

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

Teaching and Curricula Development

The Department, during the year under review, innovatively and successfully undertook the routine core activities of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, including postgraduate research supervision and curricula development, in an atmosphere of collegiality. To enhance the learning experiences of students through the use and application of cutting-edge information technology in teaching delivery, the Department acquired two new laptop computers, a camcorder, and two projectors.



Enhancing the prevailing client-centered approach in teaching delivery with these facilities yielded handsome dividends: for example, the overall valuation of teaching strategies by students reached an excellent new high during the year under review.

In terms of quality assurance and curricula development these undergraduate courses, having been taught for five years, were reviewed and redesigned where necessary and appropriate: H20F, H20G, H21D, H30C, H30H, H30Q, and H30M. The review of the remaining undergraduate courses will be completed during the course of this academic year, 2009/10. Before the close of last academic year, the Department secured approval for a new degree programme: BA History and Heritage. With this development there are now 5 first degree programmes within the Department: BA History Major, BA History Special, BA History and Archaeology Major, BA History and Archaeology Special, and BA History and Heritage. Arrangements are well advanced, in concert with the Department of Educational Studies,

to also secure approval for a double- major degree: BA History and History Education.

The Department has also put in place arrangements to readjust the shortfall in the amount of credits currently assigned to its taught postgraduate degree programmes – MA History, and MA Heritage Studies. The rate of throughput in the taught Masters, particularly in the research degrees (MPhil & PhD), has been too modest due to a number of reasons not worth detailing here. Mrs. Suzanne Francis-Brown, among those in the later group, completed and successfully defended her PhD dissertation during the academic year under review. The weekly staff/postgraduate seminars, including the efforts of research-project supervisors, added much value to the learning experience of postgraduate students. Those who made presentations at these seminars, for example, often got the beneficial critical inputs from members of staff. These exercises, in concert with the efforts of research-project supervisors, facilitated the completion of many projects within the Department.

Archaeology

The partnership between the archaeology unit of the Department and the DACCS Programme (Digital Archaeological Archives of Comparative Slavery) of the University of Virginia in the United States has been very beneficial indeed. At the beginning of 2009, with the support of the Principal's Office and the financiers of the DACCS Programme, work resumed on the unfinished excavation of the erstwhile "Papine/Mona Slave Village" site on the Mona Campus. Funds permitting, this project could be completed in January 2010. These excavations, as avenues for acquiring practical field experiences in the discipline of archaeology, were immensely useful to the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the Department. Mr. Ivor Conolley, the first PhD candidate in archaeology and a beneficiary of these field schools, is almost set to submit his dissertation for examination. Dr. Suzanne Francis-Brown, who recently completed and defended her dissertation, was awarded a six-week fellowship by our overseas partners to study "the myriad issues surrounding the interpretation and replication/reconstruction of slave dwellings in the Caribbean and United States." Dr. Francis-Brown, given the benefits accruing from this fellowship, could be an invaluable asset to the Mona Campus Heritage Committee.

Social History Project

Under the aegis of the Department, the Project successfully organized a two-day symposium (24th to 25th October, 2008) on *Heritage Management and Preservation*. The symposium brought together scholars, cultural entrepreneurs, interested private and public sector institutions actively involved in heritage preservation and management in the Caribbean to discuss and share experiences. The vetting arrangements to publish some of the papers presented, including others that were invited after the symposium, is now underway. The proposed publication is expected to enrich the readings available to students taking courses in the newly approved history and heritage degree programme.

The Department, during the academic year under review, made two new desktop computers available to the Social History Project to facilitate its work as a research and data-gathering outfit. Students, particularly postgraduate students, have taken advantage of the resources available in the Project office -written archival materials, oral tape recordings, a rich collection of past postgraduate research essays, and the newly acquired computers- to enhance their learning experience and academic productivity.

The 25th Annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture

The 25th Annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture –“The Struggle for the Cultural Soul of Jamaica after Morant Bay” – was delivered by Professor Brian Moore (John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur, Professor of History and Director of the African and Latin-American Studies Programme at the Colgate University, New York, United States). The lecture, which was attended by well over 200 persons from within and outside of the Mona Campus, was well received and also attracted interesting media reviews.

Public/Professional Outreach

In April 2009 the Department hosted a series of lectures on the Mona Campus to assist candidates preparing for the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE). This exercise is an annual event involving no less than eight lecturers in the Department; and, bearing in mind the significance of these lectures for the development and understanding of history at the high school level, arrangements are

currently underway to produce a textbook on the themes annually dealt with.

Between 31st July and 1st August 2009, the Department participated in a landmark event of national significance: “The 13th Anniversary of Emancipation Jubilee” organized by the Jamaica National Heritage Trust. Under the theme “Echoes of Our Past” the Department displayed artifacts and didactic posters, including audiovisual materials, on various aspects of the nation’s history and heritage: traditional pot-making, a synoptic account of the Tainos, the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans, and the “Papine Slave Village” excavations. These presentations and exhibitions were well received by the organizers of the event and members of the wider public.

Staff Matters

Drs. Kathleen Monteith and Jenny Jemmott were among other distinguished recipients of the “Principal’s 2009 Research Day Awards” on the Mona Campus. The publications of Monteith and Jemmott were subsequently highlighted in the *Research for Development: Recognizing Outstanding Researchers* (Office of the Principal: University of the West Indies, Mona, 2009). The works of Monteith were also featured in *The Pelican* (2009) – a UWI wide publication sponsored by the Office of the Vice Chancellor. Drs. Aleric Josephs and Veront Satchell were on sabbatical leave during the academic year under review. Dr. Allister Hinds’ secondment from the Department to the Office of the Campus Registrar, as the Director of the Human Resources Management Division, was renewed for another year. For that reason, the services of his replacer, Dr. Henrique Okenve, had to be retained by the Department. Research and publication as highlighted below, another core segment of reporting on staff-related matters, was quite impressive indeed during the 2008/09 academic year.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Sultana Afroz

- “Women in Islam: Myths and Realities” Conference on *Theologising Women: Speaking across Traditions* organized by The Women and Development Unit (WAND), UWI, Hillcrest Retreat Centre, Brown’s Town, St. Ann, March 20, 2009.

Jonathan Dalby

- “Heritage of Empire: The Jamaica Constabulary Force and its Predecessors in the Nineteenth Century”, Social History Project Heritage Conference, Mona, October 2008.
- “A ‘Cinderella Service’?: The Organization and Personnel of the Jamaican Police before and after 1865” Department of History and Archaeology Staff-Graduate Seminar, UWI Mona, November 28, 2008.
- “Imperfect in its construction and defective in its working?": Jamaican Juries and the Jury System before and after Emancipation” Department of History and Archaeology Staff-Graduate Seminar, UWI Mona, March 27, 2009.
- “The Palladium of Liberty?: Trial by Jury in Nineteenth-Century Jamaica” Association of Caribbean Historians Conference, Guadeloupe, May 11, 2009.

Wigmore Francis

- “The Emancipation War” The Liberty Hall Annual Symposium: 2008.
- “Miscellaneous Messianic and Millenarian Movements: (Mis)Representations, Politics, and Identity” Association of Cultural Studies Conference, Jamaica, 2008.

Dave Gosse

- “Enslaved Women, Immorality and the Ethics of Resistance” Association of Caribbean Historians, Saint Francois, Guadeloupe, May 2009.
- “Absenteeism and Plantation Management in Early Nineteenth Century Jamaica” Staff-Postgraduate Seminar, Dept of History and Archaeology, UWI-Mona, October 2008.

Aleric Josephs

- “The Articulation of ODL and Face-to-Face: Teaching History to Teachers” 33rd International Conference on Improving University Teaching” Glasgow, Scotland, August 1, 2008.

- “Rebel Woman: The Role of Enslaved Women in Resistance” Annual Lecture Series for Students, The Institute of Jamaica, March 10, 2009.
- “The Life of the Taino” Shorthood Teacher’s College, Jamaica, September 28, 2009.
- “The Tainos - First Jamaicans” Mico University College, May 5, 2009.
- “Women in Jamaica’s Black Resistance” the University of Cologne Study Abroad Programme students, UWI, Mona, August 25, 2009.

Kathleen Monteith

- “Innovation or Conservatism: The Barclays Overseas Development Corporation in the West Indies, 1951-1961” Department of History and Archaeology Staff-Graduate Seminar, UWI-Mona, April 3, 2009.
- “Researching Barclays Bank (DCO) in the West Indies” 34th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Studies June 1-5, 2009.

Enrique Okenve

- “Wa kobo abe, wa kobo politik”: Three Decades of Social Paralysis and Political Immobility in Equatorial Guinea.” Conference Between Three Continents: Rethinking Equatorial Guinea on the Fortieth Anniversary of its Independence from Spain. Hofstra University, New York, USA, April 2, 2009.

James Robertson

- “‘Here his Grace ... resides’: the role of the Royal Governor in English Jamaica, 1661– c.1720”, Reading Conference on Early Modern Studies: Authority and Authorities, Reading University, July 8, 2009.
- “Fighting Jamaica’s First Maroon War: Soldiers’ Journals and the Nature of Colonial Campaigning” Early American Seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, May 21, 2009.
- “The Experience and Imagination of a Slave Revolt: The Uprising in St. Mary Parish, Jamaica, in 1765” History

Workshop, University of Chicago, May 13, 2009 and Early American Writing Group, De Paul University, Chicago, February 27, 2009.

- “Victorian ‘Restorations’: Reconfiguring the Cathedral in Spanish Town” 8th Symposium of the Archaeological Society of Jamaica, UWI, Mona, April 16, 2009.
- “Competition between Jamaica’s Eighteenth-Century Towns: The Hopes of ‘Second Cities’” Conference on The Eighteenth-Century Cosmopolis: Stony Brook University, Manhattan Campus, New York, October 23-24.

Sabrina Rampersad

- “Joint DAACS/UWI Excavations at the Papine Slave Village: Preliminary Results” 8th Symposium of the Social History Project, UWI, Mona, October 24, 2008.

Verene Shepherd

- “Slavery, Shame and Pride: Debates over the marking of the bicentennial of the passing of the British Abolition Act” 5th Biennial ASWAD Conference, Ghana, August 2-6, 2009.
- “Writing History Textbooks for Caribbean Schools” SEPHIS/UWI/Policy Dialogue Workshop, UWI, St. Augustine, June 10, 2009.
- “Unity and Disunity, Creolization & Marronage in the Atlantic World” Research Symposium on Problems of Categorization in Creole Societies: UWI-Mona, April 20, 2009.
- “Research and Writing the Caribbean: Problems and Possibilities for the Historian” Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London, March 13, 2009.
- “Spain in Jamaica” Symposium: “Uncovering Spain in Jamaica” Liberty Hall, Jamaica, November 30, 2008.
- “The Freedom Monument Project and the Archaeology of Black Memory” Symposium “Art and History” Free University, Berlin, November 19, 2008.
- “More than Statistics: Experience Memory, Legacy in Migration Studies” Regional Seminar on Migration and Human

Trafficking in the Caribbean, Alhambra Inn, Jamaica, November 27, 2008.

- “You don’t have to Say you are Sorry: Apologies, Regrets, Reparation; the Jamaican Case” UNED, Madrid Reparation Conference, October 11, 2008.

Veront Satchell

- “Land Tenure and Land Disputes in Jamaica 1838-1938” The First Bowman Expedition and Annual Conference of the American Geographical Society (AGS) Oaxaca, Mexico, August 11-15, 2008.

Matthew J. Smith

- “Haitian History in the Context of Strategic Culture” Workshop on Haitian Strategic Culture, Intercontinental Hotel, Miami, FL. August 6, 2009.
- “Flags, Freedom, and Fate: Haitian Radicalism and the Postoccupation Experience” Haitian Heritage Museum, Miami, FL. July 2009.
- “Politics and Resistance in Twentieth Century Haiti” Haitian Summer Institute, Florida International University, Miami, FL. July 1, 2009.
- “Abraham Lincoln and Caribbean Emancipation” Presentation Abraham Lincoln: A Legacy of Freedom at the Information Resource Center, United States Embassy, Kingston, March 30, 2009.
- “Waves of Sound: Music and Migration in the Northern Caribbean” Research Symposium on Problems of Categorization in Creole Societies: Heritage, Appropriation, Innovation UWI-Mona, April 20, 2009.
- “A Party of Exiles: The Haitian Progressive Party and Jamaica” Department of History and Archaeology Staff/Postgraduate Seminar Series, November 21, 2008.
- “Haiti as an Anomaly?: Haitian Leadership in Historical Perspective” 20th Annual Meeting, Haitian Studies Association, Montrouis, Haiti, November 8, 2008.

Swithin Wilmot

- “‘The Politics of Christianity’: White Baptists and Black Voters in Post-Slavery Jamaica” International conference Relations of Difference: The Dynamics of Conflict in Global Perspective, Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany, July 1-3, 2009.

Waibinte Wariboko

- “The Afro-Caribbean Diaspora in Reverse and its Implications for the Development of Christianity in Igboland, Southeastern Nigeria, 1895-1925” Staff/Postgraduate Seminars, Department of History and Archaeology, UWI-Mona, September 26, 2008.

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

James Robertson

- * Sabrina R. Rampersad and James C. Robertson (eds.), Caribbean Archaeology and Material Culture, *Caribbean Quarterly* 55:2, June 2009.

Sabrina Rampersad

- * S.R. Rampersad and James C. Robertson (eds.), Caribbean Archaeology and Material Culture, *Caribbean Quarterly* 55:2, June 2009.

Matthew J. Smith

- * Red and Black in Haiti: Radicalism, Conflict, and Political Change, 1934-1957, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009.
- * Associate Editor (Caribbean Section), International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500-Present, 8 vols. General Editor, Emmanuel Ness, Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009.

Verene Shepherd

- * Verene A. Shepherd, Livestock, Sugar & Slavery: Contested Terrain in Colonial Jamaica, Kingston: Ian Randle Publishers, 2009

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Sultana Afroz

- * "The Manifestation of Tawhid: The Muslim Heritage of the Maroons in Jamaica," in Paulette A. Ramsay et al (eds.), Blooming with the Pouis: Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing across the Curriculum, Kingston: Ian Randle Publishers, 2009, 237-249
- * "Women in Islam: Myths and Realities," Judith Soares & Vivette Jennings (eds.), Speaking Across Traditions, Barbados: The Women and Development Unit, The UWI Open Campus, 2009, 20-39

Aleric Josephs

- * "Through Women's Eyes: Architectural Sketches of the West Indies" *Caribbean Quarterly* Vol. 55, 2 (2009) 131-150

James Robertson

- * "Giving Directions in Spanish Town, Jamaica: Comprehending a Tropical Townscape" *Journal of Urban History* 35:5 (2009), 718-742.
- * "Re-Imagining Public Space: Jamaica's Main Square 1534-2000" *Caribbean Quarterly*, 55:2 (2009), 113-130.
- * "Late Seventeenth-Century Spanish Town, Jamaica: Building an English City on Spanish Foundations" *Early American Studies* 6:2 (2008), 346-390.
- * "'The first of August, 1838, never to be forgotten through all generations': Recalling Emancipation in Spanish Town" *Jamaica Journal*, 31:1-2, (2008), 44-52.

Sabrina Rampersad

- * "Introducing Tell Gabbara: New Evidence for Early Dynastic Settlement in the Eastern Delta" *The Journal of Egyptian Archaeology* #94 (2008) 95-106
- * "Targeting the Jamaican Ostionoid: The Blue Marlin Archaeological Project" *Caribbean Quarterly* 55, #2 (2009) 23-41

Veront Satchell

- * “Colonial Injustice: The Crown v. Bedwardites, 27 April 1921,” in Horace Levy (ed.), *The African-Caribbean Worldview and the Making of Caribbean Society*, Kingston, UWI, Press, 2009

Matthew Smith

- * “Haiti: Protest and Rebellion in the Twentieth Century,” in Emmanuel Ness (ed.) International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500-Present, Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009, 1514-21.
- * “Jacques Roumain,” in Emmanuel Ness (ed.), International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500- Present, Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009, 2872

Verene Shepherd

- * “The Monument as Public Archive”, *Jamaica Journal*, Vol. 31: 3 (December 2008) 34-38
- * “Women and the Abolition Campaign in the African Atlantic”, *Journal of Caribbean History*, Vol. 42: 1 (2008) 131-153
- * “You don’t have to say you are sorry...?: Apologies and Regrets during the Bicentennial of the Abolition of the British Transatlantic Trade in Africans”, *Internet J. of African Renaissance Studies- Multi-, Inter – and Transdisciplinarity*, Vol. 3: 1 (2008) 130-140
- * “Marginality and Livestock Farmers in Jamaica” Paulette Ramsay, et. al., eds., Blooming with the Pouis: Critical Thinking Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum Ian Randle Pubs, 2009, 188-194.
- * “Miedos e inseguridades en Jamaica: El diario de Lady Nugent”, in Rina Caceres & Paul Lovejoy (eds.) Haiti: Revolucion y emancipacion, UCR: Costa Rica, 2008, 18-28
- * “Sir Anthony Musgrave and the Institute of Jamaica: Permanent Relationship or Time for a Divorce?,” *Jamaica Journal* Vol. 32; 1&2 (August 2009) 56-65

Swithin Wilmot

- * "The Morant Bay Rebellion," in Immanuel Ness (ed.), The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest 1500-the Present. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009, 2320-3

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- * "The Emasculation and Transformation of Indigenous Governance and Leadership Structures in the Niger Delta, 1848-1960" in A.A. Derefaka & A.M. Okorobia (eds.) The Future of the Niger Delta: The Search for a Relevant Narrative, Port Harcourt- Nigeria: Onyoma Research Publications, 2008, 95-122.

Non-Referred Articles

Jenny Jemmott

- * "Recovering the Lost: Efforts at Reuniting Victims of Forced Separation after 1834- Some Case Studies from Jamaica, 1834-1860" in Rose Cameron (ed.) *Research for Development: Recognizing Outstanding Researchers 2009*. UWI, Mona Campus, 2009, 8-11.

James Robertson

- * "Xaymaca – Life in Spanish Jamaica" *Georgian Jamaica* (Spring/Summer 2009) 8-10.

Book Reviews

Patrick Bryan

- * B.W. Higman, Jamaica Food: History, Biology, Culture, Kingston: University of the West Indies Press, 2008, Review in: *Jamaica Historical Review* (vol.XXIV, 2009) 56-59.

Sabrina Rampersad

- * L. G. Atkinson (ed.) The Earliest Inhabitants: The Dynamics of Jamaican Taino. Kingston: The University of the West Indies Press, 2006, Review in: *Caribbean Quarterly* 55, #2 (2009) 179-184

James Robertson

- * Charles van den Heuvel, “De Huysbouu”: A reconstruction of an unfinished treatise on architecture, town planning and civil engineering by Simon Stevin Amsterdam, 2005, Review in: *Dutch Crossing* 32 (2008) 122-124.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Patrick Bryan

- Committee Chairman, for the Launch of the 60th Anniversary Celebration at Mona.

Dave Gosse

- Chairman of the Board, Ardenne High School

Aleric Josephs

- Board Member, Women’s Resource and Outreach Centre.
- Chief Examiner, CAPE, for Caribbean Examination Council
- Member, Women’s Resource and Outreach Centre (WROC), Gender & Governance Strategy Group

Kathleen Monteith

- Member, National Library of Jamaica’s Development/Information Systems and Services and Management committee.
- Member, Executive Committee of the Jamaica Historical Society

James Robertson

- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Early American History*, 2009
- Vice President, Archaeological Society of Jamaica
- Academic Co-chair, Archaeological Society of Jamaica Symposium, 2008-9
- Board Member, Museums’ Division, Institute of Jamaica
- Vice President, Jamaican Historical Society

Veront Satchell

- Member, Diocesan Education and Youth Board, Anglican Church of Jamaica
- Reviews Editor, *The Journal of Caribbean History*
- Member, Advisory Board of the Registrar General's Department, Jamaica

Verene Shepherd

- Editorial Board Member, *Arts Journal, Jamaica Journal, Slavery and Abolition, Small Axe*
- Editorial Board Member, *Social and Economic Studies, Atlantic Studies, Journal of Caribbean History, International Journal of African Renaissance Studies*
- Ex-officio member, Executive Committee of the Association of Caribbean Historians
- Member, Steering Committee of the South-South Programme for Research on the History of Development (SEPHIS)
- Board Member, Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)
- Member, Advisory Board of the Registrar General's Department

Matthew J. Smith

- Member, Executive Board, Haitian Studies Association
- Website Co-ordinator, Department of History and Archaeology
- Staff/Postgraduate Seminar Coordinator, Department of History and Archaeology, 2009

Swithin Wilmot

- Member, Board of Governors, Holy Trinity Comprehensive High School
- Member, Board of Trustees, the Archbishop Samuel Carter Education Fund
- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Caribbean History*
- Member, Executive Nominating Committee, The Association of Caribbean Historians

Waibinte Wariboko

- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *The Southern Quarterly* (A Journal of the Arts in the South)
- Member, Editorial Board, *The International Journal of Igbo Studies*

INFORMATION ON STUDENTS

Undergraduates

Registered

BA **397**

Graduated

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| BA: | First Class | - | 1 |
| | Upper Second | - | 14 |
| | Lower Second | - | 60 |
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Postgraduates

Registered

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| MA Heritage Studies | - | 30 |
| MA History | - | 22 |
| MPhil | - | 15 |
| PhD | - | 8 |

Graduated

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| PhD: Pass | - | 2 |

PRIZES AWARDED

Elsa Goveia Prize: – Eulalee Duncan

Gladwyn Turbutt Prize in:

European History – Simone Wolfe

Archaeology: – Romone Reid

Atlantic History: – Kris-Ann Williams

Historical Methodology: – Senu Virtue-Burke

ILM-AL-AHSAN Prize:

The Asian World prior to 1600 – Andre Johnson

History of Modern China – Deron Johnson

Modern Japan – Stephen Allen

History of the Middle East since 1915 – Stephen Allen

Neville Hall: – Tashna Grant

Walter Rodney: – Melissa Beckford