

## THE UWI SCHOOL OF NURSING (UWISON), MONA



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### **WORK OF THE SCHOOL**

The academic year 2016/2017 was highlighted by a number of accomplishments that allowed the School to strengthen its identity and image as a leader in the Caribbean region in delivering undergraduate and postgraduate evidence-based nursing education which reflects international standards. Madeline Naegle, Professor – New York University, Rory Meyers College of Nursing and Director, WHO/PAHO Collaborating Center for Geriatric Nursing Education visited the School, March 24–30, 2017. Professor Naegle is known nationally and internationally for mental health/substance abuse education, research, practice and leadership in geriatric nursing education. The main purposes for the visit were to: raise awareness of the health implications of excess alcohol use; highlight

alcohol use as a risk factor for non-communicable disease, increasing the vulnerability of older adults; and encourage interest on the parts of health professionals in policies and interventions to reduce alcohol-related harm in Jamaica. During the visit, Professor Naegle met with Stakeholders within the University and the Jamaican health systems. She conducted a seminar on the topic, “Addressing Critical Gaps in Evidence on Alcohol Related Harm as well as a workshop entitled “Applying Evidence-Based Approaches for Alcohol Related Harm Reduction. The Syringa Marshall-Burnett Lecture was held on May 24, 2017 in memory of the late Mrs. Syringa Marshall-Burnett for her outstanding contribution to the nursing profession; the Keynote Speaker was Dr. Adella Campbell. The School hosted the 27th Annual Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference and 28th Mary J. Seiwright Day on May 25–26, 2017, under the theme “*Transforming Nursing and Midwifery Education and Practice by linking Evidence to Action.*” The Keynote Speaker was Professor Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk – Dean of the College of Nursing at Ohio State University.

Mrs. Nester Edwards, Chief Nursing Officer, Ministry of Health, Social Security and International Business in Grenada was the Speaker for the Annual Mary J Seiwright Day Lecture. There were approximately 220 attendees, which included health care professionals and students from across the region, as well as the United States of America, Canada and Brazil. The Research Conference featured a total of eighteen (18) Scientific Presentations from nursing professionals, graduate and undergraduate students.

The Annual Research Internship for health researchers was held during the period, May 29–June 23, 2017. There were fourteen (14) participants; two of whom were from Trinidad and one from Brazil, all other participants were Jamaicans. The main objectives of the Internship were to: acquire knowledge and skills in health systems research; examine multiple intervention programme design and evaluation issues in health systems; acquire knowledge and skills essential for competitive grantsmanship; and extend repertoire of cutting edge research designs and approaches to health systems. International presenters included: Professor Nancy

Edwards, University of Ottawa and Drs. Carol Boyd and Leah Shever, University of Michigan.

Dr. Steve Weaver represented The University of the West Indies at the 45th Joint Meeting of the Executive and Education Committees and the 14th Meeting of the Practice Committee of the Regional Nursing Body held in Georgetown, Guyana, February 28–March 2, 2017.

Drs. Steve Weaver and Eulalia Kahwa represented the School at the Pan American Network of Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Center (PANMCC) Washington DC, October 2016, where Dr. Eulalia Kahwa is Chair (Elect) of the PANMCC, a network of WHO Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centers in the United States of America, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean. Mrs. Cynthia Pitter was elected as Vice President of the Caribbean Regional Midwives Association. Dr. Steve Weaver accepted an invitation from the Pan American Health Organization to attend a meeting on “Inter-professional Education in Healthcare: Improving Human Resource Capacity to Achieve Universal health”, Bogota, Columbia, December 2016.

A proposal to establish the Global Health Initiative at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Michigan has been developed. The goal is to create a nursing exchange programme which fosters leadership, education and research to build capacity and improve health in Jamaica and in Detroit. In an effort to improve and maintain academic quality of the BScN programme, courses were re-sequenced to include the summer period and to ensure quality and best fit and as recommended by the Nursing Council of Jamaica. The MScN programme is undergoing a process of review and will be completely revamped when the process is completed. Funding has been made available for staff exchange to Birmingham City University, which will provide international professional development opportunities for full-time staff. The School in collaboration with midwifery educators from the Kingston Public Hospital conducted two Respectful Maternity Care workshops under the themes, “A conduit for achieving the maternal health SDGs in Jamaica” and “Midwives do care” – these were facilitated by Mrs. Cynthia Pitter. The Caribbean Honour Society of Nursing, under the leadership of President Pauline

Anderson Johnson and Vice-President Sheryl Garriques Lloyd, held their Induction Ceremony and Luncheon for members at the Hotel Four Season, July 2017. Dr. Damian Graham, Chief Executive Officer, Urban Development Corporation addressed the function on the topic, “Leadership in the 21st Century”; twenty-three (23) members were inducted. The Caribbean Honour Society of Nursing in partnership with UWISON held its Annual Health Fair for grade one students of the Mona Heights Primary as well as students from the Randolph Lopez School of Hope. Activities included medical examinations, blood pressure checks, eye testing and health talks.

## **EXTERNAL COLLABORATORS**

### **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 to the periods, December 2016 and April 2017. This was an observational visit where they were placed at three health centres in Kingston and St. Andrew over the period of three (3) days.

### **Columbia University**

Students from Columbia University visited the School during the period, April 1–May 12, 2017, where they were engaged in an observational/clinical practicum course, which aimed to develop their knowledge and application of nursing practice in specific areas of interest.

### **Visitors to the School**

- David Bartholomew and faculty – Shearwater Health, Tennessee
- Cindy Cooke and Madrean Schober, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Texas
- Hillary Hart and John Zeros, Henry Ford Health System, Michigan

## PAPERS PRESENTED

### Oral Presentations

- **Allen, C.**, Walker, M., Munroe, D., Stanley, S. & Cascoe, K. “Factors related to student-centred teaching methodology in an undergraduate nursing programme at two nursing institutions in Kingston, Jamaica.” The UWI School of Nursing’s Annual Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference, May, 2017.
- **Pitter, C.** & Dunn, L. “Pulling back the curtain on Domestic Violence in Jamaica”. The International Confederation of Midwives’ 31st Triennial Congress in Toronto, Canada, June 18–22, 2017.
- Grant-Richards, M., Pitter, C., Campbell, B., Edwards-Hamilton, A. “The Rebirth of homebirths in Jamaica.” 31st Triennial Congress in Toronto, Canada, June 18–22, 2017.
- **Walker, M.**, Allen, C., Munroe, D., Stanley, S. & Cascoe, K. “Factors related to student-centred teaching methodology in an undergraduate nursing programme at two nursing institutions in Kingston, Jamaica.” 28th International Nursing Research Congress in Dublin Ireland, July 27–31, 2017.

### Poster Presentations

- **Cascoe, K.**, Walker, M., Munroe, D., Stanley, S., Allen, C. & Stennett, R. “Transitioning experiences of new nurse faculty members at two schools of nursing in Jamaica: The role of mentorship”. Elsevier Nursing Education Conference in Las Vegas, March 2017.
- **Cascoe, K.**, Walker, M., Munroe, D., Stanley, S., Allen, C. & Stennett, R. “Transitioning experiences of new nurse faculty members at two schools of nursing in Jamaica: The role of mentorship.” The UWI School of Nursing’s Annual Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference, May, 2017.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **Gordon Singh, S., & Aiken, J.** (2017). The effect of health literacy level on health outcomes in patients with diabetes at a type v health centre in Western Jamaica. *International Journal of Nursing Sciences*, 4(3), 266–270. doi:10.1016/j.ijnss.2017.06.004
- **Hewitt-Thompson, K., Rae, T., & Anderson-Johnson, P.** (2016). A Descriptive, Cross-Sectional Study Analyzing the Characteristics of an Effective Clinical Instructor: Perceptions of Baccalaureate Nursing Students. *International Journal of Nursing*, 3(2), 20–29. doi:10.15640/ijn.v3n2a3
- Edwards, N., Kaseje, D., **Kahwa, E.**, Klopper, H., Mill, J., Webber, J., Roelofs, S., Harrowing, J. (2016). The impact of leadership hubs on the uptake of evidence-informed nursing practices and workplace policies for HIV care: a quasi-experimental study in Jamaica, Kenya, Uganda and South Africa. *Implementation Science* 2016, 11:110.
- Edwards, N., **Kahwa, E.**, Hoogeveen, K. (2017). Results of an integrative analysis: A Call for Contextualizing HIV and AIDS Clinical Practice Guidelines to Support Evidence – Based Practice. *Worldviews on Evidence* – 2017; 00:0, 1–7. DOI: 10.1111/wvn.12247
- Matthews, L. M., **Rhoden-Salmon, D. D., Silvera, H., Waite, M. J., & Barton-Gooden, A.** (2016). A Survey of the Attitudes of Nurses towards Caring for the Mentally Ill at a Rural General Hospital. *Austin J Nurs Health Care*, 3(2). <http://austinpublishinggroup.com/nursing/fulltext/ursing-v3-id1034.php>
- Facey, A., Dilworth, L., Wright-Pascoe, R., **Walker, M.**, & Irving, R. (2017). The Metabolic Hormones Leptin, Adiponectin and Troponin T in Type 2 Diabetes Patients and Athletes in Jamaica. *International Journal of Diabetes Research*, 6(2), 35–40. doi:10.5923/j.diabetes.20170602.01 <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/wvn.12247/epdf>

## Editorials

- **Cascoe, K., Stanley, S., Stennett, R., & Allen, C.** (2017, May). Undergraduate nursing students at risk of failure [Editorial]. *Nurse Education Today*, 52, 121–122. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nedt.2016.12.021>.
- **Letter to the Editor**
- **Emanuel-Frith, M. N.** (2017, April 09). Re: Government's childhood obesity plan does not go far enough, say MPs [Editorial]. *BMJ* 2017; 357:j2234. <http://www.bmj.com/content/356/bmj.j1556/rr-0>
- **Garriques-Lloyd, S. N.** (2017, March 04). Re: Self harm and the emergency department [Editorial]. *BMJ* 2016; 353:i1150. <http://www.bmj.com/content/353/bmj.i1150/rapid-responses>
- **Leslie, K. RM.** (2017, May 25). Re: Critical thinking in healthcare and education [Editorial]. *BMJ* 2017; 357:j2234. <http://www.bmj.com/content/357/bmj.j2234/rr-2>

## Commentary/Short Communication

- **Allen, C., Stanley, S., Cascoe, K., & Stennett, R.** (2017). Academic Dishonesty among Undergraduate Nursing Students. *International Archives of Nursing and Health Care*, 3(3). doi:10.23937/2469-5823/1510074.
- **Barton-Gooden, A., & Leger, R. R.** (2016). Dialogue for Quality Improvement and “Just Culture”. *Advanced Practices in Nursing*, 1(4). doi: 10.4172/2573-0347.1000127

## INCOME GENERATION

### Research Grant

- **Lisa Lewis, Eulalia Kahwa, Veronica Waugh-Brown.** The University of the West Indies and University of Pennsylvania Schools of Nursing Partnership for Hypertension Control in Jamaica (University of Pennsylvania) US\$29,272.00.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **Anderson-Johnson, P.**

- President, Caribbean Honour Society of Nursing

### **Brown-Dennis, A.**

- Secretary, Lay Magistrates Association of Jamaica – Kingston Chapter

### **Garriques-Lloyd, S.**

- Vice President, Caribbean Honour Society of Nursing

### **Pitter, C.**

- Member, Caribbean Regional Midwives' Association; Member, Jamaica Midwives' Association (Midwifery Educator), Member, Jamaica Family Planning Association Board, Member of the Board, The Nursing Council of Jamaica

### **Dover-Roberts, D.**

- Chairman for an Advisory Committee at a home for the aged in the Richmond Park district.

### **Weaver, S.**

- Member of the Lions Club.

### **Wright-Myrie, D.**

- Advisor to the National Police Youth Club Council and Community Safety and Security Branch of the Jamaica Constabulary Force;
- Women's Centre of Jamaica.



**STUDENTS***Undergraduate Students:*

| Category of Students                                | New        | Returning  |            |            | Total        |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
|   | 1st year   | 2nd Year   | 3rd Year   | 4th Year   |              |
| BScN – Mona Campus                                  | 123        | 178        | 145        | 132        | 611          |
| BScN – Western Jamaica Campus                       | 19         | 23         | 23         | 23         | 94           |
| BScN – franchised at EXED                           | 76         | 56         | 67         | 66         | 255          |
| BScN – franchised at Brown's Town Community College | 40         | 39         | 38         | 41         | 157          |
| BScN – franchised at Knox Community College         | 51         | 25         | 29         | 25         | 107          |
| BScN franchised at Brown's Town Community College   | 7          | –          | 13         | 2          | 22           |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>                                    | <b>316</b> | <b>329</b> | <b>301</b> | <b>252</b> | <b>1,198</b> |
| BScN (post RN) online delivery.                     | 33         | 106        |            |            | 139          |
| <b>Grand Total Undergraduates</b>                   | <b>349</b> | <b>988</b> |            |            | <b>1,337</b> |

*Postgraduate Students:*

| Category of Student  | Full-time | Part-time | Total     | Graduating Nov. 2017 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| MPhil/PhD  | –         | 7         | 7         | 0                    |
| MScN (Nursing Administration; Nursing Education)   | 12        | 11        | 23        | 6                    |
| MScN (Family Nurse Practitioner; Mental Health/Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner; Clinical Nurse Specialist-Gerontology Option) | 15        | 5         | 20        | 6                    |
| <b>Total Postgraduates Students</b>  | <b>27</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>12</b>            |

### **Student Achievement and Activities**

- **Ophelia Simpson** and **Shellian Cowan** were awarded Scholarships from the Institute for the International Education of Students, valued at US\$5,000.00 each.
- **Cavel Campbell** and **Nichole Walker** received Scholarships from the UHWI Batch 61, valued at US\$1,000.00 each.
- **Joy Odusanya** and **Tiffany Buckland** were awarded Scholarships from the UHWI Batch 84, valued at J\$100,000.00 each.
- **Joy Odusanya** was named Nursing Student of the Year.

The School hosted the following:

- Students' Awards and Striping Ceremony in November 2016; students were awarded stripes for satisfactory clinical skills, theory application and professional attitudes. Students displaying outstanding knowledge, skills and attitudes were given special awards and certificates.
- Student Enrichment Seminar for 4th year students in the BScN programme. Presentations included: Customer Service, Interview Preparation from the HRM Perspective, Investment Options, Home Ownership and Retirement Planning.

### **Faculty of Medical Sciences Students' Awards Ceremony**

Seventeen students received awards at the Annual Faculty of Medical Sciences Annual Awards Ceremony, for outstanding work done.

#### **Top Graduands:**

Hillory Samuels and Shanice Thompson