

## DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES



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### *Mission of the Department*

*“To provide the highest standard of teaching and research to produce library and information professionals, well equipped to face the challenges of the dynamic information environment, and to provide leadership in managing the information needs of the Caribbean for the twenty-first century and beyond.” (2011 Revision)*

### **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

#### **Multi-modal delivery of the BA in Librarianship**

In support of The UWI Triple A (*Access, Agility and Alignment*) Strategic Plan 2017–2022 the Department developed and began delivering its first undergraduate online programme (BA in Librarianship) to provide a

wider *access* to prospective diaspora Caribbean populations and all other prospects with an interest in Librarianship.

**New Courses**

*LIBS3803 - Internship in Information Studies*

LIBS3803 – Internship in Information Studies, the last of the courses developed for the new BA in Information Studies. This new course is built on the same principles as the internship for librarianship. Students will spend six weeks in an information unit under the guidance of an information professional.

**Improvement in the Quality of Teaching and Learning**

*Upgrading of the facilities & technology*

The Department carried out major upgrading of the facilities and technology to provide a more comfortable and conducive environment for staff and students, and to support the teaching and learning process. Table 1 below outlines the cost of renovation undertaken.

**Table 1.** Cost of renovation Undertaken

Refurbishing of LibrarySeminar Room I – Retrofit to virtual conference room Relocation of Kitchen – Reference Collection room and resources to construct Seminar Room II	\$1,961,052.00
New AC units installed in Library, Reading Room and New Classroom	\$ 890,876.85
Installation of Video Conference System in Seminar Room and Computer Lab	\$5,204,113.29
Purchasing of ZOOM license	\$ 192,000.00
Purchasing of print and non-print resources which were disseminated to other UWI Campus libraries	\$2,252,535.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,500,577.14</b>

### **International Accreditation for Programmes**

The Department has commenced activities leading to external Academic Accreditation for its five (5) programmes from the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP). This type of accreditation is needed to allow our graduates to obtain appropriate professional licensure outside of the Caribbean as well as to permit students to transfer credits to another library school outside of the region.

### **Quality Assurance Review (QAR)**

The Department had its Quality Assurance Review (QAR) during the week of March 12-16, 2018. The lead QAR committee member was Dr. Barbara Stripling, Senior Associate Dean/Associate Professor of Practice, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, USA. Other committee members were Dr. Grete Pasch, Campus Librarian, Cave Hill Barbados and Mrs Claudette Thomas, Government Archivist, Jamaica Archives and Records Department (JARD). A part of the QAR activity was a Public Lecture. The Department collaborated with the Quality Assurance Unit to host this event under theme *“Empowering Learners: Shifting the Focus of Information Literacy Instruction”* which was *presented by Dr. Barbara Stripling* on March 16, 2018 at The UWI Main Library’s Multifunctional Room.

## **GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH**

### **Archives and Records Management Scholarship offered by the Chinese Government**

Two lecturers, Dr. Rosemarie Heath and Mrs. Racquel Innerarity-Strachan, along with four graduate students, namely, Carol Francis, Lisa Vernon, Suzanne Howell, and Alecia Litchmore received training in the area of Archives and Records Management in China from June 21 to July 12, 2018. This was made available by the Chinese government.

### **Staff/Graduate Research Seminars**

The following Staff/Graduate Research Seminars were held during the year.

- *Mark-Shane Scale (Lecturer)* – Non-neutrality and the Effect of Colonialism on International Librarianship, April 20, 2018
- *Alecia Litchmore (PG Student)* – An Analysis of the Career Path of Jamaican Librarians. April 27, 2018
- *Stanley Griffin (Adjunct Lecturer)*- Fighting for Rights with Records: How Rastafari Decolonised the Jamaican Archives, May 4, 2018
- *Sandra Stubbs (The first M.Phil/Ph.D Student)* – Presentation on “(Re) Purposing Caribbean Library Spaces in the Digital Era: Design Thinking and Praxis., May 17, 2018

### **Research Forum**

The Department hosted its 4th Research Forum on February 8, 2018 under the theme “*New Voices and Studies in Archives, Libraries and Museums*”. The keynote speaker was Prof. Claudette Durrant, DLIS Adjunct Lecturer who very ably delivered a presentation on “Open Access.” Graduate students and lecturers displayed posters showcasing their research in progress.

### **UWI Research Days – February 6-8, 2018**

The Faculty of Humanities and Education focused on Caribbean writers who concentrated on the Caribbean experience across the curriculum. Therefore, the Department promoted groundbreaking publications from the following past Heads of Department as its contribution: Dr. Dorothy Collings: *Library Education in the English-speaking Caribbean – 1973*; Prof. Daphne Douglas: *A study on Public Documents in the English-speaking Caribbean – 1984*; Professor Fay Durrant: *A Regional Information System strategy for the Caribbean for the year 2000 – 1989*; Dr. Hazel Bennett: *Libraries in the British West Indies – 1970 WIC*; Professor Daphne Douglas, Professor Fay Durrant and Ms. Stephney Ferguson: *UNESCO Regional Information User Seminars, April–July 1984*.

### **Summer Institute 2018**

To accomplish “Access 2” of our Strategic Plan, the Department conducted a 2-day online workshop on Reference Services on May 17 and 18, 2018. The participants were Library Assistants from the Tobago Library Services. The presenter was Mark-Shane Scale, lecturer in the Department, who facilitated two modules geared towards improving the participants’ competencies in customer and reference services.

### **OUTREACH AND PROMOTION**

Dr. Rosemarie Heath visited a number of educational institutions where she made presentations, distributed brochures, and interacted with students, several of whom were interested in learning more about DLIS offerings.

### **STAFF MATTERS**

#### **Academic Staff**

*Departmental Librarian* – Mr. Mark-Jeffery Deans, began working on February 1, 2018 as the Departmental Librarian.

*Resignation* – Mr. Mark-Shane Scale resigned from the Department effective August 1, 2018.

### **INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

#### **UNESCO/UWI MILID Conference**

The Department collaborated with The UWI Mona Library and CARIMAC to host the Seventh UNESCO/UWI Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue Conference and Youth Agenda Forum under the theme, “*Media and Information Literacy in Critical Times: Re-Imagining Ways of Learning and Information Environments*”. This was held on October 24–27, 2017 at CARIMAC, UWI (Oct. 24) and The Jamaica Conference Centre (October 25–27). Dr. Paulette Stewart and Dr. Paulette Kerr were the Chair for the conference.

### **UNESCO/UWI Pilot Initiative on Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Workshop**

Our strategic objective on “*Alignment 2*” which is to build value-added relationships with International partners was realized when the DLIS agreed to partner with UNESCO and conduct a three-day workshop on Media and Information Literacy (MIL). UNESCO provided US\$4,992.08 to assist with the execution of the workshop.

#### ***Bequests to the Department***

The Department was bequeathed Seven Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-One Dollars and Eighty-One Cents (\$780,231.81) from the estate of the late **Dr. Phillipa “Pippa” Fray**, former librarian. The bequest will go towards training grants for needy students or academic prizes in the field of Library and Information Studies. Five Hundred Thousand Jamaican Dollars (JA\$500,000) was also bequeathed to the Department from **Mrs Ouida Fay Rowe** a former student in the Department. This fund will be used for needy students and departmental needs.

### **PAPERS PRESENTED**

- **Baker-Gardner, Ruth.** “Presentation of Plagiarism in Newspaper Articles in the Anglophone Caribbean for the Period 2002–2017”. University of Technology 3rd International Conference on Education and Humanities, Papine, Jam. May 24–25, 2018.
- **Scale, Mark-Shane.** “Non-neutrality & the Effect of Colonialism on Librarianship: Cases in Globalization, ICTs, and International Librarianship” at the inaugural Politics of Libraries Conference on April 23, 2018 at the University of Alberta.
- **Stewart, Paulette.** “Open Educational Resources (OER) in Teaching and learning in Higher Educational Institutions: New Opportunities and Challenges” at the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) on June 6, 2018 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

- **Wu Yan.** “The Use of Additional Evidence in Mining User-created Descriptions for Content Structural Design”. MATEC Web of Conferences, MEAMT 2018 in Beijing, China on May 25–27, 2018.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book Chapter

- **Baker-Gardner, Ruth and Paulette Stewart.** “Educating Caribbean Librarians to Provide Library Education in a Dynamic Information Environment” In *Changing the Scope of Library Instruction in the Digital Age*. Swati Bhattacharyya Ed. IGI Global, 2018. 198–237

### Peer-review Journal/database

- **Scale, Mark-Shane** “Internet Access to Caribbean Government Information on Home-schooling: A Preliminary Case Study of Barbados”. *The Journal of Pan African Studies*, vol. 10, no. 10, Nov. 2017, pp. 70–87.
- **Stewart, Paulette.** An Analysis of the Jamaican Grades 1-6 Curriculum for the Development of a Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue Cross-Curriculum. International Association of School Librarianship. *Proquest Central* 1931662813. (2017): 275–292.
- **Stewart, Paulette** and Kerry-Ann Rodney-Wellington (2017). Multimedia and Cognitive Ability: Teacher Librarians’ Perception of Cognitive Effects of Multimedia Learning in Selected School Libraries in the Caribbean. *Caribbean Journal of Education*. Vol. 39 Nos. 1&2, pp. 95–131.
- **Stewart, Paulette.** School Library Design, Facilities and Resources for Sustainable Cognitive and Social Development of Students: An Evaluative Case Study. *School Libraries Worldwide*. Vol. 24 No. 2 July 2018.

### Journal Article

- **Heath, Rosemarie.** Toward TVET Certification: The Experiences, Attitudes, and Perceptions of Weekend Spa Therapy Trainees at the HEART College of Beauty Services (HCBS). *Caribbean Journal of Education*, Vol. 40 Nos. 1&2 (2018).

### CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS ATTENDED

- **Baker-Gardner, Ruth** – ALA-ICA Annual Conference 2017. “Archives, Citizenship and Inter-culturalism” Mexico, 27 to 29 November 2017.
- **Heath, Rosemarie** – UNESCO/UWI Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue Conference. October 26, 2017. The University of the West Indies (CARIMAC). Kingston, Jamaica.
- **Stewart, Paulette** – International Association of School Librarianship Conference at the California State University in Long Beach, California on August 4–7, 2017.
- Association for Library and Information Science Education Conference on “*The Expanding LIS Education Universe*” on February 6–9, 2018 Denver Colorado.
- **Scale, Mark-Shane** – UNESCO/UWI Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue Conference. October 26–28, 2017. Kingston, Jamaica and the Politics of Libraries Conference on April 23, 2018 at the University of Alberta.
- **Wu, Yan** – APCDA Conference, the Canadian Education and Research Institute. Tsinghua, University, Beijing, China, May 15–19, 2018.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### Dr. Paulette Stewart

- National Judge, Jamaica Library Service National Reading Competition

- Director, International Association of School Librarianship, Latin America and the Caribbean

**Dr. Rosemarie Heath**

- Co-Evaluator – UWI Quality Assurance Team to the Department of Education
- Member of the UWI Quality Assurance team that met in Trinidad in December to finalize the new UWI Quality Policy Document

**Dr. Ruth Baker-Gardner**

- Executive Committee Member, Library and Information Association of Jamaica (LIAJA)
- Assessor – University Council of Jamaica (for Mico University College BEd. in Library and Information Studies)

**STUDENT MATTERS**

**Meeting with Undergraduate and Graduate Course Representatives**

Meetings were held with both undergraduate and graduate students. Students indicated that they were satisfied with the extended opening hours from (4:30pm–8:00pm) of the library as well as the quality of service offered by the student library assistants. They noted that the standard of teaching was high and that lecturers went the extra mile to ensure students’ needs and concerns are addressed. Students expressed that they never expected the high level of student-student and student-lecturer interaction in the online programmes. Overall, they expressed that the delivery of the courses exceeded their expectation.

**Student Enrolment 2017/2018**

***Undergraduates***

<b>Full-Time</b>	<b>Part-Time</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Total</b>
25	39	10	74

**Graduates**

<b>Face-To-Face</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Specially Admitted</b>	<b>Total</b>
36	33	6	75

The student enrollment for 2017/2018 for both the undergraduate and graduate programmes has been increasing because of the commencement of the online mode of delivery.

**Practicum/Internship**

The Table below gives the overview of this Practicum activity

<b>Programmes</b>	<b>Students placed</b>	<b>Countries of placement</b>
Undergraduate (14) Librarianship Information Studies	104	Jamaica (11), USA(1), Cayman (1), Trinidad (1)
Postgraduate (14) MLIS MA RCM	59	Jamaica (9), Barbados (1), USA (3), Trinidad (1),
<b>Total Students Placed</b>	28 Overseas (8) Locally (20)	

**Faculty/Departmental Awards**

**THE FOLLOWING PRIZES WERE AWARDED:**

<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>STUDENT</b>
<b>DLIS Alumni Prize for Best Grade</b>	Year I	Chavez Creary
<b>DLIS Prize for Best Grade</b>	Year II	Carma Bryce
<b>Dorothy Collings Prize (Graduate)</b>	Best overall graduate performance	Sheree Holness
<b>Dorothy Collings Prize (Undergraduate)</b>	Best overall undergraduate performance	Kadeen Mendez
<b>DLIS Prize Best Grade</b>	LIBS3007 – Caribbean Libraries & Information Units	Olivia Brown
<b>Daphne Douglas Prize</b>	Outstanding Professional Development	Moya Staple
<b>Hazel Bennett Prize</b>	Best Grade in a Year I Management Information Systems Course	Jodi-Ann Sadler
<b>Fay Durrant Prize</b>	Best Grade in LIBS3901 – Access to Information in the Caribbean	Faithlyn Reader
<b>Records Management Prize(Graduate)</b>	Best Grade in ARCM6004 – Records Management in a Digital Age	Desaray Pivott-Nolan
<b>Stephney Ferguson Prize</b>	Best Grade in LIBS6901 – Trends and Issues in Library and Information Work	Natalee Nugent

**UWI LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDENT SOCIETY (UWILISS)**

A number of activities were undertaken towards this initiative. One major activity was a donation of books to the school's library which were provided by the outgoing President of UWILISS, Akeelya Williams. These outreach activities planned are aimed to fulfill the projected community engagement activities in the DLIS 2017–2022 Strategic Plan.