

## DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT



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### WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department's staff-student liaison committee implemented a Tutor Assessment project aimed at assisting staff in evaluating the performance of tutors each semester. The pilot phase of this initiative conducted the week of March 27th, 2017 showed that tutors were performing at an acceptable level. The assessment will be continued each semester going forward.

Following on the 2-day Faculty of Social Sciences Retreat in August to discuss the UWI's 2017–2022 Strategic Plan under the Triple-A strategies of Access, Agility and Alignment, the department held its own retreat on August 24th to brainstorm and formulate its own strategies tied into this strategy.

## PAPERS PRESENTED

- Dr. Eris Schoburgh: “The Case For Subnational Actors in Public Governance and Development: Towards More Strategic Bargains” at the International Public Management Workshop organized by the Department of Government in association with the University of Sussex on October 25, 2016.
- Dr. Tracy-Ann Johnson Myers: “Voter Apathy in Jamaica” at the Southern Political Science Conference in New Orleans from January 12–14, 2017.
- Dr. Aieka Smith: “Transnational Political Participation of Jamaicans Living in Britain” at the Third Biennial Department of Behavioural Sciences Postgraduate Research Conference, at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago on March 23, 2017.
- Dr. Omar Hawthorne: “Whistleblowing Legislation in the Commonwealth Caribbean: Fact of Fiction” at the Commonwealth Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies Conference on April 24–28, 2017 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books in Book Chapters

- **Johnson-Myers, T (2016).** *The Mixed Member Proportional System: Providing Greater Representation for Women? A Case Study of the New Zealand Experience.* Springer International Publishing.
- **Haughton, S. (2016).** “Border Security and Cooperative Initiatives to Counter Illicit Drug Trafficking: The Case of Jamaica and the USA” in Maurice Dawson, Dakshina Ranjan Kisku, Phalguni Gupta, Jamuna Kanta Sing and Weifeng Li *Developing Next-Generation Countermeasures for Homeland Security Threat Prevention*, pp. 104–120.
- **Schoburgh, E. Ryan, R. Eds. (2016)** *The Handbook of Subnational Governance and Development.* IGI Global Publishing.

- **Waller, Lloyd. 2017.** *Envisioning Democracy: The Role and Potential of Information and Communication Technologies for the Visually Impaired.* Jamaica: Ian Randle Publishers (145 Pages).

#### **Referred Journal Articles**

- “Informal Citizenship” in the *Global Encyclopaedia of Public Administration, Public Policy and Governance*, Ali Farazamand (ed.), Springer International Publishing.
- **Nelson, Carol (2016).** ‘Beyond Actor Network Theory to the Marriage of Moments’. *International Journal of Actor-Network Theory and Technology Innovation*. Vol. 8 (3), July–September 2016
- **Waller, L. (2016).** Disability and ICTs in the Caribbean: Enabling Visually Impaired Caribbean Youth, in Laura Robinson, Jeremy Schulz, Hopeton S. Dunn (ed.) *Communication and Information Technologies Annual (Studies in Media and Communications*, Volume 12), (pp. 3–24), Emerald Group Publishing Limited, (21 Pages)
- **Waller, L. (2016).** There is an app for that too: Citizen-Centric Approach to Combating Corruption in the Digital Age through the use of ICTs. In K. Demirhan and D. Çakır-Demirhan (Eds.), *Political Scandal, Corruption, and Legitimacy in the Age of Social Media*, (pp. 76–100), USA: IGI Global, (24 Pages).

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

##### **Dr. Christopher Charles**

- Member, Board of Visitors, St. Catherine Adult District Prison

##### **Dr. Gavin Daley**

- Committee Member, Social and Human Science Advisory Committee, Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

##### **Dr. Sonia Gatchair**

- Member, Protection of Plant Genetic Resources Management Authority (PPGRMA) in the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture, Fisheries

- Member, International Research Society for Public Management
- Member, International Public Policy Association

**Dr. Suzette Haughton**

- Member, University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) Board.

**Ms Natallie Rochester**

- Secretary of the Book Industry Association of Jamaica.

**Dr. Eris Schoburgh**

- Co-Chair, Governance Thematic Working Group Jamaica's National Development Plan Vision 2030
- Member of the Board, Commonwealth Local Government Forum
- Member, International Research Society for Public Management
- Member, Scientific Committee, IRSPM 2017
- Member, International Public Policy Association
- Member of the Board, Social Development Commission, Jamaica
- Director, Mountain Terrace Cooperative Housing Society Limited
- Director, Optimist Club of Kingston

**Dr. Tracy-Ann Johnson-Myers**

- Member, Teacher's Service Commission (Ministry of Education)
- Member, The Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Examination Committee

**Dr. Lloyd Waller**

- Board Chairman – e-Gov Jamaica Ltd

Deputy Board Chair – National Youth Service

- Commissioner – Fair Trading Commission
- Commissioner – Broadcasting Commission
- Commissioner – Jamaica National Commission on UNESCO
- Board Member – Students' Loan Bureau

## Department of Government

- Chair – Academic and Programme Committee – 2017 UNWTO, Government of Jamaica and World Bank Group Conference on Jobs & Inclusive Growth: Partnerships for Sustainable Tourism
- Committee Member – National Tourism Institute
- Board Member – Ministry of Tourism’s Linkage Network Council

## OUTREACH

### Dr. Eris Schoburgh

- Participated in FCM/CALGA’s Strategic Planning Workshop on the invitation of Canada’s CARILED Programme organized by the Regional Office in Trinidad and Tobago, January 24–25, 2017. The invitation was made on the basis of research focus and work with the Research Advisory Group of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum.

## Departmental Public/Guest Lectures & Forums

- In collaboration with the University of Sussex, workshop titled “Political Actors, Public Servants and the Public, An International workshop exploring the past, present and future of the public service and those they serve.” at the Eon Nigel Harris Council Room, UWI Regional Headquarters, from 8:30–4:30pm on October 25, 2016.
- Ms. Therese Turner-Jones, Inter-American Development Bank, General Manager of Caribbean Country Department, gave a presentation to GOVT1008 Introduction to International Relations Students – The IDB in Jamaica and the Caribbean on November 15, 2016.
- Ambassador Sérgio Lima, President of the Alexandre Gusmão Foundation (FUNAG) and Vice Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, titled “Democratization of Knowledge in International Relations: Challenges and Opportunities,” public lecture on February 16, 2017 at 5:00pm at the UWI Regional Headquarters at The University of the West Indies.

- Mr. Timar Jackson, Jamaica's 2014 Rhodes Scholar made a presentation titled, "Educating our way to Prosperity: Understanding the role of Education in Social and Economic Processes in Jamaica" at the UWI Undercroft on March 15, 2017.
- Dr. Omar Hawthorne coordinated and moderated a Public Forum titled, "The Cybercrimes Act and You" during her GOVT3052 course lecture held on April 5, 2017 from 6:00–8:00pm at the University of the West Indies Main Library Multifunction Room.
- In association with the Organization of American States (OAS), hosted the "Pan American Day 2017" at the E. Nigel Harris Council Room, Mona Regional Headquarters of the University of the West Indies on April 6, 2017. The event included the following activities:
- Distinguished lecture on "the Inter American Democratic Charter: upholding democratic order in the Americas" by the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS, Ambassador Nestor Mendez.
- Exhibits to promote the Inter American system, the countries and cultures of the OAS member states, programs that are beneficial to youth and support integration and a better understanding of our countries and cultures.
- Professor Stephen E. Hanson made a presentation on historic and current US-Russian Relations titled, "The Novelty of Putin's Patrimonialism: Analysing Russian Regime Change" held at the Mona Regional Headquarters at 5:30pm on April 20, 2017.

## **STUDENTS**

- Mr. Gavin Daley was successful in his viva defense titled, "The Politics of Public Policy in Jamaica: An Analysis of the Implications of a Change of Government on the Sustainability of Local Government Efficiency" on November 25, 2016.

## **Graduate Seminar Presentations**

- Mrs. Marian Williams-Shirley, MPhil student, titled "Private Provision of Portable Water in Jamaica: Its Impact on the Development of Rural People/Communities." on October 27, 2016

## Department of Government

- Dual presentations were held on November 24, 2016:
  - a. Ms. Kimberley Fender, MPhil student in the Department of Government, titled “Diasporic Citizenry in the New York Metropolitan Area and Their Importance in Building Brand Jamaica.”
  - b. Mr. O’Neil Hall, PhD Candidate at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, titled “Intra- Caribbean Migration: The Experiences of Jamaican Female Workers in the Cayman Islands”.
- Mr. Craig Clarke, MPhil student, titled, “The Impact of Housing Development on Voter Participation in Jamaica: A Geo-Political Analysis” on March 23, 2017. Mr. Clarke is also an Assistant Lecturer in the Department based at the Western Jamaica Campus.

### Undergraduate Prizes

The following received awards at the 2015/2016 Faculty Awards:

1. ANN SPACKMAN PRIZE : Joyce Aurene Moven
2. PAULETTE WILSON PRIZE: Ackera Sherokie Gowie
3. ARCHIE SINGHAM MEMORIAL PRIZE: Dedan Maurice Tyndale and Demar Donavan Royes
4. RUPERT LEWIS PRIZE: Cashonie Tishon Riley
5. CARL STONE PRIZE: Justine L. Salmon
6. NETHERSOLE PRIZE: Garrick O’Bryan Donaldson
7. GLADSTONE E. MILLS PRIZE: Odette Genevieve Riley-Smith
8. SIR LAURENCE LINDO PRIZE: Simone Trishana Morris
9. ROSINA WILTSHIRE PRIZE: Shauyagaye P. Panton

### Graduate Prizes

Four (4) Departmental Prizes were awarded.

- **Selvine Rochelle Stephenson:** for *Most Outstanding Final Research*

*Paper* in the International Relations Concentration of the MSc Government Programme.

- **Analia Shelly-Ann Wallace-Muir:** for *Most Outstanding Final Research Paper* in the Public Sector Management Concentration of the MSc Government Programme.
- **Donavon Antoney Johnson and Elroy Anthony Perrin** achieved equal scores for their Research Papers in the MSc International Public and Development Management Programme, and so the prize was awarded to both candidates for Outstanding Performance in the Final Research Paper of the MSc International Public and Development Management Programme.