



# SIR ARTHUR LEWIS INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES

*Departmental Report August 2020 - July 2021*

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## OVERVIEW

The academic year 2020/2021 was extraordinary and unforgettable. The health crisis demanded that major adjustments be made to remain relevant and deliver our services in a satisfactory manner. We were obliged to strive to fulfil our mission in the midst of a pandemic. SALISES also lost two of its alumni: Ms. Greta Bogues and Dr. Pauline Knight and four SALISES staff lost family members. In spite of the various challenges, the academic year was a successful one. The significant outputs by staff in 2020/2021 proved that our SALISES staff is committed and resilient. We were able to successfully transition from a face-to-face delivery of our graduate programmes to online mode. SALISES Research Staff also produced a significant amount of research and engaged in numerous intellectual public engagements. We were able to meet our strategic targets and over-performed in some areas.

## ACCESS

Fortuitously prior to the pandemic, we had received approval to change the MSc in Development Studies to online mode. The first year of the new online MSc programme was delivered during a pandemic and with many challenges faced by staff and students. In 2020/2021, SALISES received 102 applications for its MSc programme; an increase of 9% over 2019/2020. Thirty-six new students registered for the new online MSc programme. That figure represented an 263% increase over the previous academic year. Our new

students hailed from several countries including the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the Caribbean. The first year of the online MSc programme was successful and the lecturers, students and academic staff are to be lauded for their valiant efforts. We will also graduate 8 MSc students (5 with distinction) in November 2021.

## ALIGNMENT

The research output for the academic year: 2020/2021 was impressive with 12 journal articles, 1 edited book, 7 book chapters. Dr Natalie Dietrich Jones, was awarded Most Outstanding Research. Fellow prize for the year 2020/2021 with two journal articles and two book chapters. SALISES staff also presented at 15 conferences/seminars. Dr Dacia Leslie received the Principal's Award for Best Faculty of Social Sciences Publication, for the Academic year 2019/2020 for her book, 'Recidivism in the Caribbean - Improving the reintegration of Jamaican Ex-prisoners'. Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee, University Director received the VC's Award for All Round Excellence. In Research, Teaching and University Service.

## AGILITY

SALISES Staff continued to be sought after for commissioned projects and SALISES staff began three new commissioned projects. They were also invited to sit on several international, regional and local organization because of their specialized skills. SALISES staff also organized 19 online seminars and forums. The Caribbean Child Research Conference, (the only conference that provides child and adult researchers, equal voice) had its 15<sup>th</sup> hosting. The output for the academic year was outstanding and the SALISES Team members are to be highly commended for their achievements during a pandemic.

### Derek Gordon Databank

The Derek Gordon Databank continued to offer support for academic research and teaching by providing over 120 micro-data sets to students, lecturers and researchers during the period.

### Data Acquisition

The following data sets were acquired and made available to UWI staff and students:

- Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions 2018
- Jamaica Labour Force Survey 2017-2019, all quarters
- Jamaica National Crime Victimization Survey 2019
- LAPOP 2016 and 2018
- Multiple Custer Indicator Survey – UNICEF (Guyana 2019-20, Cuba 2019)

## **Norman Girvan Documentation Centre**

The Norman Girvan Documentation Centre shifted operations to provide online support for staff and students. Librarians provided subject support for teaching and research, by promoting subject e-resources, Open Education Resources (OERs), and facilitating digital reproduction and supply of needed print resources in keeping with copyright restrictions. In addition, limited in-person services were provided to faculty and graduate students, especially for print resources which were not available in e-formats. Loan of select print resources was facilitated by curb-side delivery to faculty and graduate students. The Library also expanded access to critical print resources not available in e-format or for loan by digitizing sections as requested by faculty and graduate students to support research and teaching. Librarians also conducted online citation and thesis consultations and developed relevant subject guides to support online teaching. Two new collections were acquired: the Trevor Munroe collection of books and papers, and a smaller collection from UNICEF. The digitization of the Erna Brodber Oral History Project which began in early 2020 was completed in December.

## **Publications Section**

The special issue on Reparations (Volume 68: 3&4) was launched virtually on January 23, 2021 by the Centre for Reparations Research in collaboration with SALISES, Mona. Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice Chancellor made opening remarks and the launch was moderated by Professor Verene Shepherd. The guest speaker was Dr. Michele Johnson of York University, Canada. The latest issue of the Social and Economic Studies (SES) Journal Volume 69: 1&2 March/June 2020, General issue is now available. Volume 69: 3&4 September/December 2020, The Quest for Sustainable Caribbean Futures, guest edited by Dr. Patricia Northover, Senior Research Fellow is now in press.

# **ACCESS**

SALISES sought to increase access for students by the conversion of the MSc Development Studies programme from face-to-face delivery mode to an online delivery platform. This transformational activity was a success and the new programme commenced on September 14, 2020. Marketing efforts led to SALISES achieving its recruitment target of 36 registered students for the 2020/2021 academic year, resulting in a 263% increase in enrolment compared to the previous academic year. Seven new students registered for the MPhil/PhD programme. The Global Partnership Network (GPN), is one of the centers of Excellence for Exchange and Development funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the Higher Education Excellence in Development Cooperation (EXCEED) program of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). It is an assemblage of higher education institutions and civil society groups for research, teaching and training around SDG 17: "Strengthen the means of implemen-

tation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development". The GPN targets research, teaching and training that investigates the global partnership for sustainable development. The University of the West Indies, through the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, SALISES, as a collaborating partner in this consortium of universities has partnered to provide the GPN- Arthur Lewis Annual scholarship over the period 2020-2024. The award will generally be for the sum of USD750.00 per month, for a minimum period of 3 months. Students pursuing the MSc Development Studies programme are eligible for this award.

## **Publications**

### **Book Chapters**

Dietrich-Jones, N. (2020). "Against the tide?: A socio-legal review of Caribbean SIDS' (non)-

compliance with international agreements on migrants and refugees and the protection of vulnerable migrants". In L. Briguglio, J. Byron, S. Moncada, & W. Veenendaal (1st ed), Handbook of Governance in Small States (pp. 248–264). Routledge.

Dietrich Jones, N. (2020). "The Venezuela-Trinidad and Tobago Migration Corridor". In T. Bastia & R Skeldon, Routledge Handbook of Migration and Development (pp.492-500). Routledge.

Leslie, D., & Centifanti, L. (2020). "Children of prisoners have protection needs too -Insights from the lived experiences of offenders". In W. Wallace (Ed.), Caribbean Perspectives on Criminology and Criminal Justice: Volume II (pp.201-236). Westphalia Press.

Paul, A., (2021). "Nation Aroused and Open for Business? Jamaica circa early 21st Century." Chapter in Modern Political Culture in the Caribbean edited by Holger Henke and Fred Reno. Kingston: UWI Press.

Paul, A. (2021). "The Afflicted Gaze of Peter Dean Rickards." Fragments of Epic Memory, ed. Julie Crooks. Toronto and New York: Art Gallery of Ontario and DelMonico Books/D.A.P.

### **Edited Books (Refereed)**

Paul, Annie, ed. 2021. Bookmarked: PREE New Caribbean Writing, Kingston: PREE ink. 349 pp.

## **Refereed Journal Articles**

Dietrich Jones, N. (2020). "Between a Kingdom and a hard place: The Dutch Caribbean

and the Venezuelan migration crisis". Migration and Development 10(2), 216-237. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21632324.2020.1809279>

Fourer, M., Dietrich Jones, N., & Ciftci, Y. (2020) "Offshore Processing Arrangements: Effect on Treaty Ratifications of Receiving States". Laws, 9(4), 23. <https://doi.org/10.3390/laws9040023>

Henry-Lee, A, & Jones, J. (2021). "Jamaica's Social Policy Response to COVID-19: Societal Inequalities Laid Bare". CRC 1342 Covid-19 Social Policy Response Series, Vol 32. <https://www.socialpolicydynamics.de/publications/en?publ=10517>

Newman, N. (2021). "Academic Library Leadership Lessons from COVID-19." Library Leadership and Management. Vol. 35, No. 2.

Newman, N., & Newman, D. (2021). "Leadership Behind Masked Faces: From Uncertainty to Resilience at a Jamaican Academic Library." Journal of Academic Librarianship. Vol. 47, Issue

5. Newman, N. (2021). "Leadership and Organizational Support on Employee Engagement During the COVID-19 Pandemic." The Citizen, Vol. 18, Issue 2.

Sánchez,D., Escobar, L., Pérez, C., Algoed, L., Bassett, P., Coleman, Y., Ferrando, T., Johnson, H., Pacheco, M., Forbes, G., Mussington, J., Northover, P., & Paddock. J. (2021). "Food, Land and Climate Justice in the Caribbean: Systemic Responses to COVID-19 as a State of Protracted Climate Emergency". Journal Ecología Política: Decolonial political ecologies in Mesoamérica and the Caribbean. <https://www.ecologiapolitica.info/?product=60-mesoamerica-y-caribe>

Northover, P (2020). Introduction: Living (and Dying) At the edge of History: The Quest for Sustainable Caribbean Futures. Social and Economic Studies, 69 (3&4)

Paul, A (2021): Strange Love: South Asians and Blacks in the Caribbean, South Asian Review  
DOI: 10.1080/02759527.2021.1954813 (to be published in their print edition as well)

Williams, K. 2020. Do remittances condition the relationship between trade and government consumption? Applied Economics Letters.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13504851.2020.1834072>.

Williams, K. 2020. Do international sanctions reduce household and government consumption in developing countries? South African Journal of Economics.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/saje.12281>

Williams, K. (2021). Does national income mediate the relationship between trade and government

size? *Empirical Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00181-021-02017-3>.

## ALIGNMENT

### Papers Presented

Dietrich-Jones, N. (2020). "Interdictions, Detentions and Deportations in the Dutch Caribbean" [Online Presentation]. International Migration and Refugees Conference, November 23–25, 2020, Online.

Dietrich Jones, N. (2020). "Places of refuge? Aruba, Curacao and the Venezuelan migration crisis". Art Conference on Migration, March 25, 2020.

Dietrich Jones, N. (2021) "The possibility for maturity? The 1951 Convention and its Protocol in Post-colonial small states in the Dutch Caribbean". 5th Refugee Law Initiative Annual Conference, June 11 2021.

Henry-Lee, A. (2020) "Child Rights, COVID-19 and Physical Education" [Online Presentation]. 15th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference, November 25–26, 2020.

Henry-Lee, A., Leach, R., & Johnson-Coke, Y. (2020). "Child Poverty and Social Protection in Jamaica" [Online Presentation]. 21st Annual SALISES Conference, December 10–13, 2020. Tobago.

Henry-Lee, A. (2021). "The CRC @ 30: Violence against Children in the Caribbean". International Sociological Association Conference, February 25, 2021, Online Conference.

Henry-Lee, A. (2021). "Disruption and Confusion: COVID-19 and children in the Caribbean". Annual conference of the Caribbean Sociological Association. June 12, 2021, Online.

Henry-Lee A. (2021). "They cannot breathe" Reparatory Justice for Haitian Children. American Sociological Association (online). August 9, 2021.

Leslie, D. (2021). "A Global South Country Perspective on Prison Overcrowding and COVID-19," FSS Research Writer's Conference, January 7, 2021, Golden Shore Beach Resort Hotel, Lyssons, St. Thomas.

Leslie, D. (2021). "Crime and Harm Challenges: Challenges of Social and Global Justice?" British Society of Criminology Conference, July 8, 2021.



Newman, N. (2021). "Maintaining Employee Engagement during the COVID-19 Pandemic", HR Forum 2021, e-Conference, June 8-9, 2021

Northover, P (2021). "The Hunger Crop? Sugar, Imperial Debris and the Struggle for Development as Justice in the Caribbean". Paper presented for Panel organized for the International Virtual Conference "Just Food: Because it is never Just Food," <https://www.food-culture.org/2021-conference>. June 9-15, 2021.

Northover, P. (2021). "Just Food through Modern Day Marronage." Paper for Roundtable, organized for International Virtual Conference "Just Food: Because it is never Just Food," <https://www.food-culture.org/2021-conference>. June 9-15, 2021.

Wilson, M., Mitchell, S., Northover, P., Johnson, H., & Esnard, T (2021). "Afrodescendant Seed Infrastructures: Towards Inclusive Food Security in the Caribbean" Power point Presentation for British Sociological Association (BSA) Food Studies Group Virtual Conference 2021: Food, Food Systems and Times of Insecurity. June 21-22, 2021

White, T. (2020). "Repurposing the Libraries in the Pandemic: The Role of the Public Library in COVID 19", 15th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference, e-Conference, November 25, 2020.

Williams, K. (2021). "Turning challenges into Opportunities". SALISES and the Department of Economics Research Webinar, April 6, 2021.

## **Public Service**

Arlene Bailey, PhD

- Member, Jamaica Census 2021 Steering Committee
- Associate Editor- Editorial Board of Information Technology for Development (published by Taylor & Francis / Commonwealth Secretariat)
- Member, National Agenda 2030 Oversight Committee

## **Natalie Dietrich Jones, PhD**

- Member, National Working Group on Migration and International Development, coordinated by the Planning Institute of Jamaica.

Aldrie Henry-Lee, Professor

- 1st Vice President 2020/2021, Kiwanis Club of New Kingston
- Member, Jamaica National Education Sector Committee

Richard Leach, MSc

- Member of Steering Committee - Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions
- Member of Steering Committee – Jamaica Census 2021

### **Dacia Leslie, PhD**

- Editorial Board Member, Caribbean Journal of Criminology
- Advisor, Alumni Advisory Panel Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom
- Local Coordinator, Humber College Study Abroad Programme, School of Social & Community Services, Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning.
- Member, Caribbean Evaluators International (CEI)
- Secetary, Escarpment Road New Testament Church of God, Executive Board of the Women's Ministry

Nadine, Newman, MSc.

- Member, Library and Information Association of Jamaica (LIAJA)
- Member, American Library Association
- Chairman, Kiwanis Club of New Kingston (2021)
- Editorial Board Member, Caribbean Library Journal

Patricia Northover, PhD

- Member, International Steering Committee and Academic Board of the Global Partnership Network. <https://www.uni-kassel.de/forschung/global-partnership-network/about-us/people/steering-committee-academic-board>
- Associate Editor, Cultural Dynamics: Insurgent Scholarship on Culture, Politics and Power: <http://cdy.sagepub.com/>
- Membership in the International Network of Scholars and Activists for Afrikan Reparations- INOSAAR <https://www.inosaar.llc.ed.ac.uk/en/academic-researcher/patricia-northover>.
- Membership in the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) Commonwealth Climate Resilience Network <https://www.acu.ac.uk/get-involved/commonwealth-climate-resilience-network/>

Annie Paul, MSc

- Board Member, National Gallery of Jamaica and Chair, Exhibitions Committee
- Board Member, JAMCOPY
- Editorial Advisory Board Member for the series Queer Politics in Contemporary Turkey (2021)
- Appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of the Gender, Sexuality and Global Politics



series, Bristol University Press (2020)

Thelma White, MSc

- Member, Library and Information Association of Jamaica (LIAJA)

# AGILITY

## Income Generated

SALISES received a grant of €3,000.00 from the Global Partnership Network for the 2021 academic year.

SALISES also commenced three new commissioned research projects with the following partners:- Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF); United Nations Development Programme and International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Canada - Tracking of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Institute also continued the provision of consultancy services to the Caribbean Development Bank (The Conduct of Disability Assessments in Borrowing Countries) and other regional institutions.

