

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

Quality Assurance

The Department, as part of engaging in its core activity of teaching and research, responded to the recommendations of the 2005 Quality Review Team to review all courses that have been taught for five years. An “Action Plan” aimed at reviewing these courses was subsequently developed and, in addition to the courses previously reworked under the “Plan” in 2005/06, additional twelve courses have been reworked and submitted, via the relevant Faculty subcommittee, to the University Quality Assurance Committee for scrutiny and approval this academic year. Appropriate changes to courses in the taught Masters Programmes, where necessary, were also implemented on the recommendations of the Quality Review Team.



Archaeology

Under a collaborative agreement between the Department and the Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery (DAACS) - a web-based archive engaged in fostering comparative archaeological research on slavery located at Monticello in Virginia, USA - the Montpelier Collection in the Department’s archaeology laboratory was digitized in 2006. As a result since January 2007 that Collection, which includes archaeological and contextual data for the Montpelier plantation such as background information, site maps, Harris matrices, artifact and excavation images, and data on 16,000 artifacts from four Montpelier slave housing sites, is now accessible on the DAACS website (www.daacs.org).

Social History Project (SHP)

The SHP's 2nd touring exhibition on "A History of Cricket in Jamaica: 1870 to the Present", showcasing Julian Cresser's PhD research, was successfully launched at the National Library of Jamaica on October 8, 2006. The Exhibition remained at the National Library until January 2007, and relocated to the UWI Main Library (Catalogue Hall) from February 1- 28, 2007. In March and April 2007, it was mounted at Devon House to coincide with the Cricket World Cup fixtures; and on April 7 it was moved to the Lucas Cricket Club as part of the celebrations to mark 100 years of Senior Cup Cricket in Rollington Town, which boasts two foundation cricket clubs, Kensington and Lucas. The SHP, thereafter, also published a monograph of the Exhibition written by Julian Cresser.

Staff

Dr. Aleric Josephs, on Research Day 2007, received the Principal's "Best Publication (Article)" Research Award. Professor Patrick Bryan received a Mona Research Fellowship; while Dr. Matthew Smith was awarded an Andrew Mellon Foundation Fellowship that took him to Duke University, North Carolina, between January and May 2007. Dr. Phillip Allsworth-Jones retired with effect from July 31, 2006, and Dr. Sabrina Rampersad was appointed as a Lecturer in Archaeology to replace him. Dr Allister Hinds was seconded to the UWI Administration for another two years; as a result Dr. Fitzroy Baptiste continued as his replacement. The latter, most regrettably, passed away before the beginning of the 2007/08 academic year and was replaced by Dr. Henrique Okenve.

Annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture

Professor Richard Blackett of Vanderbilt University, Tennessee, USA, delivered the 23rd annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture on May 9, 2007. The topic was "Taking Leave: Fugitive Slaves and the coming of the American Civil War". The lecture was well attended and very well received. The Department is particularly pleased that it has sustained this lecture series in honour of Elsa Goveia, who was not only a

foundation member of the Department and the first Professor of West Indian History, but was also the first female Professor at the UWI.

Public/Professional Outreach

The Department, in keeping with its tradition of public education on matters of crucial importance to the Caribbean, focused this year on a series of activities to commemorate the bicentenary of the abolition of the British slave trade. In partnership with the Jamaica History Teachers' Association (HTA), the Department of Educational Studies (DES), Mona Campus, and the Local Commission of UNESCO, workshops for teachers across the island were held to reinforce the teaching of African history both in content and in methodology. The Department believed that, to mark the bicentenary in a sustainable manner beyond 2007, teachers responsible for educating and shaping the social consciousness of the nation's children should themselves be sufficiently educated about the slave trade and its consequences for national underdevelopment. The first workshop took place in Kingston on January 30, 2007, and 88 teachers from secondary schools, teachers' and community colleges in eastern and south-central Jamaica attended. The second one was held in Montego Bay on February 9, 2007, and 40 teachers in north-central and western Jamaica attended. The Department was particularly gratified at the presence of teachers from upgraded secondary schools.

The Department from 2004 had committed to host in 2007 the 39th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH). This premier international conference of Caribbean Historians, which coincided with the bicentenary, took place at the Jamaica Conference Center between May 7 and 10, 2007. It was attended by over 100 historians from the Caribbean, Europe and North America, as well as local teachers and postgraduate students, individuals from the African /Caribbean Institute of Jamaica, the Jamaica National Heritage Trust, and the Jamaica Historical Society. Funds have been identified to enable the Department to publish the over 50 papers that covered various themes as follows: the Transatlantic Slave Trade, Slavery in British West Indies Society, Jamaican History and Heritage, Business, Political, and Finance issues in Caribbean History, Natural History in the Caribbean, Decolonizing Movements, Material Culture in Caribbean History, and Race and Sexuality in Caribbean History.

Finally, still in pursuit of maintaining the Department's public profile through participation in events of public significance, these academic staff members served in various capacities on international, regional and local organizations/committees/boards: Dr. Aleric Joseph, Assistant Chief Examiner for CAPE History; Dr. James Robertson, board member of the Museums Division of the Institute of Jamaica; Dr. Swithin Wilmot, board member of the National Library of Jamaica; Dr. Kathleen Monteith succeeded Emeritus Professor Carl Campbell, who very meritoriously served as the Editor of the Jamaica Historical Review for 25 years; and Professor Waibinte Wariboko, while serving on the Board of the African-Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Memory Bank of Jamaica/Liberty Hall- the Legacy of Marcus Garvey, was also appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of The Southern Quarterly (A Journal of the South) published by the University of Southern Mississippi in the United States.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PAPERS

Sultana Afroz

- "The al-Anadalusian and West African Heritage in Jamaican History" Qatar Islamic Cultural Center (FANAR), Doha, Qatar, June 2007.
- "The Moghul Islamic Diaspora in Jamaica," Qatar Islamic Cultural Center (FANAR), Doha, Qatar, June, 2007.

Roy Augier

- "The History of Teaching Caribbean History in Secondary Schools in the English Speaking Territories". Colloque Enseigner l'Histoire dans la Caraïbe, Martinique, May 2007.

Jonathan Dalby

- "From St Ann's Bay in 1826 to Montego Bay in 1902: The Pattern of Riots in Nineteenth-Century Jamaica" Association of Caribbean Historians Conference, Kingston, May 2007.

Wigmoore Francis

- "The Trans-Atlantic Trade in Africans: an Overview" African-Caribbean Institute of Jamaica lecture commemorating the

bicentennial of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic trade in Africans, Shortwood Teachers' College, February 2007.

- “Sugar Woes and Land Problems in Jamaica: Reflections a Hundred Years after the Abolition of the Slave Trade” Association of Caribbean Historians Annual Conference UWI, Mona, May 2007.
- “African Experiences in the Caribbean Setting” Portmore Municipal Council Emancipation Day panel discussion: H.E.A.R.T. Academy, August 2007.

Dave Gosse

- “Enslaved Women and the Ethics of Resistance” Social History Conference, UWI, Mona, March 2006.
- “European Doctors of Early Nineteenth Century Jamaica – Victims or Villains” Association of Caribbean Historians, UWI, St Augustine, May 2006
- “Revisiting the Debate on Enslaved Resistance: Lessons from Early Nineteenth Century Jamaica”. Conference on Caribbean Migration, Forced or Free at the UWI, Mona, June 2006.

Jenny Jemmott

- “Africa in the making of the Americas”, Bicentenary of the Abolition of the British Slave Trade, History Teachers' Workshop, Kingston, January 20, 2007 and Montego Bay, February 9, 2007. 16pp
- “Ties that Bind: Consolidating Family Links in Jamaica, 1834-1838”, The 39th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians held at Kingston, Jamaica. May 2007. 23pp.
- “Spanish Conquest and Settlement in the Americas”, CAPE Workshops, Neville Hall Lecture Theatre, May, 2007. 16pp.

Aleric J. Josephs

- “On the Periphery: Women, Science and Caribbean Natural History” 39th Annual Conference, Jamaica Conference Centre, Kingston, Jamaica. May 2007. 25pp

- “The Maroons: Culture of Resistance”. University of Minnesota Arts Culture of Jamaica Global Seminar, May 2007. 11 pp

Sabrina Rampersad

- “Excavations at Tell el-Masha`la, Egypt, 2002-2004, and Pilot Excavation at Tell Gabbara, Egypt, 2004.” UWI, Mona, November 2006
- “Tell el-Masha`la and Tell Gabbara: Two Predynastic Sites in the Egyptian Delta.” Archaeological Society of Jamaica, UWI, Mona.

James Robertson

- “An Essay Concerning Slavery”: A Mid-Eighteenth Century Analysis from Jamaica” 31st Conference, Society for Caribbean Studies, London, 11 July, 2007. 14pp.
- “It may have been a Spanish Town once, it’s a Black town now”: Colonial Spanish Town, Jamaica World Archaeological Congress, Inter-sessional Meeting, May 2007. 9p.
- “Tacky plus 5? The slave uprising in St. Mary’s in 1765: the Experience and the Imagination of a Slave Revolt in Jamaica” Association of Caribbean Historians, Kingston. May 2007. 26pp
- “William Penn, the Oglethorpes and an Election in Haselmere” History Club, UWI, April, 2007. 9p.

Veront Satchell

- “William James Foundry in Jamaica 1817-1843: An Expose in Local Industrial Activities.” World Archaeology Conference, UWI, Mona, May 2007
- “The Church in Jamaica and the Abolition of the British trade in Slaves” Symposium on the Abolition of the British Slave Trade, Portmore, St. Catherine

Matthew Smith

- Comments on Lara Putnam, “Parenthood at the End of Empire: Great Britain and its Caribbean Colonies, 1910-1940.” Latin

American Labor History Conference, Duke University, May 2007. 8p.

- “Short Paths to Safety: Haitian Elite Migration to Jamaica,” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Tertulia series, Duke University, April 2007. 20pp.
- “Race and Color in Haitian Politics,” Duke/UNC Afro-Latin Working Group Symposium on Race, Representation, and Citizenship in the Americas, Duke University, March 2007. 20pp.
- “CARICOM and the Politics of Crisis Management in Haiti, 2004-2006,” Repensando El Gran Caribe en el siglo XXI, Instituto Internacional de Periodismo José Martí, Havana, Cuba, December 2006. 15pp.

Waibinte Wariboko

- (with Dr. O. Harry and Prof. H. Devonish) “Ijo Visibility in the Caribbean New World Diaspora” . Department of History and Archaeology Seminar Series. February 2007.
- “The Socioeconomic Effects of the Transatlantic Slave Trade on the African Continent” Institute of Jamaica Lecture Hall, Kingston, March 2007.

Swithin Wilmot

- “Our History and Heritage”: Spanish Town High School, December 2006.
- “George William Gordon: Early Excursions in Electoral Politics in Free Jamaica, 1844 and 1849”. Jamaica Historical Society, October 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

Verene Shepherd

- * I want to Disturb my Neighbour: Lectures on Slavery, Emancipation and Postcolonial Jamaica Kingston: Ian Randle Publishers (2007) 378pp.

Waibinte Wariboko

- * Ruined By "Race": Afro-Caribbean Missionaries and the Evangelization of Southern Nigeria, 1895-1925 Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press (September 2006) 261pp.

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Patrick Bryan

- * "Introduction" to the new edition of Charles Hyatt's, *When Me Was A Boy*. Kingston: UWI Press, 2007, pp. xiii-xxiii

Jonathan Dalby

- * Review Article on *No Bond but the Law: Punishment, Race and Gender in Jamaican State Formation, 1780-1870* in *Punishment and Society* 8, 2006, pp389-390.

Dave Gosse

- * "The Role of the Jamaica Labor Party in the Development of Jamaica." *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*, December 2005
- * "The Life of Robert Lighbourne: Industrialist, Politician and Administrator" *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*, December 2005
- * "The Hon. Sir Harold Allan: Civic Leader and Politician", in *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History: The Black Experience in the Americas*, December 2005.

Kathleen Monteith

- * Review Article on *Plantation Jamaica, 1750-1850: Capital and Control in a Colonial Economy*, B.W. Higman in *Business History Review*, Vol. 80, No. 4, Winter 2006. pp.796-799

James Robertson

- * "Persuading the Citizens: Charles I and London Bridge" *Historical Research* 79 (2006). pp.512-533
- * "The Best Poor Man's Country?": Thomas Thistlewood's Jamaica" *Caribbean Quarterly* 52:4 (2006) pp.74-84.

Waibinte Wariboko

- * "New Calabar Middlemen, Her Majesty's Consuls and British Traders in the Niger Delta in the late Nineteenth Century" in *The Aftermath of Slavery: Transitions and Transformations in Southeastern Nigeria* ed. C.J. Korieh and F.J. Kalapo Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press (2007) 17-40
- * "The Alliance between the CMS Niger Mission and the Extra-Territorial Forces of Change for the Expansion of British Influence in the Niger Delta during the Nineteenth Century" *Missions, States, and European Expansion in Africa* ed. C.J. Korieh and R.C. Njoku New York: Routledge (2007) 35-51
- * "West Indian Church in West Africa: The Pongas Mission among the Susus and Its portrayal of Blackness, 1851-1935" *Missions, States, and European Expansion in Africa* ed. C.J. Korieh and R.C. Njoku New York: Routledge (2007) 167-185

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- * "We not slave again": Enslaved Jamaicans in Early Freedom, 1838 – 1865, in Marc Kleijwegt (ed.), *The Faces of Freedom: The Manumission and Emancipation of Slaves in Old World and New World Slavery* (Brill Press: Leiden, 2006), pp. 215-33.

Non-Refereed

Sultana Afroz

- * "As-Salaamu-Alaikum: The Invincibility of Islam in Jamaican Heritage", *Wadabagei*, Vol. 10:2, (Spring/Summer, 2007), pp. 5-39.
- * "The Supremacy of the Sharia", *The Islamic Post*, April, 2007.
- * "The New World Disorder", *The Islamic Post*, January, 2007. pp1, A5 & A7

- * “Dialogue of Global Civilizations: Muslim and Western Cultures in Quest for a Just and a Peaceful World: The Clash of Civilizations – The Islamic Perspective”, The Islamic Post, December, 2006. pp1& B7
- * “History-Wise: Interfaith Dialogue in Jamaica”, The Islamic Post, October/ November, 2006. ppB2& B5

Kathleen Monteith

- * Review Article on Plantation Jamaica, 1750-1850: Capital and Control in a Colonial Economy by Barry Higman in Social History Project Newsletter, No. 46, May 2007. pp.10-12.

James Robertson

- * “Repelling Captain Christopher Newport” *Arquebusier* 30:3 (2007), 45-48.
- * “Frank Cundall’s Robert Sedgwick: the Wartime Origins of a Colonial Research Project” *Jamaican Historical Society Bulletin* 11:16 (2005), 436-448.

Matthew J. Smith

- * “CARICOM and the Politics of Crisis Management in Haiti, 2004-2006,” *Pensamiento Propio*, July 2007.
- * “From Dessalines to Duvalier Revisited: A Quarter Century Retrospective,” *The Journal of Haitian Studies* (April 2007).

Swithin Wilmot

- * “Tribute for Professor Sir Roy Augier: Commemoration and Alumni Week, UWI, Mona, February 15, 2007”, *Social History Project Newsletter*, Vol. 46, May 2007, pp. 5 & 6.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Roy Augier

- Member, St. Lucia Historical and Archaeological Society

Dave Gosse

- Chairman, Ardenne High School

- Director, Education Programme of the Church of God in Jamaica

Jenny Jemmott

- Member, Board of the Jamaica Cancer Society

Aleric Josephs

- Board Member, Women’s Resource and Outreach Centre
- Assistant Chief Examiner, CAPE

Sabrina Rampersad

- Executive Board Member, Archaeological Society of Jamaica
- Member, Jamaica Historical Society

James Robertson

- 2nd Vice President to Vice President, Jamaica Historical Society
- Board Member, Archaeological Society of Jamaica
- Board Member, Institute of Jamaica’s Museums of Archaeology & Ethnology
- Member, National Archives Committee

Veront Satchell

- Reviews Editor, Journal of Caribbean History
- Member, Board of the Jamaica Church Missionary Society
- Member, Diocesan Youth and Education Board

Matthew Smith

- List Editor, H-Caribbean website.

Waibinte Wariboko

- Board Member, African-Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Memory Bank/Liberty Hall.

UNDERGRADUATE

Registered

BA

– 442

Graduated

BA First Class	–	7
Upper Second	–	43
Lower Second	–	58
Pass	–	4

POSTGRADUATES**registered**

MA Heritage Studies	–	35
MA History	–	36
MPhil	–	10
PhD	–	6

Prizes Awarded

Elsa Goveia Prize:	Meisha Forrest
Gladwyn Turbutt Prize in European History:	Andre Duhaney
Gladwyn Turbutt Prize in Archaeology:	Lauren Burn
Gladwyn Turbutt Prize in Atlantic History:	Phyllis Corke
Gladwyn Turbutt in Historical Methodology:	Korice Archer-Quashie
ILM-AL-AHSAN Prize:	
The Asian World prior to 1600:	Dwayne Dixon
History of Modern China:	Vallissa Buchanan & Ana-Kaye Scott
Modern Japan - History of the Middle East since 1915:	Kemar Robinson
Neville Hall Prize:	Brenton Parsons
Walter Rodney Prize:	Chantel Dacosta & Callessia Salmon