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 Okenva, 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

Jonathan Dalby

- “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.

Wigmoore Francis


Dave Gosse


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.

• “The Life of the Taino” Shorthood Teacher’s College, Jamaica, September 28, 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


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.


• “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.


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.


- “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


Matthew J. Smith

- “Haitian History in the Context of Strategic Culture” Workshop on Haitian Strategic Culture, Intercontinental Hotel, Miami, FL. August 6, 2009.


- “Politics and Resistance in Twentieth Century Haiti” Haitian Summer Institute, Florida International University, Miami, FL. July 1, 2009.


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PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

James Robertson


Sabrina Rampersad


Matthew J. Smith


Verene Shepherd

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Sultana Afroz


Aleric Josephs

James Robertson


Sabrina Rampersad

Veront Satchell

Matthew Smith

Verene Shepherd
* “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
* “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
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Non-Referred Articles

Jenny Jemmott

James Robertson
* “Xaymaca – Life in Spanish Jamaica” Georgian Jamaica (Spring/Summer 2009) 8-10.

Book Reviews

Patrick Bryan

Sabrina Rampersad
James Robertson


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
- 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

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Postgraduates

Registered

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

Graduated

| MA: Pass | 4 |
| 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