

## DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT



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### INTRODUCTION

The Department continued to implement its strategic and operational plans for the period, 2012–2013, which focused on Teaching and Learning, Research and Publication and Public Outreach.

A major focus of Semester One was a Quality Assurance Review which provided the opportunity to reflect on the changing internal and external environments since the last review in 2005, to review the Department's mission and performance, and to plan for institutional transformation. The Review Team was led by Professor Thomas Biersteker, Director of the Global Governance Programme at the Graduate Institute in Geneva and former Director of the Watson Institute at Brown University in the United States. The other members of the team were Mrs. Patricia Sinclair-McCalla of the Public Sector Transformation Unit of the Government of Jamaica and Dr. Keith Nurse of UWI, Cave Hill. The Review Team submitted its final report to the UWI Quality Assurance

Unit in April 2013. While commenting very favourably on certain aspects of the Department's performance, including the commitment and efforts of its staff and the quality and innovative aspects of some of its teaching programmes, the report recommended some institutional, governance and programmatic changes, to be undertaken either in the short term or more incrementally over a longer period. Follow-up activities resulting from the review process are ongoing. They continued to inform the Department's work plan for the rest of the academic year, most notably with a Staff Retreat in May 2013 to prepare an Action Plan in response to the review's recommendations.

Likewise, the Department was particularly pleased to launch its revamped and updated website in Semester Two of 2012/2013. This had been a major objective featured in the three year strategic plan. The new website will function as one of the Department's principal marketing and communication tools.

#### **STAFF MOVEMENTS**

Professor Rupert Lewis retired at the end of September 2012, after many years of service to the UWI. He leaves an impressive legacy of work on Walter Rodney and Marcus Garvey and has guided many doctoral students to complete dissertations on aspects of Caribbean political philosophy. The Department records its deep appreciation of Professor Lewis' contributions and wishes him all the very best in this new phase of his life and work. In December 2012, we also bade a regretful farewell to Dr. Ivan Cesar Martinez who had spent the last two years on a post retirement contract teaching in the International Relations unit.

Additionally, Dr. Jermaine McCalpin went on one year's Mona Research Fellowship leave while Gavin Daley was awarded an EU-ACP CARPIMS fellowship tenable at the Fiji Campus of the University of the South Pacific for ten months. Mr Daley took up his fellowship at the end of Semester One.

The Department welcomed five new full time colleagues in 2012/2013.

Dr. Christopher Charles took up the teaching duties of Dr. McCalpin for the academic year. Dr. Omar Hawthorne who had just completed work on her PhD. at Old Dominion University in Virginia, Mrs Natalie Dietrich-Jones and Miss Emlynn Francis all joined the International Relations teaching unit. Mr. Othdane Thompson replaced Mr. Daley as Teaching Assistant for Research Methods. Mrs Natallie Rochester-King joined the department as an adjunct faculty member teaching International Trade Law and Policy and Mr. Ansord Hewitt rejoined us in a similar capacity to deliver a course on Regulation in Semester Two. All have contributed to the intellectual life of the Department with their teaching, research and administrative contributions and their mentorship of students.

In May 2013, Miss June Pinto, Sr. Administrative Secretary returned to the Department after secondment to the Norman Manley Law School. Mrs Janette Phillips-Higgins, who had replaced Miss Pinto in April 2011 therefore returned to her substantive position in the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work in July 2013. The Department welcomes back Miss Pinto and places on record its gratitude and profound appreciation for Mrs Higgins' administrative contributions and student-centred initiatives during her tenure.

#### **TEACHING, LEARNING AND PUBLIC OUTREACH THROUGH ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

In 2012/2013, the Department of Government had 3079 undergraduate students registered as pursuing majors in its programmes. It also delivered courses to much larger numbers doing Minors, electives or the Foundation Course FOUN 1301 – Law, Economy, Governance and Society in the Department. There were 130 graduate students registered in its M.Sc., M.Phil. and PhD. programmes. By July 31, a total of 33 M.Sc. students were expected to have completed the requirements of their programme.

The Department rolled out four new courses in 2012/2013; GOVT 6081 – International Security; GOVT 3201 – Internet and Democracy and GOVT 3202 – Political Marketing and Communication and GOVT

2070 – Political Management and Strategy were launched. The menu of courses offered for Year Five of the B.Sc/M.Sc programme in Politics and International Cooperation was also updated and expanded, giving the students more choices in their course selections. Work on curriculum renewal proceeded apace with new courses and programmes being prepared for delivery in the following academic years.

The Department was pleased to welcome an impressive array of distinguished guest lecturers and to offer a wide range of public lectures, research seminars and panel discussions in 2012/2013. Our guest speakers included H.E. Mr. Yuri Gala Lopez, the Cuban Ambassador, H.E. Mrs Ginette de Matha, the French Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Josef Beck, the German Ambassaor and H.E. Mrs Maria Jacqueline Mendoza Ortega, the Venezuelan Ambassador, Mr. Lola Charles, Deputy High Commissioner of Nigeria and Dr. Raymond Brown, the Deputy Head of Mission of the United States Embassy in Kingston, H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, H.E. Ambassador Albert Ramdin, Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and Miss Ilse Zelgalve of the European Delegation to Jamaica. They also included a number of government officials from Jamaica and elsewhere, and civil society representatives. Our students, faculty and the wider public benefited tremendously from their vast range of presentations which included Developing Countries and the World Trading System, the Gendered Effects of Trade Liberalization, Global Terrorism, Small Countries in the European Union, CARICOM and the Interamerican System, Public Administrative Reforms in Brazil, President Hugo Chavez' Political and Social Policy Legacy, Franco-German Cooperation and European Integration, the Popular Referendum on the Political Status of the Falkland Islands, the Impact of Targeted UN Sanctions, Cultural Diplomacy, Public Policy and Anti-Corruption Measures and Jamaica and the International Human Rights Protection Machinery.

Many of these lectures were organized in the context of fruitful collaborations between the Department and its external partners such as the Organization of American States, the EU Delegation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. The Department was

also pleased to collaborate in May 2013 with the UWI Latin American and Caribbean Centre in the launch of a book by H.E. Mr Rudy Insanally, former Foreign Minister of Guyana at which the Rt. Hon. P.J. Patterson, former Prime Minister of Jamaica was the main speaker. The Department greatly values these partnerships and looks forward to continued collaboration with its various stakeholders.

During 2012–2013, the Department also continued to emphasize practical learning experiences for its students. It supported the work of the UWI Mona United Nations Club by providing a faculty advisor, some financial support and preparation for the Club's participation in the Harvard University UN General Assembly Simulation held at the University of Boston in February 2013. Nine students and Miss Emlynn Francis, their Faculty Advisor, participated assuming the roles of the Delegation of Bolivia. International Relations Majors registered in GOVT 3055, under the expert guidance of Miss Michele Lowe and her assistants, once again staged a multilateral negotiations simulation in April 2013. Their task was to hammer out a ceasefire agreement in the contemporary Syrian conflict and their work was witnessed by several academics and other invited guests, including Lebanon's Honorary Consul to Jamaica.

Approximately 30 students benefited from doing internships during 2012–2013. Most of these placements were organized by the Public Sector Management and International Relations Units. It is encouraging to note that an increasing number of graduate students benefited from internships in public sector agencies or attachments to non-governmental organizations and community service activities.

Other learning enrichment exercises included Dr. Gatchair's parliamentary field trip in May 2013 for Public Sector Management students to follow the 2013/2014 budget debates. Likewise, students of Criminology and of Law, under the guidance of Miss Nicola Satchell, had the opportunity to participate in an innovative two-week Summer School programme organized in collaboration with the North Carolina Central University's Criminal Justice Institute which included field trips to a number of criminal justice and child protection facilities. This promising new programme elicited much interest from students and gave them the

opportunity to interact with their peers from North Carolina Central University.

Once again, the Department of Government was the teaching department in the Faculty of Social Sciences registering the highest student evaluation ratings for the delivery of its taught MSc courses during 2012–2013.

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

At the annual UWI Mona Principal's Research Awards ceremony, held in February 2013, several members of the department were recognized for their achievements. **Dr Eris Schoburgh** received an award for the best journal article published by the Faculty of Social Sciences in 2011–2012 – “Top-down, Bottom-up or a Synthesis? An Exploration of Implementation Theory and Public Sector Reform Practice: The Case of Jamaica”, while **Professor Lewis**, along with **Professor Hopeton Dunn**, received an award for the publication of the best edited book collection published by the Faculty of Social Sciences – *Communicating Pan-Africanism: Caribbean Leadership and Global Impact*.

**Dr. Schoburgh** now adds the following publication to her record: *New Century Local Government: Commonwealth Perspectives*, Graham Sansom (Editor), Peter McKinlay (Editor).

In 2012–2013, members of the Department of Government published a total of two book chapters and three refereed journal articles.

Members of the Department presented papers and participated in numerous international scholarly conferences in Jamaica and further afield including France, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, the United States of America, Cuba, Martinique and Trinidad.

## International Reggae Conference held February 14–16, 2013

1. **Dr. Lloyd Waller** was a member of the Planning committee, and chaired the panel on Deconstructing Dancehall Performance and Literature.

2. **Dr. Christopher Charles** presented on the topic “The Dancehall Clash Index: Measuring the Outcome of the Onstage Dancehall Clash Between Rival DJs.
3. **Dr. Clinton Hutton** chaired the panel on The Ganja Complex: Reggae Music & Ganja Culture.
4. **Dr. Maziki Thame** chaired the panel on Geographical and Cultural Transition of Jamaican Music and Culture.

#### **PAPERS PRESENTED**

##### **Dr. Clinton Hutton**

- “Exploring Pervasive Attitudes towards Hair and Beauty within Black Communities”. Forum on Hair Stories, organized by the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, February 22, 2013, Neville Hall Lecture Theatre.
- “Self Identity Among People of African Descent in the 21st Century and Re-visiting Garvey’s African Fundamentalism” – “Nutten too Black nuh Good”. Forum on Interrogating Contemporary Nations of Black Beauty. Organized by Liberty Hall, February 28, 2013, Jamaica Conference Centre.
- Forum on “Bob Marley’s songs of Faith and Hope” at the Kiwanis Club Eastern St. Andrew. Altamont Court Hotel, New Kingston, February 19, 2013.
- “Oh Rudie: Jamaican Popular Music and the Narrative of Urban Badness in the Making of Post-Colonial Society” Jamaica Music Museum 2nd Annual Reggae/Black History Month Grounation, February 10, 2013.

##### **Jessica Byron**

- **May 14–16 2013:** Attended and presented short paper at United Nations DESA Expert Group Meeting, Cambridge UK, on “Emerging

Social and Economic Issues for Small Island developing States post 2015”.

- **June 4 2013:** Introductory remarks as HoD at the Kingston launch at the Jamaica Pegasus of the 2012 Survey of Political Culture of Democracy in Jamaica and the Americas: Towards Equality of Opportunity. This study was sponsored by USAID and carried out by LAPOP Vanderbilt University and the Centre for Leadership and Governance at UWI Mona.
- **June 10–12 2013:** International Colloquium “La Integracion Regional en America Latina y el Caribe y la CELAC” organized by the Centro de Estudios de la Economia Internacional of the University of Havana, Cuba. Paper presented “A Caribbean Perspective on Regional Integration and the Future of CELAC”.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Peer Reviewed Articles**

- **Waller, L.** (2013). “Enhancing Political Participation in Jamaica: The Use of Facebook to ‘Cure’ the Problem of Political Talk Among the Jamaican Youth”. *SAGE Open* April–June 2013 Vol. 3. <http://sgo.sagepub.com/content/3/2/2158244013486656.full.pdf+html>
- **Waller, L., and Taylor, A.** (2013). “A Case Study of Citizen-to-Government Mobile Activism in Jamaica: Protesting Violations of the Rule of Law with Smart Phones”. In Zaigham Mahmood’s *E-Government Implementation and Practice in Developing Countries*. <http://www.irma-international.org/viewtitle/76245/>
- **Waller, L.** (2012). “Mobile Smartphones as Tools for ‘Efficient’ and ‘Effective’ Protesting: A Case Study of Mobile Protesting in Jamaica”. *Journal of Mobile Technologies, Knowledge & Society*. December 201. <http://www.ibimapublishing.com/journals/JMTKS/2012/248374/248374.pdf>



### Technical Reports

- Dunn, L, **Waller, L.**, and Northover, P. (2013). JA REEACH Project: Gender and Youth Assessment. Institute for Gender and Development Studies: Mona Campus Unit.
- Gatchair, S., **Waller, L.**, Johnson, S., Daley, G. (2013) National Food Safety Awareness Survey Centre for Leadership and Governance, Department of Government, University of the West Indies, Mona: Jamaica (64 pages).
- Tufton, C. and **Waller, L.** (2013). CAPRI Health Access Survey: Fee or Free? A Survey of the No-user Fee Policy in Public Hospitals in Jamaica. Caribbean Policy Research Institute, University of the West Indies, Mona: Jamaica.
- **Waller, L.**, Abdulkadri, A., Rhiney, K., and Lawrence. A. (2013). Consultancy for the Development of a Set of Tools to Facilitate Comparative Analysis between Less Developed Countries and More Developed Countries within the CARICOM Single Market Economy: Predictions of Agglomeration. CARICOM Development Fund: Barbados.
- **Waller, L.** (2013). A Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the CARICOM Development Fund: A More Strategic Approach to Reducing Regional Disparities. CARICOM Development Fund: Barbados.
- **Waller, L.**, and Daley, G. (2012). Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency 2012 Customer Satisfaction Survey. Report prepared for the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency. Centre for Leadership and Governance, Department of Government, University of the West Indies, Mona: Jamaica (71 pages).
- **Waller, L.**, and Daley, G. (2012). HEART Perception Survey 2012. Centre for Leadership and Governance, Department of Government, University of the West Indies, Mona: Jamaica (71 pages).

## **RESEARCH SEMINARS**

The Department held seven research seminars at which presentations were made by several of its M.Phil/PhD candidates – Shirley Eaton, Shinique Walters, Marcus Mullings, Emlynn Francis, Floyd Morris – and by various members of faculty. The seminars were well attended and provided spaces for colleagues to showcase their research projects and to receive valuable feedback from academics and practitioners in the respective areas.

## **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

Towards the end of the academic year, it was announced that Dr. Suzette Haughton was the recipient of an OAS/CICAD fellowship to conduct research on the drug abuse phenomenon in the Latin American and Caribbean region. In connection with this Fellowship, Dr. Haughton successfully completed the first phase which covers the on-site training from June to August at the Center for Addiction and Mental Health, University of Toronto. The implementation phase of the Fellowship continues where a community survey on individuals attitudes toward persons affected by drug abuse will be conducted. Dr. Maziki Thame was the recipient of a UWI Mona Research Fellowship and will be off on research leave in 2013/2014 researching the topic “It’s Race and the Politics of Identity in Jamaica, Brazil and Barbados”. Dr. Jessica Byron was the recipient of a UWI Mona Special Initiatives grant to pursue research on a project entitled “Caribbean-Latin American Encounters: Contemporary Development Diplomacy and Cooperation between CARICOM and Cuba, Venezuela and Brazil”.

The Centre for Leadership and Governance which is affiliated with the Department of Government in June 2013 launched the latest survey produced in its Latin American Public Opinion Project, conducted in partnership with Vanderbilt University and supported by USAID. The publication, *Political Culture of Democracy in Jamaica and in the Americas 2012: Towards Equality of Opportunity*, was prepared by Anthony Harriott

and Balford Lewis with Kenisha Nelson under the overall coordination of Mitchell Seligson of Vanderbilt University. It explores interesting new research methodologies as it seeks to measure public perceptions about the equality of social and economic opportunities and of opportunities for political participation in Jamaica. Other activities of the Centre in 2012/2013 included the launch of two initiatives.

The first of these two initiatives was the Governance 2.0 Initiative. Governance 2.0 Initiative is a five year research and public education initiative which seeks to strengthen the governance structures, systems and processes of Jamaica through the use of advanced Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). The initiative is spearheaded by **Dr. Lloyd Waller**, Director of the Centre for Leadership and Governance, a solutions-oriented policy and research centre which operates out of the Department of Government, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. The initiative involves research and advocacy in the use of ICTs:

1. to monitor and guard against or highlight violations of the rule of law (injustices, violations of fundamental rights and freedoms) using mobile phones;
2. to enhance the delivery of justice, transparency and accountability as well as mitigate political and administrative corruption in government agencies through software applications;
3. to include the disabled in the democratic process;
4. to encourage political participation among disenfranchised youth of different genders through the use of ICTs such as online social networks and
5. to facilitate efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of government services through hardware and software.

This initiative has two phases. Phase One of the Governance 2.0 initiative was launched on July 12, 2013 at the World Forum Convention Centre, The Hague, Netherlands. Phase two will involve workshops and seminars for government and civil society actors in the application of ICTs to strengthen the rule of law in Jamaica, and will be launched in March

2014 in Kingston, Jamaica.. Phase three will involve a national public education campaign.

The expected outcomes of this initiative include:

1. a healthier system of government and governance in Jamaica;
2. a public equipped with the knowledge and skills to strengthen the rule of law; and
3. case studies on best practices on the use of ICTs to strengthen good governance that will be shared internationally.

The second initiative is the Values and Attitudes for Development Project (VA-Dev). This project has several phases. Phase One of the Values and Attitudes for Development Project will be launched in Kingston Jamaica in semester 1 of the 2013/2014 academic year. The objectives of this project include the following:

- To ascertain how the Jamaican youth perceive “Jamaican-ness” – What does it mean to be a ‘Jamaican’? What are the values and attitudes of a Jamaican;
- To identify whether this sense of self is consistent with the development needs of Jamaica?
- To identify and implement successful and sustainable strategies that will provide young people with a sense of direction, responsibility, self-worth, self-respect, respect for others and respect for their surroundings.
- To identify and implement successful and sustainable strategies that will help the Jamaican youth to develop civic pride and learn the importance of team work and cooperation;
- To identify and implement successful and sustainable strategies that will help the Jamaican youth to act responsibly and engage social actors respectfully;
- To encourage young people to play their part in Jamaica’s development.

Phase One of this project includes a Desk-Research (Analysis of Secondary Data), a National Survey of Jamaican youth as well as Consultations,

Focus Groups and Interviews with youth service providers about the attitudes and values of the Jamaican youth.

The CLG also executed several consultancies for the period for HEART Trust NTA, the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA), the Agro-Investment Corporation, CARICOM Development Fund and the Ministry of Youth.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **Dr. Christopher Charles**

- Sport Psychology consultant, Kingston College Under 16 and Under 19 basketball teams.

## **PRIZES & AWARDS**

The Department of Government awarded the following students for their outstanding performances for the Academic Year 2012/2013 at the annual Faculty Awards Ceremony held January 2013.

*Ann Spackman Prize*

**O'Shane Reid**

Introduction to Political  
Institutions

*Paulette Wilson Prize*

**Natoya Williams**

Introduction to Public Sector  
Management

*Archie Singham Memorial Prizes*

**Rochelle Blair**

Foundations of Caribbean Politics

**Patrick Dixon**

Politics in the Caribbean.

*Carl Stone Prize*

**Ornella Kelly**

Research Methods in Political  
Science

Department of Government

*Gladstone E. Mills Prize*

**Michelle Roxanne Pinto  
Campbell**  
BSc Public Sector Management.

*Nethersole Prize*

**Nicholas Anthony Wright**  
BSc Political Science

*Sir Laurence Lindo Prize*

**Natasha Marcelle Birthwright**  
BSc International Relations

**Shaneese Tamika Grimes**  
BSc International Relations

*Rosina Wiltshire Prize*

**Melissa Haynes**  
MSc International Relations

*MSc. Staff Prizes*

**Stephen Christopher Johnson**  
International Relations Research  
Paper

**Peta Gay Elizabeth Blair**  
Comparative Politics/Political  
Theory Research Paper

**Colleen Patricia Woolcock**  
Public Sector Management  
Research Paper