DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

uring the 2010/11 academic year the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work continued its efforts to implement the action plans arising from University's strategic plan and the internal and external quality assurance reviews of the Department 2008/09. conducted in The Department is pursuing its effort to establish a presence (conceptual and empirical) in the several types of Jamaican communities and to fill all psycho-socio-cultural knowledge gaps as they relate to the resilience and development of these communities.



Course Development

The Criminology Unit developed two new courses in Restorative Justice to strengthen the Department's Minor in Criminology. Theory and Practice of Restorative Justice I (SOCI 3046) was taught in Semester II, 2010/11 for the first time and the Unit is finalizing the course outline for Theory and Practice of Restorative Justice II for submission to AQUAC. These two courses will also form part of the Criminology Major which will be offered jointly with the Department of Government in the next academic year.

The Anthropology Unit completed development of a new level one course to introduce incoming students to the discipline. Introduction to Anthropology (SOCI 1006) will be taught for the first time in Semester I

of the 2011/12 academic year. The graduate course Critical Approaches to Caribbean Society and Culture, SOCI6080 was redesigned to enhance students' research skills. Students will learn more about research design and will be required to develop and test a research instrument.

Major Activities

The Social Work Unit held a series of activities to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Social Work Programme at UWI. The high point of the celebrations was a Public Forum on March 17, 2011. The forum featured a presentation by The Hon Claudia Groome-Duke, Secretary for Education, Youth Affairs & Sport of the Tobago House of Assembly. Mrs Groome-Duke is a member of the first cohort of graduates of the Master of Social Work programme which was introduced in 1993. Other speakers included Mrs. Carla Francis-Edie, CEO of the Child Development Agency, Mr Wilfred Talbert of the Citizens Security and Justice Programme in the Ministry of National Security and Unit Coordinator, Dr Peta-Anne Baker. The forum was attended by members of staff from several social work agencies. Special recognition was given to a number of social work pioneers who were present, including members of the first graduating class such as Mr. Las Lewis, who most recently was Executive Director of the Jamaica Foundation for Lifelong Learning.

Students from the social work programmes at the Northern Caribbean University and the Jamaica Theological Seminary participated in the **Forum and a workshop** to review the proposed **Code of Ethics** for Jamaican Social Workers, developed by Dr Peta-Anne Baker.

Between March 26 and April 3, five MSW students took part in a study tour to New York led by Dr. Peta-Anne Baker as an enrichment of the Methods of Policy Practice course. The group attended the annual Social Work at the United Nations Day event that is organised jointly by the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). In New York City, the group visited agencies involved in advocacy on behalf of children, persons in prison and persons with disabilities. They also had an opportunity to meet members of the Connecticut State Legislature during a visit organised by partners of the UWI programme, the University of

Connecticut (UConn) School of Social Work. Dr. Baker was presented with a Citation from the Connecticut General Assembly, honouring the work of the UWI in the field of social work education.

The Social Work Unit was proud to have one of its Master of Social Work students (graduating November 2011) be the first student to have an article included in the Caribbean Journal of Social Work under a new policy adopted by the journal to make space for students' work of high quality. The case, "Blowing the Whistle on Organisational Malpractice" which was accepted for publication was originally written as an assignment for the Professional Development and Ethical Issues in the Human Services course.

Graduate students in the year-long Social Assessment (SA) graduate course completed a comprehensive Social Assessment of the UWI/August Town Township Project. Their study comprised a participatory review of the design and implementation of the Township Project, in order to make recommendation to strengthen the programme and optimize outcomes.

The students hosted two stakeholder validation exercises, the first with community members and study participants and the second with key community leaders, the Principal, Professor Gordon Shirley, and other senior administrators of the Township Project on June 14, 2011. The SA methodology emphasizes the importance of community ownership of research findings and project sustainability. The Principal was impressed with the work done and felt that the students' policy/programme related recommendations should be incorporated into the Township Project's future plans.

The Psychology Unit's Memorandum of Understanding with the Mustard Seed Communities continues to be active. Under the MOU, the Psychology Unit provides expertise in diagnostic assessment of residents, therapeutic interventions for residents and staff training and development. Staff members have also been responsive to various issues of social concern inclusive of the recent social disturbances in West Kingston.

The Psychology Unit served as host to one Haitian graduate student within the frame work of the UWI's Haitian post earthquake response

initiative. The student successfully took several courses in the applied psychology programme. During the summer of 2011, the Unit, with the support of several graduate students, engaged with the Jamaica Ministry of Education in the psycho-educational testing of several hundred students in Western Jamaica.

The Caribbean Journal of Psychology (CJP) Volume 4, Issue 1 was published online at http://ojs.mona.uwi.edu/index.php/cjpsy/index, in July, 2011. This marks the second online publication of an issue from this journal and the first website for communicating with the Journal's audience. The CJP is making use of UWI's web facilities for both dissemination of information and managing the submission, review and publication processes.

The BSc in Psychology at Western Jamaica Campus is continuing its growth in terms of enrolment and courses being offered. Students receive the same course content and methods of assessment and there is healthy collaboration with Mona Campus staff in this regard. Over the period efforts have been made to more fully integrate the operations of the WJC Psychology with that of Mona with a view towards consolidating both as a single Psychology Unit.

The external quality assurance review of the Human Resource Development Unit was conducted during the year. The Unit's programmes were compared with over 40 others of its kind offered internationally. While the reviewers found that the Unit's programmes were competitive, they identified some areas which need to be strengthened. These improvements will be implemented in the upcoming academic year.

The Caribbean Internship Project, managed by the Department's Centre for Population, Community and Social Change, in collaboration with the Caribbean Child Support Initiative, (CCSI) and the Bernard van Leer Foundation (BVLF), has continued to play a pivotal role in assisting the CCSI's partner agencies in the region to strengthen the care environment for Caribbean children. Through the work of the Caribbean Internship Project (CIP), interns from the UWI have been assigned to a range of child development programmes, and agencies in the region. This has improved

service delivery at the agency level, improved outcomes for children and families targeted and strengthened community ownership and advocacy for projects undertaken at the community level. The CIP experience has enhanced student learning and strengthened their ability to engage in real life problem-solving.

Thirty-three interns from the three UWI campuses were assigned between January and July 2010, drawn from five Caribbean countries. Twenty-four (24) served the Roving Caregivers Early Childhood Education Programme (RCP) in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Dominica, Grenada and Belize. Eight (8) interns were assigned to Government Ministries in Grenada, Dominica and Belize and one (1) to a Non-Government agency in St. Lucia. As the BvLF funding partnership with the UWI ends in December 2011, the CIP has sought to develop new partnership arrangements with the UWI community and Regional Government Ministries to ensure its future sustainability.

Departmental Seminars

The 15th annual Derek Gordon Research Seminar, which showcases the research of graduate students, was held on February 24, 2011 under the theme "Exploring the Challenges of Life and Livelihoods in the Workplace and Community". Four graduate students, three of them from the Master of Social Work programme, made individual paper presentations. These papers variously addressed the issues of the deployment of case managers in the island's correctional institutions, factors affecting the return to employment of persons who become disabled, the impact of the mission statement on organisational performance, and work climate and motivation in a corporate organisation. An innovation of the presentations was that one was made using Skype to facilitate one of the MSWs who had recently secured work in London, England. Three graduate students from the Sociology and Anthropology programmes were part of a panel presentation which examined the impact of the closure of the Windalco bauxite plant on the town of Ewarton in Clarendon.

The Anthropology Unit held its 3rd annual Anthropology Day on Friday October 15th, 2010 under the theme *Caribbean Rhythms: Cultural Heritage and Resistance*. The day, which seeks to raise awareness and appreciation of the

importance of Anthropology, was well supported by staff and students. The programme included stimulating presentations by Dr. Erna Brodber, Dr. L'Antoinette Stines and an exciting display of the Brazilian art form Capoeira, by the Cativeiro Capoeira Group.

Dr. Michael Barnett organized the International Reggae Day Reggae Symposium on June 30, 2011. The event was well attended and featured several prominent members of the music industry and Faculty from the UWI. Dr. Barnett was also one of the key organisers of the Inaugural Leonard Howell Rastafari Conference held in June 2010, the Inaugural Rastafari Studies Conference held in August 2010 and the Peter Tosh Symposium held in October 2010.

The Human Resource Development Unit hosted two Public seminars in April 2011 to examine important issues for practitioners of the discipline. On April 13, 2011 Dr. Dulce McFarlane addressed the importance of diversity within contemporary organisations, while on April 27, 2011, Dr. Paula Cruise gave a comprehensive presentation on using scientific assessment to transform organisations.

Staff Developments

Dr. John Talbot, Senior Lecturer, was granted Fellowship leave for two years, from August 1, 2011 and Dr. Peta-Anne Baker, Lecturer, was granted Sabbatical Leave. Professor Ian Boxill was appointed the Carlton Alexander Chair in Management Studies in November 2010. He now heads the Institute of Tourism and Policy Research.

Professors Patricia Anderson and Bernard Headley retired in September 2010 and July 2011, respectively. Mr. Colin Williams, Lecturer, resigned to continue a World Bank assignment in Nigeria. Dr. Doreen Gordon, Lecturer, began a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Pretoria in February 2011. Ms. Rashalee Mitchell, Teaching Assistant, completed a Summer Fellowship in Canada during July – August 2011 with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and the Inter-American Drug Control Commission (CICAD).

Mrs. Wendy McLean-Cooke, Lecturer, received a scholarship under the CARICOM-Canada Faculty Leadership programme to undertake work at York University in Toronto, Canada. Ms McLean pursued her programme between September 2010 - February 2011 and was able to pursue courses relevant to her current teaching assignments. Dr. Sandra Chadwick-Parkes joined the Social Work Unit in Semester 2 of 2010/2011. Dr. Parkes, who has taught at the University of Guelph in Canada, comes to the Department with a background in Public Administration and Rural Development.

Dr. Sharon Priestley, lecturer, successfully defended her PhD thesis in October 2010 and was awarded PhD Demography (with High Commendation) in May 2011. Mr. Julian Devonish, lecturer, submitted his PhD thesis for examination in July, 2011.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Anderson, Moji

- 'It took a piece of me': liminality and biographical disruption as responses to an HIV diagnosis.' First International HIV Social Sciences and Humanities Conference, Durban, South Africa, June 11-13, 2011.
- "Sexual Health Services: Perspectives of Caribbean Patients in London." First International Conference on Qualitative Research in Nursing and Health, Chiang Rai, Thailand, December 1-3, 2010.
- "I am a man by saying that mi nah guh use the word: Language as shibboleth of Jamaican masculinity." American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, USA, November 17-21, 2010.

Bailey, Arlene

 with Ngwenyama, O. (2010) "Community Mediation and Violence Prevention through Telecentre Usage: ICTs mediating the 'Border Line', Association for Information Systems Special Interest Group on ICT and Global Development Third Annual Workshop, St. Louis, Missouri, USA, December 12, 2010.

Barnett, Michael

- "The Barack Obama Presidency and its Impact on Perspectives on Race in the Caribbean". 40th Conference of the Association of Black Sociologists, August 11-14, 2010, Atlanta, USA.
- "Reflections on the University Report and Rex Nettleford's Impact on the Trajectory of Rastafari Scholarship". Inaugural Rastafari Studies Conference, UWI Mona Campus, August 17-20, 2010.
- "From Combsomes to Dreadlocks, from Repatriation to Routinization: Professor Chevannes as the Academic Successor to Professor Nettleford". 36th Caribbean Studies Association Conference, May 30- June 3, 2011, Curacao.
- "Revisiting Leonard Howell as the First Rasta". Inaugural Leonard Percival Howell Conference UWI Mona Campus, June 17-18, 2011.

Beckford, Orville

 "UWI graduates and their perceptions of the Cultural relevance of their programmes: The case of UWI Department of Management Studies". ACPA Annual Conference March 27 – March 30, 2011, Baltimore, USA.

Brodie-Walker, Stacey

 "Eating Disorders in the Jamaican Child" Western Regional Mental Health Services. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Symposium, June 30, 2011.

Daley, Camille

 "Structural Factors Influencing Education Outcomes for Secondary School Students with Sickle Cell Disease in Jamaica". American Sociological Association 105th Annual Meeting, August 14-17th, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Bernard Headley

• "Deportee Nation", Raphal Conference on Migration and Development, February 2011, UWI, Mona,

Govia, I.O.

 "Aging women in Jamaica: An intersectional perspective on their relationships and health." New York Academy of Sciences' Symposium, "Women, Power, and Aging", September, 2010. Pace University, New York, NY, USA.

Lipps, Garth

• with De La Haye W, Clarke T, Lowe G, Longman-Mills S, Barton EN, & Bain B (2010). "HIV and Depression". 7th Caribbean Cytometry and Analytical Society HIV/AIDS Workshop, St. Michael's, Barbados, August 26, 2010.

Mitchell, Rashalee & Branche, Clement

- "Ambivalence, Gender, Sex and Child Sexual Abuse in Jamaica and the Caribbean," 36th Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, May 30 – June 3, 2011, Curacao.
- "Youth Resilience and Social Policy," Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Research (SALISES) 12th Annual Conference, UWI, Mona, March 23-25, 2011, Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston.
- "Developing an Identity Centred Model for the Caribbean: Youth and Social Theory in the Caribbean" Caribbean Child Research Conference, October 20-21, 2010, Jamaica Conference Centre, Kingston.

Ricketts, Heather

 (with Shari-Anne Hamil and Marsha Windross) "Crisis and Household Vulnerability: Implications for children." Caribbean Child Research Conference, October 20-21, 2010, Jamaica Conference Centre, Kingston. "Economic Crisis and Household Vulnerability: Assessing implications for children, youth and social protection programmes in Jamaica." Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Research (SALISES) 12th Annual Conference, UWI, Mona, March 23-25, 2011, Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Kingston.

Shillingford, Aldene

 "Reinvigorating the Caribbean Integration Movement: Internships for Regional Community Institutional Building".
 Caribbean & International Social Work Educators Conference, July 11-15, 2011, Fort de France, Martinique.

Public Lectures

- Baker, Peta-Anne "Poverty, Inequality and Disaster Risk Reduction in the Caribbean". Hokenstad International Lecture. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Programme Meeting, Portland, Oregon, October 17, 2010.
- Barnett, Michael "The Impact of Rastafari on the Culture of Jamaica and the World". Nova South Eastern University, June 2011, Fort Lauderdale, South Florida, USA.
- Gayle, Herbert "The Place of Women in Jamaica's Politics." Rose Leon Public Lecture Series. PCJ Auditorium, Kingston, Jamaica, March 7, 2011.
- Mitchell, Rashalee "Inspired Women for Future Change" Lecture at Trench Town High School Girls Day Feb. 17, 2011, Kingston.
- Stacey Brodie-Walker "What is Counseling Psychology? Analysis and Treatment of Eating Disorders." November 15, 2010. International University of the Caribbean: Psychology Day.

Poster Presentations

 Govia, Ishtar "Discrimination and distress: Moderating factors for non-Hispanic Black Caribbeans in the United States." 12th Annual Society for Social and Personality Psychology Meeting, January 2011, San Antonio, Texas, USA

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Monographs

- * Stacey Brodie Walker. <u>Juvenile Delinquency among African-American Adolescents.</u> Lambert Academic Publishing AG & Co. KG (2010)
- * Bernard Headley (2011), Making Your Way Back Home in Jamaica: 14 Essential Steps for Reconnecting after Deportation (Editor). (Phoenix, Kingston); 2011

Book Chapters

Peta-Anne Baker

- * "Institutional pressures and social work ethics: a case from Jamaica". In Sarah Banks and Kirsten Nøhr Eds., <u>Practising Social Work Ethics around the World: Cases and Commentaries.</u> (pp. 238-241) Rutledge. 2012
- * "Commentary on 'When the tables turned': A social work intern's moral dilemma in a Botswana police station". In Sarah Banks and Kirsten Nøhr Eds., <u>Practising Social Work Ethics Around the World: Cases and Commentaries</u>. (pp. 51-52) Rutledge. 2012.
- * "Social Work in the Caribbean" with John A Maxwell. In Lynne Healy and Rosemary Link, Eds., <u>Handbook of International</u> <u>Social Work - Human Rights, Development, and the Global</u> <u>Profession</u>. (pp. 982-997). Oxford University Press. 2011.
- * "Regulators of the Global Economy: The IMF, the World Bank & the WTO" with Kimberly Hinds. In Lynne Healy and Rosemary Link, Eds., <u>Handbook of International Social Work-Human Rights</u>, <u>Development</u>, and the Global Profession. (pp. 823-842) Oxford University Press. 2011.

Govia, Istar

- * (with J.S. Jackson, & S. Sellers). "Social inequalities". In Handbook of lifespan development. Ed. by K. Fingerman, C. Berg, T. Antonucci, & J. Smith. New York: Springer Publishers, 2011, 729-746.
- * (with J.S. Jackson, & S. Sellers). "Race and ethnic differences in aging: A life-course perspective". In <u>Handbook of aging and the social sciences</u>, Seventh Edition. Ed. by R. H. Binstock & L. K. George. San Diego, CA: Academic Press, 2011, 91-120.

Refereed Journal Articles

Anderson, Moji

- * (with S. Gerver, C. Mercer, I. Solarin, G. Elam, K. Fenton, G. Garnett, P. Easterbrook). "Sexual risk behaviours and sexual health outcomes of black Caribbeans (The LIVITY study): Comparison with national probability survey data". *International Journal of STD and AIDS* 22 (2010): 85-90.
- * (with G. Elam, S. Gerver, I. Solarin, K. Fenton, P. Easterbrook). "It Took a Piece of Me": Initial Responses to an HIV Positive Diagnosis By Caribbean People in the UK. *AIDS Care* 22, 12 (2010): 1493-1498.

Bailey, Arlene

* (with Ngwenyama, O.) (2011): "The Challenge of e-Participation in the Digital City: Exploring Generational Influences among Community Telecentre Users", *Telematics and Informatics*, 28, 3: 204-214.

Baker, Peta-Anne.

* "Poverty, Inequality and Disaster Risk Reduction in the Caribbean." *Caribbean Journal of Social Work.* Vol. 8&9: 11-31.

Allen, Lita; Donalds, Shanika; Hinds, Kimberly; McLean Cooke, Wendy

- * "Preparing to Practise: An Experiential Laboratory Approach for Beginning Social Work Students". *Caribbean Journal of Social Work* Vol. 8&9: 78-95, (2010)
- * Barnett, Michael & James, Andrene. (2011) "Marcus Garvey as the Father of Pan-Africanism, Black Nationalism and Ethiopianism". 76 King Street: *Journal of Liberty Hall, the legacy of Marcus Garvey*. Vol. 2: 81-94.
- * Barnett, Michael. (2010) "The Rise of Capitalism: A Pan-Africanist Perspective". *Caribbean Journal of Religious Studies*. Vol 22,(1): 3-9.
- * Brodie Walker, Stacey and Kai Morgan. (2011) 'Factors Impacting Juvenile Delinquency in Jamaican and African-American Adolescents." *International Journal of Business and Social Science*, 2(5): 39-49.
- * Ffrench, Sean and Wilson, Shakeisha (2010) "Reviewing Participation as a tool for people centered development". Caribbean Journal of Social Work, Vols. 8 & 9: 54-77
- * Lipps, Garth & Thomas, J. A. (2011). Subjective Well-Being of Adults with Homozygous Sickle Cell Disease In Jamaica. West Indian Medical Journal, 60 (2), 181-187.
- * Lipps, G., Lowe, G. A., De La Haye, W., Longman-Mills, S., Barton, E. N., Clarke, T. & Bain, B. (2010). Validation of the Beck Depression Inventory II in HIV Positive Patients. *West Indian Medical Journal*, 59 (4), 374-379.
- * De La Haye W, Clarke T, **Lipps G**, Lowe G, Longman-Mills S, Barton E. N. & Bain, B. (2010). The Patterns of Depressives Symptoms among HIV Patients. *West Indian Medical Journal*, 59 (4), 380-385.

* Ramkissoon, Marina. (2011). "Psychology, recession and the future: Are you hopeful?". *Caribbean Journal of Psychology*, 4(1), 1-4.

Non-Refereed Publications

* Edwards, Dennis (2011) "Collaboration of UWI and Columbia University" in <u>Kingston Harbour: Development Transects</u> (pp. 42-43). Columbia University, New York.

Technical Reports

- * Marshall, A. and **Anderson, Moji** (2010). Tertiary Level LGBT Youth: Experiences and Challenges. Prepared for PRIDE in Action. (48 pages).
- * Patricia Anderson & Heather Ricketts (2011). When Red Gold Fades: The Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on the Jamaican Bauxite Industry (A Case Study of Ewarton). UWI Mona: Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work. Report submitted to the Office of the Principal, April, 2011.
- * Gayle, Herbert Male Social Participation in Urban Belize: An Examination of Young Males' Experience with Gun, Gold, Gang, God and Governance, October 2010 (400 pages) Prepared for the Government of Belize.
- * Headley, Bernard Supporting Deported Migrants and their Families. Final Report prepared for the European Union and UNDP Supporting Deported Migrants Project, July 2011.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Dr. Arlene Bailey received the 2011 Canadian Bureau for International Education - CARICOM Faculty Leadership Program Research Grant of CAN\$3,000.

Dr. Ishtar Govia received the 2011 Principal's New Initiative Grant of \$J1,814,400 for the study, "Between Heaven and Health: The Well-Being of Jamaicans at Home and Abroad", UWI, Mona.

AWARDS

Dr. Arlene Bailey, lecturer, was awarded Most Outstanding PhD Thesis 2009/2010, UWI Mona.

Ms. Camille Daley, Teaching Assistant, accepted the First Caribbean Unsung Heroes Award for her work leading the Sickle Cell Support Club of Jamaica in October 2010.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Baker, Peta-Anne

- International Editorial Advisor, British Journal of Social Work
- Co-Chair, Committee to Review the International Definition of Social Work, International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW).
- Chief Judge, Panel of Judges, Michael Manley Foundation Award for Community Self-Reliance.

Barnett, Michael

- Member, Fundraising Board for Haile Selassie High School.

Beckford, Orville

- Member, Kingston College Old Boys Association Teacher & Student Grant's Committee
- Volunteer, St Catherine Branch of the Red Cross Association

Branche, Clement

Member, The Bridge Jamaica Steering Committee – PATH programme

Brodie-Walker, Stacy

- Assistant Editor Caribbean Journal of Psychology
- Consulting Editor International Humanities Review

Daley, Camille

Director, Sickle Cell Support Club of Jamaica

Devonish, Julian

- UWI Representative, Census 2011 Technical Sub-committee on Demographic Methods, Statistical Institute of Jamaica
- Reviewer, Economic and Social Survey of Jamaica
- UWI Representative, Planning Institute of Jamaica's Population Policy Co-ordinating Committee (PPCC)

Edwards, Dennis

- Member, Jamaica Red Cross Developing Manual for assisting persons with disabilities cope in times of disaster and trauma.
- Member, Hearing Health Foundation of the Caribbean
- Member, Jamaica Independent Schools Association, Ministry of Education

Ffrench, Sean

- Executive Member, Jamaica College Old Boys Association

Gayle, Herbert

- Member, Board of Management of Children First Agency.
- Member, Board of Management, Griffin Trust, Jamaica (Managers of Hush the Guns Project).
- Chairman, Fathers Incorporated

Gordon, Michael

 Provision of Counselling, Dispute Management and Conflict Resolution services for the Matilda's Corner Police Division

Govia, Istar

- Chair, Caribbean Regional Conference in Psychology 2011,
 Scientific Program Committee
- Member, Caribbean Regional Conference in Psychology 2011,
 Conference Organizing Committee
- Ad Hoc reviewer, Caribbean Journal of Psychology

Headley, Bernard

- Board Member, Families United for Reunification (FURI), New York
- Chair, Board and Facilitator, National Organisation of Deported Migrants, Kingston

Priestley, Sharon

- UWI Representative, Adolescent Reproductive Health Policy Working Group of the Ministry of Health.
- Member, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) Informal Working Group on Vital Statistics.

Ricketts, Heather

- Member, Steering Committee Effective Social Protection, Planning Institute of Jamaica and Ministry of Labour and Social Security
- Member, Technical Steering Committee, Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions (JSLC).

Shillingford, Aldene

 Executive Member, Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators

Wilson, Shakeisha

 Member, Advisory Board, Jamaica Community of Positive Women (JCW)