



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

Departmental Report August 2020 - July 2021

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PhD (Sociology), FIU

WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work in conjunction with the FSS @60 Celebration Committee hosted the book Launch of the latest edition of the IDEAZ Journal (Volume 15) entitled "The 2020 Vision Perspective on the Rastafari Movement". This was held on Friday, April 23, 2021, 2pm-4pm. The Department congratulates Dr. Gayle on the launch of his book, *Males and Tertiary Education in Jamaica*; UWI Press.

As the Department and the wider University adjusts to the new norm of the Covid pandemic situation, a decision from the HOD in agreement with the Dean of Faculty have mandated its administrators to work from home while engaging students and colleagues through the administrator's email system. The process so far has been working and the online teaching is progressing with minor hiccups such as, challenges with internet and computer/laptops but thankfully some students are trying their best given the circumstances. Four members of the Department were struck by COVID-19, with one having a serious episode requiring an absence or more than two months. We have been and continue to be hampered by not only the regular challenges of the pandemic, but an absence of phone lines, unstable internet access and occasional power outages.

HRD Unit

The HRD Unit has continued in its efforts to bolster its staff and students during this time of rapid change in the way in which our courses are being delivered. In this regard, we have made good on our promise to host two webinars to reinforce the mental health of our staff

and students (Saturday, 2 May 2020) and to teach them how to use the UWI's Turnitin tool (Friday, 8 May 2020). Behind the scenes, we continue to support our staff and students to complete this semester successfully and to work on revising our MSc HRD programme for future delivery online and our PhD OB programme for easier delivery when we reopen it for admissions. We are also preparing for our two courses that will be offered during the Summer Semester. We are now contemplating the feasibility of renewing our efforts to conduct some of the activities that we had planned to do in celebration of our 25-year history as a series of webinars. We have come to realise that our students are not coping well with the COVID-19 related stress and the attendant online learning. This has resulted in a number of our students requesting leave of absence (LOA) or withdrawing from our programme. In the MSW programme out of an intake of 13 students: one no show, two (2) LOA, and one (1) withdrawal. Our more than 150 (68 first year) BSc students, on the other hand, try to push through sometimes to their detriment. They are often late with assignments or worse case we get a sick leave certificate from the health centre. Many of our first-year students were expecting the full university experience of living on hall, being away from home and parents, lyming etc. Overall, our students are not coping well. The faculty and staff of the SWU remain supportive by checking in regularly by telephoning and emailing the students.

External Collaboration

The Sickie Cell Support Foundation of Jamaica (SCSFJ), led by colleague Camille Daley, was successful in its efforts to lobby the Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton to access support for sickie cell patients through the National Health Fund's Drugserve programme. The Cabinet approved the request in February 2021, to have the approximately 5000 patients attending the Sickie Cell Unit (SCU), at the UWI Mona Campus, most of whom are poor, to access medication free or heavily subsidized at Drugserve pharmacies islandwide. Sickie cell patients attending public hospitals in other parishes were already able to access Drugserve pharmacies. The MOU between the University of Cape Coast (UCC) and the University of the West Indies, (with the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, Mona Campus, with Dr. Michael Barnett as the pivot on this side of the waters and the Centre of International Education as the pivot for the UCC), that was mentioned in last year's report, has still yet to be signed by senior management at both campuses. The Legal Counsel Departments for both universities are presently dotting the i's and crossing the t's for the document, so to speak. On reflection, the current COVID Pandemic has slowed things down immensely, but it is hopeful that the document will be signed within the course of this calendar month.

Staff Movement

The Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work congratulates and supports the upward movement of Dr Marina Ramkissoon as Director of HRMD. This transfer took place in May 2021 and the Head and Staff wishes her all the best on this journey. Nonetheless, this is a major sacrifice for the Department, because not only is she one of our most senior staff members, but she is one of the polyvalent individuals, whose skillset transverses ALL of the disciplines in the Department. Dr Ramkissoon's departure leaves a significant gap, which we are attempting to underfill. Nonetheless, replacing her has not been easy and is still a work in progress as the repercussions are felt across the entire Department and indeed the Faculty.

Academic Achievement and Staff Development

Arna Elliott Rattray was promoted to lecturer, on August 1, 2020. Dr Julian Devonish proceeded on Sabbatical Leave and the Department welcomed back Dr Sharon Priestley from hers.

Conference, Workshop and Seminar Participation

- Dr Gayle hosted Daddy Matters, celebrating 30 years of public service of Fathers Incorporated, an outreach of the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, on June 19, 2021. The workshop was supported by the Faculty @60; had 15 presentations done across three hours; and had over 1000 views on the Faculty's YouTube Channel. by over a thousand persons across 22 countries including students of 17 universities in Europe, Central America, North America, Australia, and the **Caribbean**.

Four of the 15 presenters came from the Department:

- **Julian Devonish**
 - Topic: Below the radar: Boys who have sex under the age of 16 years. Daddy Matters
- **Heather Ricketts**
 - Topic: How fathers use their time. Daddy Matters
- **Orville Beckford**
 - Topic: Fathers coping with COVID-19. Daddy Matters
- **Herbert Gayle**
 - Topic: Jackets, Child-shifting and the Family Court

A number of colleagues also conducted seminars, webinars and workshops. We have had myriad presentations, interviews and articles in the media. These include, Georgia Rose, Rose Johnson, Sandra Latibeaudiere, Shauna Kay Burns, Caryl James, Herbert Gayle Dr Gayle hosted, Power Talk (Monday and Tuesday 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM), Power 106 FM, RJR Communications Group. He was also the guest, 96 times for the period, including 19 international media houses.

Between the periods August 2020 to July 2021, Dr Gayle was extensively involved in Selected Public Lectures and presentation of Papers locally and internationally. Dr Orville Beckford did a presentation at Postgraduate Students – COVID-19 Impact on Males in underprivilege Communities in Jamaica – April 22, 2021.

Articles Published in Newspapers

Dr Orville Taylor published 52 regular Columns in the Sunday Gleaner during the period

Jamaica Observer, Wednesday, October 28, 2020 (Pg15) – Let’s Have a National Heritage Month.” Barnett, Michael.

Jamaica Sunday Observer, December 27, 2020.(Pgs 32-33) Reflections on 2020 through a Rastafari Lens: Barnett, Michael

Awards

Dr Heather Ricketts Distinctions, Honours, Scholarships, Awards:
2020/21 Vice Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Service to the University Community - Academic Staff. Dr Taylor was honoured by the Football Fraternity in their Annual Bring Back the Love event, for his service to media and education and the ‘inspiration to the nation.’

Department Seminar Coordination:

- **Drs Laurajan Obermuller and Orville Beckford:** The challenges facing males during COVID-19 pandemic in Jamaica.
- **Mr Peter M. Bunting:** Critical analysis of Initial Public Offering (IPO) and Additional Public Offering APO in Jamaica.
- Prof Denise Eldemire-Shearer, Archbishop Kenneth Richards and **Dr Owen James:** Sudden Death: Coping with COVID-19 unexpected deaths in Jamaica.
- **Drs Horace Change, Herbert Gayle and Jason McKay:** Has COVID-19 Pandemic Changed Violent Crime in Jamaica?
- **Mr Paul Wright:** The Global Logistics Hub.
- **Dr Heather Ricketts and Mr Colin Williams:** Measuring Unpaid Care and Domestic Work in Jamaica.

School Engagement

Dr Orville Beckford was part of the **UWI Admission and Outreach Team** that visits

schools to inform them about UWI programmes 2012-Present; work continued online for AY 2020/2021. Dr Orville Beckford organized and presented free online workshops in CAPE Sociology, Management of Business and Caribbean Studies, at UWI for high schools students. This is in an effort to improve the quality of students coming into the sociology and other programmes at UWI Mona.

ACCESS

STUDENTS

The MSc HRD programme welcomed 50 new students into its Cohort XXIII; however by the end of the semester only 44 of these persons remained to do examinations in December. These persons were joined by one student seeking courses for completion of the MSc Applied Psychology. Two persons registered in the Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Development and one Specially Admitted Student. The Unit continues to work on transforming its face-to-face programme to an online offering. It has worked on this process with the help of The UWI's Office of Online Learning and more recently under the auspices of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Given the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the students the Unit hosted several webinars aimed at improving students' understanding of their discipline as well as to strengthen their ability to cope with the prevailing global conditions. The plethora of presentations included two with Dr. Schontal Moore to explain to staff and students how to use Blackboard Collaborate and OurVLE; one with the staff of the library, Dr. Alicia Palmer and Ms. Yolanda Tugwell - Turnitin Explained for Lecturers and Students; and one with Lecturer, Mr. Michael Roofe, on How to Create a Personal Budget. Finally, the Unit has embarked upon a joint project with the local clubs in Toastmasters International to place current and former students in Toastmasters clubs. The aim of this project is to upgrade the presentation and leadership skills of all students and graduate students from the MSc HRD, Postgraduate HRD and PhD Organisational Behaviour programmes.

Prizes awarded

Of the 39 students who graduated in January 2021, 21 graduated with Distinction from the 21st Cohort of the MSc Human Resource Development programme while the sole graduate from the Postgraduate Diploma programme did so with Distinction also. These persons were recognised at the annual Faculty of Social Science Awards Ceremony that was held on 21 January 2021. Additionally, the special prize winners Jillian Gordon, Shawna Symister, Jodiana Clarke and Tasharna Thompson-Henny made presentations in the Unit's annual HRD Practicum Showcase on Friday, 29 January 2021.

CASA Conference

The Caribbean Sociological Association (CASA) is a major initiative with deep involvement of the Deputy Principal Ian Boxill, whose substantive post is in this Department, Dr Roy McCree from UWI St Augustine and Dr Orville Taylor. Dr Ricketts has been a mainstay with other colleagues in the Department contributing. This was a success with two (2) of our students Monique Fitzgerald and Jordon Williams presenting.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

- Barnett, M., Bonacci G. & Macleod, E. (Eds.) A 2020 Vision Perspective on the Rastafari Movement: Revisiting the Field and Taking Steps Forward. (IDEAZ: Volume 15). Arawak Publications, Kingston, Jamaica. 2020.
- **McFarlane, T. A.** (2021, March 8). [Review of the book Presumed Incompetent II: Race, Class, Power and Resistance of Women in Academia, edited by Y. Flores Niemann, G. Gutiérrez y Muhs and C. G. Gonzalez]. LSE Review of Books, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2021/03/08/book-review-presumed-incompetent-ii-race-class-power-and-resistance-of-women-in-academia-edited-by-yolanda-flores-niemann-gabriella-gutierrez-y-muhs-and-carmen-g-gonzalez/>
- **James Bateman, C** (2021). "Traditional and Western Medicine - Voices from Jamaican Psychiatric Patients". The University of the West Indies Press. ISBN-10:9766408459

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTER

- **James Bateman, C** & Harrison A. "Father Hunger? Engaging Fathers in The Eating Disorder Recovery Process: A Developing Country's Perspective". in Treating Black Women with Eating Disorders. A Clinician's Guide. ed. by Charlynn Small and Mazella Fuller. Routledge, Taylor & Francis, 2020, 75-86.
- Pearce-Dunbar, V & **James Bateman, C.** "Evolution of the fluffy ideal in Jamaica", in Treating Black Women with Eating Disorders. A Clinician's Guide, ed. by Charlynn Small and Mazella Fuller. Routledge, Taylor & Francis, 2020, 194-202.

PUBLICATIONS – NON-REFEREED

- **Bowie, J.** (December, 2020). Stress Management. Fresh from FSS: Roll with it, is rolling out. Special Issue. Retrieved from https://issuu.com/fssmarketinguwi/docs/special_issue_newsletter/4?ff

- Elliott-Rattray, A. (December 2020). "Rolling with changes" in Fresh from FSS Newsletter.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- **Barnett, M.** The Legacy of Charismatic Leadership in the Rastafari Movement. In IDEAZ, Vol. 15. A 2020 Vision Perspective on the Rastafari Movement: Revisiting the Field and Taking Steps Forward. 2020.
- **Barnett, M.** "Rastafari Repatriation as Part of the Caribbean Reparations Movement." In Social & Economic Studies. Vol 68. Nos3&4. SALISES, University of the West Indies. (2020)
- **Beckford, O.** and J. Briscoe, 2021. "Exploring the Relationship Between Medication Expenditure and Chronic Diseases in Jamaica." The Excelsior Community College Academic Journal 1(1): 65-85.
- Harrison A, Gordon-Strachan G, **James Bateman C**, Trotman H, Olugbuyi O, Lambert M, Ashley D, Griffith A, Samms-Vaughan M (2021). Pregnancy Outcomes of a Birth Cohort. Are adolescent mothers really at more risk? Psychology, Health and Medicine. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13548506.2021.1909740> IF 1.706
- Ricketts, C., Compte, E.J., **James Bateman, C.** Bateman, A (2021). Psychometric evaluation of the Drive for Muscularity Scale among weightlifters in Jamaica. Eat Weight Disord **26**, 983–991. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40519-020-00935-2> IF 4.462
- **Ricketts H.** (2020). The Government of Jamaica (GoJ) COVID19 pandemic stimulus response: an opportunity to regulate and formalize? In International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, Vol. 40: 9/10 (979-993)
- Fluke, J., Tonmyr, L., Gray, J., Meinck, F., Pilkington, R., Jud, A. ... **Weaver, L.** (2021). Child Maltreatment Data: A Summary of Progress, Prospects and Challenges. Child Abuse and Neglect, 119(1), 1-11. (Invited) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2020.104650>
- Cook, L.D., Thompson, C., Weaver, S., & **Weaver, L.** (2020). Mixed Methods Research: Exploring Its Complexities and Challenges. Caribbean Journal Mixed Methods Research, 1, 167-190. <https://www.uwipress.com/caribbean-journal-of-mixed-methods-research/>

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- **Obermuller, L.** (2021): The Efficacy of Social Protection Measures in Jamaica's COVID-19 Crisis. Report commissioned and published by the Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CAPRI).
- **Heather R.** and Colin Williams (2021). Time Use, chapter in Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions 2018 report. Kingston: PIOJ and STATIN (31 pages)
- **Rogers, T.** (2021) "Legal Barriers that affect Adolescent access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services in Trinidad and Tobago. A Qualitative Study". **United Nations Population Fund/ National AIDS Coordinating Committee.**
- **Taylor, O.** (2020), (Preliminary Report) "Legislative Gaps in the Terms and Conditions of Employment of Industrial Security Guards. Ministry of Labour and Social Security."

ALIGNMENT

PAPERS PRESENTED

- **Barnett, M.** (April 14, 2021) – At the FSS @60 Symposium presented a paper entitled: "Remembering Professor Barry Chevannes' Contribution to Rastafari Studies." (8 pages).
- **Barnett, M.** (May 31, 2021) – At the virtual CSA (Caribbean Studies Association) 2021 conference (45th Annual Conference) presented a paper entitled: "Rastafari and Cannabis in the Jamaican Context." (7 pages).
- **Barnett, M.** (June 2, 2021) – At the virtual CSA (Caribbean Studies Association) 2021 conference (45th Annual Conference) presented a paper entitled: "Triumphs and Challenges of the Rastafari Movement in the Caribbean." (8 pages).
- James-Bateman, C. (moderator), **Bowie, J.**, Harrison, A., Powell, M., & Webb, J. (April 2021). The struggle is real: Preserving your mental health during the pandemic (Online Panel Discussion). Faculty of Social Sciences, University of the West Indies, Mona.
- **Bowie Dean, J.** (May 26, 2021). Emotional Intelligence in Stressful Situations. Invited Guest Speaker at Personal Development using Empathy and Emotional Intelligence; a Panel Discussion (Online Presentation – 18 slides). Hosted by Mona Library Health & Wellness Committee "LHEWco", The University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica.
- Clement Branche, Rohan McCalla, **Olivene Thomas** and Doraïne Valentine. "HRD: A Caribbean Philosophy and Approach" at the FSS@60 Conference – Virtual presentation. (14 April 2021). 13 Slides.

- **Elliott-Rattray, A** (February 2021). Violence and Abuse Prevention and Management. Young Women of Purpose/Young Men of Purpose. (Online Seminar)
- **Elliott-Rattray, A.** (March 18, 2021). Adolescents and Substance Use: What we need to know. Department of Community Health and Psychiatry, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The UWI Mona. (Online Presentation)
- **Elliott-Rattray, A.** (March 24, 2021). Social Workers are essential. Bellevue Hospital, Kingston, Jamaica. (Webinar)
- **Elliott-Rattray, A.** (May 2021). Reimagining Social Worker Self-care. Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators Reimagining Social Work Series 2021. (Online Presentation)
- **Gordon, D** Speaker on the panel, "COVID-19 and the Caribbean: Social Fallout and Response." Caribbean Sociological Association, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies, and the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, April 7, 2020.
- **Hinds-Heron, K.** (June 2021). Reimagining Field Education. Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators Reimagining Social Work Series 2021. (Online Presentation)
- **Obermuller, L. (2020).** 'The Windrush Scandal: Developments since the 2018.' Taking Stock of the Commonwealth, organised by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and based at the School of Advanced Study at the University of London. (Virtual presentation- 20 Pages)
- **Obermuller, L.(2021):** 'The challenges facing males during COVID-19 pandemic in Jamaica' Department Series, organised by the Dept of SPSW, The UWI, Mona Campus. (Virtual presentation- 30 Slides)
- **Obermuller, L. (2021):** COVID-19 impacts on families & communities. Organised by the Grace & Staff Community Development Foundation. (Virtual presentation- 35 Slides)
- **Obermuller, L. (2021):** Why should we care about young males in deprived communities in Jamaica? Organised by the WESTERN SHAMROCK LODGE NO. 889 I.C. MASONIC LECTURE SERIES 2021.
- **Priestley, S.** Beyond the Report: Using the VAWG prevalence data for on-going research for UN Women virtual conference, May 26-27, 2021.
- **Ricketts, H.** (2021). The FSS: Responsive and Activist. Presentation made at Faculty of Social Sciences' FSS@60 Symposium, April 14, 2021. (22 slides)

- **Ricketts, H.** and Colin Williams (2021). Measuring Unpaid Care and Domestic Work in Jamaica. Presentation at Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work's Graduate Research Seminar, March 25, 2021. (38 slides)
- **Ricketts, H.** and Colin Williams (2021). Experiences with Measuring Unpaid Care and Domestic work, JSLC2018. Presentation at UN Women MCO-Caribbean (Virtual) Workshop on Measuring SDG 5.4.1 in the Caribbean, February 3, 2021. (25 slides)
- **Ricketts, H.** and Jeremy Collymore (2020). COVID19, Natural Disasters and Social Protection in the Caribbean: Impact, Existing Provisions, responses and Gaps. Paper presented at Fiji National University, ILO, University of Canterbury International Webinar on COVID-19 and Social Protection Rethinking New Strategies for Pacific Communities, December 2, 2020. (22 slides)
- **Rogers, T** (2021, July 21) "Arts-Based Research and Qualitative Inquiry in Social Work Research." Paper presentation. International Society for Social Work and Research, USA
- **Rogers, T.** (2021, July15) "Queer Women affected by Gender-Based violence in the Caribbean: A Social Work Response" Association of Caribbean Schools of Social Work – Reimagining Social Work, UWI St. Augustine, Trinidad
- **Rogers, T** (2021, May 20) "Art-based inquiry: Practice and Dissemination – Social Work" Special Interest Group. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry: Collaborative Futures in Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign-Illinois, US.
- **Rogers, T.** & Langtiw, C. (2021, May 22) Academic Roundtable: "Qualitative Inquiry and the African Diaspora" International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry: Collaborative Futures in Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign-Illinois, US
- **Rogers, T.** (2021, March 24) "The Essential Nature of Clinical Social Work Practice during the Pandemic" Bellevue Hospital, Jamaica
- **Rogers, T.** (2021, April 1) "Using Art/Performance to generate data: Making performance/art from data/research findings" Performance Research Forum, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, Jamaica
- Chandraratne, N., Neelakantan, L., Casas Muñoz, A., & Meinck, F., **Weaver, L.** Discussant in the Working Group: Child Maltreatment Data Collection on "ICAST Development" at the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) International Congress, Milan 2021 via <https://event.milan2021.exordo.com/> (June 07-12, 2021)
- **Taylor, O** "His-Story: Un-men-tioned by Myths," Sagicor Group, November 16, 2020
- **Taylor, O.** "Green Crocodiles, Red Fruit Punch and Missing Fathers in the first 1,000 days:" Early Childhood Commission/ Jamaica Diaspora Conference, May 20, 2021

- **Weaver, L., & Weaver, S.** Workshop on “Applying Mixed Methods Designs to Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations” at the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) International Congress, Milan 2021 (June 08, 2021) (32 slides, 11 participants)
- **Weaver, L.** International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Child Maltreatment Data Collection Online Course, Module 4 - Planning Data Collection: “Mixed-Methods Research” (April 22- April 29, 2021) (34 slides, 63 registrants)
- Cook, L, Kamalodeen, V., Haynes-Brown, T., **Weaver, L., & Hunt-Anderson, I.** Workshop on “Basics in Mixed Methods Research” at the MMIRA-CC Online Symposium 2020 (December 17, 2020) (53 slides, 43 participants)
- Ricketts, Heather and **Williams, C.** (2021). Measuring Unpaid Care and Domestic Work in Jamaica. Presentation at Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work’s Graduate Research Seminar, March 25, 2021. (38 slides)
- Ricketts, Heather and **Williams, C.** (2021). Experiences with Measuring Unpaid Care and Domestic work, JSLC2018. Presentation at UN Women MCO-Caribbean (Virtual) Workshop on Measuring SDG 5.4.1 in the Caribbean, February 3, 2021. (25 slides)

INCOME GENERATION

- Sandra Latibeaudiere, Tracie Rogers, **Arna Elliott-Rattray** and Khadijah Williams. (March – August 2021). Medical Social Workers, Social Cases: Enabling Social Workers to Manage Social Cases in Hospitals. Ministry of Health & Wellness, Jamaica.
- Dr Tracie Rogers “Training of Hospital Social Workers: Managing Social Cases: Enhancing Health Care Services Delivery”. Funding: **The Ministry of Health and Wellness, Jamaica.** Intensive Training Consultancy. Designed and delivered by Social Work Lecturers - Dr. Tracie Rogers, Mrs Arna Elliott-Rattray, Ms Sandra Latibeaudiere and Adjunct Lecturer - Dr Khadijah Williams

PUBLIC SERVICE

Elliott-Rattray, Arna

- Assessor, University Council of Jamaica
- Member of the Non-Communicable Disease Alcohol Sub-committee of the Ministry of

Health and Wellness

- Member, Jamaica Red Cross

Beckford, Orville

- Appointed by the Minister of Education, Chairman of the **Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (CCCJ)** from 2020-2024
- Appointed Board member by the National Council on Education for Eltham High School in St Catherine from 2014-2017 and 2017-2020, 2021
- Chairman for Eltham High School Board – Academic Committee
- Deputy Chairman for the National Organization of Deported Migrants (NODM) 2019
- Member of the St Catherine Red Cross

Mona Social Services (MSS) Board

MSS Scholarship Committee – Chairman

Bowie Dean, J. (2020-2021)

- Committee Member – The University Council of Jamaica – Graduate Standards for Psychology.

Gayle, Herbert

- o Chairman, Fathers Incorporated
- o Chairman, Children First Agency
- o Commissioner, National Commission on Violence Prevention, Office of the Prime Minister
- o Member, Character Education Taskforce Committee, Ministry of Education
- o Member, USA Kingston Chapter, Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)
- o Member, Gender Advisory Council, Government of Jamaica

Hinds-Heron, Kimberley

- Board Member, Salvation Army School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- External Examiner, Northern Caribbean University, Department of Behavioural and Social Sciences, Social Work Programme
- External Examiner, Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica
- Member, Family Life Ministries – For The Children, Foster Parent Training Committee

- Member, Jamaica Red Cross

Gordon, Doreen

- Leader - Climate activism and advocacy for the Working Group "Extraction Industries."

James, Caryl

- Chair- Jamaica International Chapter- International Association for Eating Disorders Professionals (IAEDP) 2019-2021
- African American Eating Disorder Professionals and People of Colour (AAEDP-POC)
- The Jamaica Psychological Society (JPS) 2008-Present

McFarlane, Tracy

Ongoing Consultant/Assessor, University Council of Jamaica

Psychologist on teams evaluating university programmes that have applied for accreditation. Services include reviewing supporting materials, performing site visits, and submitting report with recommendations. New Consultant, Operation Restoration Christian School. Designing and implementing health promotion sessions. Providing ongoing guidance. Facilitating activity sessions and programme evaluation with UWI psychology students.

Priestley, Sharon

- Member of the Census 2021 Technical Oversight Committee
- Member of the Adolescent Reproductive Health Policy Working Group of the Ministry of Health
- Reviewer of the Demographic Characteristics Chapter for the PIOJ's Survey of Living Conditions and Economic and Social Survey publications
- Member of the Ethics Committee of the Research Department of the Ministry of National Security.

Ricketts, Heather

- Member, Technical Oversight Committee, Feasibility Study on Unemployment Insurance, Planning Institute of Jamaica/International Labour Organisation (Appointed in April 2021).

Taylor, Orville

- Member National Commission on Parliamentary Dress Code
- Resource Personnel Sprintec Track Club
- Patron Taylor House, St Patrick's Primary

- Host Hotline on RJR94FM

- Gleaner Columnist

Rogers, Tracie

- Assessor – University Accreditation Council of Jamaica, February 15-16 & 18, 2021

- Jamaica Theological Seminary BSW Social Work Programme

AGILITY

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RESEARCH GRANTS

Dr Gordon was granted the Research and Publications Award in June 2021 for final editing of “Blackness and Social Mobility in Urban Brazil” (forthcoming 2022, Palgrave Macmillan).

Principal Researcher: **T. A. McFarlane**

Funding Source: Research and Publication Fund (2021)

Project title: LGBTQ Students’ Social Identity and Health

Value of Grant: J\$270,000.00

Project Duration: 2021 – 2023

John-Aloye, S- Population Data Appreciation consultancy UNFPA US\$28,000