, 2005.

Anthony Harriott

- “The Policeman’s gun is Licensed to Kill”: Policing, Politics and Human Rights in Jamaica. International Conference on Police Human Rights Strategies, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights, University of Utrecht, Netherlands, April 7 - 8, 2006
- “Globalization, Crime and Security” Seminar on the Human Development Report by the Department of Government and PIOJ/ UNDP, April 2006
- The Jamaican crime situation - Understanding its new stage. Think Tank 2005 organised by the Mona School of Business, UWI, Montego Bay, November 11-13, 2005.
- “Road Map to a Safe and Secure Jamaica”, Annual Economic Seminar of the PSOJ, Hilton Kingston Hotel, May 30, 2006.

Clinton Hutton

- “The Creative Ethos of the African Diaspora: Performance Aesthetics and the Fight for Freedom and Identity”, Fifth International Drama in Education Research Institute (I.D.I.E.R.I.), Pegasus Hotel, Kingston, July 2006.
- “The Logic Of Richard Hart's Slaves Who Abolished Slavery: Black Abolitionism And The Agency Of Emancipated

Nationhood”, Centre for Caribbean Thought and Africana Studies, UWI, June 8-10.2006.

- “Ritualizing Ancestral Memory in Becoming: The Aesthetic Grandeur of Revival in Jamaica”, Conference in honour of Professor Barry Chevannes, UWI, Mona, January 2006.

Rupert Lewis

- “Richard Hart’s Evaluation of the Formation of Modern Jamaican Politics”, 5th Annual Caribbean Reasonings Conference, UWI, Mona, June 8-10, 2006.

Brian Meeks

- “Beyond Life and Debt: Closures and Openings in Jamaica’s Political Future”, Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, May 29 – June 2, 2006.
- “The Jamaican Moment: New Paths for the Caribbean?” Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, May 29 – June 2, 2006.

Trevor Munroe

- “Improving Governance Through Partnerships”, Management Institute for National Development Policy Forum, June 30, 2006.
- “Richard Hart’s Political Legacy”, Centre for Caribbean Thought, UWI, Mona, June 8-10, 2006.
- “Access to Information: Building a Culture of Transparency”, Office of the Prime Minister and The Carter Centre, Knutsford Court Hotel, June 8, 2006.
- “Advancing Labour Market Reform”, Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica Annual Economic Seminar, Hilton, Kingston Hotel, May 30, 2006.
- “Combatting Corruption: A Role for the CSME”, Research Day, University of the West Indies, January 26, 2006.
- “Good Governance: Perception vs. Reality”, Office of the Prime Minister, December 8, 2005.
- “Corruption and Public Policy: Success or Failure?”, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica (panel) – Knutsford Court Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica, September 28, 2005.

Lawrence Powell

- “Perceptions of Distributive Fairness: Comparisons Across 19 World Cultures”, Southern Association for Canadian Studies, Kingston, Jamaica, January 15, 2006.
- “Mapping Justice Judgments as Complex Psychocultural Constructions”, Symposium of the International Society for Political Psychology, Toronto, Canada, July 5, 2005.

Diana Thorburn

- “Teaching International Relations in the Caribbean: The Role of Inconsistent Biases as Barriers to Effective Learning”, Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Trinidad and Tobago, May – June 2006.
- “The Decline of U.S. Hegemony in the Caribbean Basin, and the Entry of New Powers”, The XXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 2006.
- “Remapping Caribbean Geopolitics,” Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, May 29 – June 2, 2006.
- “Male Identity, Hyper-Masculinity and Violence in Jamaica.” Conference in honour of Professor Barry Chevannes, UWI, Mona, January 2006.

Stephen Vasciannie

- “Caribbean Human Rights: The Question of Treaty Ratification”, Conference on Politics, Activism and History: The Life and Times of Richard Hart, Centre for Caribbean Thought, UWI, Mona, June 8-10, 2006.
- “Human Rights: Are Caribbean States Below Average?”, Workshop jointly sponsored by the Organization of American States and the Commonwealth Secretariat, St. John’s, Antigua, April 2006.
- “Draft Treaty on Access to Living Resources for Land-locked Countries in Africa” and “Draft Treaty on Transit Rights for Land-locked States in Africa”, Workshop organized by the

- Commonwealth Secretariat, Maseru, Lesotho, November 28-December 1, 2005.
- “Caribbean Human Rights: Perception and Reality”, Workshop on International Law sponsored by the Organization of American States and the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, October 22-26, 2005.
 - “Commonwealth Land-locked States and the Law of the Sea”, Commonwealth Secretariat and the Meeting of Commonwealth Law Ministers and Senior Legal Officers, Accra, Ghana, October 17-19, 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs:

Refereed Publications

Books

Anthony Harriott

- * Caribbean Drugs: From Criminalization to Harm Reduction with Axel Klein and Marcus Day (eds). London, Zed Books, 2004. 288 pgs.

Book Chapters

Anthony Harriott

- * “Crime, Disorder and Major Natural Disasters: The Caribbean Experience in Current Issues”, International Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (ed), Abanese, J, ISPAC 2005, 251-264.
- * “Globalisation and Crime: The Jamaican Experience”, S. Vasciannie, (ed.). Jamaica Human Development Report. Kingston: PIOJ, 2005, 151-175.
- * “Caribbean Drugs: From Criminalization to Harm Reduction” with Axel Klein and Marcus Day (eds). London, Zed Books, 2004. 288 pgs.
- * “The Search for a Drug Policy Framework”, (with Axel Klein, Marcus Day) Caribbean Drugs: From Criminalization to Harm Reduction. With Axel Klein and Marcus Day (eds). London: Zed Books. 2004. (page 3-8.)

- * “Drug Courts in Jamaica.”, (with Marlyn Jones) Caribbean Drugs: From Criminalization to Harm Reduction. With Axel Klein and Marcus Day (eds.). London: Zed Books. 2004. (page 82-100).

Clinton Hutton

- * “The Cuban Influence on Popular Jamaican Music” Regional Footprints: The Travel and Travails of Early Caribbean Migrants. (ed) Annette Insanally, Mark Clifford and Sean Sheriff, Jamaica: Latin American-Caribbean Centre in Association with Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Research, 2006

Hedy Isaacs (with M. Whicker)

- * “Gendering the Political Executive's Space: The Changing Landscape?” Women in Politics: Outsiders or Insiders? with (ed) Lois Duke Whitaker: United States, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2006.

Rupert Lewis

- * “The Significance of the Garvey Movement among West Indian Builders of the Panama Canal”, Regional Footprints – The Travels and Travails of Early Caribbean Migrants ed. by Annette Insanally, Mark Clifford and Sean Sheriff. Latin American-Caribbean Centre, UWI, in association with the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, UWI , 2006. 84-91.
- * “Marcus Garvey and the Early Rastafarians”, Rastafari – A Universal Philosophy in the Third Millennium, ed. by Werner Zips. Kingston: Ian Randle Publishers, 2006. 42-58.
- * Foreword to Richard Hart, The End of Empire-Transition to Independence in Jamaica and other Caribbean Region Colonies. Kingston: Arawak Publications, 2006.vii-xii.

Trevor Munroe

- * “Good Governance: The Issues and Challenges in the Public Sector” Sandra Graham ed. The Transforming Landscape of Jamaica (Kingston, Jamaica: Office of the Prime Minister 2006) pp 98-107.

- * “Globalization and Governance in Jamaica” S. Vasciannie (ed) The Jamaica Human Development Report 2005, published by the Planning Institute of Jamaica and the United Nations Development Programme, October 2005. pp

Stephen Vasciannie

- * Introduction and Executive Summary to The Jamaica Human Development Report 2005, published by the Planning Institute of Jamaica and the United Nations Development Programme, October 2005
- * “Caribbean Perspectives on Human Rights”, Organization of American States, Inter-American Juridical Committee, XXXII Course on Public International Law, August 2006, pp. 351-369

Refereed Journal Articles:

Jessica Byron

- * “Singing from the Same Hymn Sheet: Caribbean Diplomacy and the Cotonou Agreement”, *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, No. 79, (October 2005).

Rupert Lewis

- * Review of “From Garvey to Marley: Rastafari Theology, History of African-American Religions Series, Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2005. *Jamaica Journal*, Vol. 29, 3 (December 2005-April 2006): 75-78.

Brian Meeks

- * “The New Jewel Movement”, in Colin Palmer (ed.) *The Encyclopaedia of African American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*, (2nd Edition), New York: Macmillan Reference (2005).
- * “Jamaica”, in *Governments of the World: a Global Guide to Citizen’s Rights and Responsibilities*, New York: Macmillan Reference, Vol.3, (2005): 1-7.
- * “The Jamaican Moment: New Paths for the Caribbean?” *NACLA Report on the Americas*, Vol.39 No.6 (May/June 2006):11-15.

Trevor Munroe (co-author)

- * Adult Suffrage and Political Administrations in Jamaica, 1944 - 2002 Ian Randle Publishers, Kingston, Jamaica 2006 (742 pp)

Diana Thorburn

- * Remapping Caribbean Geopolitics. NACLA Report on the Americas Vol. 39, No. 6, May/June 2006.
- * Nationalism, Identity and the Banking Sector: The English-speaking Caribbean in the Era of Financial Globalization in *Ethnicity, Race and Nationalism in the Caribbean*, edited by Anton Allahaar, Lexington Press, 2005.
- * Caribbean Diplomacy Towards New International Actors in the Caribbean Basin. *The Integrationist* 3 (1), June 2005.

Stephen Vasciannie

- * “International Law and the Use of Force in Afghanistan and Iraq”, *Journal of Diplomatic Language*, Vol. 2, No. 1 (June 2005): Article 2.
- * “Land-locked and Geographically Disadvantaged States” *Commonwealth Law Bulletin*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (2005)
- * “Deconstructing the First Sentence? The *Lambert Watson Case* from Jamaica on the Mandatory Death Penalty”, *West Indian Law Journal*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (2005)

Non-Refereed:

Technical Reports:

Anthony Harriott

- * The Modernization of the Ministry of National Security (with team of consultants).

PUBLIC SERVICE

Jessica Byron

- Member, International Advisory Board, Globalizations
- Member, International Advisory Board, European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies

- Member, International Advisory Board, Bulletin of Latin American Research
- Member, Editorial Board, Caribbean Journal of International Relations
- Member, Steering Committee, Globalization Studies Network
- Member, Research Advisory Committee, CRIES Project on Civil Society and Conflict Prevention and Management in Latin America and the Caribbean

Anthony Harriott

- Member, ISPAC
- Member, Programme Committee of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences with special responsibility for “International and Comparative Criminal Justice Systems”
- Member, Jamaica Constabulary Force Staff College Advisory Council
- Member, Leadership Forum - Civic Dialogue

Clinton Hutton

- Member, Gender Advisory Committee at Jamaica House

Hedy Isaacs

- Member, Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management
- Member, American Society for Public Administration
- Member, Friends of the Tom Redcam Library
- Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank

Rupert Lewis

- Member, Council of the Institute of Jamaica
- Chair, Advisory Board, African-Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank
- Chairman, Friends of Liberty Hall,
- Member, Editorial Committee of *Jamaica Journal*
- Consultant, International Pan-African Archives Committee, Freedom Park, Pretoria, South Africa

Brian Meeks

- Member, Executive Committee, The Michael Manley Foundation
- Member, Board of Intertrade Finance Corporation
- Member, Board of Jamaica College
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board of *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society*, Columbia University, New York.
- Member, Editorial Board of Lexington Books, Caribbean Series
- Contributing Editor, WADABAGEI Journal, Caribbean Research Center, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York

Trevor Munroe

- Referee, Global Corruption Report (2007) Transparency International
- Director, Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions
- Executive Life Member, University and Allied Workers Union
- Senator, Parliament of Jamaica
- Member, Selection Committee, Jamaica Rhodes Scholarship
- Director, Sugar Industry Authority of Jamaica
- Director, News Talk 93 FM
- Co-host, Breakfast Club

Lawrence Powell

- Member, Editorial Board of International Bulletin of Political Psychology
- Member, Editorial Board of *Journal of Diplomatic Language*
- Member, Editorial Board of American *Journal of Political Economy*
- Member, Editorial Board of Southern *Journal of Canadian Studies*
- Editorial Consultant, *Journal of Crosscultural Psychology*
- Project Director, for the Crosscultural Variations in Distributive Justice Perception (CVDJP) project.
- Polling Director, Centre for Leadership and Governance
- Member, newly-reconstructed Stone Poll national survey team

Diana Thorburn

- Director, National Commercial Bank Foundation
- Chairman, Board of Directors, Area Youth Foundation
- Member, Jamaica National Committee - United World College

Stephen Vasciannie

- President, Caribbean Conference on Maritime Delimitation
- Member, Inter-American Juridical Committee
- Chairman, Air Policy Committee, Government of Jamaica
- Vice-Chairman, Interim Committee, Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission
- Member, Bank of Nova Scotia Board
- Member, Jamaican team Legal Affairs Committee of CARICOM