WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

Teaching & Curricula Developments

During the academic year 2011/12, the Department finalised the structure History Major with a Minor in Law with the Faculty of Law. A structured History Major with a Minor in International Relations is now on offer, as well as that for Journalism. Similar strategies are to be pursued involving Caribbean Economic and Business History courses with the respective Departments and Schools in the Faculty of Social Sciences. HIST3026 (H30Z): Education and Development in the Commonwealth Caribbean Since the 1930s was offered for the first time this academic year, and all BEd History and Education students are encouraged to take this course. New courses in European History include H2405: War and Conflict in Europe, 1870-1945, and H2406: Politics and Society in Europe since 1945 were approved. A Level III European History course, Britain since 1944 was recently reviewed in the Department, and is to be fine-tuned for sending on to the Faculty sub-committee of AQAC. The Level I European History course HIST1408 (H14H) was revised to end later in the 18th century, so that there is no disconnect with the Level II course HIST2403 which begins with the French Revolution. The new course code is now HIST1407 (H14G).
During the academic year, the Department assumed responsibility of the BA in Africa and African Diaspora programme. The programme is to be reviewed with the support of other Departments on the Campus.

A major accomplishment of the Department during 2011/12 was the revision of its graduate programmes under the guidance of Dr. Aleric Josephs. Given the Board for Graduate Studies and Research mandate that all taught graduate programmes in the UWI must have a minimum total of 36 credits, the Department’s review committee set about re-examining and where necessary, revising all the taught Master's courses in the MA History, MA Heritage Studies programmes. In its re-examination of the taught courses, the Committee recognised that there were three courses in the MA History programme which merited a weighting of six credits each. These courses include HIST6703: Historic Landscape; H6704: Oral History and HIST6707: Family History. HIST6712: Theory and Method was revised to increase its credit weighting to six credits. HIST6003: Historiography and Emergence of West Indian History was designed, incorporating elements from two previous three credit courses, which allowed for an increase in the credit weighting to six credits. HIST6301: State and Development in Africa and HIST6401: Crisis in Parliamentary Democracy both remain at 3 credits each. For the MA Heritage Studies programme, HIST6703 Historic Landscape and H6704: Oral History (both referred to above) and HIST6702: Artefacts, Museums and Archives and HIST6710: Audio-Visual History, because of their existing content and assessment merited an increased weighting to 6 credits. The Practicum, which had always been a part of the Heritage Studies programme, was developed into a three credit course. For the Mphil programme, students are now required to do three courses: (HIST6712 (H67L): Theory and Method of History, HIST6003 (H60C): Historiography and the Emergence of West Indian History (formerly HIST6001 and HIST6002); HIST6704 (H67D): Oral History: Values and Techniques.

Ms Laura Lee Jones, graduate student in the MA Heritage Studies programme, participated in the UNESCO Caribbean Training course in preparation of nomination dossiers for 2012-13, held 5-15 June 2012.

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Dr Kathleen Franz, Director of the Public History Programme, and Dr April Shelford, both of the Department of History, American University, Washington DC, met with the Head and members of the Department who teach in the Heritage Studies programme on June 4, 2012 to discuss ways of developing collaborative links between the two Departments with respect to their respective programmes in Heritage Studies and Public History.

The Department collaborated with the Department of Physics on the Session, “Principles and Applications of portable XRF analysers: Non-destructive analysis of Cultural Heritage Artefacts and Artworks” in The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) & Thermo Fisher Scientific Workshop, In-situ Applications of the X-ray and Gamma-ray Spectroscopy Techniques, held Monday, August 22, 2011; and, co-sponsored with the Department of Physics, a Public Lecture, Application of XRF Technology for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage and Artifacts, delivered by Dr Andreas Karydas, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), on Thursday, August 25, 2011.

The Historical and Archaeology Society (The History Club)

The Historical Society organised by students under the able guidance of the Department’s liaison officer to the Society, Dr Jenny Jemmott, continued to be very active during the year. The Society toured heritage sites in Lucea, and assisted with the Department’s representation at Saint Georges’s College’s Heritage Day exhibition. The Society was also well represented in the Archaeology Awareness Programme organised by the Archaeology Society of Jamaica. Nine members of the Society received certificates for outstanding performance in culture at the annual UWI, Mona student awards ceremony. Mouricia Allen, Tatiana Answer, Andrew Blair, Shenhyae Ferguson, Tonya King, Demar Ludford, Kyesha Randal, Raschid Robertson and Tamika Rowe. Oshane Robinson and Adrian Reid received awards in the category of certificate of excellence in culture. The Society was also recognized as the most improved Society.
Archaeology

Mr Ivor C. Conolley received his PhD in Archaeology with high commendation, in January 2012. His thesis, titled, “Montego Bay Pottery and Culture in Western Jamaica: Significance and Implications for Jamaican Taino Pre-History”. Conolley’s PhD is the first in Archaeology to be awarded by the University of the West Indies.

The Department through its Archaeology Section provided monitoring services on the site of the Basic Medical Sciences complex following the discovery of human skeletal remains at West Road. Dr Stephan Lenik and archaeologists from the Jamaica National Heritage Trust, conducted a recovery and examination exercise of the site, and monitored to ensure that there were no further disturbances of graves located in the area. A total of thirteen graves have so far been identified in the area, and preliminary analysis has established that these graves are associated with the 18th century Papine sugar estate once located on the Mona campus. Visiting Fulbright Scholars to the Department during the academic year included Ms Heidi Savery, and Mrs Christina Brooks, both attached to the Archaeology unit.

The Department through Archaeology students under guidance of their lecturer, Dr Stephan Lenik, collaborated with Jamaica National Heritage Trust in the excavation exercise of Fort Rocky, Port Royal, May 19-28, 2012, as part of the Field School module in the course, HIST2801: Research Methods and Techniques in Archaeology.

Social History Project

The Social History Project (SHP) continues to collect and catalogue all the oral history projects completed by students in the Heritage Studies Programme, as well as the research papers in the MA History and Heritage Studies programmes and other MA students’ A and B+ course work research papers and theses. The office is also the storehouse of a growing collection of oral interviews of Jamaica’s businessmen, which is part of a research project into the Jamaica’s Business History Since 1962, begun in January 2010, and funded by the Office of the Principal, Special Projects.
28th Annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture

The Department held the 28th annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture on 27 March 2012 at the Sir Phillip Sherlock Centre for the Creative Arts. Professor Emeritus Carl Campbell delivered the Lecture, titled, “The Education Landscapes of the Greater Antilles in Historical Perspective”.

Distinguished Visitors to the Department

Professor Emeritus Robert Hill gave a graduate seminar “Historical Documentary Editing: Presentation, Arrangement, and Selection”, and also a Public Lecture, “Returning Garvey to the Caribbean” March 2, 2012 in the Main Library, Multifunctional Room. Professor Hill also gave a seminar to graduate students in History on the “Principles and Practice of Historical Documentary Editing” earlier that afternoon. On 9 November 2011, the Department in association with the Haitian Studies Association hosted a Public Lecture “Haiti: Inequities and Reconstruction” delivered by Professor Claudine Michel, Department of Black Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara at the Multifunctional Room, Main Library.

Public Outreach

Members of staff were engaged in a number of public outreach activities, which include the provision of consultancy services to international organisations, participation in radio and television discussion programmes, organising conferences and symposia, and delivering public lectures at various venues, locally and overseas. The Department’s annual CAPE History Lecture series was held on April 14 and 21 2012, and some 200 students from High schools within and outside the corporate area participated. These included the Titchfield High, St. George’s College, Manchester high, Glenmuir High, Clarendon College, Morant Bay High, the Wolmer’s Girls, the Queen’s School, DeCarteret College, Ardenne High and the Alpha Academy. Members of staff who delivered lectures included Dr Dave Gosse, “The Virginia Rebellion of 1831”; Dr Aleric Josephs, “Ideology, and Strategies and the Causes of the Abolition Movement in Europe”; Professor Emeritus Carl Campbell,
“Independence, Assimilation in Francophone Caribbean”, Dr Khitanya Petgrave, “ Causes and Consequences of the American War of Independence up to 1789”; Dr Wigmoor Francis, “Manifest Destiny and Imperial Identity in USA to 1917”; Dr Jenny Jemmott, “Gandhi and the Nationalist Movement in India”; and Dr Enrique Okenve, “South Africa: Mandela and the National Liberation Movement”. The event was coordinated by Dr Aleric Josephs assisted by Mrs Claudine Walker Robinson, Senior Secretary in the Department.

Staff Matters

Dr Stephan Lenik joined the staff as Lecturer in Archaeology as of August 1, 2011. Dr Matthew Smith’s research fellowship leave was extended to July 31, 2012. Drs Matthew Smith and Kathleen Monteith both crossed the Merit Bar in the Senior Lectureship scale to take effect as of August 1, 2012. Dr Veront Satchell was promoted to the rank of Professor of History. Dr Patrick Bryan was conferred with the title of Professor Emeritus as of October 2011, and was awarded the Commander of Distinction by the Government of Jamaica for his services to Academia. Dr Matthew Smith was awarded the Principal’s Research Award for Best Publication – Article- in the Faculty for 2010/11, for “H.G. and Haiti: An Analysis of Herbert G. DeLisser’s Land of Revolutions”, Journal of Caribbean History, 44:2 (2010): 1-18. Dr Sultana Afroz resigned from her position as Lecturer in History effective July 31, 2012. Mrs Claudine Walker Robinson was promoted to Senior Secretary effective August 1, 2012. Mrs Camillia Clarke Brown was appointed Senior Administrative Assistant to the Head of Department as of 1 January 2012. Ms Rudy-Ann Dennis, Temporary Clerical Assistant, resigned to take up an offer of full time employment.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Jonathan Dalby

- “A Law for the Rich and a Law for the Poor”? “Assize Court Justice and the Role of Judges in Post-Emancipation Jamaica,
1834-1865”, Staff/Graduate Seminar series, Department of History and Archaeology, the UWI, Mona, December 2, 2011, 28pp.


Dave Gosse

• “Plantation Management at Worthy Park in Early Nineteenth Century Jamaica”, Staff/Graduate Seminar Series, Department of History and Archaeology, the UWI, Mona, March 16, 2012, 22pp.

Stephan Lenik


• “Conducting an Inventory of Artifact Collections at the University of the West Indies, Mona”, 10th Annual Symposium of the Archaeological Society of Jamaica, the UWI, Mona, April 11-12, 2012, 6pp.


Khitanya Petgrave


James Robertson

• ‘The Spanish Plan to Invade Georgia in 1737: The Cuban Missile Crisis of the 1730s?’ the Early Americas Seminar, De Paul University, Chicago, May 18, 2012, 38 pp.

• ‘Jamaica’s Victorian Architectures, 1834-1907,’ the Archaeological Society of Jamaica’s 10th Symposium, Main Library, the UWI, Mona, April 12, 2012, 11 pp.

• ‘The Practice of Scientific Research in Eighteenth-Century Jamaica: Local Cooperation and Contacts in Anthony Robinson’s Research,’ Staff/Graduate Seminar, Department of History and Archaeology, the UWI, Mona, October 7, 2011, 21 pp.

Veront Satchell

Matthew Smith


• The Foundations of the Haitian Diaspora, the International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Canada, October 14, 2011, 25pp.

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PUBLICATIONS

Books & Monographs

Sultana Afroz


Patrick Bryan


Veront Satchell

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

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Daive Dunkley

– Member, Board of Directors, The Edna Manley College of Visual and Performing Arts

– Member, Academic Board, The Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts

Dave Gosse

– Chairman, Board of Management, The Ardenne High School.

Jenny Jemmott

– Member, National World Heritage Committee, Jamaica National Heritage Trust.
Stephan Lenik

- Member, Executive Committee, Archaeological Society of Jamaica
- Member, National World Heritage Committee, Jamaica National Heritage Trust
- Member, Council of the Institute of Jamaica

Veront Satchell

- Member, Board of Directors, The Mico University College;
- Member, Board Lady Mico Trust
- Member, Board of Managers, The Queen’s School
- Reviews Editor, *Journal of Caribbean History*
- Member, Board of Directors, The Jamaica National Heritage Trust
- Member, Board of Directors, The Registrar General’s Department

Aleric Josephs

- Chief Examiner, CAPE (History) for Caribbean Examination Council

Kathleen E. A. Monteith

- Member, Editorial Board of the *Journal of Caribbean History*;
- Member, National Library of Jamaica’s Collections Development/Information Systems and Services and Management Committee
- Member, Executive Committee, Jamaica Historical Society
- Editor, *Jamaican Historical Review*
- Convenor, Scholarship/Grants Committee, Anglican Community University of the West Indies, Mona Chapel

Khitanya Petgrave

- Member, Review Committee, *Carib Xplorer* Life & Science of the Caribbean Journal
James Robertson

– Acting President, Jamaican Historical Society
– Vice President, Archaeological Society of Jamaica
– Member, Board of Directors, Museums and Ethnography Division, the Institute of Jamaica
– Member, Board of Management Exhibition sub-committee, Natural History Museum of Jamaica
– Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Early American History
– Member, National Archives Advisory Committee

Matthew Smith

– Member, Board of Directors of the Museums and Ethnography Division, the Institute of Jamaica
– President, Haitian Studies Association

Waibinte Wariboko

– Member, Editorial Board, Notes and Records: An International Journal of African and African Diaspora Studies
– The Southern Quarterly: A Journal of the Arts in the South

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– Member, Board of Trustees, The Archbishop Samuel Carter Educational Fund
– Member, Board of Directors, Museums and Ethnography Division, the Institute of Jamaica
– Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Caribbean History
– Editor, Journal of Caribbean History
– Convener, Executive Nominating Committee of the Association of Caribbean Historians.
INFORMATION ON STUDENTS

Prizes Awarded

The Gladwyn Turbutt prizes in:-

European History: KOATHES, Stephanie Gabrille
Archaeology: MINOTT, Ka-Sheena Zaitor
Atlantic World History: DAVIDSON, Monique Oliver
Historical Methodology: MALCOLM, Norman Andre

The ILM-AL-AHASAN prizes in:-

The Asian World Prior to 1600: COPSY, Monique Carissa-Kaye
History of Modern China: FERGUSON, Shenhaye Cavelle
Modern Japan: WILLIAMS, Robert Kevin
History of the Middle East: BONAPARTE-ELIEN, Trevlyn

The Neville Hall Prize (History of the Americas): GRAY, Fernando Anthony

The Walter Rodney Prize (History of Africa): GREEN, Daneille Stacy-Ann

The Elsa Goveia Prize (West Indian History): MCDERMOTT, Martina.