

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department had an active year with continued growth in research, teaching and public service. The Department designed a new major in Anthropology and admitted a number of new MPhil/PhD students. There was also an increase in the number of persons accepted into the MSc Sociology programme. The graduate programmes, therefore, continue to be a significant growth area.

In terms of programme changes, adjustments were made to the MSc in Applied Psychology and two new courses were developed and offered for the MSc Sociology (social anthropology concentration).

Members of staff continue to be very active in public service work and public policy and academic research. One of the many areas of great pride for the Department is the Caribbean Internship Project (CIP) which is operated out of the Centre for Population, Community and Social Change (CPCSC). The CIP which was developed by Aldene Shillingford (who is also the coordinator) and the Social Work Unit has expanded throughout Caribbean, attracting positive reviews from the organizations which benefit, interns and funders. Funded by the Bernard van Leer Foundation and Environmental Foundation of Jamaica, this project provides the opportunity for students and graduates of the UWI, to work with agencies across the Caribbean, as interns. These interns provide many needed skills for the organizations, but they also learn significantly from the experience.

Although per capita publications for the year were low – less than one per person – the Department continued to perform well at Research Day, capturing three of the Principal's awards in different

categories. For the third consecutive year a project in the Department – the Caribbean Internship Project – won the award for the research project attracting the most research funds in the Faculty of Social Sciences. Dr. John Talbot won the award for best publication (book), and Dr. Ian Boxill (with Dr. Dillon Alleyne) won the award for best publication (article). Dr Talbot's book, *Grounds for Agreement*, also won the American Sociological Association Section on Political Economy of the World System Distinguished Book Award at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting.

In an effort to increase the output of research findings in psychology, the Psychology Unit launched the first issue of the new peer-reviewed journal, *Caribbean Journal of Psychology*. This first issue was edited by Mr Clement Branche, Professor Scott Minor and Miss Marina Ramkissoon.

Teaching continues to be a strong point of the Department. Average scores for teaching stood above 4 and for course material, just about 4. Teaching was strengthened during the year with the return of Dr Patricia Anderson from a two-year fellowship and Professor Chukwudum Uche who returned from sabbatical.

With 37 full-time members of staff, the Department has had to make a number of changes to improve administration and service delivery and relevance. Consistent with the recommendations of the Wint Report, the Department has set up an advisory board which has already convened.

Despite the many successes and improvements of the past year, the Department faces many challenges. These included a shortage of staff in key areas of psychology, a general lack of senior staff across the Department and inadequate infrastructure for teaching and administration. In addition, high student numbers per course and a general lack of resources to assist with teaching and research also impact on the ability of staff to publish and sometimes perform their tasks better. Over the years, the Department has developed a record for generating funding to assist with teaching, research, administration and to help some graduate students who are in need. In view of the resource constraints faced by the University, this tradition of self-reliance and initiative, though with serious consequences for research output, will probably have to continue into the foreseeable future.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Allen, Lita

- “Integrated Group Work: Classroom, Service-Learning and Practicum Connections.” 26th Annual International Symposium of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Detroit, Michigan. 20 p.

Anderson, Patricia

- “Inna Govament Yaad: The Challenge of Housing and Community in Kingston’s Inner City”, Ninth Bob Marley Lecture for the Institute of Caribbean Studies, February 2005.
- “Youth Unemployment”. Seminar on the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty in Jamaica” sponsored by the Planning Institute of Jamaica, the IADB and the World Bank, April 2005.
- “The UWI: Diversity and Change in the Student Population, 1983 - 2003”. Conference on Diversity in Higher and Tertiary Education” Kunming, China, November 2004. [52 p.]
- “Work in the Nineties: The Jamaican Labour Market – Stagnation or Change?” Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California, August 2004. [30 p.]

Boxill, Ian

- “Tourism and HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean: Implications for the Media”. Commonwealth Broadcasting Association’s and Canadian Regional Conference, Savannah Hotel, Bridgetown, Barbados, April 28 - 30.
- “Tourism and HIV/AIDS in Jamaica and The Bahamas: Final Report.” 3rd Scientific and Business Conference of UWIHARP, Sherbourne Conference Centre, Barbados, May 5 - 8, 2005.
- “Tourism and HIV/AIDS in Jamaica and The Bahamas: Implications for Development.” Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Studies Association, Santo Domingo, May 30 - June 4, 2005.

Johnson, Rose

- “Emotional Intelligence” (Stress Management seminar paper) – Healthy Lifestyles Seminar, Grace Kennedy & Co., Bank of Jamaica; June 9 - 10, 2005

Talbot, John

- “The Comparative Advantages of Tropical Commodity Chain Analysis” Conference on Production Networks and Commodity Chains in the Global Economy, Yale University, May 13 - 14, 2005

Uche, Chukwudum

- and Barbara U. Adams). “Determinants of the Fertility Behavior of Saramaka Maroons in Suriname”, 99th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California, USA; August 14 - 17, 2004. [20 p.]
- (and Abdullahi Abdulkadri). “A Methodological Framework for the Study of Impact of HIV/AIDS on Households in the Caribbean Sub-Region”, Third Annual Scientific and Business Conference, Barbados, May 6 - 8, 2005. [28 p.]
- (and Lisa R. Norman, Robert Carr). “Stigmatizing Attitudes of University Students toward Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in Jamaica”, 30th Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; May 30 – June 4, 2005. [20 p.]

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Assessed Publications

- * Branche, C., W. Bailey, J. Jackson, and A. Lee. Fatherhood in Risk Environments. In: (eds) Bailey, Barbara, Leo-Rhynie, E. Gender in the 21st Century: Caribbean Perspectives, Visions and Opportunities. Kingston, Jamaica: Ian Randle Publishers, 2004.

Books and Monographs

- * Boxill, Ian, Kerry-Ann Lewis, Rosemary Frey, Paul Martin, Wayne Bowen, Denise Treasure, Taromi Joseph.

Tourism and HIV/AIDS in Jamaica and The Bahamas.
Arawak Publications, Kingston, 2004.

- * **Gayle, Herbert, Andrew Grant, Peisha Bryan, Michael Yee Shui and Cedric Taylor.** *The Adolescents of Urban St. Catherine: A Study of their Reproductive Health and Survivability.* Spanish Town, Jamaica: Children First Agency.

Refereed Journal Articles

- * **Boxill, Ian** and Richard Quarless. "The Determinants of Poverty Among Youth in the Caribbean" *Social and Economic Studies*, 2005, vol. 54, no.1. (129 - 160).
- * **Boxill Ian** and Johannes Maerk. "Tourism Development, Mayan Cultural Resurgence and Prospects for Indigenous Tourism in Mexico: An Exploratory Study" *IDEAZ*, 2005, vol. 3, no. 1 - 2 (20 - 29).
- * **Branche, Clement, Scott Minor and Marina Ramkisson.** "Psychology in the Caribbean." Editorial. *Caribbean Journal of Psychology*, vol. 1, no. 1, 2004.
- * **Johnson, Rose.** "Reported Symptomology in Sexual Abuse Survivors." *Caribbean Journal of Psychology*, vol. 2.
- * **Levy, Horace.** "Participatory Learning and Action Versus Rothman's Modes of Intervention." *Caribbean Journal of Social Work*, vol. 3, October 2004;128 - 141.

Technical Reports

- * **Chukwudum Uche**, Lead Consultant, Jamaica HIV/AIDS/STI National Strategic Plan 2002-2006 Mid-Term Review, Final Report, April 2005, Ministry of Health, Kingston. [52p.]

PUBLIC SERVICE

Allen, Lita

- Consultancy and counselling services, Board and Principal, Jamaica House Basic School

- Member, Board of Directors, Whole Person Resource Centre
- Member, Mental Health Response and Training Team, Jamaica Red Cross Society

Gayle, Herbert

- Chairman, Fathers Incorporated
- Member, Board of Management of Children First Agency

Johnson, Rose

- Established a psychological services centre with Jamaica Cancer Society

Hinds, Kimberly

- Executive Member, and newsletter editor, Jamaica Association of Social Workers (JASW)
- External Examiner, Council of Community Colleges.

Levy, Horace

- Member, Board of Peace Management Initiative
- Member, the Violence Prevention Alliance

Uche, Chukwudum

- President, Association of Nigerians in Jamaica

CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS

Undergraduate

1. Number of students in Undergraduate degree programmes by level

| Option | Undeclared | Completing First year | Final Year | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Total |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Sociology | 6 | 37 | 116 | 54 | 78 | 39 | 330 |
| Social Work | 4 | 27 | 50 | 48 | 59 | 9 | 197 |
| Psychology | 11 | 57 | 215 | 90 | 137 | 74 | 584 |
| TOTAL | 21 | 121 | 381 | 192 | 274 | 122 | 1,111 |

2. Students graduated by class degree (end 2004/05)

| Option | First Class | Upper Second | Lower Second | Pass | Total |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| Sociology | 5 | 29 | 25 | 2 | 61 |
| Social Work | 2 | 22 | 15 | 1 | 40 |
| Psychology | 15 | 51 | 53 | 5 | 124 |
| TOTAL | 22 | 102 | 93 | 8 | 225 |

Diploma

3. Number of students in diploma programmes

| Option | Completing First Year | Final Year | Year 1 | Year 2 | Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Sociology | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Social Work | 3 | 2 | 3 | | 8 |
| Population & Development | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Psychology | | 3 | 4 | | 7 |
| TOTAL | 6 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 25 |

Postgraduate

4. Enrolment in graduate degree programmes

| Programme | Full Time | | Part Time | | PGA Pending | | Total |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----|------------|
| | New | Returning | New | Returning | Returning | New | Returning |
| MSc Demography | 0 | 0 | 11 | 14 | 0 | 11 | 14 |
| MSc Sociology | 11 | 1 | 11 | 28 | 12 | 22 | 41 |
| MPhil Sociology | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| PhD Sociology | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Masters of Social Work | 4 | 0 | 15 | 22 | 7 | 19 | 29 |
| MSc HRD | 0 | 0 | 60 | 6 | 0 | 60 | 6 |
| MSc Clinical Psychology | 11 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 22 |
| Total New | 28 | | 97 | | | 125 | |
| Total Ret. | | 18 | | 73 | 26 | | 117 |
| TOTAL | 46 | | 170 | | 26 | | 242 |