

CENTRE FOR GENDER & DEVELOPMENT STUDIES MONA UNIT

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WORK OF THE CGDS MONA UNIT

The mandate of the CGDS is teaching, research and outreach/public service. The Unit met all its targets and implemented the recommendations of the OBUS Assessment, which stated that the CGDS Unit should:



- review, revise and expand courses to better respond to emerging gender and development issues;
- rationalize undergraduate courses to reduce overlaps and to ensure closer articulation between and amongst the diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate courses;
- expand research and outreach in response to emerging gender and development issues in the Caribbean.

Guest Lectures

The Unit exceeded its target of Guest lectures and responded to requests from several groups and institutions on and off campus, locally and overseas (including in the Turks and Caicos Islands). Dr Dunn also delivered the Annual Derek Gordon Memorial Lecture in the Faculty of Social Sciences Mona on January 27 2007.

The Unit completed its scheduled review and amendment of undergraduate courses offered in the Minor and plans to resubmit these to AQAC for revalidation in AY 2007/2008. Staff also participated in

curriculum review sessions hosted by the CGDS RCU. The Unit also achieved the target of expanding research and outreach.

OUTREACH

The Unit exceeded its targeted outreach programmes. The Lucille Mathurin Mair Public Lecture was held on November 29 2006 and was delivered by distinguished Guyanese Jurist Madam Justice Desirée Bernard, female Judge in the Caribbean Court of Justice.

The Conversations with Gender Series was revived and the following sessions were held:

- ‘Gender Based Violence’ with Justice Desirée Bernard of the Caribbean Court of Justice and Mrs Mary Clarke, Children’s Advocate, Jamaica (Nov. 26 2006).
- “Mrs. Sisulu’s husband: Gendered Relations in an African Marriage”. A public lecture by Ms Elinor Sisulu, award winning Zimbabwean/South African writer and gender activist. (April 23, 2007). Part of a Caribbean lecture tour sponsored by SEPHIS/CGDS St Augustine Unit.
- Two stakeholder consultations were held on July 12 2006 and December 4 2006. The former guided our programme response to emerging gender and development issues. The latter included a review of the 2002 Women’s Manifesto on Gender Based Violence.

Outreach included responding to requests for media interviews & articles. These resulted in increased visibility for the Unit in the print & electronic media, increased public awareness & increased discussion of gender issues.

Teaching Achievements

Lecturer	Course	Mean Score	Standard Deviation	Response Rate
Dr Annecka Marshall	AR20B	4.5	0.7	58%
	AR21A	4	1.0	40%
	AR21B	4.5	0.8	44%

	SY 37G	4.1	0.7	33%
Dr Leith Dunn	SY 37G	4.1	0.7	33%
Ms. June Castello	SY37G	4.2	1.0	58%
	AR20M	4.1	1.0	69%
	AR20A	4.1	1.1	56%

Main Targets Set for AY 2007/08:

- Plan implementation of newly approved Major in Gender and Development.
- Maintain delivery of six undergraduate courses for the Minor and prepare for the delivery of the Major in Gender and Development
- Teach two new Philosophy of Gender Courses
- Present revised courses for the Minor for re-certification by AQAC as well as complete and submit one new course for approval.
- Maintain research and publications with a minimum of two per year for academic staff
- Publish and launch a minimum of two (2) CGDS publications if resources allow
- Continue outreach including collaboration with Shortwood Teachers' College on a gender in education module
- Mobilise a minimum of US\$50,000 by way of Summer School income, sale of publications and consultancies.

Academic Staff: The Mona Unit employs 2 Lecturers and 1 Senior Lecturer/Head, with 3 per capita publications.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Dr Leith Dunn

- "Global Report on the Unconditional Worst Forms of Child Labour". ILO Technical Workshop on Survey Methodologies for National Level Estimates of Children in the Unconditional Worst Forms of Child Labour, Istanbul, May 2007. (104 pages)

- “Gender: Community Opportunities and Challenges in the 21st century”. 11th Derek Gordon Seminar, Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, UWI Mona, January 2007. (21 pages).
- “Children in Prostitution in Jamaica: Challenges and Opportunities for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights”. UWI Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference, Kingston, October 2006. (20 pages).

Dr Marshall

- “Are Caribbean Women Sexually Emancipated From The Chains Of Slavery?” Co-presentation with D. Maynard. International Conference: Trajectories Of Freedom, UWI, Barbados, May 2007
- “Reconsidering Dutty Wine: Mona Students’ Views on Black Female Sexuality in Jamaica.” Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, UWI, St. Augustine, March 2007.
- “Pleasure And Power Principles: Perceptions of Male and Female Sexualities in Jamaica.” Gender Unbound: An International Conference In Law, Gender And Sexuality. University of Keele, July, 2007.
- “Tackling the ‘Kinky Eroticism’ Of Studying Women.” Teaching Gender in the 21st Century, The Higher Education Academy and The British Sociological Association, London, June 2007.

June Castello

- “Doing Our Thing:Sex(uality), Gender and HIV/AIDS” UWI Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference, Kingston, October 2006. (15 pages)

PUBLICATIONS

- * Castello, June-Ann (ed.). ‘Gender, Masculinity and the Workplace, CGDS Mona, CGDS Mona Unit Working Paper #4, November 2006.

- * Bernard, Desirée. 'Confronting Gender Based Violence in the Caribbean'. 5th Lucille Mathurin Mair Public Lecture CGDS Mona, November 2006.
- * Beckles Hilary & Verene. Shepherd (eds.) 'A Historical Study of Women in Jamaica', (Dr Lucille Mathurin Mair's thesis), (CGDS Mona, with the University Press, & the Jamaica National Bicentenary Committee) March 2007.

Refereed Journal Articles

Dr. Marshall

- * "Organisation Of Women Of African And Asian Descent." (2007) In D. Dabydeen, J. Gilmore and C. Jones (eds.) Oxford Companion To Black British History. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- * "The Trek For A Sense Of Belonging." *Feminist Africa*, Vol. 7. (2007)

Ms. Castello

- * Reviewed Gamal Abdel-Shehid's book, *Who Da Man- Black Masculinities and Sporting Cultures*, *Caribbean Journal of Education*. 2007, vol. 28, no. 2 September 2006 (pg 252-256)
- * *Where have All the Feminists Gone: Learning the Lessons of a Long Time Passed in the Caribbean*. *Caribbean Quarterly*, (2006) vol. 52, nos. 2-3, June – September 2006

Technical Reports

Leith Dunn

- * "Gender Review of the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS in Jamaica." For UNIFEM and National AIDS Committee. (33 pages).
- * (with Jeanette Bell & Althea Perkins). "Caribbean Gender Checklist and Indicators for HIV and AIDS Policies and Programmes". For UNIFEM Caribbean's Project: Capacity Building for Mainstreaming Gender Analysis in HIV and AIDS Programming in the Caribbean. (38pages) 2007

INCOME GENERATION

The Unit exceeded its target of raising US\$50,000 and this was generated from: Summer School courses; the sale of CGDS publications and consultancies.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Dr. Leith Dunn

- Member, Commonwealth Observer Mission for Tripartite Elections in Zambia, September 2006
- Board Member, Shortwood Teachers College
- Member, IDB Civil Society Advisory Committee
- Member, Technical Working Group, Jamaica Social Policy Evaluation Project (JASPEV), Cabinet Office, Government of Jamaica. Chair: Gender and Governance Sub-Committee
- Member, Gender Task Force PIOJ Jamaica 2030 - Working Group to review National Gender Policy

Ms June Castello

- Member, Audit Team on Gender Mainstreaming for CARICOM

RESEARCH

The Mona Unit achieved its target to expand research. The focus was on:

- Gender and Governance
- Reviving Caribbean Feminisms
- Teaching Masculinities
- UWI KAP study on HIV and AIDS.
- Gender and Theology
- Gender and Sexuality
- Gender work and human rights- Human Trafficking in Jamaica

- Gender and HIV/AIDS

INFORMATION ON STUDENTS

The Mona Unit taught over 432 students in its six undergraduate courses offered for the Minor in Gender and Development Studies. (Table 1 summarises student registration for 2006/2007):

Table 1: CGDS Mona Unit Course Registration: Semesters 1, 2 & 3

Course	Title	Sem	Reg.	Lecturer
AR20A	Gender in Caribbean Culture I	1	70	Ms. J. Castello
AR21A	Introduction to Women Studies I	1	15	Dr. A. Marshall
SY37G	Sex, Gender and Society	1	101	Dr. A. Marshall
AR20B	Gender in Caribbean Culture I	2	21	Dr. A. Marshall
AR21B	Introduction to Women Studies II	2	9	Dr. A. Marshall
AR20M	Introduction to Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean	2	36	Ms. J. Castello
SY37G	Sex, Gender and Society	2	109	Ms. J. Castello
Summer School AR20A, AR20M & SY37G		3	71	Ms J. Castello & Ms S. Maxwell
Total			432	

Postgraduate Teaching

MSc in Gender and Development Studies

CGDS Mona Unit Lecturers taught three MSc courses offered by the CGDS Regional Coordinating Unit.

Table 2

MSc Gender & Dev. Studies	Course Title	Stud. Reg	Lecturer
GS60A	Theories and Development of Feminism	7	Ms Castello
GS 66A	Gender & Dev. and Human Society	6	Dr Marshall
GS63B	Gender, Education Training & Work (Module on Women & Work)	8	Dr Dunn
Total		21	

Postgraduate Students

Academic staff supervised eight (8) postgraduate students enrolled in the CGDS MSc programme, SALISES, & other faculties. All MSc students completed & submitted theses.

Dr Marshall: MPhil (3) - Supervisor (1) & member of the Advisory Panel for 2 and was Second Examiner for one MSc Gender and Development thesis;

Dr Dunn: (5): 3 MSc (Supervisor & First Examiner); 2 MPhil/PhD. She also served as Examiner for 2 MSc students at St Augustine and supervised and examined the Special Study Module for one (1) student in the Faculty of Medicine (Mona);

Ms. June Castello: MPhil Supervisor (1) and MA Supervisor (1) student from UTCWI.

Prizes Awarded

The 2005-2006 Dorian Powell Prize was awarded to Ms. Natalie McKenzie and Ms. Patrice Pious and the Awards Ceremony was held on March 16, 2007.