OVERVIEW

Staff movements continued this academic year. Dr. Terri-Ann Gilbert-Roberts proceeded on a one year Commonwealth Academic (Alumni) Fellowship and Professor Patsy Lewis started her second year’s leave. Dr. Arlene Bailey, from the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, Mona replaced Dr. Terri-Ann Gilbert Roberts for the academic year. In spite of all these staff movements, SALISES Mona is able to report a successful academic year.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Research Committee (Research Fellows and Heads of Units) focussed on strategic planning and prepared a draft strategic plan (2017–2022). All SALISES units prepared a SWOT analysis to inform the strategic
plan. The draft strategic plan was disseminated to participants at the SALISES Staff retreat in St. Augustine in April 2017. All units continued to collect data to inform the preparation of an operational plan.

SALISES RETREAT

All SALISES Research staff and Heads of Units from all three campuses attended a retreat at St. Augustine, April 26, 2017.

RESEARCH

SALISES staff continued to impact the policy process in Jamaica. The institute won a bid to complete a feasibility study on the Global Jamaican Immigration Card. The study is funded by the International Organization for Migration. SALISES also assisted in the preparation of a UNDP project proposal to assess human security in Jamaica.

SALISES STAFF SEMINARS

Dr Dacia Leslie, Chair of the SALISES Staff Seminar Series hosted a series of successful staff seminars and public fora. These included:

- Alleyne, Dillon “The Role of ECLAC in the Caribbean”, 28 September 2016
- Leslie, Dacia “Improving the [Re] integration of Jamaican Ex-prisoners”, 26 October 2016
- Thame, Maziki “Woman out of Place: Portia Simpson Miller and Middle Class Politics in Jamaica”, 25 May 2017
PUBLIC FORUM

_Rejection of the UK Prison Deal_, March 22, 2017, UWI Regional Headquarters; presenters were: Senator the Hon. Pernel Charles (Jr), Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Honourable Peter Bunting, Opposition Spokesperson on National Security, Bert Samuels, Pan Africanist and Attorney at Law, Horace Levy, Executive Director for Jamaicans for Justice, Maria Carla Gulotta, Coordinator Stand-Up Jamaica and Italian Honorary Consulate for Jamaica and Bernard Headley, Retired Professor of Criminology and Co-Founder of the National Organization of Deported Migrants (NODM).

CONFERENCES

SALISES Mona was commissioned to coordinate a high-level regional Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) conference. The conference was hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Other conference partners included the Planning Institute of Jamaica and the University of the West Indies. A total of 16 countries participated with 9 Ministers of Government attending.

All SALISES Mona research fellows attended the annual SALISES conference held at St. Augustine under the theme “_Small Nations, Dislocations, Transformations: Sustainable Development in SIDS_,” April 26–28, 2017.

The 11th annual Caribbean Child Research Conference was held on November 2–4, 2016 at the Golf View Hotel in Mandeville. It was the first time that the conference was being held outside of Kingston. There were approximately 911 attendees at the conference.

TEACHING

We welcomed seven new students to the Masters in Development Studies programme. They represented the fourth cohort of students who registered in that graduate programme. Based on comments from former students,
Research Fellows made proposals for the revision of the programmes. The revised MSc in Development Studies programme was approved by the Board of Graduate Studies and Research. At the MPhil/PhD level, we have continued our efforts to improve our throughput rate, monitoring student progress and communicating concerns to the students promptly.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Efforts to improve infrastructure continued, the carpet was removed and the Documentation Centre tiled.

STAFF ISSUES

Dr. Maziki Thame crossed the merit bar on the Research Fellow scale. Mr. Kevin Fraser was appointed to the post of Information Technologist. Dr. Aldrie Henry-Lee was promoted to the rank of Professor and was appointed Director.

ALUMNI

The Alumni developed a work plan for the year 2017–2018. Among other activities proposed are the mentorship of the new batch of students and the hosting of an Alumni conference/round table.

SALISES NEWSLETTER

The second issue of the SALISES Newsletter was prepared and is available online at our SALISES Mona website.

NORMAN GIRVAN DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

The Centre continued to work with the Main Library to increase access to online databases. Some of the key activities during the period included the Library Upgrade Project, four in-house library exhibitions on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), SALISES Research Clusters and SALISES Staff Publications and Awards, Information Literacy (IL)
sessions and endnote training for staff and students, participation in ‘Mona Research Days’ 2017, the integration of the special collections to the ALEPH database and the acquisition of the Louis Lindsay collection.

**DEREK GORDON DATABANK**

The DataBank acquired the following micro data sets:

- Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions 2013 and 2014 – STATIN
- Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) – UNICEF
  - Barbados – 2012
  - Saint Lucia – 2012
  - Trinidad and Tobago – 2000, 2006

**STUDENT MATTERS**

The academic year 2015/2016 ended with eleven (11) students being awarded the MSc degree in Development Studies, one (1) with the MSc in Governance and Public Policy and one (1) with the MSc in Social Policy. We welcomed thirteen (13) new students to the MSc in Development Studies programme and eight (8) to the MPhil/PhD programme for the 2016/2017 academic year. Returning students: three (3) in MSc Development Studies and twenty-four (24) MPhil/PhD: Economic Development Policy – seven (7), Governance and Public Policy – eight (8) and Social Policy – nine (9).
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PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES/SEMINARS


- **Figueroa, Mark** (2017) W Arthur Lewis & the Current Caribbean Challenges. Presented to the Eighteenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee under agenda item 3: ECLAC’s contribution to Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Celebrating 70 years. Port of Spain, Trinidad. 19 May. 8 slides.


• **Henry-Lee, Aldrie** MDGs to SDGs: What is the relevance to our Children? 11th annual Caribbean Child Research Conference, Golf View Hotel, Mandeville, November 3, 2016.

• **Henry-Lee, Aldrie** Theorizing Childhood in Small Island Developing States (SIDS), SALISES, 12th annual Conference, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, April 27, 2017.


• **Northover, P.** (2016) “English Literature, the Vernacular and Me”, *Archiving Caribbean Literature and Popular Culture*, 35th Annual West Indian Literature Conference, October 6–8, Holiday Inn Resorts, Montego Bay, Jamaica.

• **Northover, P.** Presentation to ECLAC Conference, Symposium on mainstreaming the Sustainable Development Goals in national development planning, Jamaica Pegasus, February 14–16, 2017.

• **Northover, P.** Presentation to Jamaica Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop, World Bank and PIOJ, May 11–12, 2017.


CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED


• Leach, Richard. “LEaders Activating Research Networks (LEARN) Workshop – Caribbean”, hosted by Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Port-of-Spain, 24 November 2016 (Attended remotely)

PUBLICATIONS/BOOKS

• Petmesidou, Maria, Enrique Delamonica, Christos Papatheodorou and Aldrie Henry-Lee 2016 Child Poverty, Youth (Un)Employment, and Social Inclusion, Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP), University of Bergen (UiB) / International Social Science Council (ISSC), Jekteviksbakken 31, N-5006 Bergen, Norway

Refereed Book Chapters


University of Bergen (UiB) / International Social Science Council (ISSC), Jekteviksbakken 31, N-5006 Bergen, Norway.

Refereed Journal Articles


Non-Refereed Articles


Journal Article Review

- Northover, Patricia Defining Intra-Caribbean Relations in a Post-Preference Era: Caribbean Regional Integration driven by Exogenous International Trade Pressures, for Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies

PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Bailey, A.
- Senior Editor, Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries (EJISDC)
- Vice Chair, Research, Association for Information Systems Special Interest Group on ICTs and Global Development (AIS SIG GlobDev)
- Secretary, International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) Working Group 9.4 on the Social Implications of Computers in Developing Countries
- Workshop Co-Chair, Association for Information Systems Special Interest Group on ICTs and Global Development 2016/2017 Workshops

Henry-Lee, Aldrie
- Chair of the annual Caribbean Child Research Conference
- Member of the PIOJ National Policy on Poverty and National Poverty Reduction Programme Committee
- Member of the National Committee for the Prevention of Violence against Women and Children
- Sunday School Teacher, Sts Peter and Paul Church, Kingston, Jamaica
Leach, Richard
- Member of Steering Committee, Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions

Leslie, Dacia
- Director General, Mayeltha & Gwendolyn Foundation
- Discussant, Prison-to-College Pipeline Roundtable, Ministry of National Security, 11 April 2017
- Member, Howard League for Penal Reform
- Member, Prison Fellowship, United Kingdom
- Volunteer Assessor, Jamaica's National Rehabilitation Strategy, 3 March 2017
- We Transform Mentor, Ministry of National Security, Department of Correctional Services

Northover, Patricia
- Member, Excelsior High School Student welfare committee/Chair of the LHS scholarship fund
- Associate Editor, Cultural Dynamics: Insurgent Scholarship on Culture, Politics and Power: http://cdy.sagepub.com/
- Principal Investigator/ Project Manager and Co-producer (2012–2017). UWI – GOJ Sugar Heritage Film Project

Paul, Annie
- Board member, National Gallery of Jamaica and Chair, Exhibitions Committee
- Board member, JAMCOPY

Witter, Michael
- Member of the Board of the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica, appointed to the new board
- Member of CANARI’s Caribbean Green Economy Action Learning Group, 2011–present
- Member of the Board of Recycle Jamaica, June 2014–present
– Member of the All-Island Electricity Tribunal, November 2015–present
– Member of the Board of CANARI, January 2016–present
– Member of the Labour Market Reform Commission, April 2015–June 2017