SIR ARTHUR LEWIS INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES (S.A.L.I.S.E.S.)

Professor Neville Duncan, BSc, MSc UWI, PhD Manc
– Campus Director

WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

This was another successful year. Mrs. Arlene Supersad, MSc, was appointed Administrative Officer. Important structural improvements to the main office area were made and new procedural systems were instituted under her watch. Dr. Warren Benfield an Economist was appointed a Research Fellow. Heather Rickets, Lecturer in Sociology, successfully completed her PhD with special commendation, with SALISES. Drs. Patricia Northover and Jimmy Tindigarukayo were on leave for the period. Richard Leach graduated from the degree programme at UTECH with an upper second class honours degree. The National Advisory Commission on Local Government Reform submitted its final report to the Ministry of Local Government Community Development and Sport. SALISES was the research coordinator. It was also discussed in a parliamentary committee.

The Cost of Crime and Governance study, funded by the UNDP, was completed and submitted. Work continued on the UWI/CARICOM project, a special project seeking to create an annotated bibliography of the work of the Hon. Lloyd Best. Georgia Mcleod was appointed Junior Research Fellow to work on the annotated bibliography for the Hon. Lloyd Best. The first conference on Promoting Child Research took place on October 24-25, 2006. It was co-ordinated by Dr. Aldrie Henry-Lee and Dr. Julie Meeks Gardner (CCDC, UWI). It was a resounding success. It was sponsored by UNICEF, organized by SALISES and the CCDC, OCA, and implemented by SALISES. Other partners included the ECC, the PIOJ, MoEY, inter alia. A one day workshop, Teachers Workshop on Child Rights was hosted by SALISES on June 6th, 2007 at the SALISES Conference Room. It was attended
by principals, head teachers, guidance counselors and other school teachers and obtained an excellent evaluation.

A new course, Social Investment in Children (SA60A), coordinated by Dr. Aldrie Henry-Lee, was commenced and was financed by UNICEF. UNICEF also provided 2 computers and a printer. Dr. Philip Osei coordinated the delivery and examination of a new course, SA64A Development Theory and Policy. A Migration Workers’ Workshop, Adding Value to Temporary Foreign Worker Programs, was held at UWI, Mona by SALISES in partnership with the North-South Institute (NSI) of Canada on May 10, 2007. The papers for both the Barbados and Jamaica legs and Reports of the findings are available at http://www.nsi-ins.ca/english/research/progress/45.asp. Mrs. Audrey Chambers, Librarian, went on sick leave from October 2006 to July 2007. Ms. Norma Davis acted as librarian in charge of the Centre during this period. Mrs. Audrey Chambers, Librarian, succumbed to her illness. She is dearly missed by colleagues and students who remembered her as an excellent professional and a very thoughtful person. We bade goodbye to Mrs. Hermine Huie and thanked her for the services rendered to the Institute and in particular the DDC during her stay with us.

**PAPERS PRESENTED**

Bennfield, Warren

- “Indicator Targeting: the Jamaica Food Stamps Programme”, 8th SALISES Annual Conference, Chaguaramas, Trinidad & Tobago

Duncan, Neville

- “Research on Governance”, CDB Conference on Research Support for Caribbean Integration/CSME, Barbados, November 2006
- “The Impact of Globalisation on Caribbean States and Governmental Responses” SALISES 8th Annual Conference, Trinidad and Tobago, March 2007
Aldrie-Henry, Lee

- “A Sociology of Deprivation for Caribbean Societies”, SALISES 8th Annual Conference, Trinidad and Tobago, March 2007

McLeod, Georgia


Lewis, Patsy


Osei, Philip D

- “Agenda Setting, Programme Sequencing and the Role of Political Leadership in Local Government in Jamaica”, International Conference on Governance, Institutions and Networks, UWI, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, October 2006


• “The Millennium Development Goals at the Parish Level in Jamaica”, UNDP Workshop on the MDGs and Human Development, Kingston, Jamaica, April 2007


Annie Paul

• “CARIBBEAN ART: Gulf Stream, Mainstream or Next Wave?” Panel Discussion for Art Miami 2007, Miami Beach Convention Center, January 2007


• (with Michael Bennett), “Reggae’s Voice: The Accent of Difference”, 32nd Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, May-June 2007, 10 pages

Kim Robinson-Walcott


• “Legitimate Resistance: A Survival Story – the Crisis of Jamaican Political Ideology and the Quest for Resolution in
PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

Refereed book chapters

Refereed Journal Articles

Other peer reviewed Publications
* Annie Paul, “Visualizing Art in the Caribbean” (essay commissioned by the Brooklyn Museum of Art, NYC),


Non-refereed articles


* Annie Paul, “Reading, writing, religion”, interview with Mark McWatt and Marlon James, Caribbean Review of Books, November 2006

Technical Reports

* Duncan, Neville; Henry-Lee, Aldrie; Northover, Patricia; Branch, Clement and Abdul, Abdullahi, The Social and Economic Cost of Crime and Governance in Jamaica, 2007, for UNDP, Jamaica

* Benfield, Warren and Henry-Lee, Aldrie, Poverty and Crime in St. Lucia

* Fox, Kristin, Evaluation of Ethanol Pilot
* Fox, Kristin Fox, preparation of Census Report for Montserrat
* Benfield, Warren and Henry-Lee, Aldrie, Poverty and Crime in St. Lucia
* Jessica Byron, Patsy Lewis, July, 2007, Formulating Sustainable Development Benchmarks For an EU-CARIFORUM EPA: Caribbean Perspectives, completed for ICTSD and APRODEV
Publications Unit Social and Economic Studies (SES) Journal

This has been a good year for Social and Economic Studies especially in the area of income generation. Two grants were received in the amount of US$7000 from the East-West Centre, Hawaii and US$15,000 from the Health Economics Unit at UWI, St. Augustine in support of the special issues on the Pacific-Caribbean Region and Health Issues Facing Small Island States in the Caribbean respectively. The main income for the year, as usual, is from SES subscriptions and special issues. The income recorded by the publications section for the period August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2006 was as follows:

Table 1 Sales Report for the Year

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Electronic Publishing — Putting SES online

Mr. Craig Perue and Christopher Muir, of MITS, are designing an Open Journals System platform to put UWI journals online and Annie Paul is working with them on this. SES is being used as the model with the system being designed around our procedures for submission, peer review, revision etc. Plans were already afoot through Mrs. Bandara of the Medical Library to put SES online through the Scielo network out of Brazil. These plans are compatible with the new OJS plan so this process is being continued in the meantime. Hopefully, during the course of the next academic year SES will be online.


In 2006-07, the following issues came off press or were in production:

- Vol. 55/1 and 2, March and June 2006, Special Issue on Popular Culture (available);
- Vol. 55/3, September 2006, general issue (available); Volume 56/1 and 2, March/June 2007 Special issue Socio-Cultural and
Economic Issues Affecting Small Island States in the Caribbean and Pacific Region (available); and Vol. 55/4, December 2006, Health Issues Facing Small Island States in the Caribbean (at printer). For the upcoming year work is underway for a special issue consisting of a selection of papers from the 2006 SALISES conference in St. Augustine. A proposal has also been made by Roy McCree for a special Sports Studies issue to appear in 2009.

**Publications Unit – Books and Monographs (2007-07)**

The principal targets for the year were to publish 3-4 new titles, and to produce a new publications catalogue; we also planned to feature new titles on our SALISES website in order to market our list of publications. These targets were met, with the exception of the development of the SALISES website for marketing.

The following publications were produced at year end:


**The Derek Gordon Data Bank**

During the period, the data were obtained for the following:

- World fertility data for Trinidad, Jamaica and Haiti (1971)
- Study of Ageing and Health in Barbadian Elders Project SABE, 2000
- Jamaica Census 2001, 1982
- SLC 2005

The computer facilities are basically being used as a graduate lab with no special emphasis on use of the datasets. These are usually provided to individuals who will required technical assistance in the use of the data.
but will then take away the data for use elsewhere. We are experiencing deterioration in our hardware and had to replace 5 hard drives over the period. This has negative implications for rental of the lab. Requests for datasets have increased as awareness of the Databank increased. During the year we had over 90 requests of which several were from MPhil/PhD students both here and abroad, and for post-graduate classes. Technical advice, as usual, was given to students. The Data Bank continues to generate income through rentals and from printing (Appendix1). During the period the lab was rented to (a) Ministry of Health and (b) Planning Institute of Jamaica for training.

Table 2 Income Generated from Printing

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Documentation and Data Centre

During the period under review the Documentation Centre (DDC) continued to provide invaluable information and library facilities to the graduate community of the Mona Campus of the University, especially in the Social Sciences. This was done either through its own stock or by allowing access through the internet and/or the World-Wide-Web. Other local and overseas researchers also utilized the facilities, especially visiting Consortium Graduate School students from the United Kingdom. The SALISES DDC continues to work in conjunction with the Main Library to increase our access to electronically-packaged journal articles and with MITS to improve our connectivity to other libraries and information centres all over the world. We, nevertheless, continue to acquire relevant print documents, including copies of government documents – local and overseas - UN reports and those of other international agencies, work produced by SALISES Fellows and the other staff members of the Social Sciences Faculty, and conference papers – published and unpublished.

Students and faculty are making better use of the electronic journal packages provided by the University through the main library’s webpage. Additional packages have been added during the period and now number 17. The majority of the electronic packages offer abstracts of articles and/or full text. Not all our journals subscriptions are included in the packages and also to ensure continuity of service we continue to renew yearly subscriptions to approximately 130 journals. We also
continue to receive a substantial number of journals through gifts and exchanges.

Readings were processed and administered for a variety of graduate courses from all the departments in the Faculty but there was particular emphasis on the SALISES Graduate Programme, and the Human Resource Development Programme (HRD) during the period under review. In preparation for the new school year in September the staff devoted considerable time and effort during the summer processing new readings and rehabilitating old ones for the courses to be offered during the first semester. Signage in the Reading Room was also improved to facilitate retrieval of documents by users.

The Social Policy Research Database Project is a joint project between Jamaica Social Policy Evaluation (JASPEV), SALISES and the National Library of Jamaica (NLJ). SALISES agreed to design the web page, design and produce the database, transmit the information to NLJ who will host the online database. SALISES will continue to maintain the database, which was named JAMSPRED for the foreseeable future.

This project entailed contacting and setting up appointments with organizations (Government Ministries, NGOs, Universities etc.) who produce or hold relevant information. It also included employing and training staff to collect and input the data, supervising the staff, and editing the records of the database before transmission. The data collected included research papers, position papers, theses etc. on economic, social and environmental issues regarding Jamaica and the Caribbean that should assist policy makers in their decision-making.

The design of the web page is being done by Mr. Michael Brooks. JASPEV covered the Start-up costs and SALISES has undertaken to maintain the project. A MOU setting out the terms of the agreement was signed between the three agencies in July 2007. Ms. Davis served on the Steering Committee/Working Group as well as coordinates of the SALISES part of the project. There were numerous meetings held during the period.

The JAMSPRED Database, an outcome of the JASPEV Project, was started during this period. The SOCPOL Database which was created in the early 1990s was modified and expanded to suit the needs of this project. Approximately 200 new records were added and 500 modified. Our main database (ISERG) grew by approximately 1000 records during the year and CGS, the database that lists our book and photocopy holdings for the various graduate programs, increased by 200+ records.
SALISES Theses and Research Papers were entered in both the ISERG and CGS databases, but are awaiting descriptors and abstracts. Data entry also continued on the database of Jamaica’s Ministry Papers as requested by Dr. Philip Osei.

The main users of the DDC during this period were SALISES research staff, FSS faculty, and students pursuing degrees in Human Resource Development, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Economics, Sociology and Social Work, Government, Accounting, Clinical Psychology, the MSc in National Security and Strategic Studies and the MBA programmes offered by the Mona School of Business.

Formal orientation programmes on the use of the DDC were conducted for the 2006/7 cohort of students in Departments of Economics, SALISES, and the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Studies, including the Human Resource Development Programme. Throughout the year informal orientation sessions were done for new users of the DDC.

The Canon copier has been replaced and the DDC now has a brand new Cannon image runner as of July 2007. We also received 3 new computers to replace the ancient ones that staff have been “nursing” for some time. We record our thanks and appreciation for these items, however, we are still awaiting a printer(s) for staff. A number of displays were mounted at the DDC by staff during the period. The Institute participated in the Research Day activities which were held from January 25-26, 2006, the theme being Higher Education: Pathways to Success. Ms. Norma Davis coordinated this activity and members of the academic and other SALISES staff helped with the manning of the booth.

Death

It is with great sorrow that we report the death of Mrs. Audrey Chambers, our beloved librarian, who died on July 5, 2007 after a prolonged illness. Her funeral took place on July 21 at the UWI chapel and was well attended. In conjunction with the Main Library a memorial book was provided and an album of tributes was reproduced and compiled by the DDC for the family. We hereby record our heartfelt condolences to all members of her family, especially her daughter, Nadine and her mother, Mrs. Adlyn King. We also take this opportunity to record our appreciation and thanks for the invaluable contribution
Mrs. Chambers made to the Institute in general and to the DDC in particular. Her legacy will long live on.

**MSc, MPhil, and PhD Degree Programmes**

There were 50 students registered for MSc programmes (31 females and 19 males) (Table 3). Ten (10) were full-time students and 40 part-time. Male students actually out-numbered females in the Economic Development Policy programme reversing the picture in the other two MSc degree options!

Twenty four (24) students were registered for the MPhil programmes (8 males and 16 females) (Table 3). Five (5) students were full-time and 19 were part-time. Females accounted for the entire full-time number.

Nineteen (19) students were registered in PhD programmes (6 males and 13 females). All were part-time!

Seventeen students (17) are expected to graduate in November 2006 (7 in Governance and Public Policy; 5 in Economic Development Policy; and 5 in Social Policy Development)

All three programmes provided a net income of US$105,737.41

Net Income – MSc, MPhil, PhD J$7,507,355.78

**Projects Undertaken by SALISES Staff**

The ‘Social Costs’ of Crime in Jamaica and the Challenge of ‘Good Governance’ Research Team: Dr. Aldrie Henry-Lee; Dr. Patricia Northover; Clement Branche; Dr. Abdullahi Abdulkadri; and Professor Neville Duncan with Kerry-Ann Lewis and Kirk Frankson as Research Assistants, 2007, 173 pages

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

Benfield, Warren

- Chair, JASPEV advisory committee
- Advisor to the Government of St. Lucia under the UNDP Barbados, institutional strengthening and Research Project
Duncan, Neville
- Member, National Advisory Council on Local Government Reform, GOJ
- Coordinator, Research, National Advisory Commission on Local Government Reform, GOJ.
- Chair, Sub-Committee on Democracy, Participation and transparency, National Advisory Commission on Local Government Reform
- Member, Editorial Committee, Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies, Pensamiento Propio
- Consulting Editor, Editorial Board, Journal of Arts, Science and Technology.
- Member, Plan Advisory Group (PAG), Jamaica 2030 Development Plan, PIOJ/GoJ
- Member of President’s (UTech) Research Initiative Award Selection Committee

Fox, Kristin
- The university’s representative for Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
- Member, Survey of Living Conditions Steering committee, PIOJ, GoJ
- Member, Early Childhood Commission Research sub-committee

Lewis, Patsy
- Member, University Hospital Board of Management.
- Member, Nursing Advisory Committee, University Hospital of the West Indies

McLeod, Georgia
- Member, Planning Committee “Economic Growth and Transformation - Reassessing Challenges and Prospects at the Dawn of the 21st Century”

Osei, Philip
- Advisor, National Advisory Council on Local Government Reform in Jamaica.
– Board Member, S-Corner Clinic and Community Development, Downtown Kingston
– Member, American Society for Public Administration
– Member, Islands and Small States Network
– Co-Chair, Finance and Funding Task Force, National Advisory Council on Local Government Reform

Paul, Annie
– Associate Editor, Cultures and Globalization Series, Sage, London
– Member, Organizing committee 7th International Conference of the Association of Cultural Studies, Crossroads 2008
– Radio Host, Looking Forward, Looking Backward, Newstalk 93
– Juror, Super Plus Under 40 Artist of the Year Competition 2007
– Board Member, Jamaican PEN Centre (Association of Poets, Essayists and Novelists)
– Associate Editor, Small Axe (www.smallaxe.net), Indiana University Press, USA.

Robinson-Walcott, Kim
– Editor, Jamaica Journal
– Editorial Consultant, Peter Ferguson’s book Change Makers
– Adjudicator, Novels for the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission’s Annual Literary Competition
– Adjudicator, Fiction and Children’s Books, Bi-annual Book Industry Association of Jamaica Awards
– Member, Quality Control Committee for Children’s Books, Book Industry Association of Jamaica
– Editorial Board Member, Caribbean Review of Books.

Wynter-Palmer, Jennifer
– Co-Consultant (with Dr. Keith Panton), UWI Vice Chancellor’s Management Review Project