

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT



The Department experienced another busy and exciting year with its usual high student intake at all levels and an active teaching and research regime. While continuing to face notable challenges the Department was able to maintain its various programmes quite well and introduce several initiatives during the year 2005-2006. One new member of staff, Judith Stanigar, joined the Social Work Unit for Dr. Claudette Crawford-Brown who is on fellowship leave.

The outreach and research arm through the Centre for Population Community and Social Change (CPCSC) has been active locally and regionally in training and research. The Caribbean Internship Project (CIP) has now been officially embraced by the University and has received significant financial support to assist with the internships of more students. The CIP now operates in CARICOM countries.

Professors Patricia Anderson and Chukwudum Uche and Messrs. Andrew Grant and Julian Devonish were part of a team involved in writing the country census reports for 18 CARICOM countries.

In research, the Department introduced projects or partnered with others. Among them was the Latin American Population Project sponsored Democratic values in Jamaica, coordinated by Vanderbilt University. The Department, through the Social Work Unit and led by Dr. Peta-Anne Barker also co-sponsored the 7th Biennial Caribbean and International Social Work Educators' Conference (ACSWE). Members of the Social Work Unit as well as those in Psychology have been involved a variety of training programmes ranging from counselling to intervention.

The Department continues to have a very good overall average teaching rating (above 4.0). On the other hand the per capita publication ratio is low, at approximately .25.

Members of the Social Work Unit won the Principal's Award for the project bringing in the most funds in the Faculty of Social Sciences for their work on the Citizens' Security and Justice Programme Consultancy on the Training of Family Court Staff. This consultancy was undertaken by the Social Work Unit. Members of the team included Dr. Peta-Anne Baker, Lita Allen, Karlene Boyce-Reid and Kimberly Hinds.

The Department extended hearty congratulations to Dr. Peta-Anne Baker who was awarded her doctoral degree in Social Welfare by Case Western Reserve University. The title of her thesis was: "The living arrangements of older West Indian migrant women in the United States."

GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

The Department graduated one doctoral student in sociology during the year and enrolled three other students in the same programme. These students have been progressing well. It should be noted that four other members of staff are involved in the supervision of PhD students in other departments.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

New academic programmes

The main achievement of the Human Resource Development Graduate Programmes Unit was the launch of two new academic programmes this year. These were the PhD in Organisational Behaviour in January 2006 and the postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Development in June. The response to the PhD programme was overwhelming with some 71 persons responding to the invitation to apply in November 2005 and inquiries continuing in 2006. Twelve persons were selected for participation in Cohort I of the PhD.

Invitations to join the first cohort were limited to the persons who did not qualify for the PhD but who had expressed an interest in qualifying themselves for consideration for Cohort II of the doctoral programme in 2008. Three persons accepted that invitation.

Courses and workshops

The Experiential Learning workshop held on August 15 and 16, 2005 was extremely successful. The workshop was developed by the HRD Unit in association with the Inter-American Institute for Social Development (INDES), an arm of the Inter-American Development Bank, and it catered to 20 persons.

STUDENT MATTERS

Graduate Student Statistics by Status of Registration

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|-------------------------|----|----|
| MSc Sociology | | 22 |
| MSc Social Work | | 13 |
| MSc Clinical Psychology | 11 | |
| MSc Applied Psychology | | 29 |

New Students

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| MSc HRD (Cohort IX) | 38 | |
| Higher Degrees Diploma in HRD | | 3 |

Continuing Students

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|-----------------------|---|----|
| MSc HRD (Cohort VIII) | | 39 |
| MSc HRD (Cohort VII) | 3 | |

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| MPhil Sociology | | 1 |
| PhD Sociology | | 3 |
| PhD Organisational Behaviour (Active) | 9 | |
| PhD Organisational Behaviour (Leave of Absence) | | 1 |

Anticipated Number of Graduates

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| MSc HRD (Cohort VII) | 54 |
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*All students are registered on a part-time basis.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Allen, Lita

- Co-presenter of the following papers based on research by MSW graduates: 7th Biennial Caribbean and International Social Work Educators' Conference (ACSWE), Kingston, Jamaica: (2005, August).
- (with Castriota, Angela and Crawford-Brown, Claudette). Children's perceptions of separation and loss: The case of a residential institution
- (with Pickersgill, Marva). 'Understanding aggression in 7 - 8 year old children from a transactional analysis perspective: A gender comparison'.
- (with Thorpe, Cynthia). 'An Investigation to identify and examine coping mechanisms of a group of adolescents who remain in residential placement'.

Baker, Peta-Anne

- "Consent in biomedical and social research." 2nd Annual Research Ethics Conference, UWI (Mona). (2006, May).
- "Aging in the Caribbean Diaspora: A Neglected Reality." UWI Migration Study Group Conference, June 2006.
- "Social work's distinctive contribution to safeguarding the rights of the child". Jamaica Association of Social Workers Annual Training Conference.
- "Speaking truth to power in a small state context" , National Social Work Conference, Castries, Lucia. July 2006.

Boxill, Ian

- "Tourism and Globalization in Jamaica". seminar sponsored by the Planning Institute of Jamaica, Ocho Rios. (2006).

Lewis, Balford

- 'Socio-political dimensions of household decision-making on tertiary education acquisition in Jamaica: Implications for tertiary education expansion strategies'. 31st Annual Conference, Caribbean Studies Association, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, (2006, May).

PUBLICATIONS

Books & Monographs

- * **Headley, Bernard** (with graduate students Michael Gordon and Andrew McIntosh). Deported, Entry & Exit Findings of Jamaicans Returned from the U.S. Between 1997 and 2003, (Volume 1). Kingston: Stephenson's, October 2005.

Refereed Journal Articles

- * **Allen, L., Baker, P.A., Havens, C., & Healy, L.** (Eds.). (2005). Social Work with Caribbean people: Perspectives from home and abroad. *Caribbean Journal of Social Work*, Special Volume (4).
- * **Baker, Peta-Anne.** Guest editor (with Lita Allen, Catherine Havens and Lynne Healy). Special issue of *Caribbean Journal of Social Work*, 45, August 2005. "Social Work with Caribbean People" Perspectives from Home and Abroad.
- * **Brodie-Walker, Stacey.** (2006). Treating a bipolar adolescent in Jamaica. *Caribbean Journal of Psychology* (June).
- * **McFarlane, Tracy A.** (2004/05). Positive marginality: A conceptual framework for studying the experiences of Caribbean immigrant women in US higher education. *Caribbean Journal of Psychology*, 1 (1).
- * **Small, John.** (2005). The dynamics of return migration. *Caribbean Journal of Social Work* (4). August 2005; pp. 122-136.

Other Peer Reviewed Publications

- * **Headley, Bernard.** The U. S. to Jamaica deportee problem: Dispelling a key myth. In T. Lesser, B. Fernández, L. Cowie, N. Bruni & E. Thomas-Hope (Eds.), Intra-Caribbean migration and the conflict nexus. Ottawa: Human Rights Internet.
- * **Boxill, Ian & Alleyne, Dillon.** (2005). "Tourism and Globalization in Jamaica". In Jamaica Human Development Report 2005. Kingston: Planning Institute of Jamaica.

Technical Reports

- * **Allen, L.** & Baker, P. (Eds.) (2005). “Strengthening the Family Court System”. The professional development training manual. Ministry of Justice Citizens’ Security Justice programme.
- * **Baker, Peta-Anne.** “Proposal for the rationalisation of the social services and restructuring of the Ministry of Community Development, Gender Affairs and Information of the Government of -the Commonwealth of Dominica”. Prepared for the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD), Barbados, March 2006.
- * **Boxill, Ian** & Francis, Alfred. (2005) “Human Development Index for Jamaica”, Jamaica Human Development Report, 2005, PIOJ.
- * **Boxill, Ian,** French, S., Talbot, J. and Ramjeesingh, D. (2006). “Social Impact Assessment of the Likely Effects of Sugar Reform Options on Industry Workers in Jamaica.” Report prepared for PIOJ.

Book Chapters

- * **Boxill, Ian.** 2005. “Sovereignty and the Search for Recognition”, in Kenneth Hall and Denis Benn (eds) Caribbean Imperatives: Regional Governance and Integrated Development, Kingston: Ian Randle Publishers. (22-30)
- * **Boxill, Ian** & Maerk, Johannes (2005). “Mundo Maya and Cultural Resurgence among Mayas in Mexico.” In C. Jayawardena (ed.), Caribbean Tourism: Vision, Mission and Challenges. Kingston: Ian Randle Publishers.
- * **Small, John.** (2006). “Sequence of emigration and return: The Jamaican experience.” Dwaine E. Plaza & Francis Henry, Returning to source; pp. 214-240. Kingston: UWI Press.

INCOME GENERATION

The Department was involved in a variety of income generating activities which are critical to meeting more than 70% of the day-to-day expenses of the Department. The most important source of income was the summer

school. Other sources included research and training projects that are administered under the CPCSC.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Allen, Lita

- Board member, Whole Person Resource Centre
- Member, Mental Health Response and Training Team, The Jamaica Red Cross Society
- Member, work team for Jamaica Social Policy Evaluation Project (JASPEV)

Baker, Peta-Anne

- Resource person, First Missionary Church Basic School Expansion Project
- Regional Vice President, International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)
- President, North American and Caribbean Association of Schools of Social Work.