

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

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Introduction

In 2011-2012, the Department of Government continued to focus on enhancing teaching and learning activities, maintaining its research and publications output, its public outreach and its community service. The key strategic objectives for the Department during 2011-2011 continued to be succession planning and curriculum review for relevance, quality and innovation. Another major focus was on boosting visibility and communication through media interviews and revamping the department's website in time for the new academic year of 2012-2013.



Staffing

The Department of Government welcomed two new staff members during 2011-2012. Dr. Dhanaraj Thakur joined us in August 2011 as Lecturer in Politics with a specialization in Research Methods. Dr. Thakur is a graduate of the Department of Government and of the University of Technology who went on to pursue graduate studies in Development Studies and Public Policy at the London School of Economics and the Georgia Institute of Technology. His research interests include exploring the relationship between Information and Communication Technology (ICT), democracy and gender in the developing world, particularly in the Caribbean. Since he joined the staff, he has assumed responsibility for teaching Research Methods at the undergraduate level and for directing a PhD/MPhil seminar on Research Design. He has also developed a new

undergraduate course on the Internet and Democracy which is slated for initial delivery in 2012-2013.

The Department also welcomed Dr. Akhil Malaki, lecturer in International Political Economy (IPE), who joined us from the University of Stockholm in February 2012 where he had been lecturing for several years. Dr. Malaki holds graduate degrees from University of Mysore in India and from Stockholm University in Sweden and his research interests include microfinancing in the Caribbean and more generally, economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean. He has assumed responsibility for the IPE courses delivered at graduate and undergraduate levels in the Department and for the research supervision of several graduate students, likewise for the development of a new graduate course on IPE, Global Political Economy and the Environment

There were several staff departures. Professor Rupert Lewis retired in September 2012 after some forty years spent in the service of the University of the West Indies. Professor Lewis was Professor of Political Thought in the Department of Government. He has made an impressive contribution to the study and the teaching of Caribbean political philosophy with his work on Walter Rodney and Marcus Garvey. He has guided several doctoral candidates to the completion of their dissertations in recent years and has been very active in the work of the Centre for Caribbean Thought and in supporting the development of the Marcus Garvey Museum at Liberty Hall. Dr. Diana Thorburn resigned in December 2011. In Semester Two 2011 – 2012, we also bade farewell to two much appreciated adjunct lecturers Mrs Fernann Chin Yee and Ambassador Alison Stone-Roof, now Jamaica's ambassador to Brazil, likewise to Dr. Kimberly Moloney, Mrs. Lisa Vasciannie and Mr. Shane Cunningham. The Department is profoundly grateful to all these colleagues for their contributions to our work over the years and we wish them all the very best in their future activities.

The Department warmly congratulates Dr. Eris Schoburgh who was promoted to Senior Lecturer at the end of the academic year 2011-2012. It likewise extends good wishes to Dr. Jermaine McCalpin, who was awarded a Mona research fellowship and departed on one year's research leave at the end of the academic year. Many of these developments have

necessitated a continued emphasis on the recruitment of both temporary and tenure track staff in 2012-2013.

Teaching and Learning

For the academic year 2011-2012, the Department of Government had 561 undergraduates registered in its Majors and 106 M.Sc students, 12 MPhil/PhD students registered in its graduate programmes. The Department delivered its usual array of some 33 undergraduate and 25 graduate taught courses not only to its Majors but to a large number of students who were registered for Minors in its programmes, or were taking departmental electives or doing the compulsory foundation course in Law, Governance, the Economy and Society which is offered by the Department. One new undergraduate course, GOVT 3118-Policy Analysis and Evaluation was introduced into the Public Sector Management programme in 2011-2012. The work on curriculum development continued apace with the preparation of four new courses in Political Science and International Relations which are slated for delivery in 2012-2013.

Students benefitted from a range of guest lecturers, including the representative of the Republic of Korea to Jamaica, senior officials from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Ministry of Finance and Dr. Paula Royster, visiting US academic and researcher on African-American genealogy. International Relations students sat in on a panel discussion entitled “The Relevance of the Commonwealth to Jamaica and the rest of the Caribbean” at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade on Commonwealth Day, while Public Sector Management students attended the budget debates in Parliament. In other Public Sector Management courses, students held lively debates on the value and impact of Commissions of Enquiry and on the contributions of public enterprises to economic development. International Relations students conducted a multilateral negotiations simulation of peace talks between the Syrian government and opposition forces and the international community.

In February 2012, nine International Relations and Political Science students who are members of the UWI United Nations Club participated in the Harvard University Model United Nations General Assembly, where they represented the country of Panama. They were accompanied by Faculty Advisor Shane Cunningham, Teaching Assistant in the Department. We note with great appreciation the generous support received from the Office of the Vice Chancellor, the Principal, the FSS Dean and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in preparing the students to participate in this Model Assembly. Political Science students collaborated with CVM television to provide commentary during the coverage of general election night in December 2011. They again collaborated with CVM, together with other students, by taking part in a televised forum on April 17, 2012 on the first 100 days in office of the People's National Party administration. Twenty-six undergraduate students from International Relations and Public Sector Management took part in internship assignments in government agencies, international organizations and non-governmental organizations between June and August 2012. Three M.Sc. students were selected to do internships at JAMPRO from July to August 2012 while one student from the MSc in Politics and International Cooperation interned at the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Unfortunately the UWI Parliamentary Internship programme was not operational in 2011-2012.

The Department of Government, for the fourth consecutive year, received the highest student evaluation scores for its graduate taught courses in the Faculty of Social Sciences. In September 2011, Mr. Robert Buddan and other faculty members delivered two weekend workshops to MSc students designed to support them in the task of designing and executing their research papers. The Department also awarded graduate assistantships to five outstanding students. In terms of throughput in the graduate programmes, by the end of the academic year, 39 students had submitted their MSc Research Papers for examination, seven more than in the previous academic year. Three PhD candidates, Richard Harry, Lisa Ann Vasciannie and Carol Nelson successfully defended their dissertations in September 2011 and March 2012 respectively, while three MPhil candidates had successful Upgrade Seminars and are now registered as PhD candidates. Most of the new MPhil/PhD candidates participated

in a Research Design seminar GOVT 6178 in Semester Two and presented their proposals to their peers and to faculty in a series of colloquia during April 2012. Two graduate students, Peter Bailey and Emlynn Francis, presented their research work on the PetroCaribe programme and on Cuba-CARICOM Health Cooperation at the University of Havana's Cuba Catedra Conference on Regional Integration in December 2011.

Conferences, Research and Publications

During 2011-2012, members of the Department of Government published two monographs, four book chapters, nine refereed journal articles, one technical report and two book reviews. Faculty members attended conferences and delivered papers not only in Jamaica but in Trinidad, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Italy, Spain, the United States, California, South Africa, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, the United Kingdom, Turkey, Martinique and Guadeloupe. The details of these activities appear further on in the report but we merely mention a couple of items to emphasize the breadth and diversity of faculty research interests and contributions. Professor Rupert Lewis delivered lectures in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil as part of the commemoration of 2011 as the Year of African Descendants and in San Andres, Colombia. Dr. Sonia Gatchair attended IDRC workshops in Argentina to develop research proposals on Innovation for Development, while Dr. Eris Schoburgh participated in an international research seminar on Public Management at the University of Vergata in Rome. Dr. Clinton Hutton made two major presentations at a conference on Caribbean Art in Martinique in October 2011 while in March 2012, Dr. Thakur co-organized a panel on National ICT Policies in the Context of Small Island Developing States at the Fifth International Conference on ICTs and Development in Atlanta. The session was livestreamed and facilitated online participation from colleagues at UWI Mona.

The Department had a busy year of monthly research seminars at which six MPhil/PhD candidates and at least three staff members presented papers. Additionally, several faculty members participated in the SALISES Fifty-Fifty research clusters and seminars leading up to the August 2012

Fifty-Fifty conference. Faculty members were active in both the organization of and delivery of papers/presentations at cross-campus conferences, notably the annual conference of the Faculty of Social Sciences which was hosted at UWI Mona January 16-18, 2012. Four faculty members, Professor Rupert Lewis, Drs. Hutton, Schoburgh and Byron attended the Caribbean Studies Association annual conference held in Gosier, Guadeloupe from May 28 to June 1, 2012, delivering papers on citizenship and local governance, regional integration and the participation of non-independent territories in the Caribbean and the genesis of the Rastafarian movement in the Caribbean. In the context of the jointly taught MSc programme on Politics and International Cooperation, Dr. Jessica Byron and Mrs. Lisa Vasciannie, together with Professor Brian Meeks and Dr. Patsy Lewis from SALISES met at the Universite Antilles Guyane (UAG) in Schoelcher Martinique with counterparts from UAG, from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of the University of Bordeaux and from the French Ministry of Higher Education May 25-26, 2012. They reviewed the functioning of the jointly delivered MSc programme to date and discussed expanding research collaboration among the three sites.

The Department performed very well at the Principal's Research Day awards on January 27, 2012. Dr Clinton Hutton received one of the two FSS Best Research publication awards for his article entitled "Oh Rudie: Jamaican Popular Music and the Narrative of Urban Badness in the Making of Post-colonial Society" *Caribbean Quarterly* 2010. Dr. Lloyd Waller, Dr. Sonia Gatchair, Mr. Gavin Daley, Mr. Stephen Johnson, Miss Shinique Walters along with Professor Anthony Harriott and Dr. Kevon Rhiney received an award for the research project with the greatest business development impact in the Faculty. Their project concerned the development of a national strategy for mainstreaming youth development in Jamaica. Finally, the Centre for Leadership and Governance received two awards at the Principal's Award Ceremony. One of the awards was for the FSS research project attracting the most funding for 2010-2011. This was the project directed by retired Professor Trevor Munroe on strengthening governance in Jamaica which benefitted from a UK DFID grant of 166,000 pounds sterling. The second award was for the Research Project with the Greatest Business/Economic/Development Impact.

This second award was for the development of a National Youth Mainstreaming Strategy for Jamaica.

Public Service and Outreach

Members of the Department were engaged in a very wide range of public and university service activities. The latter included Dr. Eris Schoburgh's work as FSS Associate Dean for Special Initiatives, Professor Rupert Lewis' work as FSS Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Dr. Kim Moloney's service on the UWI Mona Research Ethics Committee and Dr. Lloyd Waller's participation as a member of the team that conducted an Internal Review of the UWI Cave Hill Political Science programme in March 2012 as well as his direction of the many national surveys conducted under the auspices of the Centre for leadership and Governance. Members of the department were active on several boards, committees and commissions, both local and international. Local contributions include Miss Nicola Satchell's involvement with a Ministry of National Security initiative to develop a three year strategic plan to combat domestic violence. Activities further afield include Dr. Schoburgh's service as a member of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) and International Research Society for Public Management, Dr. Byron's contribution in May 2012 to a study commissioned by the OECS on the incorporation of non-independent territories into integration groupings in the Caribbean and Dr. Moloney's service as a board member of the International Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

Faculty members, notably Dr. Christine Cummings and Dr. Clinton Hutton contributed analyses on political developments, sports development and other social and historical issues throughout the year to radio and television media, also making presentations at national venues. Dr. Byron gave two media interviews to Radio Nova in Bordeaux France in January 2012 on Jamaican constitutional issues and on the Department's research activity to Power 106 in March 2012. Mrs Vasciannie contributed insights on the role of the Commonwealth in Election Observation to a forum organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade on the role and relevance of the

Commonwealth to the Caribbean, while Dr McCalpin gave a number of presentations locally and internationally on themes of genocide and restorative justice.

Activities of the Centre for Leadership and Governance

During 2011-2012, the Centre for Leadership and Governance conducted the following surveys for various stakeholders.

- Customer Satisfaction Survey: Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA), 2012
- Jamaica National Perception Study of HEART TRUST/ NTA: HEART TRUST/NTA, 2012
- GAP Analysis of National Youth Programmes in Jamaica: National Centre for Youth Development (NCYD), 2012
- Programmatic Inventory/Database of Youth Programmes in Jamaica: National Centre for Youth Development (NCYD), 2012
- Support to the National Debates Commission (UNDP), 2011
- National Youth Mainstreaming in Jamaica: National Centre for Youth Development (NYCD), 2011

The Centre hired 147 students and provided specialized training to 34 of them to assist in carrying out these projects. The Centre generated J\$25 million in 2011-2012.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- **Byron, Jessica.** “The Role of Regionalism in the Sustainable Development of Small Economies”. UN ECLAC Development Round Table, Port of Spain, Trinidad. September 12-13, 2011
- **Byron, Jessica.** “Developmental Regionalism in a Time of Recession: CARICOM’s Quest to Remain Relevant”. UNIBE/ Fundacion Vidanta International Seminar on Development,

Integration and Cooperation in a Globalized Caribbean, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. November 10-11, 2011.

- **Byron, Jessica.** “Whither Caribbean Regionalism?”, “Contemporary trends in Development Diplomacy: Commonwealth Caribbean Engagement with Latin America Today”. University of Havana Cuba, Catedra Conference, December 7-9, 2011.
- **Byron, Jessica.** “Contemporary Political and Economic Developments in Jamaica”. Universite Antilles-Guyane, Campus Fouillole, Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe. CORECA (Caribbean Civil Society Organization engaged in development and humanitarian activities) January 19, 2012.
- **Byron, Jessica.** “Academics engaged in Programme France Caraïbes on the evolution of the jointly delivered BSc/MSc in Politics and International Cooperation and on strengthening the dimension of research cooperation”. Universite Antilles-Guyane, Schoelcher Campus, Martinique, workshop for UWI/UAG/ University of Bordeaux Institut d’Etudes Politiques, May 25-26, 2012.
- **Byron, Jessica.** “A Comparative Look at the Participation of Non-Independent Territories in CARICOM and the OECS” 37th Annual Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Le Gosier, Guadeloupe. May 27 – June 1, 2012.
- **Byron, Jessica.** “Preparation of academic article on the Research Methodology of the BGD Programme.” Istanbul, Turkey, Terminal Convenors Workshop for Building Global Democracy Project 2008-2012. July 12-16, 2012.
- **Waller, L.** (2012). E-participation Experience among the Jamaican African Diaspora: Can Facebook Encourage Political Talk among Politically Apathetic Jamaican Youth? California State University’s Africa at the Crossroads Revolution, Democracy, Youth Empowerment, Social Media and Non-Violence. Sacramento California, USA, April 2012

- **Waller, L.** (2012). Youth and E-participation in Jamaica. 12th European Conference on e-Government ECEG 2012, June, Barcelona, Spain, May 2012
- **Vasciannie, Lisa.** “Teaching theories in the periphery-One Size does not Fit All”. Conference – SE Millenium Conference on Teaching International Relations Theories.
- **Schoburgh, Eris D.** “The elusive goal of ‘perfect administration’ – An assessment of the Accountability Framework in Jamaica’s Public Sector Reform”. 16th IRSPM Conference, University tor Vergata, Rome, Italy, April 11-13, 2012, 25 pp.
- **Schoburgh, Eris D.** “Situating Citizenship in the Post-modern Era: Hypothesizing the Informal Citizen-self in Socio-economic Praxis in the Caribbean.” 37th Annual Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) Conference Creole Beach Hotel, Le Gosier, Guadeloupe, Antilles Francaises, May 28 – June 1, 2012, 27 pp.
- **Schoburgh, Eris D.** “(Re)Positioning Public Management Research in the Caribbean: Constructing the Agenda for the Next Fifty Years.” SALISES’ 50/50 Conference, Pegasus Hotel, Jamaica, August 20-24, 2012.
- **Gatchair, Sonia.** Distributional Consequences and S&T Policies: Learning from Recombinant Insulin. Gordon Research Conference (2012).
- **D. Thakur, J. Wang, and S. Cozzens,** “What does International Co-authorship Measure?” Atlanta Conference on Science and Innovation Policy, Atlanta, USA, September 15-17, 2011.
- **D. Thakur,** “National ICT policies in the SIDS context,” 5th International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD2012), Atlanta, USA, March 12-15, 2012.
- **D. Thakur,** “ICTs for Women and Girls: Technological Trends and Strategies,” Panel presentation – Achieving Equality in ICTs

for Women and Girls: Issues, Opportunities and Strategies. UWI Mona, May 17, 2012.

- **D. Thakur**, “Gender and Reciprocity In the Online Deliberations of NGOs In the Caribbean,” International Political Science Association’s World Congress of Political Science. Madrid, Spain, July 8-12, 2012.
- **Suzette Haughton**, “Jamaica’s Strategic Culture and Security”, Florida International University/Applied Research Center and US Southern Command, September 5-6, 2011.
- **Maziki Thame**, Disciplining the Nation – Considering the Privileging of Order Over Freedom in Postcolonial Jamaica and Barbados, Salises 50/50 Conference, Critical Reflections in a Time of Uncertainty, Kingston, Jamaica, August 2012
- **Maziki Thame**, “Caribbean Racial Contracts: Racing the Caribbean – Jamaica and Barbados”, Conference on Ethnicity, Race and Indigenous Peoples, University of California, San Diego, November, 2011.
- **Maziki Thame**, “Against Black Nationalism: Brown Power in Jamaica in Early Independence”, Equity, Justice, Development: People of African Descent in Latin America in Comparative Perspective. Sephis/University of Cartagena Conference, Colombia, March 2011.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- * **Buddan, Robert**: Foundations of Caribbean Politics, Arawak Publishers, Kingston, 2012 (Second Edition: Updated and Extended)
- * **Suzette Haughton**, Drugged Out: Globalisation and Jamaica’s Resilience to Drug Trafficking, University Press of America,

Lanham, Maryland: USA and Plymouth: United Kingdom,
September 2011.

Book Chapters

- * **Waller, Lloyd.** 2012. ICTs and Agriculture in Jamaica: Exploring the Possibilities of M. In Hopeton Dunn (Ed.) Ringtones of Opportunity (pp. 118-127). Ian Randle Publishers
- * **J. Byron** (2011) “The Caribbean Community’s Fourth Pillar: The Evolution of Regional Security Governance” in Kirchner E., Dominguez R. eds. The Security Governance of Regional Organizations, London: Routledge, pp. 136-162.
- * Bortagaray, I., **Gatchair, S.**, (2012) “Accessing and Producing Tissue Culture Banana Plantlets in Costa Rica and Jamaica: Insights on Distributive Consequences of Emerging Technologies”. Technological Forecasting and Social Change 79 (2) 213-222.
- * **Schoburgh, Eris D.** 2012. “Top-down, bottom-up or a synthesis?” An exploration of implementation theory and Public Sector Reform Practice: The Case of Jamaica”. In Ann Marie Bissessar (Ed) Problems in the Implementation of Government Policies in the West Indies: Essays on the Challenges Created by Cross-Border Jurisdictions. Lewiston: The Edwin Mellen Press, pp. 251-291.

Book Review

- * **J. Byron** (2011) Paget Henry, Shouldering Antigua and Barbuda: the Life of V.C. Bird Hertford: Hansib Publications 2010 in *Social and Economic Studies* Vol. 60, Nos 3&4, pp. 226-231.
- * **Maziki Thame** Charles Mills, Radical Theory, Caribbean Reality: Race, Class and Social Domination. *Social and Economic Studies*, Vol 60, Nos. 3 & 4, Sept/Dec 2011: 221-225

Journal Articles

- * **Waller, L.** (2012). Interviewing the surveyors: factors which contribute to questionnaire falsification (curbstoning) among Jamaican field surveyors. *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, 10 May 2012, 1-10. (Published)
- * **Schoburgh, Eris D.** 2012. "Local Government and Local Development: Bridging the gap through critical discourse: Evidence from the Commonwealth Caribbean". *Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance Issue 10*: December 2011 – June 2012, pp. 5-29. Webbed at: <http://epress.lib.uts.edu.au/ojs/index.php/cjlg>
- * **D. Thakur**, "Diversity in the Online Deliberations of NGOs in the Caribbean." *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, 9,1 (2012):16-30.
- * **D. Thakur**, "A Limited Revolution – The Distributional Consequences of Open Source Software in North America." *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*, 79, 2 (2012): 244-251.
- * **D. Thakur**, "Market Competition and the Distributional Consequences of Mobile Phones in Canada," *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*, 79, 2 (2012): 223-230.
- * **D. Thakur**, "Leveraging Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICTD) in the Caribbean," *Geography Compass*. 6, 1 (2012):1-18.
- * **Jones H.** (2011) Doping in Sports: Athletes and Privacy Rights Considered. *West Indian Law Journal*, Vol. 36 (1), pp. 175-194.
- * **Maziki Thame**, "Against Black Nationalism: Brown Power in Jamaica in Early Independence, 1960-1980", 76 Kings Street: *Journal of the Liberty Hall – the Legacy of Marcus Garvey*, Vol 2: 7-22, 2011.
- * **Maziki Thame**. "Reading Violence and Post-colonial Decolonization through Fanon – The Case of Jamaica", *Journal*

Technical Report

- * **Suzette Haughton** and Franklin Knight, “Jamaica’s Strategic Culture”, Florida International University, Applied Research Center and Latin America and Caribbean Center, August 2011, pp. 1-47.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Lloyd Waller

- Independent Commissioner, Jamaica Labour Party’s Independent Strategic Review Commission (ISRC)
- Internal and External Methodology and Methods Quality Advisor, Jamaica Labour Party’s Internal Assessment Team (ISRC)
- Board Member, Student Loan Bureau.

Jermaine McCalpin

- Consultant, Jamaica Council of Churches, Truth and Justice Action Group.

Robert Buddan

- Board Member, National Housing Trust
- Board Member, Social Development Commission
- Chairman, Committee: Prime Minister’s Task Force
- Member, Sports Marketing Steering Committee of the Ministry with Responsibility for Sports

Sonia Gatchair

- Academic Advisor, Public Sector Management Undergraduate students
- Co-ordinator, GOJ/UWI Internship Programme

- Co-chair, Public Sector Management Session – UWI Cross-campus Conference
- Member, Curriculum Reform Sub-committee

Eris Schoburgh

- Director, Board of the Social Development Commission

Christine Cummings

- Board Member, Courtney Walsh Foundation
- Analyst/participant on Caribbean Politics on RJR, TVJ, JNN and Independent Talk
- Analyst/participant on Politics and Sports on News Talk 97

PRIZES and AWARDS

The Department of Government awarded the following students for their outstanding performances for the Academic year 2011/2012 at the annual Faculty Awards ceremony held January 2012.

Ann Spackman Prize

Travis Renaldo Atkinson

GT11A -Introduction to Political Institutions

Archie Singham Memorial Prize

Danielle Sadaine Jones

GT22C-Foundations of Caribbean Politics

Dwight Mark Thompson

GT22D-Politics in the Caribbean

Carl Stone Prize

Natasha Marcelle Birthwright

GT24M-Research Methods in Political Science

Gladstone E. Mills Prize

Rohan Keith Wright

BSc Public Sector Management

Nethersole Prize

Rohan Keith Wright

BSc Political Science

Paulette Wilson Prize

Chantel Keefer Mathurin

Sir Laurence Lindo Prize

Nalisa Agnes Marieatte

BSc International Relations

Rosina Wiltshire Prize

Andrea Marie Dubidad

MSc International Relations

MSc Staff Prizes

Peter Antonio Bailey

MSc International Relations,

Research Paper

Latoya Stacy-Ann Nugent

MSc Comparative Politics/Political

Theory Research Paper

Rowena Elizabeth Wedderburn

MSc Public Sector Management,

Research