DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

Quality Assurance

The main targets achieved were changes in the structure of the History Major, the review of courses offered for five years and the preparation of an Action Plan in response to the Report of the Quality Review Team. An additional concentration in Global History, in addition to concentrations in Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean and Europe, was introduced, as well as an additional course in Jamaican History, H30M: History of the Jamaican Landscape. Also an assessment of the taught Masters Programmes was conducted and appropriate changes effected. Revised outlines were developed and approved for twelve undergraduate courses, and after extensive discussions, the Department formulated its Action Plan for 2006/08.

Archaeology

For two weeks in January 2006, with funding assistance from the Mona Campus Research & Publications Committee, staff and students conducted field work at Taino sites in Fairfield, St. James.

Between January and May 2006, a team of three archaeologists from the Digital Archæological Archive of Comparative Slavery (DAACS), a Web-based archive fostering comparative archæological research on slavery at Monticello, Virginia, USA, collaborated with the Department in a project to digitize the Montpelier Collection. The project also involved basic training and exposure in digitizing techniques for UWI archæology students and members of the team also assisted in teaching archæology courses. The Archæology Unit also collaborated with the Archæological Society of the Jamaica in organizing its fifth Annual Symposium on the
theme, **Redefining the African Jamaican Experience**, held at the Mona Campus on April 20, 2006.

**Social History Project (SHP)**

The SHP hosted its 7th Symposium on March 18, 2006 and some 26 papers were presented on aspects of one of the following themes, **Landscape and Natural History, Family Gender and Identity, Politics and Resistance, Migration and Trade, Religion, Ritual and Identity and Material Culture: Food, Drink, Pipes and Buttons**. Faculty and graduate students at UWI Mona and St. Augustine, as well as from North American universities participated. The SHP’s Oral History programme benefited from interviews conducted by graduate students in the *Oral History* course and 2nd year students in the *Text and Testimony* course.

**Staff**

Dr. Jenny Jemmott (Outstanding Research), Dr. James Robertson (Best Publication- Book) and Dr. Matthew Smith (Best Publication- Article) received Principal’s Research Awards in the Faculty of Humanities and Education for Research Day, 2006.

Matthew Smith and Veront Satchell received Andrew Mellon Fellowships and Wigmoor Francis and Jemmy Jemmot, were awarded PhD degrees, the latter with high commendation. Philip Allsworth-Jones, Senior Lecturer in Archaeology, retired.

**Professional Outreach**

The Department also maintained its public profile in supporting significant events in Jamaica’s National Calendar, Black History Month, Emancipation Celebrations and National Heritage Week, as members delivered public lectures, participated in media interviews and panel discussions highlighting one or more of these events. Members also gave several media interviews and/or conducted public lectures, locally or internationally, that covered various aspects of Jamaican history and heritage. Several members of the department conducted CAPE History workshops for students and teachers.

**Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture**

Professor Nigel Bolland of Colgate University, USA, delivered the 22nd Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture on March 29, 2006. The topic was “Caribbean Cultures and Identities: Interpreting Garifuna Stories”.
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PAPERS

Sultana Afroz

- “Global Dialogue of Civilizations: Muslim Cultures and Western Cultures in Quest of a Just and Peaceful World” on Issues that Divide and Issues that Unite Muslim Cultures and Western Cultures, Internet Conferences, July – September, 2006, 5pp.

Roy Augier

- “Teaching Caribbean History in Lycees in Martinique and Guadeloupe”, l’Université des Antilles et de la Guadeloupe (FULIOLLE), Martinique, January 10, 2006.
- The future of the UWI in the Context of the Strategic Transformation of the Mona Campus”, Chemistry Department Workshop, July 17-20, 2006.

Fitzroy Baptiste


Jonathan Dalby

• “Respectable” Offenders: The Crimes of the Elite in Late Eighteenth and Nineteenth-Century Jamaica, 1770-1899’, Department of History and Archaeology Staff/Postgraduate Seminar, UWI, Mona, 24 March 2006, 44pp.

Dave Gosse


Jenny Jemmott

• “The Black Family in Jamaica, 1834-1882”. Board of the Faculty of Humanities and Education, UWI, Mona, October 20, 2005, 23 pp.

James Robertson


• “An Essay Concerning Slavery”: A Mid-Eighteenth-Century Analysis from Jamaica.’ Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture’s Twelfth Annual Conference, Quebec City, June 8, 2006, 18 pp.


• ‘Finding directions in Spanish Town, Jamaica, 1757-1840.' Department of History & Archaeology, Faculty/Graduate Seminar, 10 March, 2006. 26 pp.

Veront Satchell

Matthew Smith


Waibinte Wariboko


Presentations made at the 7th Social History Project Symposium, Department of History and Archaeology, UWI, Mona Campus, March 18, 2006.

Fitzroy Baptiste

Jonathan Dalby

Dave Gosse

Jenny Jemmott
• “Selfhood through Parenthood: Defining Black Parental Identities through Family-based Activism, 1834-1840”, 16 pp.

Aleric Josephs

James Robertson
• 'Lord Alexander Hamilton's troubled stay in Jamaica, or Creole politics and political principals in English Jamaica’s second generation', 16 pp.

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PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

James Robertson


Matthew Smith

Other Peer Reviewed Publications

Sultana Afroz


Fitzroy Baptiste


Dave Gosse


* “The Hon. Sir Harold Allan, Civic Leader and Politician” 2006. 74-75.

Aleric Josephs


**Matthew Smith**


**Swithin Wilmot**


Non-Refereed Articles

Matthew Smith


PUBLIC SERVICE

Sultana Afroz

– Regional Director, World Council of Muslim Interfaith Relations, South America and Caribbean Region
– Member, Advisory Board, Institute of Medieval and Post-Medieval Studies, Arlington, Texas, USA.

Philip Allsworth-Jones

– Member, Executive Committee of the Archaeological Society of Jamaica.
– First Vice-President, Jamaica Historical Society.
– Member, Museums Advisory Board of the Institute of Jamaica.
– Member, Board of Jamaican National Heritage Trust.
– Member, Steering Committee of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation’s Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery, Virginia, USA

Roy Augier

– Vice Chairman, Teachers Services Commission (Jamaica).
– Member, Editorial Board, *Caribbean Quarterly*
– Member, Editorial Board, *Ideas*
– Member, Schools Examination Committee, Caribbean Examination Council.
– Member, Council, Caribbean Examination Council.
– Member, Council, Institute of Jamaica.
– Member, Board of Governors, St. Michael’s Theological College.

**Fitzroy Baptiste**
– Member, the Editorial Board of *Wadabagei: A Journal of the Caribbean and Its Diasporas.*

**Patrick Bryan**
– Member, Council, Institute of Jamaica.
– Chairman, Museums Advisory Board, Institute of Jamaica.
– Chief Examiner in Caribbean History (CSEC) for Caribbean Examinations Council.
– President, Jamaican Historical Society.
– Member, Advisory Board, *Journal of Caribbean History*

**Jenny Jemmott**
– Board member, The Cancer Society of Jamaica

**Aleric Josephs**
– Board Member, Women’s Resource and Outreach Centre.

**James Robertson**
– Vice President, Jamaica Historical Society
– Board Member, Archaeological Society of Jamaica
– Member, National Archives Committee

**Veront Satchell**
– Reviews Editor, *Journal of Caribbean History*
– Member, General committee/Board of the Jamaica Church Missionary Society
– Member, Diocesan Youth and Education Board

Waibinte Wariboko
– Member, Board of Directors, African-Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank/Liberty Hall
– Member, Jamaica National Committee to Commemorate the Bicentenary of the Abolition of the British Slave Trade

Swithin Wilmot
– Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Caribbean History*.
– Member, CAPE History Panel, Caribbean Examinations Council.
– Chief Examiner and Chairman, Examining Committee for CXC/CAPE History.
– Member, Advisory Board, Unit for Studies in Biography and Autobiography, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.
– Member, Steering Committee of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation’s Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery, Virginia, USA
– Member, Board of Governors, Holy Trinity High School.
– Member, Board of Trustees, the Archbishop Samuel Carter Educational Fund

**UNDERGRADUATE**

**Registered**

| BA     | – 601 |

**Graduated**

| BA | First Class – 7 |
|    | Upper Second – 48 |
| Lower Second – 55 |
| Pass – 4 |
Graduates Registered

MA – 75  
MPhil – 14  
PhD – 5

Prizes Awarded

Elsa Goveia Prize: Samantha Moore

Gladwyn Turbutt Prize in European History: Marsha Lawrence

Gladwyn Turbutt Prize in Archaeology: Yvette Haughton Reneé Nelson

Gladwyn Turbutt Prize in Atlantic History: Debbian Livingstone

Gladwyn Turbutt Prize in Historical Methodology: Chantel Dacosta

ILM-AL-AHSAN Prize:

The Asian World prior to 1600 Shauna-Gay Mitchell

History of Modern China Callessia Slamom

Modern Japan Mariama Abdalla

History of the Middle East since 1915 Omar Hawthorne-Parrent

Neville Hall Prize: Kalisa Greaves André Duhaney

Walter Rodney Prize: Audell Thompson-Bailey Oval Taylor