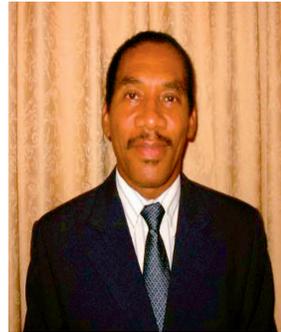


## INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Halden Morris, PhD, PE – Head of Department

### WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Institute of Education focused on the quality assurance of programmes and institutional strengthening of teachers colleges, research, graduate studies and services to the education sector. Despite challenges and distractions such as involvement in the Implementation Working Group (IWG), a body established by the Principal of the campus to plan the establishment of a Graduate School of Education, as well as hurricane activities, targets were met in the provision of staff development workshops for teachers colleges, and in the assessment of the practicum in Jamaica, Belize, the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands. The Institute continues to deliver graduate programmes and courses in the School of Education and to provide administrative support for graduate studies.



### INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING OF COLLEGES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

#### Activities in the Western Caribbean

The Institute of Education through the Joint Board of Teacher Education (JBTE) continues to provide sterling quality assurance services for teachers colleges in the Western Caribbean. The following are the main activities completed during the past academic year.

#### Belize

Dr. Marcia Stewart represented the Joint Board at the meetings of the Belize Board for Teacher Education held in October 2007 and May 2008

In May 2008, Dr. Marcia Stewart, Dr. Nadine Scott, Mrs. Velietha Davis Morrison and Ms. Betty Keeting of St Joseph's Teachers College

formed the team that assessed final year student teachers completing their Teaching Practice from the University of Belize, St. John's Junior College, Corozal Junior College, and San Ignatius Junior College.

### **Turks and Caicos Islands Community College (TCICC)**

Dr. Moses Peart and Mrs Marceline Collins-Figueroa led the Teaching Practice external review team for final year students of the TCICC's A.Sc. in Primary Education.

Dr. Moses Peart led a workshop on Instructional Design for lecturers of the community college.

Mrs. Collins Figueroa led a workshop in Science Education for lecturers.

### **Cayman Islands**

Professor Hyacinth Evans, Dr. Halden Morris and Dr. Clement Lambert participated in the external evaluation of teachers at the University College of the Cayman Islands during April 7-11, 2008. The team held discussions with the College regarding supervision. Professor Evans and Dr. Lambert conducted workshops on Teacher Education Development and Quality Assurance.

### **Jamaica**

Because of hurricane activity in 2007, the annual professional conference was rescheduled to January, 2008. Under the theme: "Sustaining World Class Standards in Teacher Education", Dr. Thomas Walters of Temple University and Dr. Plumb of Mount St. Vincent University, Canada held workshops for teachers college lecturers.

All academic members of staff were involved in the teaching practice exercise which was led by Dr. Lorna Down in February 2008.

Work continued in collaboration with college lecturers to review the criteria for assessment in language in order to strengthen comparability across colleges where standards in performance in English are concerned. The operationalization of the JBTE language policy across teachers' colleges also continued.

Training of Spanish teachers for the primary school system continued. This was implemented in seven (7) teacher training colleges during the year.

Three colleges, namely: Colbourne College in Westmoreland, the International University of the Caribbean (IUC) and VTDI were officially registered as member institutions of the JBTE.

### **Other Regional/International Activities**

Dr. Marcia Stewart represented the Joint Board of Teacher Education at a CARICOM meeting for establishment of the Regional Teacher Education Quality Assurance body.

### **PUBLICATIONS UNIT**

The Unit which comprises Publications Officer **Mrs. Cecille Maye-Hemmings** and Production Assistant Ms. Sherron Duffus produced four (4) refereed publications: *Caribbean Journal of Education*, Vol. 29, No 1, (“Gender in Education”, edited by Prof. Barbara Bailey - Professor of Gender and Education) and Vol. 29, No. 2, “Language Use and the Jamaican Educational System”, edited by Dr. Otelemate Harry - Lecturer, Department of Linguistics), as well as the *Institute of Education Publication Series*, Vol. 3, (“Gender and Education in the Commonwealth Caribbean: An Annotated Bibliography”, compiled by Lynda Quamina-Aiyejina - Senior Librarian, St. Augustine) and Vol. 4, (“EduVision: Enhancing Governance and Leadership in Education and Training through Technology Innovations”, edited by Dr. Moses Peart and Dr Halden Morris, Institute of Education).

### **PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENTAL WORK**

#### **Environmental Foundation of Jamaica Project: The JBTE HIV Children’s Institutions Outreach Project**

The JBTE HIV Children’s Institutions Outreach Project is directed by **Mrs. Vileitha Davis-Morrison** and is an initiative funded by the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica. The project has had a two-pronged approach to provide care-givers, teachers and student teachers with strategies to teach STIs, including HIV/AIDS, to reduce discrimination against HIV infected/affected children and to ensure proper care for HIV infected/affected children in care-providing and teaching institutions. The project featured interactive, participatory type workshops and action planning sessions. Copies of training

materials and handbooks were provided to the teachers in the basic and primary schools and to the departments, libraries and resource centres in the teachers colleges.

#### **The Sustainable Teacher Environmental Education Project (STEEP).**

This project was funded by CIDA and directed by **Mrs. Marceline Collins-Figueroa**. STEEP implemented “whole college” approaches to environmental education for sustainable development in selected teachers colleges and integrated environmental education in the JBTE secondary science and early childhood programmes. It also implemented environmental education courses in the primary and secondary JBTE programmes. A handbook containing guidelines for other colleges to begin working on their own education for sustainable development is being prepared.

#### **Advancing Biodiversity Education in Teachers’ Colleges**

The Biodiversity project is funded by the Jamaica Environment Trust and directed by **Mrs. Marceline Collins-Figueroa**. The project aims at infusing biodiversity education in a number of subjects in the early childhood, primary and secondary programmes in nine teacher education institutions. The thrust of this project was to raise awareness of using the concept of biodiversity as a teaching tool, and as a theme for integration of a number of subjects. Several colleges have had great successes with this project, and have initiated a number of sustainable developments - e.g. a home “farm” at St. Joseph’s, a greenhouse for producing ornamental decorative plants at Moneague, a bird sanctuary at CASE, a butterfly garden at Edna Manley College - which were then used as the motivating factors to teach. Videos, a dance and a variety of teaching tools were produced as outcomes of this project.

#### **Caribbean Centre for Teacher Training (CETT) Project**

The CETT Project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is directed by **Professor Stafford Griffith**. It focuses on the improvement of reading in Commonwealth Caribbean countries. The second phase was initiated in October 2006 and is scheduled to be completed in September 2009. The project is now being implemented in eight countries and provides innovative leadership to strengthen reading instruction in the early grades of primary school. The project uses a training-of-trainers approach to

increase the number of teachers benefiting from improved instructional skills in reading. It also develops materials to support the reading programme and serves as a clearinghouse for identifying and providing other materials relevant to the needs of Caribbean teachers and students. It also uses information and communications technology to facilitate information sharing among institutions and to increase the scope of teachers' access to training. A total of 208 schools, 978 teachers and 22,053 students have benefitted from this second phase of the project.

### **The National Early Childhood Curriculum**

This project is coordinated by **Dr. Rose Davies**. The project commenced in October 2006 and is now at the final review stage. It is the first time that a project has been developed to include the age group birth to five years. The project therefore represents an innovation in early childhood curriculum practice in Jamaica. This national curriculum will ensure that teaching/learning practices at the early childhood level are developmentally appropriate for the respective early childhood age cohorts.

### **EduVision 2007**

The Institute of Education, UWI successfully staged EduVision 2007, an International Biennial Conference on Technology in Education and Human Services with the theme "*ICT and Education: Sustaining a Nation's Development*" in collaboration with The Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture; Ministry of Commerce, Science and Technology; Jamaica Teachers' Association; and ICT4D Jamaica, on December 4-7, 2007, at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort, Ocho Rios. **Drs. Earl Brown, Halden Morris, and Moses Peart** served as members of the organizing team for the conference.

### **Improvement of IOE/JBTE's Information and Communication Technology**

The Institute of Education continues to embrace technology as an important tool to enable the education community of the region, and in particular the teacher education sector. The Institute, through the Joint Board of Education (JBTE) has invested significant resources in its information technology infrastructure. With the proliferation of broadband internet service during 2007–2008, the JBTE retired the Wireless Wide Area Network (WWAN) and implemented a web-based

conferencing facility. This development removed the barriers and limitations presented by the WWAN.

The IOE technology infrastructure continues to host on-line course delivery systems such as Virtual University and the Modular Object Oriented Distance Learning Environment, MOODLE. The facility also provides E-mail and Messenger Services in which all member institutions of the JBTE can deploy their e-mail and messenger services through the JBTE servers. The services are dedicated to the institutions served and the domains are deployed accordingly. All lecturers and administrators are given free e-mail services on the system. Also available on this system is restricted access to PROQUEST, an on-line library facility; and College Information System (CIS) a new college information system through the JBTE.

### **Awards Received by Staff**

#### **Dr. Rose Davies**

- National award, Commander of Distinction (CD) awarded for outstanding contribution to early childhood education (2007)

#### **Dr. Lorna Down**

- Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2007: Highly Commended Award for article 'Addressing the challenges of mainstreaming ESD in higher education', published in the *International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education*, Vol. 7, No. 4, 2006

#### **Professor Hyacinth Evans**

- Prime Minister's medal for excellence in teaching (2008).

#### **Dr. Halden A. Morris**

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers USA & Jamaica, Outstanding Leadership Award (2008).

## **PAPERS PRESENTED**

### **Miss Vilma Charlton**

- “Supporting activities for student athletes”, Congress on projects for the Olympian track and field athletes, October 4-9, 2007, UWI, Mona Campus.
- “Outreach Youth Programme”. Breezy Castle, Multicare Foundation, Kingston, Jamaica.

### **Mrs. Marceline Collins-Figueroa**

- “Biodiversity education in teachers’ colleges in Jamaica: Implementing theme-based learning and action projects”. EDUVISION, Sunset Jamaica Grande Hotel, December, 2007 and at the annual conference of the Joint Board of Teacher Education, Jamaica Conference Centre, January, 2008.

### **Dr. Rose Davies**

- “Benefits of early childhood pedagogy in early primary classrooms”, The Early Learning Meeting, Ocean Terrace Inn Hotel, St Kitts/Nevis, June 22-27, 2008.
- “Learning on-line: Experiences and challenges of including the excluded in higher education in Jamaica”, Working Forum for Teacher Educators, New Zealand Tertiary College, Auckland, New Zealand, April 30 – May 02, 2008.

### **Dr. Lorna Down**

- Lorna Down with H. Evans & C. Gentles. “The SSME approach to assessing the effectiveness of Jamaican Primary Schools”, EduVision International Conference on Teacher Education and Technology, December 4-7, 2007.
- “‘Flying inna massa face’, Woman, Nature and Sacred Rites/Rights in Marie-Elena John’s Unburnable” EACLALS Triennial Conference, March 25-29, 2008 Venice, Italy.

### **Prof. Hyacinth Evans**

- “Issues in education in Jamaica and research at Hillview High School”, International University of the Caribbean, Kingston, August, 2007.

- “The origins of qualitative inquiry in the Caribbean”, Conference on Qualitative Inquiry in the Caribbean, October 26, 2007, UWI, Mona.
- “Secondary education, ROSE and the promise of equity”, Human Resources Development Group, Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI, Monday, November 05, 2007.
- “Philosophies of teacher education”, JBTE Committee on the Review of the Diploma programme, November 15, 2007.
- “Issues of gender and gender equality in Caribbean Schools”, Symposium on Inclusive Education, Hilton Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica, December 5-7, 2008.
- “Issues and challenges in developing a BEd curriculum”, University College of the Cayman Islands, April 10, 2008.
- “Some tensions and dilemmas in teacher education”, Forum on Education, School of Education Week Activities, May 08, 2008.

**Prof. Stafford Griffith**

- “The feedback loop: a distinguishing feature of the Caribbean Centre of Excellence for Teacher Training (CETT) Project”, EduVision 2007 International Conference on Technology in Education, Jamaica Grande Resort, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, December 4-7, 2007, 27 pp.
- “The lecturer as a researcher”, Vocational Training Development Institute (VTDI) Research Day, VTDI Campus, Gordon Town, February 19, 2008, 28 pp.

**Dr. Clement Lambert**

- “A day in the life of a supervisor – exploring selected dimensions of qualitative research supervision”, Qualitative Research Symposium, Mona Visitors’ Lodge, October 26, 2007.
- “The Jamaican education system” to UK educators visiting Jamaica on October 26, 2007, Library, Multi-purpose Room, UWI, Mona.

- “The JBTE literacy development”. Education Transformation Project Cluster Bases Literacy Specialists’ Workshop. Terra Nova Hotel, December 2007.
- “Media literacy: Examining our assumptions”. Children’s Media Literacy Pilot Workshop, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, December 12, 2007.
- “Using content area reading & writing to enhance students’ academic performance”. JBTE Annual Professional Development Conference, Jamaica Conference Centre, January 14-15, 2008.
- “Perspectives on literacy assessment”. JBTE/ETT Literacy Teacher Educators’ Workshop, Sunset Jamaica Grande, Ocho Rios, January 30, 2008.
- **Lambert, C & Fletcher, C.** “Bringing media literacy to Jamaican schools: Implementation experiences”. School of Education Literacy Symposium, Mona Visitors’ Lodge, March 13, 2008.
- “Piloting media education materials in Jamaican schools: Implementation experiences”. Children’s Media Literacy Pilot Project, Alhambra Inn, Kingston, April 17, 2008.
- “Creating standards for teacher education”. Organisation of American States (OAS) Training of National Coordinators of the OAS Teacher Education Project and Teacher Education Policy Makers, Antigua, Jolly Beach Resort, July 4-5, 2008.
- **Lambert, C. & Kerr, C.** “Planning for effective instruction”. Expanding Educational Horizons Project Annual Professional Development Workshop, Sunset Jamaica Grande, July 21, 2008.

**Dr. Halden Morris**

- “Interaction with industrial organizations” Bachelor of Education Seminar Series, University of Technology, Jamaica, March, 2008. 8p.
- “The engineer as an educator”, Faculty of the Built Environment, University of Technology, Jamaica, October, 2007. 10p.

- “ICT linking for teaching and learning”, Caribbean Area Network for Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education (CANQATE) 2007 Conference, Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort in Ocho Rios, October 19-21, 2007.
- “Effective use of Information and Communication Technology at the tertiary level in Jamaica and the Caribbean: Are we ready”? EduVision 2007 – Technology in Education and Training, Jamaica Grande Resort, Ocho Rios, Jamaica. December 4-7, 2007.
- “Energy strategies for Jamaica in an increasingly uncertain world” – Energy efficiency and conservation, Mona Visitors’ Lodge, UWI, July 10, 2008.

**Dr. Moses Peart**

- “Designing instructional systems on a fast track”. EduVision 2007 – Technology in Education and Training, Jamaica Grande Resort, Ocho Rios, Jamaica. December 4-7, 2007.

**Dr. Marcia Stewart**

- “The need for internationally acceptable standards for teacher educators”, workshop by the Teacher Education Development Unit of the Belize Ministry of Education, November 2007.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Dr. Rose Davies**

- \* **Davies, R.**, and M. Samms-Vaughan, Guest Editors. *International Journal of Early Years Education-Special Issue: Caribbean*. Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, Oxford, March 2008.
- \* **Davies, R.**, J. Brown, S. Williams. *Jamaica’ in The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Children’s Issues Worldwide: North America and the Caribbean*. Edited by Irving Epstein and Sheryl Lutjens: Greenwood Press, Westport, Connecticut, 2008, pp. 207-238.

- \* **Davies, R.**, and Davies, O.: “Jamaica: Recent initiatives in Early Childhood policy”; *Early Childhood Development From Measurement to Action*. Edited by M. Eming Young with L. Richardson. The World Bank. Washington, D.C., October 2007, pp. 205-214.
- \* “Making a difference in children’s lives: the story of Nancy, a novice early years teacher in a Jamaican primary school”, *International Journal of Early Years Education*, Vol. 16 No. 1, March 2008. Routledge Taylor and Francis Group: Oxford, UK, pp. 3-16.

**Dr. Lorna Down**

- \* “Exemplary teaching in the Caribbean: Experiences from early literacy classrooms”. **Down, L.**, Warrican, S.J., and Spencer-Ernandez J. 2008. *Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies*, Vol. 33, (1), pp. 1-30.

**Mrs. Marceline Collins-Figueroa**

- \* P. Reynolds, B. Porter, S. Neil, P. Robinson, & **M. Collins-Figueroa**. *Learning about our culture: Primary Integrated Studies. Year 3*. Kingston: Carlong Publishers. 2008. 168 pages.

**Prof. Stafford Griffith**

- \* “A proposed model for assessing quality of education”. *International Review of Education*, 54, 1, 2008: 99-112.

**Dr. Halden Morris**

- \* Issues on governance of technical and vocational education: Implications for Jamaica and the Caribbean. *Institute of Education Publications Series (EduVision) Volume 4*, 2007. ISSN – 0799-1800
- \* EduVision: Enhancing governance and leadership in education and training through technology innovations. *Institute of Education Publications Series Volume #4: (2007)* Edited by Drs. Moses Peart & Halden Morris. ISBN 0799-1800.

**Dr. Moses Peart**

- \* EduVision: Enhancing governance and leadership in education and training through technology innovations. *Institute of Education Publications Series Volume #4*: (2007) Edited by Drs. Moses Peart & Halden Morris. ISBN 0799-1800.
- \* *Journal of Best Practices in Teaching & Learning*: A publication of the Ministry of Education, Jamaica, under the Primary Education Support Project (PESP). Vol. 1, No. 1, ISSN 0799-2416. Edited by Moses Peart, (2008).

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Dr. Earl Brown**

- Member, Organizing Committee for EduVision
- Consultant/Advisor to the E-LEARNING JAMAICA Project
- Consultant in Statistical Quality Assurance to University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech)

**Miss Vilma Charlton**

- Director, Radio Jamaica Sports Foundation
- 3rd Vice President, Jamaica Amateur Athletics Association.
- Member, National Sports Council
- Member, Commonwealth Alliance of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
- Member, Internal Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance

**Dr. Rose Davies**

- Member, Early Childhood Commissioner
- Chairman, Sub-Committee on Training & Development, Early Childhood Commission
- Vice Chairman, Shortwood Teachers' College Board.
- Board Member, MultiCare Foundation

**Mrs. Vileitha Davis-Morrison**

- Member, Editorial Board, Inter-American Journal of Education for Democracy
- Member, the Jamaica Country Coordinating Mechanism/HIV AIDS Committee
- Member, Advisory Board for Democratic Values and Practices - Organisation of African States
- Member, CARICOM Technical Working Group for the Revision of the HFLE Family Life Education Curriculum Guide for Caribbean Teachers Colleges

**Dr. Lorna Down**

- Member of UNESCO International Network for Reorienting Teacher Education to address Sustainability
- Co-chair, Caribbean Regional Network, Education for Sustainable Development
- Member, Editorial Board – Journal of Teacher Education & Training, Daugavpils University, Latvia
- Co-Director JBTE, CIDA/GOJ/ENACT Programme/ UNESCO Education for Sustainable Development Project
- Member, (Institute of Education Representative) on the National Environmental Education Committee (NEEC)
- Member, Caribbean Journal of Education Management Committee
- Advisory Editor, Southern African Journal of Environmental Education

**Professor Hyacinth Evans**

- Member, CXC National Committee
- Member, National Council on Education
- Member, PIOJ Task Force on Gender
- Member, PIOJ Task Force on Education

**Mrs. Marceline Collins-Figueroa**

- Assistant General Secretary, National Association of Science Teachers of Jamaica
- Member, Executive Committee, National Environmental Education Committee

- Member, Public Education and Awareness Committee, National Commission on Science and Technology
- Member, Jamaica Environment Trust

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**Prof. Stafford Griffith**

- Commissioner, Overseas Examinations Commission, Jamaica
- Chairman, Operations and Development Committee, Overseas Examinations Commission, Jamaica
- Member, Education Task Force: National Development Plan 2030, Jamaica
- Member, Access to Information Advisory Committee
- Member, Standardization and Accreditation Committee: National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NCTVET)
- Member, Citizenship Education Committee, Education Transformation Team, Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture
- Member, Academic Board of the Consortium of Institutions for Teacher Education (CITE)

**Dr. Clement Lambert**

- Member, Jamaica Library Service Board
- Member, Advisory Committee Ministry of Education & Culture Literacy Improvement Initiative Committee
- Team Leader, The development of strategies to achieve full literacy in Jamaica
- Literacy Consultant, GOJ/USAID Expanding Educational Horizons

**Mrs. Ceva McPherson-Kerr**

- External Examiner, Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica
- Assistant Chairperson, Transportation Committee ICC World Cricket Championships

- Member of Morant Bay High School School’s Board
- Member, Steering Committee Wolmer’s High School for Girls Track and Field Committee
- Member, Management Committee for Homecoming Week 2007, under Upliftment Jamaica in association with St. Thomas Heritage and Tourism Committee

**Dr. Halden A. Morris**

- Member, Selection Committee, Prime Minister’s award for excellence in teaching
- External Examiner for Electronics for The Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (CCCJ)
- Chief Examiner and Member of Panel, CXC (CAPE), Electrical & Electronics Technology
- Member, Board of Directors of HEART Trust/NTA and member of the Projects and Policy Committees
- Member, Board of Directors of ICT4D Jamaica
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Vocational Training Development Institute (VTDI)
- Member, Board of the Jamaica Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- Member, External Evaluation Committee for the University Council of Jamaica

**Dr. Moses Peart**

- Chairman, National Committee for Selection and Appointment of Master Teachers of Jamaica
- Chairman, Board of Directors of the Kingston YMCA
- Chairman, Academic Board of the EXED Community College
- Member, Archdiocesan Education Board (AEB)-Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston
- Member, St. Elizabeth Homecoming Foundation Ltd
- Advisor/Trainer, Training Committee of the Junior Chamber International-Jamaica

**Dr. Nadine Scott**

- Board Member, Education Committee, National Gallery of Jamaica
- Chief Examiner and Member of Panel, CXC (CAPE), Art and Design
- Member, Fine Arts Board of Studies (University Council of Jamaica)
- Member, The National Boarding Policy Committee, Ministry of Education & Youth
- Member, School Board, Excelsior High School
- Trustee, Jamaica Teachers' Association

**Dr. Marcia Stewart**

- Member, Primary Education Support Project (PESP) National Task Force, Ministry of Education Youth and Culture
- Member, Board of Directors and Deputy Chairman, Accreditation/Quality Assurance Committee: National Council on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NCTVET)
- Member, Board of Directors: Jamaica Collaborative for Universal Technology Education (JCUTE)
- Member, PESP General Curriculum Implementation Committee, Ministry of Education and Youth
- Member, Education Transformation Team (ETT) Committee for Delegated School Authority
- Member, Commonwealth Working Group on Teacher Qualifications and Teacher Migration
- JBTE representative on Belize Board for Teacher Education
- Member, Society for Research in Higher Education (SRHE), UK

**Miss Joan Tucker**

- Member, Association of Caribbean Music Educators
- Convener, CXC Music Board
- Member, Education Transformation Advisory Board