

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY



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THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

Academic Programmes

Undergraduate

In 2015/16 the Department continued to face significant challenges with a much reduced student enrolment in its academic programmes, resulting in a significant reduction in course offerings. The reduction however has been carried out conscientiously in order to retain as much as possible the diversity in the History programme and a recognition of the importance of courses in Asia and the Middle East given the topical issues related to current world affairs in those regions, and the deepening economic linkages between the region and Asia, particularly China. In view of the need to reduce course offerings, a revision of the African History programme, and the development of a new Level 3 course, the

United States in the Americas exploring the US involvement in Latin America, are even more crucial. The development of a Summer Archaeology Field School aimed specifically at overseas students, but not limited to them, also remains relevant.

Postgraduate

Nine students entered the Department's graduate programmes: 2 in the MPhil programme, 1 in the MA History and 7 in the MA Heritage Studies programmes. Three students were awarded the MA in Heritage Studies (Recardo Valentine, Joan Grant Rodney and Emily Charlotte Maus), and one in MA in History (Tatinesha Forbes). One student, Karl Watts, successfully defended his PhD in History. Nicole Plummer is preparing for her viva, and Yvette Haughton is making corrections to her MPhil.

The annual Graduate Seminar Workshop held on 30 April and 7 May had eight students presenting on their research topics in Heritage Studies. This year for the first time, one of the sessions was cross campus inter-departmental with the Department of History at St. Augustine joining via PolyCom, with two of their MA History students presenting on their research papers.

Academic Staff

The Department was saddened by the sudden passing of Mrs Karen Thompson Spence, Technologist in the Archaeology laboratory in September 2015. Mrs Spence provided 23 years of dedicated service to the Archaeology programme. Following Mrs Spence's passing, two graduate students were appointed temporary laboratory assistants in January 2016. The post was advertised and filled on June 1, 2016 by Mr Clive Grey.

Awards

Dr. Jonathan Dalby received the Principal's award for Best Publication (Article) in the Faculty of Humanities and Education for his article; Dr.

Jenny Jemmott received the Principal's award for Best Publication (Book) in the Faculty of Humanities and Education for *Ties That Bind. The Black Family in Post Slavery Jamaica, 1834–1882*, Kingston: The University of the West Indies Press, 2015; and Professor Matthew Smith was awarded the 2015 Haiti Illumination Project Book Prize by the Haitian Studies Association for his book, *Liberty, Fraternity, Exile. Haiti and Jamaica after Emancipation*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2014.

SEMINARS/ PUBLIC LECTURES/CONFERENCES

- The Department hosted “‘Terror Spread’: The Morant Bay Rebellion in Jamaican History” Conference 22–24 October 2015, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the rebellion. The Opening Ceremony was held at the Regional Headquarters of the University of the West Indies, at which Dr. Swithin Wilmot delivered the Keynote Address, “The Road to Morant Bay.” Twenty papers were presented during the two-day conference held in the Council Room of the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. *The Journal of Caribbean History* Vol. 50: 1 (June 1, 2016) published four of the conference papers and the Keynote Address. Five more papers are scheduled for publication in another special issue, Vol 50: 2.
- The 32nd annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture was held on 22 March 2016 at the Sir Philip Sherlock Centre for the Performing Arts. The guest lecturer was Lara Putnam, Professor of History at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania who delivered “Cities of Women: Gender Divides in Circum-Caribbean Migration, 1880–1930,” which was well received.
- Staff/Graduate Seminar Series hosted eleven presentations during the academic year with participation by three faculty and three graduate students of the Department. Five visitors to the Department made presentations and two seminars were cross campus inter-departmental with the Department of History, St. Augustine campus joining via PolyCom.
- Two Public Lectures were held in collaboration with the Department

of Government: “Chilean Contribution to Peacekeeping in Latin America and the Caribbean” by General Esteban Guarda Barros, General Brigade of the Chilean Army, 28 October 2016, and “The 2016 US Presidential Elections: Processes, Procedures, Prospects by Dr. Raymond Brown, Diplomat in Residence and Senior Lecturer 11 May 2016, Faculty of Law, UWI, Mona.

The Annual Field School in Archaeology

This was conducted on the Mona campus in the area where the overseer’s house of the Mona sugar estate was located. Eight undergraduate students registered in the course HIST2801: Research Methods and Techniques in Archaeology along with two graduate students participated in the exercise which unearthed artefacts which included ceramics imported from Europe, bottle glass fragments, and clay tobacco pipes.

The Jamaica Parish Histories Project

The Jamaica National Building Society Foundation commissioned the Department to research and write updated parish histories of Jamaica which includes documenting the unique cultural heritage of the fourteen parishes. These are to be uploaded to a website managed by the JN Foundation. The project was launched by Mr Earl Jarrett, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the JN Building Society Foundation during the Opening Ceremony of the Morant Bay Rebellion conference on 22 October. Dr. Jenny Jemmott is the Lead researcher and writer on behalf of the Department.

The Social History Project

The Social History Project completed the Time Capsule Project: “A People’s History: The Jamaica 50 Time Capsules” which was commissioned by the Jamaica 50 Secretariat in the then Ministry of Youth and Culture in 2012 and funded by the CHASE Fund. The Time Capsules include two barrel shaped containers into which items of Jamaica’s heritage and lived history in the period 1962–2015 have been placed. The first barrel

covers the period 1962–2000 and the second covers the period 2000–2015/16. In addition to artefacts the Time Capsules also contain the voices and thoughts of Jamaicans about the past 53 years. The views of Jamaican youth were also captured in a collection of 53 letters by students aged 6–16 who documented their future selves and describe what they imagine Jamaica to be in 2062. A "Book of Record" detailing descriptions of all the items (approximately 700 in total), provide a description of the project's history, an inventory of the items, photographs of each item, and a narrative of Jamaica's history.

OUTREACH

- The Annual CAPE History Lecture Series: Six Lectures covering Units 1 and 2 of the CAPE History syllabus were delivered: (The Russian Revolution to 1924, Nazism in Germany up to 1945; Decolonization and Liberation; Independence and National Development up to 1900 – Brazil /Venezuela; A Comparative Analysis of Indigenous Societies in the Americas; The Cuban Revolution, 1959–1983; Final Dismantlement of the Slave Systems, 1807–1886). Some 250 students from 18 schools from rural parishes and the Kingston and St. Andrew metropolitan area attended.
- 2014 CAPE History Teachers' Workshop: The Department, in association with the School of Education, held the third annual CAPE History Teachers' Workshop on 5 December 2015 for High school teachers of CAPE History. The workshop was attended by 26 teachers from 20 schools within and outside the Corporate Area, and involved two sessions: Teaching for the Development of Historical Thinking and Using the Skills of the Historian. Each participant was presented with a Resource Package which included a Workshop Resource booklet and brochures outlining career avenues for graduates with a degree in History.

Re-interment Ceremony

The Department participated in the Re-interment Ceremony organised by the Mona Campus Heritage Committee and held on 7 February 2016 of the remains uncovered in January 2012 near the Basic Medical Science Complex. Rev. Trevor Edwards, UWI Mona Campus Chaplain, Rev. Bosworth Mullings of the UTCWI officiated and Bishop Donovan Morgan of Mount Carmel Revival Mission performed the rites for the re-interment. The University Singers, and Revival Drummers provided very appropriate and moving musical renditions. Students in the History and Archaeology Society along with members of the Department formed a procession as the remains were driven from the West Road Archaeology Lab to the site for re-interment at the West Road Park. Pro Vice Chancellor and Principal of the Mona Campus, Professor Archibald McDonald read a message on behalf of the Campus, and Dr. Kathleen Monteith, Head of the Department delivered the Statement of Purpose which outlined the discovery, its significance and the steps that were taken to prevent any further disturbance of the gravesite. The Ceremony was chaired by Dr. Aleric Josephs, Chair of the Mona Campus Heritage Committee.

Promotional Activity

Ms Karreene Morris, a graduate student in the Department gave an interactive presentation on the importance of a degree in History for national development to High School students attending the CAPE History Lecture Series. Dr. Jenny Jemmott coordinated the Department's participation in the Campus' Research Days activities during which the Department's course and programmes were promoted. The Department's Website and Facebook continued to be periodically updated under the supervision of Dr. Julian Cresser, assisted by Mrs Rudy-Ann Dennis Copeland. For AY2015/16, eighteen activities were posted to the FaceBook account, and currently there are 591 likes as of May 11, 2016, compared with 475 likes in May 2015.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PAPERS

Zachary Beier

- “Dwelling Practices at the Cabrits Garrison Laborer Village, Dominica”, 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, Florida, April 2016. 13 pp.
- “‘Garrison Culture’: A Living History of the Ruins at Fort Rocky, Kingston Harbor”, 14th Symposium of the Archaeological Society of Jamaica, The UWI, Mona, March 2016. 16 pp.

Jonathan Dalby

- “Precursors to Morant Bay: The Pattern of Popular Protest in Post-Emancipation Jamaica 1834–65”, The Terror Spread: The Morant Bay Rebellion and Jamaican History Conference, The UWI, Mona, 22–25 October 2015. 37pp.
- “Race or Place? Investigating the Roots of East Indian Violence in Nineteenth-Century Jamaica.” Department of History and Archaeology Staff/Graduate Seminar, The UWI, Mona, 27 November 2015. 30pp.
- “‘What I take from my master...he loses nothing by its transfer.’ Property Crime and its Prosecution in Post-Emancipation Jamaica, 1835–99”, British Academy Research Network on Crime and its Representation in the Anglophone Caribbean, 1834–2018, University of Leicester, UK, 12 July 2016. 38pp.

Jenny Jemmott

- “Surviving the Suppression: The Significance of Black Testimonies in the Aftermath of the Morant Bay Rebellion,” The Terror Spread: The Morant Bay Rebellion and Jamaican History, The UWI, Mona, 22–25 October 2015. 10pp.

Aleric Josephs

- “Jamaica Before and After October 1865: A Laywoman's Views”, The Terror Spread: The Morant Bay Rebellion and Jamaican History, The UWI, Mona, 22–25 October 2015. 26pp.

Enrique Okenve

- “Antes de la tradición: Dinamismo social, innovación y autonomía política en África ecuatorial, 1900–1915”, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Centro de Estudios Afro-Hispánicos – III Seminario Internacional sobre Guinea Ecuatorial, 7 July 2016. 36pp.
- “The Power of the Past: Reconstructing Tradition in Colonial Equatorial Africa, 1938–1948”, Department of History and Archaeology, Staff/Graduate Seminar, The UWI, Mona, April 2016. 22pp.
- “From Indigenous to Oppressor: Power, Indigenization and Fang society in Equatorial Guinea, 1927–1979”, University of Leiden, Faculty of Archaeology – International Colloquium: Heritage and Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 22 September 2015. 19pp.

James Robertson

- “‘Maisons très-bien bâties’: opportunities for recovering a Jamaican townscape” and “Reconsidering the breaks in Jamaica’s urban past” at Workshop, Les territoires de la ville, de l’archipel des Antilles au plateau des Guyanes: espaces, sociétés et relations (XVIe-XXIe siècles), Université des Antilles, St. James Campus, Saint-Claude, Guadeloupe, 2 October, 2015. 22 pp. and 12 Ppt. slides.
- “Reflecting on Morant Bay and its aftermath: John Clarke’s ‘Dirge for the St. Thomas in the East Riot and Massacre’”, The Terror Spread: The Morant Bay Rebellion and Jamaican History, The UWI, Mona, 22–25 October 2015. 12pp.
- “Island Time: Disasters in the comprehension of Montserrat’s Past”, Department of History & Archaeology Staff/Graduate Seminar, The UWI, Mona, 5 February, 2016. 22pp.
- (With Peter Espute). “Jamaican Place Names in 1655”, The Archaeological Society of Jamaica, 14th Symposium, The UWI, Mona, 17 March, 2016. 3pp and 65Ppt. slides.
- (With Veront Satchell, Elizabeth Pigou). Round Table Discussion

of Louis Nelson's Architecture and Empire in Jamaica, The Archaeological Society of Jamaica, 14th Symposium, The UWI, Mona, 17 March, 2016. 3pp.

- "Strategic boundaries during the prolonged English campaign to hold Jamaica and their legacies On Edge: New Frontiers in Atlantic History", Southampton University, UK, 1 July, 2016. 8pp.

Robert Sierakowski

- "A Shared History: Bolívar's Caribbean Sojourn and South American Independence," Simon Bolivar's "Jamaica Letter" After 200 Years: History, Sovereignty and Regionalism, Latin America and the Caribbean Centre (LACC), The UWI Regional Headquarters, 11 November 2015, 22 pp.

Matthew Smith

- (With Ishtar O. Govia). "Many Rivers to Cross: Regional/International Migration from Jamaica, 1960–1980", Writing Camp for Jamaica Return Migrants Study, University of Michigan, 26 June–1 July 2016. 15 pp.
- "All Are One: King, Civil Rights, and the Caribbean Experience", Martin Luther King Jr Lecture, Department of African and African-American Studies/Peoples of Caribbean and West Indian Descent, University of Michigan, 25 February 2016. 20pp.
- "No Direction Home: Exile and Politics in Late Nineteenth Century Haiti", l'École des Hautes Etudes Sciences Sociales (EHESS) Paris, France 18 December 2015. 20 pp.
- "Liberty, Fraternity, Exile: Haiti and Jamaica after Emancipation", Caribbean Connections: A Look From Within-19th Century to Present, Miami, Florida, 21 November 2015. 10 pp.
- "Haiti at the Cross: The Polarity of Occupation," American Occupations, Winthrop-King Institute of French and Francophone Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, 9 November 2015. 20 pp.

- “Montgomery to Mona: King, the Civil Rights Movement, and Jamaica, 1955–1965,” The MLK Moment, UWI & the 1960s, The UWI-Museum, 6 November 2015. 12pp.
- “65: Imagining the Morant Bay Rebellion in Twentieth Century Jamaica”, The Terror Spread: The Morant Bay Rebellion and Jamaican History, The UWI, Mona, 22–25 October 2015. 25 pp.

Taka Oshikiri

- ‘Chanoyu in Woodblock Prints’. Kuzushiji Workshop, University Frankfurt, 23 July 2016. 15pp.
- ‘The Plum Tree Branch and the Mayfly: the Representation of Tea Ceremony in Japanese Popular Art Prints’, Staff/ Graduate Seminar, Department of Modern Languages, The UWI, Mona, 28 April 2016. 9 pp.

Swithin Wilmot

- “George William Gordon and Black Politics in Free Jamaica”, 48th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians, Havana, Cuba, June 5–9, 2016. 23 pp.
- “The Road to Morant Bay: Politics in Free Jamaica, 1838–1865”, Keynote Address at The Terror Spread: The Morant Bay Rebellion and Jamaican History conference, The UWI, Mona, 22–25 October 2015. 25 pp.
- “Emancipation and Rebellion: Jamaica 1838–1865”, Colloquium on the Morant Bay Rebellion, Harriet Tubman Institute, York University, Canada, 13 October 2015. 27 pp.
- “The Significance of Morant Bay”, Address at the Opening of the Institute of Jamaica’s Exhibition on Morant Bay, 31 October 2015. 15 pp.
- “From Emancipation to Morant Bay: Jamaica 1838 to 1865”, African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica’s Symposium on the Morant Bay Rebellion, 29 October 2015. 22 pp.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

Matthew Smith

(Guest Editor). "Turning Our Heads to Haiti—A Special Issue,"
Caribbean Quarterly 62:1 (March 2016). 142 Pp.

Articles and Book Chapters

Julian Cresser

- "Norman Manley" Vol.4, pp.195-198; "Arthur Wint" Vol. 6, Pp.379–380; "Alfred Valentine" Vol. 6, Pp.245–246; "P.J. Patterson" Vol.5, Pp.94–97; "Michael Holding" Vol. 6, Pp.314–315; "Courtney Walsh" Vol.6, Pp. 324–325, *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, Gates, Henry Louis Jr and Franklin W. Knight (Eds.) (New York: Oxford University Press, June, 2016).

Jenny Jemmott

- "Muriel Weekes" (Vol. 6, Pp.349–350), *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, Gates, Henry Louis Jr and Franklin W. Knight (Eds.) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016).
- "Surviving the Suppression: The Significance of Witnesses' Testimonies before the Jamaica Royal Commission of 1866," *The Journal of Caribbean History*, Vol. 50: 1, 2016. Pp. 18–35.

Aleric Josephs

- "Mary Jane Seacole" (Vol. 6, Pp.34–37); "Theodore Sealy" (Vol.6, Pp.38–0), *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, Gates, Henry Louis Jr and Franklin W. Knight (Eds.) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016).

Kathleen Monteith

- “G. Arthur Brown” (Vol.1, Pp. 416–419); “George Stiebel” (Vol.6, Pp.137–140), *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, Gates, Henry Louis Jr and Franklin W. Knight (Eds.) (New York: Oxford University Press, June, 2016).

James Robertson

- “‘That Vagabond George Stewart of England’: Leonard Howell’s Seditious Sermons, 1933–1940” in *Leonard Percival Howell and the Genesis of Rastafari*, Clinton A. Hutton, Michael A. Barnett, D.A. Dunkley and Jahlani A.H. Niaah (Eds.), (Kingston: The University of the West Indies Press, 2015). Pp.69–106.
- (Book Review) Louis P. Nelson, Edward A. Chappell with Brian L. Cofrancesco and Emilie Johnson, *Falmouth, Jamaica: Architecture as History*. Kingston: The University of the West Indies Press, 2014, *Jamaica Journal* 36:1–2 (2016), p.146.

Robert Sierakowski

- “Cantinas, Caciques y Clientelismo: El Estado Somocista en las Segovias,” *Revistas de Temas Nicaraguenses*, No. 90, 2015. Pp. 183–219.
- “Central America’s Caribbean Coast,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*, William Beezley, (ed.) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016. 29 Pp.

Matthew Smith

- “Opening: Haiti Scene,” Introduction. *Caribbean Quarterly* Special Issue on Haiti, 62:1 (March 2016): Pp.1–6.
- “Jamaica Needs Haiti: Island Exchanges and Cultural Relations in the 1950s”. *Caribbean Quarterly*, Special Issue on Haiti, 62:1 (March 2016): Pp.13–38.
- “Capture Land: Jamaica, Haiti, and the United States Occupation”. *Journal of Haitian Studies* – Special Issue on the U.S. Occupation of Haiti, 21:2 (Fall 2015): Pp.154–179.

- “Daniel Fignolé,” (Vol.3, Pp.22–23; “Paul Magloire”, (Vol.4, Pp.168–169); “Dumarsais Estimé”, (Vol. 2, Pp. 475–477; “Sténio Vincent”, (Vol. 6, Pp.301–302; “Élie Lescot”, (Vol.4, Pp. 78–79; “Fabre Geffrard”, (Vol.3, Pp.119–120); “Bob Marley”, (Vol. 4, Pp. 223–227); “Jimmy Cliff”, (Vol.2, Pp.173–175); “Peter Tosh”, (Vol. 6, Pp. 202–204); “Mutabaruka” (Vol.4, Pp. 442–443); “Count Ossie”, (Vol. 5, Pp. 41–43); “Don Drummond”, (Vol.2, Pp.392–394); “Lee ‘Scratch’ Perry”, (Vol. 5, Pp.135–136); “Mortimer Planno”, (Vol. 5, Pp.184–185); “Clement Dodd”, (Vol. 2, Pp.366–368); “Alton Ellis”, (Vol. 2, Pp. 451–453); *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, Gates, Henry Louis Jr and Franklin W. Knight (Eds.) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016).
- (Book Review). Sarah Fanning, Caribbean Crossing: African Americans and the Haitian Emigration Movement. *American Historical Review* 121:2 (April 2016): Pp.624–625.
- (Book Review). Alex Dupuy, Haiti: From Revolutionary Slaves to Powerless Citizens: Essays on the Politics and Economics of Underdevelopment, 1804–2013 (London: Routledge, 2014). *Journal of Haitian Studies*. 21:2 (Fall 2015): Pp.380–383.

Swithin Wilmot

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PUBLIC SERVICE

Julian Cresser

- Member, Board of directors, the Jamaica National Heritage Trust
- Member, Jamaica Cricket Association Player Development Committee

Zachary Beier

- Member, Executive of the Archaeological Society of Jamaica

Aleric Josephs

- Chief Examiner, CAPE History, Caribbean Examination Council
- Member, Programme Panel, the Department of Humanities (English and History), Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica, May 13, 2016
- Coordinator, Teachers with a Mission (TWAM, integrating faith, social work and pedagogy), Hope Fellowship Church, September 2015

Kathleen Monteith

- Editor, *Journal of Caribbean History*
- Member, National Library of Jamaica's Collections Development/Information Systems and Services and Management Committee
- Member, Memory of the World Committee, UNESCO, Jamaica.
- Regional Advisor, OAS Cultural Heritage Workshop, 6–8 May 2015, Bridgetown, Barbados

James Robertson

- Editor, *Jamaican Historical Review*, 2015.
- Member, Board of Directors, the Jamaica National Heritage Trust.
- Member, Advisory Board, Caribbean Heritage Network.
- President, Archaeological Society of Jamaica.
- Vice President, Jamaican Historical Society.
- Member, National Archives Committee.
- Member, Editorial Board of *Journal of Early American History*.

Matthew Smith

- Member, Museums Board, Institute of Jamaica.
- Chair, Content Sub-Committee, Museums Board, Institute of Jamaica.
- Member, Advisory Board, H-Haiti (H-Net).

Waibinte Wariboko

- Member, Editorial Board, *Notes and Records: An International Journal of African and African Diaspora Studies*.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Onyoma: International Journal of Niger Delta Studies*.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Mbari: The International Journal of Igbo Studies*.

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- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Caribbean History*.
- Member, Museums Board, Institute of Jamaica.
- Trustee, Board of Management, Archbishop Samuel Carter Fellowship Fund

INFORMATION ON STUDENTS

Student Prizes Awarded

The Gladwyn Turbutt Prizes for:

European History:	Jordan Craig
Archaeology:	Kavian Kennedy
Atlantic World History:	Desmond Saunders and William Holland
Historical Methodology:	Clayticia Daniel
Asian History:	Stephanie Parker
Heritage Studies:	Desmond Saunders and Kirt Henry

The Neville Hall Prize (History of the Americas): Sasha Gaye Solomon

The Walter Rodney Prize (African History): Lipton Matthews

The Elsa Goveia Prize (West Indian History): Nathan Vickers