

THE UWI SCHOOL OF NURSING (UWISON), MONA



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORK IN THE SCHOOL

The 2014/15 academic year was one of transition and rebuilding for the UWI School of Nursing. During the year in review, the School had some challenges and successes.

The new four year BScN curriculum was approved by the Nursing Council of Jamaica and fully implemented at UWISON and as a result, for the first time there were four year groups of students. Initial meetings have been held with teams from the University Hospital of the West Indies regarding the revision and offering of Professional Development Programmes, such as Critical Care Nursing, Midwifery, Accident and Emergency. The Midwifery Curriculum is being refined to be re-submitted to the Academic Board.

The PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development in the Caribbean, UWISON, was re-designated in November 2014 for another four years. Nine (9) activities have been assigned to the Centre and are being carried out. The new Terms of Reference are: (1) Collaborate with PAHO/WHO in developing and supporting nursing and midwifery education programmes and practice in the Caribbean (2) Collaborate with PAHO/WHO to facilitate the development of a research culture and collaboration in Nursing and Midwifery in the Caribbean and internationally and (3) Collaborate with PAHO/WHO to collate, publish, and disseminate information necessary for advancing scholarship and evidence based practice in nursing and midwifery in the Caribbean region.

A simulation training was conducted in collaboration with the Gordon Center for Research in Medical Education at the University of Miami. This was an initiative with the Nurse Educator's Group from the Nursing Council of Jamaica. The training was conducted in January 2015 at a cost of US\$65,000 and included a cadre of healthcare educators, such as physiotherapists, dentists and nurses.

The School partnered with the School of Education to coordinate the Mixed Methods Conference, which was held March 12–13, 2015. Some members of staff and students were given the opportunity to attend and participate in research discussions, presentations and procedures.

The Inaugural Syringa Marshall Burnett Lecture was held on May 27, 2015. The Keynote Speaker was Senator Floyd Morris. This was in memory of Mrs. Marshall-Burnett who passed on October 10, 2014, and for her contribution to the nursing profession. The School hosted the 25th Annual Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference and 26th Mary J. Seivwright Day on May 28–29, 2015, under the theme “Nursing and Midwifery Research: Providing Evidence for People Centred Care.” The Keynote Speaker was Professor Hester Klopper, President of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). Dr. Joy Lyttle, Deputy Registrar of the Nursing Council of Jamaica was the speaker for the Annual Mary J. Seivwright Lecture. There were approximately 220 attendees on each day, which included health care professionals and students from across

the region, as well as the United States of America, South Africa, Canada and the Caribbean. The Research Conference featured a total of seventeen (17) Scientific Presentations from nursing professionals, graduate and undergraduate students on both days.

The Annual Research Internship for health researchers was held during the period June 1–25, 2015. There were twelve participants in the Programme, including one participant from Trinidad & Tobago; other participants were from the University of Technology, University Hospital, Faculty of Social Sciences, and UWISON (Mona and WJC). This four week internship was an intensive training opportunity for junior researchers at the graduate level to develop a research trajectory to guide them through their early research careers. The programme was supported by professors throughout the region and was not necessarily focused on nursing but on the broader issue of social determinants of health in the Region. International presenters included: Professor Nancy Edwards, University of Ottawa and Dr. Donald Simeon from the Caribbean Public Health Agency. There were also presenters from the Faculties of Medical Sciences and Social Sciences, UWI Medical Library as well as from the Planning Institute of Jamaica.

Drs. Steve Weaver and Eulalia Kahwa represented the School at the meeting of PAHO/WHO and the Pan American Network of Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres (PANMCC) in Washington DC, September 2014. The meeting discussed activities related to the Centre and possible collaborations with other Centres.

Dr. Steve Weaver represented the University of the West Indies at the meeting of the Regional Nursing Body in Guyana in February 2015. Discussions focused on the CXC managed RENR exam which had been administered for the first time in the Region.

Dr. Joanna Bennett was invited by the Home Office and Black Mental Health UK (BMH UK) to Chair a Summit on “Policing & Mental Health”. The Summit was held on Thursday, October 23, 2015.

The CARICOM Network for Nursing and Midwifery Education (CNNME) met on March 27 and June 27, 2015 at the School. Dr.

Steve Weaver guided the discussions, to revitalize the Network which was dormant. A new executive was elected and included representatives from the nursing and midwifery education and practice settings in Jamaica.

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) convened a regional meeting of the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing (GAPFON), July 17–8, 2015 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Key leaders in nursing from the Caribbean were invited to participate in the meeting. Three staff members from the School, Dr. Steve Weaver, Dr. Eulalia Kahwa and Pauline Anderson-Johnson, were invited to participate. GAPFON seeks to influence health policy, nursing leadership and practice, education, and the global health agenda for nursing.

EXTERNAL COLLABORATORS

University of Alberta

UWISON hosted a group of ten (10) nursing students and one (1) faculty member from the University of Alberta during the period, January 29–April 2, 2015. The students were engaged in their final practicum course which aimed to further develop and focus their knowledge and application of nursing and practice in their areas of interest.

Duke University School of Nursing

Eight (8) students in the accelerated BScN degree programme at Duke University School of Nursing visited UWISON August 10–23, 2014, to gain clinical experience/cultural immersion in in Community Health Nursing.

Institute for the International Education of Students

Faculty members and students from the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) visited the School during the periods, December 2014 and April 2015. This was an observational visit where they were placed at three health centres in Kinston and St. Andrew over the period of three days.

Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College

UWISON and Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College in St. Kitts continue to work through logistics issues associated with the franchise of the BScN programme. The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and a new cohort registered for the 2015–2016 academic year.

University of Belize

UWISON continues to support the University of Belize to develop their nursing curriculum. Three members from the University of Belize visited the School to discuss curriculum matters and a team from UWISON is to visit that Institution in the near future to assist in curriculum development.

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO)

The UWI School of Nursing is partnering with the RNAO and the University Hospital of the West Indies to implement best practice guidelines to facilitate evidence based nursing care. UWISON is in the process of submitting an application to be designated as an academic Best Practice Spotlight Organization (BPSO). The University Hospital of the West Indies will be submitting their own application to be designated as a clinical BPSO. UWISON and UHWI are working together on this application process.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT MAJOR CONFERENCES

- **Thompson, R.A.**, Anderson-Johnson, P., Younger-Coleman, N.O., Bailey, K.A., Knight-Madden, J., Waldron N., Wint, Y., & Kahwa, E. "Factors affecting compliance with medication among adults with Asthma in Jamaica". The Jamaica Association of Nurse Anaesthetists 37th Annual Refresher Conference. Riu Hotel, Ocho Rios, St. Ann., November 14–16, 2014.
- **Thompson, R.A.**, Anderson-Johnson, P., Younger-Coleman, N.O., Bailey, K.A., Knight-Madden, J., Waldron N., Wint, Y., & Kahwa.,

- E. “Factors affecting compliance with medication among adults with Asthma in Jamaica”. Ministry of Health’s National Health Research Conference, Jamaica Conference Centre, November 27–28, 2014.
- **Barton-Gooden, A.,** Grindley, M., Asnani, M., Knight-Madden, J. Illness perceptions, quality of life and disease knowledge among Jamaican adolescents with sickle cell disease. The 25th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 26th Mary Seiwright Day, May 28–29, 2015.
 - **Munroe, D. & Bennett, J.** Measuring Self-Efficacy for Self-Directed Learning: Evaluating Hoban and Sersland’s (1999) Self-Efficacy for Self-Directed Learning Questionnaire (SE-SDLQ). The 25th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 26th Mary Seiwright Day, May 28–29, 2015.
 - **Barton-Gooden, A.,** Grindley, M., Knight-Madden, J., & Asnani, M. “Short-term impact of educational interventions on disease knowledge, illness perception and quality of life among Jamaican adolescents with sickle cell disease”. The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Conference, Grenada, June 24–29, 2015.
 - **Pitter, C., & Dunn, L.** Gender-Based Violence: A window of opportunity for Midwives. International Confederations of Midwives 5th Regional Conference of the Americas in Suriname, July 15–18, 2015.
 - **Pitter, C.,** McCall-Lewis, V., Edwards-Hamilton, A., Vassell-Murray, I., Walker-Sutherland, C. “Who cares when midwives got pecked? International Confederations of Midwives 5th Regional Conference of the Americas in Suriname, July 15–18, 2015.
 - **Pitter, C.,** Rollock, M., Hutton-Taylor, R., Hunte-Rampersad, L., & Curtis, S. Birth Announcement: Competence-Based Education in Midwifery Education in the English-Speaking Caribbean. International Confederations of Midwives 5th Regional Conference of the Americas in Suriname, July 15–18, 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journals

- **Edwards, A. M. E.** (2014). Nicolau syndrome in a female patient following administration of intramuscular diclofenac injection: A case presentation. *Clinical Nursing Studies*, 3(1), 37. <http://dx.doi:10.5430/cns.v3n1p37>
- **Wright, D., Reid, M. & Stennett, R.** (2014). Antioxidant Intake in Sickle Cell Disease. *International Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, 2(3): 53–59. <http://dx.doi: 10.12691/ijcn-2-3-2>
- **Adeyemi-Adelanwa, O., Barton-Gooden, A., Dawkins, P., & Lindo, J. L.** (2015). Attitudes of patients towards being cared for by male nurses in a Jamaican hospital. *Applied Nursing Research*. <http://dx.doi:10.1016/j.apnr.2015.06.015>
- **Bennett, J., & Stennett, R.** (2015). Attitudes towards mental illness of nursing students in a Baccalaureate programme in Jamaica: a questionnaire survey. *Journal of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing*. <http://dx.doi:10.1111/jpm.12234>
- **Bryan, V. D., Lindo, J., Anderson-Johnson, P., & Weaver, S.** (2015). Using Carl Rogers' Person-Centered Model to Explain Interpersonal Relationships at a School of Nursing. *Journal of Professional Nursing*, 31(2), 141–148. <http://dx.doi:10.1016/j.profnurs.2014.07.003>
- **Buchanan, J., Dawkins, P., & Lindo, J. L.** (2015). Satisfaction with nursing care in the emergency department of an urban hospital in the developing world: A pilot study. *International Emergency Nursing*, 23(3): 218–224. <http://dx.doi:10.1016/j.ienj.2015.01.001>
- **Walters, C.** (2015). Student-Centeredness: A Concept Analysis. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing*, 2(1); 19–27.

Editorial

- **Bennett, J.** (2015). The Crisis of Caring in Nursing. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing*, 2 (1): 1-3.

Letter to the Editor

- **Brown, K.** (2015). Patient Care or Customer Service? *Caribbean Journal of Nursing*, 2 (1): 4-5.

Newspaper Article

- All Woman Magazine (2015). Pregnant women victims of Gender-Based Violence. Monday, February 02, 2015. http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/magazines/allwoman/Pregnant-women-victims-of-gender-based-violence_18311216

Conference Proceedings/Abstracts

- **Barton-Gooden, A., Grindley, M., Asnani, M., Knight-Madden, J.** (2015). Illness perceptions, quality of life and disease knowledge among Jamaican adolescents with sickle cell disease. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(3). The 25th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 26th Mary Seiwright Day, May 28–29, 2015.
- **Birch, H.M., Bennett, J.** (2015). Detection and Management of Side Effects of Antipsychotics in Patients with schizophrenia: the family members' perspective. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(3). The 25th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 26th Mary Seiwright Day, May 28–29, 2015.
- **Buchanan, J., Dawkins, P., Lindo, J.L.M.** (2015). Satisfaction with nursing care in the emergency department of an urban hospital in the developing world: A pilot study. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(3). The 25th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 26th Mary Seiwright Day, May 28–29, 2015.
- **Hinds, A., Bennett, J.** (2015). Detection of Side Effects of Antipsychotics: The Patients' Experiences. *Caribbean Journal of*

Nursing 1(3).The 25th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 26th Mary Seiwright Day, May 28–29, 2015.

- Kendley, S.J., **Anderson-Johnson, P.** (2015). Caring for homosexual patients: Preparedness and attitudes of nursing students. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(3).The 25th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 26th Mary Seiwright Day, May 28–29, 2015.
- Munroe, D. & **Bennett, J.** (2015). Measuring Self-Efficacy for Self-Directed Learning: Evaluating Hoban and Sersland's (1999) Self-Efficacy for Self-Directed Learning Questionnaire (SE-SDLQ). *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(3). The 25th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 26th Mary Seiwright Day, May 28–29, 2015.
- **Wright-Myrie, D.**, Reid, M., **Kahwa, E.** & Royal-Thomas, T. (2015). Nutrition in Critical Illness: Psychometric evaluation of tools examining anthropometric skill and nutrition knowledge of Critical Care Registered Nurses. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(3). The 25th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 26th Mary Seiwright Day, May 28–29, 2015.

PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Bennett, J.

- Board Member, Women's Health Network, Jamaica
- Editor-in-Chief, *Caribbean Journal of Nursing*
- Member of Editorial Board, *West Indian Medical Journal*

Bennett, J.

- International Associate Board Member, *Journal of Research in Nursing*.

Dawkins, P.

- Council Member, St. John Ambulance, Kingston Jamaica
- Member, Nursing Research Committee
- Member, Nurses Association of Jamaica;

- Manuscript Reviewer, *Clinical Journal of Nursing Research*, University of Pennsylvania
- Expert Panelist, World Justice Project, Rule of Law Index

Hepburn-Brown, C.

- Manuscript Reviewer, *Clinical Journal of Nursing Research*, University of Pennsylvania
- Rater and Reviewer, McMaster University Online Rating of Evidence-based System Research (MORE).

Kahwa, E.

- Member, Editorial Board, *Canadian Journal of Nursing Research*
- Member, Editorial Board, *Caribbean Journal of Nursing*.

Lopez, S.

- Board Member, The Heart Foundation of Jamaica

Lindo, J.

- Chairman, Mona Heights Primary School
- President, Hope Pastures Citizens' Association
- Convenor and Past Chair, Keble Crescent Neighbourhood Watch
- Member, Mother's Union, Church of St. Margaret's
- Member, Kiwanis Club of New Kingston
- Social Development Commission Representative for Hope Pastures;
- Member, St. Andrew Civic Committee

Weaver, S.

- Member, Lions Club of St. Andrew Central
- Member, Health and Wellness Committee, Lions Club of St. Andrew Central.

The UWI School of Nursing, Mona

STUDENTS: Undergraduate

Category of Students	New	Returning			Total
	1st year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	
BScN – Mona Campus	154	134	132	110	530
BScN – Western Jamaica Campus	25	23	23	23	94
BScN – franchised at EXED	66	56	67	66	255
BScN – franchised at Brown's Town Community College	39	39	38	41	157
BScN – franchised at Knox Community College	28	25	29	25	107
Sub-Total	312	277	289	265	1,143
BScN (post RN) online delivery.	80	99			179
Grand Total Undergraduates	355	703			1,322

Postgraduate Programmes

Category of Student	New	Returning	Total
MPhil/PhD	2	6	8
MScN (Nursing Administration; Nursing Education)	18	20	38
MScN (Family Nurse Practitioner; Mental Health/Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner; Clinical Nurse Specialist-Gerontology Option)	12	20	32
Total Postgraduates Students	32	46	78

SCHOLARSHIP

- Masie Brown and Donareen Denny from the Jamaica Nurses Group of NY Inc. presented US\$,2,000.00 scholarships to two third year students with a GPA of 3.5 and a stethoscope to a third student along with a barrel of books to the School on September 25, 2014. This scholarship will be given annually.
- April Tulloch was awarded a scholarship US\$1,000.00 from the UHWI Batch-61 Memorial Scholarship.

Outstanding graduands

- LeRone Crooks
- Peter-Ann Copeland