

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

Quality Assurance, Curricula Reform, and Curricula Review

The Department, except for registration-related problems at the beginning of the first semester, got off to a fine start and witnessed another academic year of stable growth and development in the twin areas of teaching and research. This was mainly because the teaching schedule and other administrative support arrangements put in place by Dr. Swithin Wilmot, the former head, were followed through with little or no changes. With teaching and administrative arrangements intact, the Department focused on curricula reform and revived earlier efforts to implement the *Action Plan* developed to address the outstanding recommendations of the 2005 Quality Assurance Review Team.



In terms of Quality Assurance, Curricula Reform, and Curricula Review, the Department has developed a new programme, designed some new courses, and redesigned some old ones. The following old undergraduate courses, for example, having been taught for five years, were reviewed and redesigned where appropriate: H23D, H24D, H26B, H26C, H26F, H27A, H28D, H36J, and H30Y. The review process of the remaining existing courses in the undergraduate programmes will continue in this academic year. With the recommendation for “an increase in local (Jamaica) history courses in the curriculum involving the use of public and material history resources,” a course to explore the **Urban Heritage of Jamaica** has been designed.

The most exciting highlight in this curricula reform and review drive revolves around a new three-year degree programme proposal: **BA Honours in History and Heritage**. Arrangements are well advanced

and are being pursued with the appropriate Campus Quality Control Committees to have this programme vetted and approved in readiness for the forthcoming academic year, 2009/10. The Department is hoping to implement this programme with available existing human and infrastructural resources.

The Department is also finalizing arrangements to re-modify the MA Heritage Studies programme because it is short of the minimum amount of credits recommended by Graduate Studies and Research (35-42 credits) for all taught Masters programmes in the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies. Two PhD students, Dalea Bean and Carlene Pyne-Jackson, successfully defended their dissertations during the academic year under review.

Archaeology

The Department, through the archaeology unit, has been partnering with a team of archaeologists from the Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery (DAACS), in the University of Virginia, United States, to organize excavations across the Island, including the Mona Campus. At the beginning of 2008, for example, the much awaited excavation of the erstwhile “Papine/Mona Slave Village” site on the Mona Campus began. These excavations, seen as field schools, are immensely useful to our students pursuing the three-year BA Honours programme in History and Archaeology. Funds permitting, the “Papine/Mona Slave Village” site excavation could be completed over a three-year period.

Social History Project (SHP)

The Project, under the auspices of the Department, has concluded arrangements for a two-day symposium entitled: **Heritage: Its Management and Preservation**. Scheduled to be held between October 24th and 25th, it intends, among other aims, to bring scholars, cultural entrepreneurs, private and public institutions interested and actively involved in heritage research, recovery, preservation and management in the Caribbean, particularly Jamaica, to discuss and share experiences. It will also afford the Department an opportunity to showcase some of the relevant research essays successfully undertaken by those who have been through the MA Heritage Studies programme since its inception. There is, finally, a commitment to publish the conference papers in order to enrich existing secondary readings available on Heritage Studies in the Caribbean.

The 24th Annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture

Professor David Buisseret, “Fellow of the Society for the History of Discoveries,” delivered the 24th Annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture on *The Fortifications of Jamaica in their Caribbean Context*. The lecture was well attended and very well received. Elsa Goveia, it may be recalled, 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. For these reasons the Department is particularly pleased that, with the help of the Mona Campus Administration, it has been able to sustain and publish these lectures annually.

Staff Matters

Dr. Allister Hinds’ secondment to the UWI Mona Campus Administration was extended for another one year; as a result, Dr. Henrique Okenve’s temporary appointment was renewed for another one year as Hinds’ replacement. Dr. Matthew Smith, after being away on fellowship leave, rejoined the Department at the start of this academic year. Drs. Veront Satchell and Aleric Josephs, currently on sabbatical leave, are being replaced by Drs. Wigmoore Francis and Dave Gosse respectively. Dr. James Robertson received the *Gilder-Lehrman Fellowship* at the John Rockefeller Jr. Library in Williamsburg, USA, for one month.

Public/Professional Outreach

The Department has identified, through various professional outreach programmes, with the “60th Anniversary” of the UWI. In February, 2008 Professor Franklin Knight, at the invitation of the Department, gave a public lecture on “Race, Progress and the Legacy of Slavery in the Caribbean” to mark the Anniversary. The 24th Annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture was advertized by the Department as an event of the 60th Anniversary. The aforementioned Heritage Conference has also been dedicated to this epoch-making event, the 60th Anniversary, in the life of the University of the West Indies. Beyond the Mona Campus, the Department’s overall public profile was promoted through the involvement of individual members of its teaching staff in various public/community outreach programmes: these are listed under individual names in the appropriate section of this report. As a collective, we organized a series of lectures to assist candidates preparing for the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) in April, 2008.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Sultan Afroz

- “As-Salaamu-Alaikum: The Muslim Maroons and the Bucra Massa in Jamaica” Bicentenary Conference on Discourses of Resistance: Culture, Identity, Freedom & Reconciliation, December 7, 2007
- “Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park: A UNESCO World Heritage Site,” Workshop by The Jamaica Conservation and Development Trust, UWI July 29, 2008

Jonathan Dalby

- ‘Counted but not discounted? Female Criminality in Nineteenth-Century Jamaica’, Department of History and Archaeology Staff-Graduate Seminar, UWI Mona, April 11, 2008)
- ‘An Epidemic of Sexual Deviance?: Sex Offences and their Prosecution in Post-Emancipation Jamaica’, Association of Caribbean Historians Conference, Paramaribo, May 14, 2008

Wigmoore Francis

- “Miscellaneous Messianic and Millenarian Movements: (Mis)Representations, Politics, and Identity” Association of Cultural Studies conference “Cultural Crossroads”, UWI, Jamaica, July 2008. 42 pages
- “The Emancipation War” Liberty Hall annual symposium “Sankofa IV: Our Freedom Journey: Resistance to Slavery & Colonialism in Jamaica”, Institute of Jamaica, Kingston, February 2008. 12 pages.

Dave Gosse

- “Apprenticeship & the Question of Labor Management in Jamaica” Parimaribo, Suriname, Association of Caribbean Historians 40th Annual Conference, May 11-16, 2008, 16 pages.
- “The Politics of Morality: the Debate Surrounding the 1807 Abolition of the Slave Trade” Half Moon Hotel, Montego Bay,

JNBC/SOCARE/IOJ Bicentenary Conference, December 5-8, 2007, 17 pages.

Enrique Okenve

- “They never finished their journey: Transformations in Fang-Beti identity within twentieth-century Equatorial Guinea”. 2007 African Studies Association Annual Conference ; New York City (USA), 18 October 2007. 27 pages

Jenny Jemmott

- “Marginality or Activism: The Black Male and the Family in Nineteenth-Century Jamaica”. Mona Academic Conference, UWI, Mona, August, 2007. 23 pages

Sabrina Rampersad

- “Targeting the Jamaican Ostioniod”, Department of History and Archaeology Staff/Postgraduate Seminar 17pp. April 18, 2008
- “The Blue Marlin Archaeological Project, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica.” The Archaeological Society of Jamaica, Sixth Annual Symposium, Multifunctional Room, UWI, Mona. 10pp. April 10, 2008

James Robertson

- ‘Where the 1680s and ‘90s and Jamaican Vernacular Architecture in the 1760s fit into the first English Century in Jamaica’. Fellow’s Presentation, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Rockefeller Library, Williamsburg, Virginia, 16 July, 2008, 7pp
- “‘The Land of the Spanish Negroes’: African Jamaican landholding in late seventeenth-Century Jamaica” Faculty/Graduate Seminar, Department of History & Archaeology, University of the West Indies, Mona. 2 May, 2008, 24pp
- ‘Re-Imagining public space: Jamaica’s main square, 1534-2000’. Archaeological Society of Jamaica, Symposium, Kingston, 10 April, 2008, 17 pp

- “Comment: Mixed Messages” for a panel “Archaeology for Historians: Using Material Culture to Understand the Past”. American Historical Association 122nd Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. 5 January, 2008, 7pp.
- ‘On the repercussions of a Maroon Victory: a skirmish in 1731 and its consequences’ Jamaica National Bicentenary Commission/Society for Caribbean Research Bicentenary Conference, Accompong Town, Jamaica, 8 December, 2007, 13 pp.
- ‘Where the Country Meets the Town: Spanish Town, Jamaica’. Urban Cultures of the Caribbean Conference, University of the West Indies, Mona, 28 September, 2007, 12pp

Matthew Smith

- “Diaspora: Exploring Migrations in the Caribbean,” to Caribbean Awareness Week Symposium, Duke University, Durham, NC, 26 March 2008. 15pp.
- “Bob Marley and America,” Black Music and Musicians: Conversations of the African Diaspora, Center for African and Afroamerican Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 6 March 2008. 15pp.
- “Footprints on the Sea: Reflections on the Haitian-Jamaican Migratory Circuit,” workshop, Does the Caribbean Have a Borderlands?: Towards a History of Places in Between and Out of Place, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, February 1, 2008. 15pp.
- “Wanderers in Love: Music and Migration in the Northern Caribbean,” workshop, Does the Caribbean Have a Borderlands?: Towards a History of Places in Between and Out of Place, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 31 January 2008. 16pp.
- “A Party of Exiles: The Haitian Progressive Party and Jamaica, 1900-1915,” Center for African and Afroamerican Studies, Brown Bag Series, 16 January 2008. 20 pp.
- “Waves of Sound: Haitian Music and its North Caribbean Connections,” 52nd Annual Conference of the Society for

Ethnomusicology, Columbus, Ohio, 28 October 2007. 20pp

Swithin Wilmot

- “Black Politics in Free Jamaica, 1838-1865” Conference on: African and Africans in Atlantic Space: Strategies and Itineraries in the Post-Emancipation Period. University of Zurich, Switzerland. 30-31 May, 2008
- “Jamaica is slave no More: Black Jamaicans and Freedom”. Lecture given to postgraduate students in the Interdisciplinary Transformation Studies Programme at the University of Hannover, Germany. June 4, 2008

Waibinte Wariboko

- “The Emasculation and Transformation of Indigenous Governance and Leadership Structures in the Niger Delta, 1848-1960.” Department of History and Archaeology Faculty/Graduate Seminar, October 12, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

Kathleen Monteith

- * Depression to Decolonization: Barclays Bank (DCO) in the West Indies, 1926-1962 Kingston: University of the West Indies Press, 2008 355pp.

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Dave Gosse

- * “The Impact of the Haitian Revolution and Emancipation in Jamaica’ Emancipation: The Lessons and the Legacy. ed. Hopeton S. Dunn Kingston, Jamaica: Arawak Publications, 2007, 176-189.

Jenny Jemmott

- * “Recovering the Lost: Efforts at Reuniting Victims of Forced Separation after 1834. Some Case Studies from Jamaica, 1834-1860” *Journal of Caribbean History* 41, 1&2 (2007): 182-199

Veront Satchell

- * "The William James Foundry" An Expose of Local Metallurgical Enterprise", *Industrial Archaeology Review* vol xxix no. 2 (November 2007) pp 105-114

Matthew Smith

- * "From Dessalines to Duvalier Revisited: A Quarter Century Retrospective," *The Journal of Haitian Studies* 13, no. 1 (Spring 2007): 27-39.

Non-Refereed Articles

Veront Satchell

- * "Anglican Church And Education In Jamaica, Since 1700" in *Handbook for Teachers in Anglican Schools*, Kingston, Education and Youth Board, Diocese of Jamaica, July 2008 pp. 1-17

James Robertson

- * "William Penn, the Oglethorpes and an Election in Haslmere: A new letter" *Journal of the Friends Historical Society* 61:2 (2007), 136-143.
- * H-Atlantic, 'Review of S.D. Smith, *Slavery, Family and Gentry Capitalism in the British Atlantic: The World of the Lascelles, 1648-1834* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2006), xvi + 380.' (5pp.).
- * Review of Diana Paton, *No Bond But the Law: Journal of Social History* (2008) 'Punishment, Race, and Gender in Jamaican State Formation, 1780-1870 (Durham, N.C., Duke University Press, 2004)' 234-235.

Peer Reviewed Publications

Veront Satchell

- * "Religion and Socio-political Protest in Jamaica: Alexander Bedward and The Jamaica Native Free Church 1889-1921," in Annie Paul ed. *Caribbean Culture: Soundings on Kamau Brathwaite* Kingston: UWI Press, 2007 pp342-364

Matthew Smith

- * Martin Munro & Elizabeth Walcott-Hackshaw (eds.), “Profondes et nombreuses: Haiti, History, Culture 1804-2004,” *Small Axe* 18 (September 2005), and *Reinterpreting the Haitian Revolution and its Cultural Aftershocks*, Kingston: University of the West Indies Press, 2006, *Social and Economic Studies* 56: 3 (2007) 184-187.
- * Leon D. Pamphile, *Haitians and African-Americans: A Heritage of Tragedy and Hope* (Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 2002), *The Jamaican Historical Review* vol. XXIII (2007): 74-76.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Roy Augier

- Member, St. Lucia Historical and Archaeological Society
- Chairman, Teachers’ Services Commission, Jamaica

Wigmoore Francis

- Chief Judge, The African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank Annual Open House debate competitions

Dave Gosse

- Chairman, Ardenne High School Board of Management

Aleric Josephs

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

Veront Satchell

- Member, Diocesan Education and Youth Board

James Robertson

- Board member, Archaeological Society of Jamaica
- Board member, Museums’ Division, Institute of Jamaica
- Chair, Exhibitions & Education Sub-committee, 2008-
- Vice President, Jamaican Historical Society

INFORMATION ON STUDENTS

Undergraduates

Registered

BA – 430

Graduated

BA:	First Class	–	3
	Upper Second	–	31
	Lower Second	–	65
	Pass	–	15

Postgraduates

Registered

MA Heritage Studies	–	35
MA History	–	25
MPhil	–	12
PhD	–	7

Prizes Awarded

Elsa Goveia Prize: – Annekia Samms

Gladwyn Turbutt Prize in:

European History: – Sherika Service

Archaeology: – Jaunita Hyatt

Atlantic History: – Daniella Logan,

Historical Methodology: – Jared Tennant

ILM-AL-AHSAN Prize in:

The Asian World prior to 1600 – Jared Tennant

History of Modern China – Rodney Miller

Modern Japan – Nicholas Richards

History of the Middle East since 1915 – Rebecca Staple

Neville Hall Prize: – Yashuka Milton

Walter Rodney Prize: – Phyllis Corke