



## DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION STUDIES

**Dr. Rosemarie Heath** · Head Of Department

PhD

# OVERVIEW

### **Mission of the Department**

*“To provide the highest standard of teaching and research to produce library and information professionals, well equipped to face the challenges of the dynamic information environment, and to provide leadership in managing the information needs of the Caribbean for the twenty-first century and beyond.”*

## INTRODUCTION

The Department continues to be the regional leader in the education of students in Information Studies who will become skilled, effective, responsible information users and providers and managers for various kinds of information units. The UWI Strategic Plan 2022-2027 that rests upon the three primary pillars: Access, Alignment, and Agility (Triple A) has been used as the guiding framework to plan and execute our activities. Our continued online delivery of programmes has provided access to students beyond the Caribbean borders. Our recent discussions with information professionals at the Go|School of Information in The Netherlands, and the University of Glasgow in Scotland, as well as our continued partnership activities with UNESCO, are alignments capable of achieving greater activism and public advocacy while fostering agility that will bring some level of financial health to the Department.

### **INCOME GENERATION**

The DLIS is exploring several entrepreneurial opportunities that will provide additional streams for income generation. These include joint workshops, training seminars, lecturer-exchanges, as well as consultancies. These opportunities, it is anticipated, will provide:

- Extra income from extra-curricular activities
- Deeper relationships with the Alumni
- More international exposure
- Greater experience with entrepreneurial activities

Discussions regarding the likely income generating project with the Go|School of Information Studies, Netherlands, are ongoing. This project includes conducting a programme of skill enhancing courses for Information Studies professionals with a world-wide English speaking target audience. These are mainly three-day workshops and a Summer Institute in 2022/2023.

## **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT ACADEMIC STAFF**

### **Dr. Rosemarie Heath**

Dr. Rosemarie Heath was appointed as Head of the Department of Library and Information Studies, with effect from August 1, 2021. The appointment is full-time for a period of three (3) years and will end on July 31, 2024.

### **Dr. Stanley H. Griffin**

On February 21, 2022, Dr Griffin was promoted to the rank of Senior Lecturer, with effect - August 1, 2022.

### **Dr. Paulette Stewart**

A hybrid retirement function was held for Dr. Paulette Stewart on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Eighty-two (82) persons were in attendance via Zoom, while twelve (12) attended face to face. She received a leather recliner as a gift.

## **CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR ATTENDANCE & PRESENTATIONS**

### Special Presentation/Invited Lecture:

- Bastian, Jeannette A. "Oral Traditions, Archival Records and Cultural Knowledge"
- 6th Kenneth E. Ingram Memorial Lecture, DLIS 50th Anniversary Symposium, March 31, 2022.

### Dr. Baker-Gardner Presented the following:

- Baker-Gardner, Ruth. "Academic Integrity." Trench Town Polytechnic College Library. September 9, 2021.
- Baker-Gardner, Ruth. "Academic Integrity." Montego Bay Community College Staff Development Session. September 16, 2021.
- Baker-Gardner, Ruth. Academic Integrity in the Caribbean: Perceptions, Procedures and Possible Solutions. Info Talks: DLIS Department Seminar Series. The UWI, Mona. November 2, 2021.
- Baker-Gardner, Ruth. "Cheating the Cheaters: Crafting a Research Agenda for Academic Integrity in the Caribbean." DLIS 50th Anniversary Symposium. Online. March 29 – 31, 2022.

### Dr. Stanley H. Griffin Presented the following: Oral Presentations/Seminars:

- Griffin, Stanley H. "Dominicano Baseball on Antiguan Cricket Fields: Landscapes in the Politics of Intra-Caribbean Migration" Department of Geography and Geology Departmental "Brown Bag" Seminar May 5, 2022.
- Griffin, Stanley H. "Carona Ah Look Mi: Documenting a Pandemic-Caribbean Style!" Faculty of Humanities and Education Research Symposium, May 13, 2022.
- Griffin, Stanley H. "Migrating Pasts to Future: An Introduction to a Conversation: "New Technologies On Old Ideologies" International Council on Archives: Forum for National Archivists, April 5, 2022.
- Griffin, Stanley H. Panelist, Author's Forum, DLIS 50th Anniversary Symposium, 30 March 2022.
- Griffin, Stanley H. "Teaching in the Pandemic Classroom: Tertiary Level Experience" Liguanea Plains Rotaract, September 18, 2021.
- Griffin, Stanley H. "Organizing Memory", Joint Class with Caribbean Yard Campus 'Now You See Me...' Preserving Community Memory' Cultural Heritage Training Programme & UWI Department of Library & Information Studies: ARCM 6006 Memory & Recordkeeping in the Caribbean, October 14, 2021.

- Griffin, Stanley H. "Caribbean Calypso: The Living, Singing Textbook" at Slavery & Freedom: Material and Visual Histories" Seminar Series, 2021-2022, Centre For Research In The Arts, Social Sciences And Humanities, University of Cambridge, UK, November 2, 2021.
- Griffin, Stanley H. "Digital Preservation Policies for Archives and Records" Jamaica Libraries & Information Network (JAMLIN) Webinar, National Library of Jamaica, November 4, 2021.
- Griffin, Stanley H. "The 'Noise' of the 'Silenced': Exploring the Duality of Caribbean Records" at Truth and Trust; untruth especially in oppressive regimes, British Records Association and Institute for Historical Research Seminar, November 11, 2021.
- Participant, "Documenting the Now" Workshop, <https://www.docnow.io/> June 26, 2021
- Moderator, Caribbean Branch of the International Council on Archives (CARBICA) Roundtable Conversation: Documenting the Caribbean: Capturing Moments, #EmpoweringArchives, June 30, 2021.
- Keynote Presenter, "Where Records Dance, Sing, and Talk: Exploring Caribbean Record Forms and Archival Studies" Archival Education Research Institute 2021, July 13, 2021. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jHZEIFr\\_9A&t=3136s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jHZEIFr_9A&t=3136s)
- Keynote Roundtable Presenter, "Caribbean Calypso: The Living, Singing Textbook", "Moving Texts: From Discovery to Delivery" Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing (SHARP), July 21, 2021.

**Dr. Rosemarie Heath Presented the following:**

- Panelist, DLIS 50th Anniversary Symposium – Panel discussion – "Weathering the Storm: Coping Strategies in Caribbean LIS Organizations during the Covid – 19 Pandemic." March 29, 2022.
- Heath, Rosemarie A. "Media and Information Literacy: A Key Ingredient for Success." St. Andrew High School for Girls (6th Form Students' Seminar). October 7, 2021.
- Heath, Rosemarie A. "The DLIS in Service to the Caribbean." On Campus. RJR Radio Interview. December 1, 2021.

**Mr. Mark-Jeffery Deans Presented the following:**

- Mr. Deans presented Highlights of the 2018 UNESCO-UWI MIL Youth Organizations' Capacity Workshop at the recent UNESCO's Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week 2021 Featured Conference, which was held online from October 25 to 29, 2021. The theme for the Conference was "Media and Information Literacy for the Public Good".

He was invited to speak in the session titled "Media and Information Literacy within Youth Organizations: Good Practices and Innovative Approaches".

The University of the West Indies Library and Information Studies Student Society (UWILISS), under the guidance of their staff advisor Mr. Mark-Jeffery Deans, participated in the Global Media and Information Literacy Youth Hack-a-thon led by UNESCO and South Africa in cooperation with The European Commission on Sunday, October 24, 2021. Their entry involved the team creating a temporary website, which incorporated MIL initiatives by the Society. On Thursday, March 31, Mr. Mark-Jeffery Deans presented excerpts from a joint study conducted with Dr. Ruth Baker-Gardner. The study is titled "Erasing the Margin, Overcoming the obstacles: The Lived Experiences of [Male] Undergraduate LIS Graduates at a Library School in the Caribbean." This was presented at the DLIS 50th Anniversary Symposium which was held from March 29 - 31, 2022.

**Dr. Paulette Stewart & Mr. Mark-Jeffery Deans**

- Presenters, "Commonwealth Caribbean Disability Access Policies: Access to Educational Institutions and Libraries", 49th Annual Conference of the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL), Texas Woman's University, and the University of North Texas, July 12 – 16, 2021.

## **PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Dr. Ruth Baker-Gardner**

- Executive member - Library and Information Association of Jamaica (LIAJA).
- School Section Chair – Library and Information Association of Jamaica (re-elected February 2022).

Organized a series of 10 workshops for School Librarians; Workshop was done in collaboration with the Jamaica Library Service.

- Faculty of Humanities and Education FAQAC Sub-committee  
oChair – Joint Board of Teacher Education Course Review Committee.

**Mr. Mark-Jeffery Deans**

- President, Library and Information Association of Jamaica (LIAJA)

**Dr. Stanley Griffin**

- Member, Editorial Board, 2021-2023, International Journal of Information, Diversity and Inclusion, <https://jps.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/ijidi/index>
- Member, Government of Jamaica Records and Information Management Oversight Committee.
- Member, Advisory Board (Curriculum Redevelopment and Programme Strengthening), Graduate School of Information Studies, Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY) <https://sites.google.com/view/qcgslis/about-us/advisory-board>

**Dr. Rosemarie Heath**

- Dr. Rosemarie Heath was commissioned as Justice of the Peace, St. Andrew, Jamaica chapter, on Thursday, October 7, 2021.

**Professor Emerita Jeannette Bastian (Honorary Fellow)**

- Co-chair, Panel: "Archival Voices from the Caribbean," Archival Education Research Institute 2021, July 13, 2021.

## **TEACHING, LEARNING & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, teaching remained fully online for all DLIS programmes. There were no major setbacks as the majority of students were equipped with the necessary devices to join the classes. Two students received loans of laptops from the Main Library. The first year students were exposed to online learning for the first time and were coached into the use of ZOOM for their classes. There were no complaints from students regarding this mode of delivery.

## Student Population:

Programmes	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
BA Information Studies	11	6	9
BA Librarianship	42	36	47
BA Library & Information Studies	16	10	8
Masters in Library & Information Studies	23	28	29
Master of Arts in Library & Information Studies	31	20	15
Master of Arts in Archives & Records Management	17	20	17
MPhil/PhD in Information Studies	-	4	4

## **THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

### Academic Accreditation

The department was forced to put its pursuance of CILIP accreditation on hold in order to include the proposed postgraduate diplomas. Based on feedback from the graduate sub-committee, the department is currently engaged in a curriculum development exercise which will see to the updating of most of its courses. It is hoped that the post graduate diplomas will then meet the required approvals. As soon as this is done, we will continue with the push towards CILIP accreditation. In the meantime four options, each consisting of three courses, are being offered to persons who are desirous of admission as Specially Admitted students. Such students will then have the option of continuing into one of the established graduate programmes, completing with either a post graduate diploma or a Master's Degree.

## Faculty/Departmental Awards, 2021/2022

AWARDS	CRITERIA	STUDENT
Quida Rowe Prize	Best Grade in LIBS1003- Introduction to Information Studies	Avon Pryce
Frances Salmon Prize for Outstanding Performance at Level II	Best overall performance at Level II	Yanniek Throwers-Swaby
Dorothy Collings Prize (Graduate)	Best overall graduate performance	Rushana Mighty
Records Management Prize (Graduate)	Best Grade in ARCM6004 – Records Management in a Digital Age	Karrene Banton
CARBICA Prize	Best Grade in ARCM 6002 – Acquisition, Organization & Use of Archival Materials	Peta-gaye Richards
CARBICA Prize	Best Grade in ARCM6003 – Preservation of Archival Materials in Tropical Environment	Sarah Chun
Pippa Fray Prize	Best Grade in LIBS6001 - Foundations of Library & Information Studies	Kathleen Clarke
The Ideal Record Keeper Prize	Best Grade in ARCM6005 – Practicum in Archives & Records Management	Leovia Fishley-Taylor
Preservation Management Prize	Best Grade in LIBS3702 – Preservation Management for Libraries & Information Units	Nicola Millwood

## **Practicum/Internship, 2021/2022**

*The Department offers four internship/practicum courses:*

*LIBS3802 - Internship in Librarianship*

*LIBS3803 - Internship in Information Studies*

*LIBS6904 - Practicum in Library and Information Studies*

*ARCM6005 - Practicum in Archives/Records Management*

All students were successfully placed in their proposed choice for internship. For the most part, all communications as it relates to contacting and



placing students adhered to the usual procedures of the internship programme and the objectives of the programme were communicated to students and host institutions. Two fieldwork meetings were held with students and both were well attended. Students were reminded of the importance of observing all the necessary social and health procedures as it relates to COVID-19, whilst on internship within the host institutions. A total of 35 students registered for Internship, seven (7) more than the previous year. See breakdown below:

*BA Librarianship*  
*18 students*

*BA in Information Studies*  
*2 students*

*MLIS*  
*11 students*

*MAARCM*  
*4 students*

## Table indicating placement:

Programmes	Placement Status	Countries of Placement
<b>Undergraduate (20)</b>		
BA Librarianship	Ten (10) student <b>started in May</b>	Seventeen (17) placed in Jamaica
BA Information Studies	Nine (10) students <b>started in June</b>	Three (3) placed in Trinidad and Tobago
<b>Graduate (15)</b>		
MLIS	Two (2) students started in May	Three (3) placed in Barbados
MAARCM	Thirteen (13) students scheduled <b>to start</b> to start between June and July	One (1) placed in England  Four (4) placed in Jamaica  Seven (7) placed in Trinidad and Tobago
<b>TOTAL</b>	35	35

## TEACHING & LEARNING: GRADUATE & RESEARCH MATTERS

Semester 3 (Summer Term) 2021/2022

The DLIS is offering three courses in Semester 3, namely:

1. *LIBS6504 - Integrated Library Systems*
2. *LIBS6202 - Subject Analysis and Indexing in Information Retrieval*
3. *MGMT6015 - Basic Statistics (adopted from Department of Management Studies)*

*These are intensive courses offered over a six week period. The Department will offer all three courses online during Summer 2021/2022.*

**Re-Appointment: Honorary Fellow, Information Studies**

The Vice Chancellor approved the re-appointment of Professor Emerita Jeannette Bastian, Simmons University, Boston, Massachusetts, as Honorary Fellow, Information Studies, to the Department for the period of September 1, 2022 to August 30, 2024. Prof. Bastian is supervising the first cohort of candidates in the MPhil and PhD programmes. She will also assist the Department in building its research capacity and developing the departmental infrastructure for the research degree programmes.

## **Museum Studies**

The Department participated in a University-wide discussion on the development of Museology/Museum Studies in the University. The Department already had visions for developing programmes in this disciplinary area, and has courses and subject-matter content already on offer in the BA Information Studies programme. Since the purview of the Department is to teach disciplinary competencies and professional skills, steps are already afoot to offer postgraduate diploma and master's degree programmes in Museum Informatics and Management, in keeping with the Department's strategic vision. It is anticipated that these programmes will be ready for offering in 2022-2023.

## **Postgraduate Diplomas in Information Studies**

In an effort to increase access to our programmes, in keeping with international (Commonwealth) programmatic expectations, and in response to the changing demands in professionalism and workplaces (around the Caribbean region), the Department explored the possibilities of offering Postgraduate Diplomas in Information Studies. The Postgraduate Diploma (Library Studies) was the first graduate programme offered by the Department in 1973 and was replaced by the Master of Library Studies in 1989. The Department is now proposing to offer a suite of Postgraduate Diplomas in Information Studies intended to provide training in the specific disciplines or interdisciplinary competencies of Information Studies. Programmes are designed to be offered over three (3) semesters, using courses already on offer as part of the masters' degrees in Library and Information Studies and Archives and Records Management.

In response to an online survey conducted in April 2021, over 120 respondents supported the Department's move to reintroduce the postgraduate diploma degree. Seven (7) postgraduate diploma programmes, divided

into two (2) categories, were proposed:

### **Disciplinary Postgraduate Diploma Programmes:**

- 1. Media & Information Literacy: offers the fundamentals and principles for identifying, instructing and empowering communities, to critically evaluate their content, and to make informed decisions as users and producers of information and media content.*
- 2. Library Management: offers the fundamentals and principles for managing materials, resources and services for libraries and information centres.*
- 3. Archives Administration: offers the fundamentals and principles for identifying, processing and preserving archival materials and managing archival services.*
- 4. Information Governance: offers principles and strategies for a holistic approach to managing corporate information and records.*
- 5. Museum Informatics and Management: "Museum informatics is the study of the socio-technical interactions that take place at the intersection of people, information, and technology in museums." This programme focuses on the various modes, principles and best practices for appraising, preserving and managing art and objects in galleries and museums.*

### **Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Diploma Programmes:**

- 1. Information Organization: focuses on the various modes, principles and best practices for cataloguing information assets, from digital materials, archival documentation, active records, audiovisual recordings, and three-dimensional objects, which are traditionally offered in separate archives and records management, library and museum courses.*
- 2. Information Preservation: focuses on the various modes, principles and best practices for preserving information assets, from digital materials, archival documentation, active records, audiovisual recordings, and three dimensional objects, which are traditionally offered in separate archives and records management, library and museum courses.*
- 3. Digital Informatics: focuses on the various modes, principles and best practices for creating, managing information and information products in digital formats.*

According to survey responses, the more popular choices were the Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Diploma Programmes and this hints at the possibility of the Department offering two new Masters' degrees: Master of

Information (which is built on the three (3) interdisciplinary graduate diplomas) and a Master of Museum Informatics and Management (name to be decided, which builds on the postgraduate equivalent). These new Master's degree programmes will be developed in coming months. The Department is currently reviewing all its graduate courses to ensure currency, relevance and the expected tripartite balance of Caribbean focus, disciplinary theory and professional competencies. It is anticipated that the Graduate Diplomas in Information Studies Programmes will be approved for offering in 2022-2023.

## **Graduate Research Seminars (MPhil & PhD Information Studies Candidates)**

As part of the revamped MPhil and PhD programmes, candidates are now required to present their research proposals at the end of their first year of registration. Each candidate presented their projects virtually to regional audiences, and fielded questions from their Supervisory Committees and general audiences. These Graduate Research Seminars introduced the professional community and student body to the expected rigor of the MPhil and PhD level of study. In so doing, these seminars promoted greater interest in the offerings of the Department and the information professions generally.

### **Norman Malcolm, MPhil Candidate**

- Presenter, "Documenting Political Activism on Jamaican Twitter" CARBICA Roundtable Conversation: Documenting the Caribbean: Capturing Moments, #EmpoweringArchives, 30 June 2021. Presenter, "Jamaican Twitter documenting Memory and Social Resistance" Panel: Archival Voices from the Caribbean", Archival Education Research Institute 2021, 13 July 2021 Participant, " TikTok Methodologies" hosted by the TikTok Cultures Research Network, 19 July 2021.
- **Janelle Duke, MPhil Candidate**
- Participant, "Documenting the Now" Workshop, <https://www.docnow.io/> 26 June 2021 Presenter, "Documenting Trinidadian Community Heritage" CARBICA Roundtable Conversation: Documenting the Caribbean: Capturing Moments, #EmpoweringArchives, 30 June 2021.
- Moderator, "The Role of the Anglican Church in Independence & Nation Building, 1962-2021 presented by D. Heather Cateau, Dean FHE-St Augustine, 3 September 2021 (based on Janelle Duke's MA [Archives

and Records Management] Research Paper)

**Sparkle Ferreira, PhD Candidate**

- Presenter, "The Role of Records in building a Trinbagonian National Identity between 1945 and 1976: An Introduction" Panel: Archival Voices from the Caribbean", Archival Education Research Institute 2021, 13 July 2021.

**Sandra Stubbs, PhD Candidate**

- Participant, "Documenting the Now" Workshop, <https://www.docnow.io/> 26 June 2021 Presenter, "Caribbean library and archival spaces in the 21st century" Panel: Archival Voices from the Caribbean", Archival Education Research Institute 2021, 13 July 2021.

Additionally, the Research Students are already contributing to the Department's academic outlook by providing insights into new discourses and programmes, particularly in Internet and Digital Studies as well as Information Governance. During the year under review, some of the candidates conducted sessions and workshops on content areas that emerged out of their professional experience and academic interests. These are as follows:

## **MPhil & PhD (Information Studies) Candidates**

### **Graduate Research Seminars**

- Ferreira, Sparkle PhD Candidate, "A New Year, A New Nation: Nationalism, Federation and Trinidad Press in 1958", Tuesday May 24, 2022.
- Malcolm, Norman MPhil Candidate, "The Case of #By23: Analyzing Youth Politics and Information Hegemony of Jamaica Twitter", Wednesday May 25, 2022.
- Stubbs, Sandra, PhD Candidate, "Caribbean Library Spaces: Provenance and Culture", Friday May 27, 2022.
- Duke, Janelle, MPhil Candidate, "Sweet Sorrow: Conceptualizing Value for the Sugar Industry Records of Caroni (1975) Ltd", Friday May 27, 2022.

## **INNOVATION, RESEARCH & PUBLICATION**

DLIS Seminar Series (InfoTalks)

DLIS re-commenced its Seminar Series, "INFOTalks" on October 6, 2021. The sessions take place weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00 – 2:30 pm (Jamaica time) via Zoom. Below is the schedule of presentations for semester one.

### **Semester One**

October: Information in "The Next Normal"

October 6: "Fourth Industrial Revolution Technologies in Libraries in the Post-Pandemic Era: The Next Normal: A Caribbean Perspective", Ms. Cheryl Peltier-Davis, Senior Librarian (Acting) Open Campus Libraries and Information Services (OCLIS), UWI Open Campus, UWI Open Campus

October 13: "Unlocking the Next Normal for the Information Professions", Professor Kim Thompson & Andrew Wakelee (MLIS Candidate), College of Communications and Information, University of South Carolina, USA

October 20: "The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court: Leveraging Information Management to Keep the Wheels of Justice Turning in the Covid-19 Era", Dwaymian Brissette, Information Services and Communication Manager, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

October 27: "Healing Information: Journaling for Self-Care during the Covid-19 Pandemic", Monique Oates, JP, College of Agriculture, Science, & Education, Jamaica

November: "Information & Identity"

November 3: "Information & Identity: The Case of Belize", Nigel Encalada, UNESCO Global Facilitator & Cultural Expert, Belize

November 10: "Information, Identity & Indigeneity: Why the Development of Meaningful Relationships is Essential to Cultural Memory Praxis", Ms. Camille Callison, University Librarian, University of Fraser Valley, Canada

November 17: "Public Digital Infrastructure for a Globally Competitive Ca-

ribbean”, Dr. Scott Timcke, Research Fellow at the University of Leeds’ Centre for African Studies, UK

November 24: “Facts, Fables and Fallacies: Saint Lucia’s Ecclesiastical Records”, Mrs. Margot Thomas, National Archivist, National Archives Authority of St. Lucia

***NB. No InfoTalks sessions were held in semester 2, because of the 50th anniversary activities, sch as the symposium.***

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Co-edited Book:**

- Aarons, John, Jeannette A. Bastian, Stanley H. Griffin, Archiving Caribbean Identity Records,
- Community, and Memory London: Routledge, 2022 (pre-released. Print due June 2022) <https://www.routledge.com/Archiving-Caribbean-Identity-Records-Community-and-Memory/Aarons-Bastian-Griffin/p/book/9780367615093>

### **Book Chapters:**

- Griffin, Stanley H. “Decolonization (of records and archives)” Patricia Franks (ed), Handbook of Archival Practice Lanham: Roman and Littlefield, 2021, 8-10.
- Griffin, Stanley H. & Timcke, Scott, “Re-Framing Memory in Jamaica and South Africa: Challenging Racist Structures, Generating New Narratives” Archives & Records: The
- Journal of the Archives and Records Association, UK Vol 42. Issue 2, Summer 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23257962.2021.2002137>.
- Griffin, Stanley H. “Value Displaced, Value Re/Claimed: Musings on Shared Heritage, Reparations, and Caribbean Archives” ed. James Lowry, Disputed Archival Heritage London: Routledge, 2022 (pre-released)<https://www.routledge.com/Disputed-Archival-Heritage/Lowry/p/book/9780367524012>.



## Journal Articles

- Baker-Gardner, Ruth. "Graduate Students' Perception of a New Online Library and Information Science Program at a Regional Library School in the Caribbean: A Preliminary Investigation." 2021. *Journal of Education for Library & Information Science*. DOI: 10.3138/jelis-2020-0101 e20200101
- Clarke-Lindsay, Rushelle and Ruth Baker-Gardner. Factors Affecting Students' Use of a Select Academic Library in a Polytechnic Institution in Jamaica: A Mixed-Methods Case Study Research in *Caribbean Journal of Mixed Methods Research*. vol. 2, no. 1, 2021, pp. 122–149.
- Deans, M. O. "Reflecting on Critical Thinking in the Jamaican Education System: Embracing UNESCO's MIL City Concept". *Word and Science International Scientific Journal*, March 2021.
- Deans, Mark-Jeffery and Dr. Paulette Stewart's article, titled "Commonwealth Caribbean. Disability Access Policies: Access to Educational Institutions and Libraries" was published by the University of Alberta, Canada as part of the 24th International Forum on Research on School Librarianship: The 49th Annual Conference of the International Association of School Librarianship. September 24, 2021.
- Deans, M. (2021). The Methodology Used to Deliver Information Literacy Instruction by a Select Group of Academic Librarians: A Case Study. *Asian Association of Universities Journal, Emerald Insight*.
- Heath, R. A., & Samuda, K. (2022) The Significance of Information Literacy Instruction for Teachers in Training at the Sam Sharpe Teachers' College, Jamaica. *Caribbean Journal of Education*, 43(2). Advance online publication. <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/soe/publications/cje/article/1555>.

## MPhil & PhD Candidates

### Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

- Duke, Janelle, "Ecclesiastical Records as Sources of Social History; The Anglican Church of Trinidad and Tobago" John Aarons, Jeannette A. Bastian, Stanley H. Griffin, *Archiving Caribbean Identity: Records, Community, and Memory*, London: Routledge, 2022 (pre-released)
- Malcolm, Norman "Jamaican twitter as a repository for documenting

memory and social resistance; Listening to the 'articulate minority'" John Aarons, Jeannette A. Bastian, Stanley H. Griffin, Archiving Caribbean Identity: Records, Community, and Memory London: Routledge, 2022 (pre-released)

## **Presentations**

- Malcolm, Norman. "Teaching in the Pandemic Classroom: Secondary Level Experience" Liguanea Plains Rotaract, 18 September 2021.
- Malcolm, Norman, "Learning Loss During the Pandemic," Kiwanis Club of Friends Across
- Borders, 17 October 2021.
- Duke, Janelle, Panel Moderator & Discussant, "Our Nation's Future & The Church's Role," Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity and Holy Saviour Parish (Trinidad and Tobago), 24 September 2021 (Lecture series based, in part, on Janelle Duke's MA Archives and Records Management Research Paper).

## **INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

GO - opleidingen / GO – School of Information Studies (The Netherlands): Since Covid-19 GO has changed all our courses to online video-classes. Because of their online offerings they've noticed an increased interest in their courses from the Caribbean region. So far it is mainly the Dutch-speaking islands that subscribe, but more and more there are enquiries from English-speaking librarians, record managers and archivists.

During the 2019 ACURIL Conference, they had a few persons subscribe to their courses and they are in the process of organizing 'in-house' versions of their courses. However, there are a few issues that need to be resolved:

- 1. Although most of their teachers are very capable of providing their classes in English, they prefer native speakers.*
- 2. The knowledge of their teachers of the local situation is limited and not all of them are flexible enough to adjust their lessons to make them relevant to the English-speaking Caribbean.*
- 3. The time difference between the two regions region is troublesome for some of the teachers as it means conducting the classes always in the eve-*

*ning and even after midnight to accommodate the participants. The DLIS could provide some of the GO courses and can also easily deal with some of the issues mentioned above. GO is proposing that the DLIS cooperates with them to offer a program of skill enhancing courses for GLAM-professionals with a world-wide English speaking target audience.*

This partnership will allow the DLIS to provide a wide range of skill enhancement courses (Continuous Professional Development [CPD]) for all DLIS-alumni and librarians all over the world. A good way to expand the DLIS portfolio. The DLIS lecturers will earn extra income, and so will the DLIS.

### **Additionally, the partnership could yield**

*1. Offer Four (4) DLIS-GO Institutes - Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring during the calendar year Joint DLIS /GO Institute courses offered in Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring. These will be offered online to limit the effort and capacity needed, and the offerings will be structured in a manner to attract a larger target audience. Think should prove very profitable for both DLIS and GO.*

*2. Joint DLIS/GO Exhibit booth at the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) 2023 Conference GO will be a sponsor for next year's ACURIL conference in June 2023. Go is proposing a joint DLIS/GO exhibit booth staffed with DLIS and GO team members at the conference. All exhibit expenses will be paid by the GO - school, so there is no cost to DLIS to join the exhibit.*

*3. Joint DLIS/GO Information Session at the ACURIL 2023 Conference*

As an ACURIL sponsor, Go-School will organize a joint information session with DLIS (somewhere in the ACURIL program) where we could inform all ACURILEANS about the Summer Institute and upcoming joint DLIS/GO courses. In this way we could generate interest to potential participants about our combined activities. GO will volunteer to write to ACURIL about this request for organizing such an information session.

### **The University of Glasgow, (Scotland)**

Professors Lorna Hughes and Ann Gow are members of the Department of Information Studies at the Glasgow-Caribbean Centre for Development Re-

search (GCCDR) at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. After establishing a Memorandum of Understanding with the UWI, they visited the UWI, Mona Campus in May, 2022, in a bid to create opportunities for collaboration and engagement with Departments/Faculties in the UWI.

In response to this partnership proposal, the Department of Library and Information Studies (DLIS) proposes to:

1. Coordinate/facilitate tours/extended visits to places of significance in our discipline, which will also help expose visiting students to the Jamaican culture, eg. The National Library, a museum, an archives, and the National Gallery.
2. Facilitate co-teaching.
3. Allow the programme to facilitate an overseas practicum experience for one or two DLIS/Glasgow students through student exchange arrangements.
4. Facilitate/guide Information Studies students, or students from other disciplines conducting research at the UWI.
5. Allow graduate students from both institutions to collaborate on the completion of research projects.
6. Include research students from the UG to make presentations in the DLIS InfoTalks sessions.
7. Include them in the planning and execution of DLIS research fora, special lectures.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION/INVITED LECTURE**

- Griffin, Stanley H. Panelist, "Strengthening the Supervisor-Supervisee Relationship", Faculty of Humanities and Education Graduate Research Seminar, 29 April, 2022.
- Griffin, Stanley H. "Connect with Your Library: Your World, Your Self, Your Community" Feature Speaker, Launch of 129th Anniversary of Library Services and Library Week 2022, National Public Library, Archives, and Documentation Services, St Vincent and the Grenadines, 4 April 2022 <https://fb.watch/cnt9uMs2BE/Baker-Gardner>, Ruth. "DLIS Programmes." Launch of 129th Anniversary of Library Services and Library Week 2022, National Public Library, Archives, and Documentation Services, St Vincent and the Grenadines, 4 April 2022.

## **DLIS 50TH Anniversary Celebration**

The Department of Library and Information Studies (DLIS) celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a Virtual Symposium on the Zoom platform. The event was held from March 29 to March 31, 2022 under the theme, "DLIS@50: Celebrating Education, Innovation, and Collaboration in an Ever-changing World". The three-day event celebrated the contributions, challenges and triumphs which libraries and librarians have made over the last fifty (50) years in the Caribbean. All major library systems and professional associations from across the Caribbean were well represented with participants serving as Chairs and Rapporteurs.

Two outstanding features of the Symposium were The Ken Ingram Lecture and the DLIS 50th Anniversary Scholarship which was awarded to one undergraduate and one postgraduate student. There were approximately twenty-nine presenters and eight panellists from countries such as Zimbabwe, USA, Aruba, Jamaica and other regions of the Caribbean.

### **DLIS 50TH Anniversary Church Service**

DLIS commenced its 50th Anniversary celebratory activities with a church service at the Bethel Baptist Church, in Half-Way-Tree, on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The DLIS 50th Anniversary Symposium took place over a three-day period, between March 29 and 31, 2022. It received special sponsorship from EBSCO Information Services, GO-School of Information, the University of Technology, OCLC and the Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica. It was well attended on all three days by participants/professionals from across the Caribbean region. The Ken Ingram Lecture was delivered by Professor Jeannette Bastian, Honorary Professorial Fellow in the DLIS on the final day of the DLIS 50th Anniversary Symposium. This was a free lecture. It was attended by more than 100 persons, and received very positive feedback. Professor James Robertson provided an overview of the Ken Ingram Lecture Series.

### **DLIS 50TH Anniversary Scholarship**

The DLIS offered a \$200,000.00 scholarship to one DLIS undergraduate and one DLIS graduate student [Total: \$400,000.00] to mark its 50th Anniversary. Danielle Phillips was the recipient for undergraduate scholarship and

Jillian Tinglin was the recipient for the postgraduate scholarship. DLIS 50th Anniversary Gleaner Supplement The DLIS 50th Anniversary Gleaner Supplement was published on Tuesday, May 21, 2022. It featured messages and advertisements from several key stakeholders in the profession.

## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

### **Caribbean Marketing Campaign**

Between October 22 – November 25, 2021, the DLIS embarked upon an aggressive marketing campaign via Zoom, in a bid to increase student numbers in all its programmes. As such, it sought to engage library systems and LIS professional associations in CARICOM territories. The aim of those sessions was to make persons aware of the existence of the DLIS and to market and promote the programmes that it has to offer. On each occasion, the session was chaired by Mr Mark-Jeffrey Deans who is the DLIS Librarian and Fieldwork Coordinator. In addition, the welcome was given by Dr. Rosemarie Heath, Lecturer and Head of the DLIS. She also shed light on the graduate programmes offered. Dr Ruth Baker-Gardner made attendees aware of the undergraduate programmes.

Attendees were asked to register by clicking on a link that was provided in the Zoom chat. This link led them to a series of eight questions to respond to in Google Docs. Attendees were asked to supply their full name, nationality, educational qualifications, email address, telephone number (whatsapp), possible date of entry and programme of interest. Also, they were prompted to state any additional comments or questions that they wanted to be answered.

Attending the first meeting were persons from Tobago (NALIS) as well as the HEART Trust NTA. Six subsequent meetings took place between Friday, October 29, 2021 and Thursday, November 25, 2021. The reach included (from Jamaica), librarians in teachers' colleges, schools and community colleges, the Jamaica Library Service, government ministries and departments. Other participating countries include, Trinidad (NALIS), Belize, Barbados, the Cayman Islands, Guyana, the Bahamas, Dominica, British Virgin Islands, St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



Dr. Rosemarie Heath, HOD, giving the opening remarks at the Department of Library and Information Studies (DLIS), UWI Mona Information Session.



Ms. Tricia Lawrence Powell (deputy national librarian) bringing greetings from the National Library of Jamaica at the Department of Library and Information Studies (DLIS), UWI Mona Information Session.

### **Outreach Workshop**

As part of its outreach activities, the Department hosted a three day Cataloguing workshop on the 17th, the 20th and the 22nd June, 2022. The facilitator was Dr. Ruth Ber-Gardner. The 6 participants were members of staff of the National Library of Jamaica, plus the DLIS Library Assistant. At the end of the workshop, two participants expressed interest in joining the DLIS family in January, 2023.