

# DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

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## INTRODUCTION

The 2010 – 2011 academic year featured major changes in the administrative processes at UWI Mona as we advanced further with technological applications for many administrative functions and continued cost-cutting measures in various areas of activity. The Department of Government strove to adapt to these developments even as it experienced a major turnover of staff during the year. The Department showed great resilience



in responding to change and many staff members were exemplary both in assuming new responsibilities and in their overall service to the university community. The Department kept its academic programmes running smoothly and 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 goals for the Department during 2010 – 2011 were faculty succession planning, a continued focus on curriculum review for relevance, quality and innovation, and boosting visibility and communication by media interviews and revamping the department’s website.

## Staff Arrivals and Departures

The Department of Government experienced major staff changes in 2010 – 2011. The former Head, Professor Anthony Harriott, relocated to the Office of the Vice Chancellor as Director of the UWI Institute on

Criminal Justice and Security. He was succeeded as Head of Department by Dr. Jessica Byron, Sr. Lecturer in International Relations. Professor Harriott has been an outstanding member of the Department for many years and one of its most prolific researchers. Although his presence will be missed, his colleagues celebrate his success and applaud his ongoing contribution to the wellbeing of Caribbean societies. We witnessed the departure of Dr. Lucy Eugene, known for her excellent management of the UWI/WTO training programme on International Trade Policy between 2003 and 2009. Dr. Eugene joined St. Georges University in Grenada as Professor of International Trade Policy. The Department also bade a regretful farewell to Dr. Lawrence Powell, Sr. Lecturer in Political Science Research Methods and lead researcher in the UWI/Vanderbilt University LAPOP project, who took up a post in New Zealand in September 2010 while Dr. Dana Marie Morris-Dixon left to pursue a career in the public sector at the end of the academic year. Dr. Eris Schoburgh was away on sabbatical leave for 2010-2011 and Dr. Diana Thorburn was also on leave.

We saw the departure in December 2010 of our Administrative Secretary, Miss June Pinto. The remaining administrative staff members did a sterling job of maintaining the support services of the office to all its clients until the arrival of our new Senior Administrative Assistant II, Mrs. Janette Phillips-Higgins at the end of March 2011. The Department also welcomed the arrival of Dr. Sonia Gatchair, Lecturer in Public Sector Management and we continued to benefit from the valuable contributions of part-time colleagues with substantial professional experience in areas of public policy.

A number of senior departures have therefore taken place in 2010-2011, and the Department has continued its efforts at recruiting a new generation of academics. A major focus has been the identification of the specific disciplinary specializations and skill sets required to rebuild a strong teaching and research unit that can continue the traditional strengths of the Department and meet the current and future needs of Caribbean societies in the areas of political science, public policy, domestic and international governance. By the end of 2010 – 2011, the process of

recruiting new staff in Political Science Research Methods, International Political Economy and Criminology was well underway.

### **Teaching and Learning - General**

The Department of Government continued the delivery of its undergraduate programmes in Political Science, International Relations and Public Sector Management, offering Majors and Minors in these areas and a Minor in Criminology done jointly with the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work.

There was much focus on learning enhancement activities in 2010 - 2011 which included field trips, student conferences in Political Science courses, student debates on issues affecting the public sector and a plethora of guest lecturers. Notable among the latter were the World Bank and the IMF representatives in Jamaica, senior officials from the Ministries of Health, Mining and Energy and Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, the Chilean Ambassador to Jamaica and colleagues from other UWI campuses and other universities. Films were shown as part of the curriculum in several courses and a public film on women's political activism in the Dominican Republic during the Trujillo dictatorship, *In the Time of the Butterflies*, was shown around the time of International Women's Day in March 2010.

The International Relations unit staged its usual negotiations simulation for Level Three International Relations majors on April 14, 2011, under the guidance of Miss Michele Lowe of the CARICOM Office of Trade Negotiations. The simulation is always one of the programme's highlights and this year, the scenario was the negotiation of international maritime rules and arrangements to combat piracy in the Arabian Gulf and the Indian Ocean. Approximately 90 students and a number of resource persons took part in this very successful exercise.

Both the Public Sector Management and the International Relations units ran their Summer internship programmes for approximately 27 undergraduate students. The students were placed for 4-6 weeks in government ministries or agencies, international organizations or non-governmental organizations in Jamaica, Trinidad, St. Lucia and

Ireland. This programme yields substantial benefits for the participants in terms of their work-readiness, an ability to connect theory and practice in their studies and professional networks. The Department continues to work closely with the collaborating agencies that host and train our interns and it greatly values these partnerships.

The Department held a series of curriculum review meetings during the course of the year which will result in modifications to both graduate and undergraduate programmes that will be piloted through the approval process between 2011 and 2013. The Public Sector Management unit is somewhat ahead of the pack in this respect since it has been pursuing an agenda of curriculum overhaul and modernization for the last few years. In 2010-2011 the unit obtained approval for a new course GOVT 3118 *Policy Analysis and Evaluation*, developed by Dr. Sonia Gatchair. The course will be offered initially in Semester Two 2011 – 2012. Likewise, agreement was arrived at between the Departments of Government and of History on the specific requirements for History or International Relations Majors to pursue a Minor in the other discipline. This was approved for academic year 2011 – 2012.

The Department joined with others in the Faculty of Social Science in hosting Dr. Lorna Grant and a contingent of five students majoring in Criminology from the North Carolina Central University. They visited us from June 13 to 24, 2011, met with students and faculty members, had a series of lectures from local criminologists, visited juvenile detention facilities and criminal justice institutions in Jamaica. This was the first phase of collaboration between the Criminology units in the two universities and it is expected to expand in the future.

### **Graduate Programmes**

In 2010-2011, the Department of Government had 139 graduate students registered, 123 in the MSc programme, six in the MPhil programme and ten in the PhD programme. These figures included 38 new entrants including two MPhil candidates, one of whom was the recipient of a UWI research degree scholarship. The Department continued its policy of maintaining a conservative intake of research students based on its supervisory capacity and the resources available to support the work of the

students. In November 2010, 31 graduate degrees were awarded. By July 31 2011, three PhD candidates had submitted their dissertations for examination and one MPhil candidate successfully underwent an examination to have his registration upgraded to the PhD programme. In the MSc programme, 32 candidates submitted their Research Papers for examination by the end of the academic year.

For the third consecutive year, the Department of Government received an award from the Faculty of Social Sciences for getting the highest teaching evaluation scores from graduate students in the Faculty. The ongoing curriculum review aims to widen the graduate course offerings. In September 2010, the Department organized a 16 hour workshop on the preparation of a Research Paper, spread over two weekends. The student feedback was very positive and we intend to continue this event on an annual basis.

2010-2011 marked the completion of the inaugural cycle of the jointly taught BSc/MSc degree in Politics and International Cooperation by the UWI, the Université Antilles Guyane (UAG) and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP) of the University of Bordeaux IV. This programme is offered by the Department of Government. The first cohort consisted of ten students (two Jamaicans, three from Martinique, five from France) who spent their final graduate year at UWI Mona, pursuing MSc courses from the Department of Government and from SALISES. The year went well for the group and they contributed international perspectives and insightful analysis to the courses in which they participated. In the hosting of this programme, the Department of Government benefited from the support of the Faculty Office, SALISES, the International Students' Office, the Departments of Modern Languages and Language, Linguistics and Philosophy in the Faculty of Humanities and Education and the French Embassy in Jamaica.

The Parliamentary Internship programme, organized by Professor Trevor Munroe and Mr. Robert Buddan under the auspices of the Centre for Leadership and Governance accommodated ten graduate students in 2010 – 2011. They were required to prepare 20 research briefs on topics ranging from *Comparative Analyses of Early Childhood Education in China, the US and Barbados*, to *Climate Change and Renewable Energy*, to *Ethics and Accountability*

*Standards for Parliamentarians*. Three more graduate students were recruited as research interns by JAMPRO in a pilot project lasting for two months in Semester Two. A small number of graduate students honed their research and project management skills by working with the Centre for Leadership and Governance. The Department is working on expanding its graduate internships.

## **Research and Publications**

In 2010-2011, staff members edited two journal issues, published four book chapters, five journal articles and four technical reports. Faculty attended conferences and presented at least 19 papers in Armenia, Brazil, Britain, Colombia, Hong Kong, India, South Korea, Trinidad and the United States as well as Jamaica. The Department held six research seminars during the year with presentations by two of its PhD candidates and four lecturers. One staff member, Kimberly Moloney was awarded the PhD in Public Administration from the American University in December 2010. Her dissertation is entitled *The World Bank's Public Sector Management and Governance Agenda: Actors, Tensions and Policy Change 1983 – 2007*.

## **Public Outreach, University and Public Service**

In February 2011, the Departments of Government and History joined forces to hold a panel discussion entitled “Window on the World: The Uprisings in the Middle East and Implications for the Caribbean and the International Community”. Panellists were Ambassador Vilma McNish of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Dr Sultana Afroz Lecturer in Middle Eastern History, Professor Brian Meeks SALISES Director and Mrs. Natalie Coley, former faculty member based in the Middle East. The event was very well attended and the discussion was lively. There was a similar outcome on March 16 2011, when the Department in collaboration with the Centre for Leadership and Governance and the Faculty of Social Sciences hosted a public lecture by Professor Mitchell Seligson, Professor of Political Science and Sociology at Vanderbilt University, on “Democratic Culture in Hard Times: The Results of the 2010 Americas Barometer”. In May 2011, the department

organized a lecture by Professor Fred Constant, Counsellor responsible for French Cooperation in the Caribbean, stationed at the French Embassy in Saint Lucia. The topic was “One size does not fit all: the constitutional and political arrangements for the French DFAs of Guadeloupe, Martinique and French Guiana”.

Members of the Department were present in a wide range of national and international public service and scholarly activities. Notable examples include Dr. Jermaine McCalpin’s work with the UNDP and the Jamaican Council of Churches on Truth Commissions, Dr. Eris Schoburgh’s election to the Board of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum for 2011-2013, Dr. Kimberly Moloney’s election as an officer in the International Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration for 2011-2013, Dr. Suzette Haughton’s heading of a research team in July 2011 to Florida International University’s Applied Research Centre to prepare the Jamaica Strategic Culture Report and the involvement of Dr. Lloyd Waller and Dr. Sonia Gatchair in a number of youth and development-related public sector initiatives. Dr. Clinton Hutton chaired the UWI committee that organized the funeral ceremonies for our much loved Professor Barry Chevannes and also exhibited his paintings and Rastafari photographs in the Smithsonian Institute’s travelling exhibition at the Rastafari Studies Conference at Mona in August 2010. Dr. Jessica Byron served as UWI staff member on the Internal Review team for the Shridath Ramphal Centre at UWI Cave Hill in April 2011 while Dr. Lloyd Waller coordinated the UWI exhibition at the Denbigh Agricultural Show in August 2010, showcasing UWI’s development contributions in agriculture.

### **Activities of the Centres associated with the Department**

The Centre for Caribbean Thought (CCT) held its seventh conference in the Caribbean Reasonings series September 30 – October 2, 2010, “Freedom and Power in the Caribbean: the Work of Gordon K. Lewis”. It was held at Mona in cooperation with Brown University’s Research Institute for the Study of Man and the University of Puerto Rico. CCT also published two books in the Caribbean Reasonings series, namely Anthony Bagues ed. The George Lamming Reader: the Aesthetics of

Decolonisation and Brian Meeks ed. M.G. Smith: Social Theory and Anthropology in the Caribbean and Beyond, both published by Ian Randle Publishers.

CCT under the Coca Cola sponsored Trilateral Reconnection Project, arranged for two graduate students from the University of Cape Town and two from UWI Mona to visit Brown University, and four from University of Cape Town to visit UWI Mona. All were candidates in advanced stages of their MPhil or PhD programmes.

The Centre for Leadership and Governance (CLG) again hosted and managed the 2010 round of the LAPOP directed/USAID funded survey of Democratic Political Culture in Jamaica. The project was headed by Dr. Lawrence Powell and Mr. Balford Lewis of the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, key investigators and co-authors of the report. The study aimed at broadening understanding of the nature and dynamics of Jamaica's political culture and examined key trends in democracy and governance in the context of the global economic crisis. In March 2010, there were island-wide dissemination activities to launch the 2010 Report which attracted much favourable media coverage. The presentation team included LAPOP founder and Director, Professor Mitchell Seligson and Mr. Dominic Zephyr of Vanderbilt University and Dr. Karen Hilliard, Director of the Jamaica USAID office. Later on, presentations took place in parish capitals across Jamaica and copies of the report were given to all major public and college libraries. The CLG is now engaged in planning the 2012 LAPOP survey.

The CLG carried out several major consultancy projects in 2010-2011. It was contracted by the National Centre for Youth Development to develop an Electronic Youth Programmatic Inventory and to assist with strengthening the institutional capacity of the Centre. It was also contracted by the same client to develop a National Youth Mainstreaming Strategy for Jamaica. This included conducting training for youth workers, and most notably a two-day national workshop on youth mainstreaming at Mona in June 2011 in which there were participants from government agencies, the donor community, NGOs and the private sector. The CLG also designed a social marketing campaign. These programmes were



funded by the Inter-American Development Bank and marked a major milestone for the CLG in income generation.

The CLG was contracted to carry out a Ministry of National Security/EU project to assess public perceptions of the Jamaica Constabulary Force in select communities where community policing is being implemented. Likewise, the CLG was contracted by the HEART Trust to conduct a qualitative study on the psycho-social impact of the Career Advancement Programme on participants.

The CLG continued to house the National Integrity Action Forum (NIAF) with support from USAID and the UK DFID. One highlight of the year was an open forum at UWI in December 2010 at which Prime Minister the Most Hon. Bruce Golding and Mr. Peter Bunting, together with media and civil society representatives discussed Jamaica's anti-corruption reform agenda. The NIAF marked its second anniversary in March 2011 with a breakfast meeting hosted by the Governor-General at King's House. The CLG was also the lead partner in a UNDP funded project *Building Civil Society Capacity to support Good Governance by Local Authorities*.

## PAPERS PRESENTED

- **Hutton, Clinton.** “Leonard Howell and the Genesis of Rastafari: Pinnacle, the Making of an African Diaspora Community”. UWI, Mona. The Leonard Howell Symposium, June 17-18, 2011.
- **Hutton, Clinton** “Rastafari Calling: Signatures of Supplication to Self and Agency”. The University of the West Indies. Rastafari Studies Conference, August 17-20, 2010.
- **Schoburgh, Eris D.** “Performance Management as a Capacity Tool: Assessing issues and consequences in Jamaican Local Authorities”. IPEG's seminar, University of Manchester, February 2011.
- **Schoburgh, Eris D.** and John Martin. “Strengthening Local Government Capacity through Performance Management: A comparative analysis of ‘desirabilities’ and ‘practicalities’ in

Jamaica and Australia”. (presented by J. Martin) 15th IRSPM Conference, Dublin, Ireland, April 2010.

- **Schoburgh, Eris D.** “A critical analysis of the requirements for transitioning local government into economic development organizations”. Commonwealth Local Government Forum, Cardiff, Wales, March 13-14, 2011.
- **Byron, Jessica.** Building Global Democracy Programme, Workshop Citizen Learning for Global Democracy, New Delhi, India, September 1-3, 2010
- **Byron, Jessica.** “Building Global Democracy Programme”, Workshop Including the Excluded in Global Politics, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, April 12-16, 2011
- **Byron, Jessica.** “G.K. Lewis and Reflections on Sovereignty in the Caribbean Context: From Colonial Nationalism to the Present Day”. UWI Centre for Caribbean Thought/Brown University/UPR Eighth Caribbean Reasonings Conference, UWI Mona. September 30 – October 2, 2010.
- **Byron, Jessica.** “The Caribbean Regional Integration Process in the Light of the European Experience”. Universite Antilles-Guyane/CAGI/OECS Training Workshop, Rodney Bay Saint Lucia, January 17-22, 2011,
- **Byron, Jessica.** “The Lisbon Treaty and its implications for EU-Caribbean relations”, UWI SALISES 12th annual conference, Kingston Jamaica, March 23-25, 2011
- **Byron, Jessica.** “Support for democracy in the Caribbean: a comparison of the IDC process and democracy promotion within the EU-CARIFORUM framework”. Institute of International Relations/OAS Seminar on Tenth Anniversary of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, UWI St. Augustine Trinidad, June 17, 2011.
- **Vasciannie, Lisa.** “Election Observation in the Caribbean: The OAS Experience” OAS/Institute of International Relations

Seminar on the Inter-American Democratic Charter, UWI, St. Augustine, June 2011.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book Chapters

- \* **Clinton Hutton** “Women in the Morant Bay Rebellion: A Force in the Struggle for The Definition of Post-Slavery Society”, in Verene Shepherd (ed) Engendering Caribbean History: Cross-Cultural Perspectives: A Reader. (Kingston. Miami : Ian Randle Publishers, 2011) 460-464
- \* **Clinton Hutton** “From Douens to El Tucuche: Becoming and the Meaning of Being in LeRoy Clarke’s”, in Trinidad and Tobago National Commission for UNESCO (ed.) LeRoy at 70: The Art, the Poetry, the Man. 2011) 76-85.
- \* **Clinton Hutton** “The Articulation of El Tucuchean Eldership”, in LeRoy Clarke Voice of a Smoulderind Coal (Trinidad and Tobago: De Legacy House of El Tucuche, 2010) 13-18.
- \* **Jessica Byron** “The Caribbean Community and Security Governance: Probing the Limits of Regional Cooperation” in Chuck-A-Sang M., Hall K. eds. CARICOM Policy Options for International Engagement, Ian Randle, Kingston, 2010. pp 438-451

### Journal Articles

- \* **Clinton Hutton.** “The Power of Philosophy in Bob Marley’s Music”, in *Jamaica Journal* (Vol. 33, No. 1-2, December 2010, Special Double Issue on Jamaican Popular Music, Part ii) 30-35.
- \* **Clinton Hutton** “Oh Rudie: Jamaican Popular Music and the Narrative of Urban Badness in the Making of Postcolonial Society”, in *Caribbean Quarterly* (Volume 56, No. 4, December

22-64, 2010. Special issue: Pioneering Icons of Jamaican Popular Music, Part 2.

- \* **Clinton Hutton** “Introduction”, *Caribbean Quarterly* (Volume 56. No. 4, December 2010) ix-x. Special Issue: Pioneering Icons of Jamaican Popular Music, Part 2.
- \* **Eris Schoburgh**, Philip Osei. Guest Editors. 2010. Special Issue on Local Governance and Intergovernmental Relations. *Social and Economic Studies*, Volume 59 (4) (December).
- \* **Eris Schoburgh** “Is Subsidiarity the Panacea for Local Government Problems in the Caribbean?” *Social and Economic Studies*, Volume 59 (4) (December 2010) pp. 27-66.
- \* **Gatchair, S.**, Bortagaray, I., and Cozzens, S. “Biotechnology Paths in Developing Countries: Analyzing GM in Costa Rica and Jamaica, Learning from Plant Tissue Culture”. *African Journal of Science, Technology and Innovation for Development*. 2 (3) 110-132. (2011)
- \* Houghton, Suzette A. “Critical Pedagogy and the University of the West Indies Foundation Course: Law, Governance, Economy and Society”, *The UWI Quality Education Forum*, Number 17, (January 2011), pp. 1-26.

## Technical Report

### Lloyd Waller

- \* With David Todd, Neville Duncan, Aldrie Henry-Lee, David Lee, and Michael Witter.(2011). Assessment of Development Results: Evaluation of UNDPs Contribution to Jamaica. New York: UNDP Evaluation Office

### Houghton, Suzette A

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

## **McCalpin, Jermaine**

- \* Secondary Author- *Armenian Reparations Study Report*, Armenian Reparations Study Group, January 2011.
- \* Principal Author -UNDP/Jamaica Council of Churches commissioned study “No Truth, No Trust: Democracy, Governance and Prospects for Truth Telling Mechanisms in Jamaica, published April 2011.

## **INCOME GENERATION**

### **Consultancy**

**Lloyd Waller**, National Youth Mainstreaming Strategy for Jamaica funded by the Inter-American Development Bank through the National Centre for Youth and Development, Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture – JM\$16,000,000.00

**Lloyd Waller**, Electronic Youth Programmatic Inventory/Gap Analysis funded by the Inter-American Development Bank through the National Centre for Youth and Development, Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture – JM\$12,000,000.00

### **Grants**

**Lloyd Waller**, New Initiative Programme funded through the office of the Principal – J\$1,500,000.00.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **Lloyd Waller**

- Board Member, Student Loan Bureau
- Member, World Bank’s Development Gateway
- Member, International Institute for Communication and Development

- Member, International Institute of Communication and Development's national knowledge sharing network - ICT4DJamaica
- Member, Language of New Capitalism
- Member, American Evaluation Association (AEA) Discussion Forum
- Member, Q Methodology Network Discussion Forum.

### **Sonia Gatchair**

- Guest Co-editor, *African Journal of Science Technology and Innovation for Development*

### **Jessica Byron**

- Committee Member, Jamaica Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Trade Adjustment Team (JTAT).
- Associate Member, Centre d'Analyse Geostrategique Internationale (CAGI), Universite Antilles-Guyane, Guadeloupe
- Member, International Advisory Committees for *Bulletin of Latin American Research and European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*.
- Board Member, *Building Global Democracy* research, training and advocacy programme, University of Warwick.

### **Christine Cummings**

- Chair/Coordinator, Frank Worrell Memorial Award
- Board Member, Courtney Walsh Foundation
- Analyst/participant, Politics and Sports on News Talk 97

### **Clinton Hutton**

- Guest speaker, Rastafari Studies Conference
- Guest speaker, Joint exhibition of a dozen of his paintings and photographs of Rastafari with the Smithsonian Institute's (photo posters) travelling exhibition on Rastafari and a selection of Robin Small's photographs on Rastafari.

## **PRIZES & AWARDS**

### **Major Prizes For Best Performances**

The Department of Government awarded the following students for their outstanding performances for the Academic Year 2010/2011 at the annual Faculty Awards Ceremony held January 2011.

#### **Ann Spackman Prize**

Julian Marie Tomlinson  
GT11A-Introduction to  
Political Institutions

#### **Archie Singham Memorial Prize**

Kemal Antonie Lloy Brown  
GT22C-Foundations of  
Caribbean Politics  
  
Keisha Ann Williams  
GT22D-Politics in the  
Caribbean

#### **Carl Stone Prize**

Rohan Keith Wright  
GT24M-Research Methods in  
Political Science

#### **Gladstone E. Mills Prize**

Michael Hugh W. Palmer  
BSc Public Sector  
Management

#### **Nethersole Prize**

Michael Hugh W. Palmer  
BSc Political Science

#### **Paulette Wilson Prize**

Melissa Gemeline Haynes

#### **Sir Laurence Lindo Prize**

Derval Kaschief Johnson  
BSc International Relations

**Rosina Wiltshire Prize**

Terry Elizabeth Ann Yates  
MSc International Relations

**MSc Staff Prizes**

Andrea Sofia Jones  
MSc International Relations,  
Research Paper

Racquel Natalie Artwell  
MSc Comparative Politics/  
Political Theory Research  
Paper

Sophia Nathalee Ferguson  
MSc Public Sector Manage-  
ment, Research Paper