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## Breaking Bad:

*Understanding violence at the intersection between transnational organised crime, community, and masculinities in Port of Spain, Trinidad.*

Dr. Dylan Kerrigan Department of Behavioural Sciences, UWI, Dr Adam Baird, Coventry University and Dr Matthew Bishop, Sheffield University have collaborated on a ERSC funded project entitled **"Breaking Bad: Understanding**

**violence at the intersection between transnational organised crime, community, and masculinities in Port of Spain, Trinidad"**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to the first issue of the Faculty of Social Sciences Newsletter, TelluScope. This newsletter features activities within the Faculty of Social Sciences. We are happy to continue to serve you and the wider community by providing training and skill building opportunities. We are committed to the advancement, promotion, and propulsion of the economic, social, political and cultural development of Caribbean society through teaching, research, innovation, community and public service, and intellectual leadership.

As the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, I am here to serve you at all times. Please do not hesitate to voice your concerns, your fears and plans with any member of the Faculty. We will guide you on this journey. We will take your hand and hope that you will leave a footprint in the Faculty so that future generations will look back and say that this was the best group of students the University has had.

**Prof. Ann Marie Bissessar**  
*Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences*



## RESEARCH PROJECTS

# “Breaking Bad”

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This 18 month research project also incorporated Spoken Word workshops where Dr. Kerrigan and the Roots Foundation worked with 20 Servol young adults aged 16-18, each week at NALIS.

This collaborative approach also invited guests to bring their insights into the room on, trends and solutions to organised crime, Gender Based Violence, and Masculinities.

To see more about this project please visit <http://www.dylankerrigan.com/videos.html> for videos.

**Cover Photo & Below:** *Dr. Dylan Kerrigan with Students of SERVOL*





- Dr. Cheryl-Ann Boodram visited the **Institute of Social Justice, California, USA** on **November 6-12, 2016**. This visit facilitated knowledge transfer and sharing of models used for urban renewal, using community participatory methods.

- Members of the Faculty of Social Sciences with other local academicians met with team members of Department of State officials from Washington, D.C. on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017** at U.W.I. to discuss the topic **“Countering Violent Extremism”**. This discussion centred around understanding the academic work on the issue and also to identify potential partnerships, exchanges, and other support available from the U.S. Government. Members of the faculty team included Professor Ann Marie Bissessar, Professor Derek Chadee, Dr. Nasser Mustapha, Dr. Randy Seepersad, Dr. Wendell Wallace and Dr. Georgina Chami.



- Emerita Professor Kari Levitt’s visit to the St Augustine Campus was punctuated with a student meet and greet. This esteemed Professor discussed her illustrious career and contributions to Caribbean development on the **March 24th 2017**. This meet and greet was facilitated by the Office of the Deputy Principal, Office of the Guild of Students and the Economics Society of the University of the West Indies.

◀ Emerita Professor Kari Levitt and FSS students interact after the meet and greet.



- Faculty of Social Sciences Team Visited St. Vincent and paid a Courtesy Call to The Honourable Dr. Ralph Gonzalves, Prime Minister **November 1st – 4th, 2016**. This visit served to promote the Faculty of Social Sciences Franchise Programme. The benefit of the franchise agreement is to allow students to complete their first

year at of their degree programme in the St Vincent and the Grenadines Community College (SCGCC) before transferring to the St Augustine Campus. This visit allowed the team to interact with students at various secondary schools, students at the Villa and Arnos Vale Campus (SVGCC) in addition to the general public.

**A: From left to right:** Mr. Nigel Scott - Ag. Director, SVGCC, Dr. Daren Conrad – Deputy Dean Distance and Outreach and Mr. Joel Jordan - Senior Administrative Assistant Faculty of Social Sciences

**B: From left to right:** Dr. Daren Conrad – Deputy Dean Distance and Outreach and Honourable Dr. Ralph Gonzales – Prime Minister St Vincent and the Grenadines

**C: Dr. Daren Conrad speaking to students of the SVG Girls High School**

# SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES/OUTPUT

## Selected Publications

**Seepersad, Randy and Dianne Williams.** Crime and Security in Trinidad and Tobago. (Jamaica, Ian Randle Publishers 2016). ISBN: 978-976-637-910-0

**Arjoon, Surendra.** In Pursuit of Eudaimonia: How Virtue Ethics Captures the Self-Understandings and Roles of Corporate Directors **Journal of Business Ethics**, 2017 DOI 10.1007/s10551-016-3432-z

**Johnson, Emmanuel Janagan and Cheryl Ann Sarita Boodram.** Health, Well-Being and Quality of Life of Community Members Displaced after an Industrial Disaster in Trinidad: **Journal of Public Health**, 25, 2017 (USA, Springer Publication) DOI 10.1007/s10389-016-0759-y.

**Johnson, Emmanuel Janagan and Seetharaman Hariharan.** Public Health Awareness: knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of general public concerning Health Risks during a H1N1 Influenza Pandemic: **Journal of Public Health** 25: 2017, (USA, Springer Publication) DOI 10.1007/s10389-017-0790-7.

**Messiah, Andrea and Emmanuel Janagan Johnson.** Social Work Intervention in Adolescent to Parent Abuse: **Journal of Human Behaviour and Social Environment**, 2017 (USA, Taylor & Francis Group). DOI 10.1080/10911359.2016.1270868.

**Kerr, Vindel.** Jamaica's Response to Public Bodies' Corporate Governance Challenges: From Innovation to Implementation, **CAPAM Innovation Review (CIR)**. 22: 2016

**Mohan, Preeya.** The economic impact of hurricanes on bananas: A case study of Dominica using synthetic control methods. **Food Policy**. 68: 2017 pp 21-30

**Rambocas, Meena and Musti K.S. Sastry.** "Teaching Business Management to Engineers: The Impact of Interactive Lectures". **IEEE Transactions on Education**. 99: 2017 DOI 10.1109/TE.2016.2637327.

**Scobie, M.** "Accountability in climate change governance and Caribbean SIDS." **Environment, Development and Sustainability**. 2017 DOI:10.1007/s10668-017-9909-9

**Kerrigan, Dylan.** "Who ent dead badly wounded": The everyday life of pretty and grotesque bodies in urban **Trinidad International Journal of Cultural Studies** 2016.

**Scobie, M.** (2016). "The Caribbean Court of Justice and Regionalism in the Commonwealth Caribbean." **Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy** 4(1): 93-103.

Frank Biermann, Casey Stevens, Steven Bernstein, Aarti Gupta, Norichika Kanie, Måns Nilsson, and **Michelle Scobie.** Global Goal - setting for Improving National Governance and Policy in **Governing through Goals: Sustainable Development Goals as Governance Innovation.** Kanie, Norichika, and Frank Biermann, editors. 2017 (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press).

## Awards & Recognitions

**Mr. Nikoli Edwards** - Graduate Diploma in Mediation Studies candidate and Youth Advocate was selected to serve as a temporary Independent Senator, the youngest appointed in the history of Trinidad and Tobago.

**Mr. Amar Ramjattan** - Senior Laboratory Assistant in the Faculty was awarded a certificate in Advanced Computer Maintenance and Networking. 2016.

**Dean's Honour Roll** - One hundred and forty seven students (129 - Full-time and 18 - Evening) were placed on the Dean's Honour Roll with a GPA of 3.60 and above for Semester I 2016/2017.



# Sports Management Students' Visit to Auburn University

Sports Management section of the Department of Management Studies organized an international field trip to Auburn University in Montgomery, Alabama, in March 2016..

*Jilliana: "Thanks to Ms. Cabralis for this opportunity. One that each of us will forever cherish. Who knows this could be where new beginnings have presented itself."*

This was the first cohort of Sports Management students from the St Augustine Campus who got the opportunity to visit Auburn University and be exposed to best practises in Sports Management, experience different types of sports facilities, and interact with students and faculty members.

This trip represented the commitment of the Department of Management Studies to improving and enhancing student engagement through meaningful activities while simultaneously building relations and alliances for the continuous growth of UWI Sports Management programme

The positive feedback from this exchange has solidified the trip on the calendar of events for all 3rd year B.Sc. Sports Management students. [

*Sherron: "I'll like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making this trip memorable. We got a lot more than we bargained for both on campus and off! I loved the camaraderie formed between us as we were able to see each other in a different setting than the classroom. Auburn University at Montgomery has a lot to offer us and I'm sure some of us are going to make the most of those opportunities. Thank you Ms. Sherlan Cabralis for making this trip possible because I honestly believe it will have a great impact in the careers of some if not all of us who accompanied you."*



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# NEW!

## International Honor Society in Economics, ODE, Welcomes New Members

In recognition of high scholastic achievement in the field of Economics, the **Omicron Delta Epsilon International Honor Society - Alpha Chapter** inducted its first four members. These members constitute the first ODE alpha chapter executive.

The Chapter is currently on a recruitment drive inviting current and past students in Economics who possess a minimum 3.20 GPA to join. For more information feel free to contact Dr. Daren Conrad, ODE Faculty Advisor and Founder. (daren.conrad@sta.uwi.edu or 662-2002 ext 83053).



**Left to Right:** Christopher Chung (Vice President), Nirmala Jonas (Treasurer/ Secretary), Salma Rooplal (Vice President) and Asa Hodge (President).

## SEMINARS

- The Constitutional Affairs and Parliamentary Studies Unit (CAPSU) announced the launch of its **“CAPSU CONVERSATIONS”** series in 2017. Presenters - Dr. Hamid Ghany (Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science) and Dr Maukesh Basdeo (Lecturer, Political Science) discussed:

The American Electoral System and the election of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States; and The Local Government elections in Trinidad and the Tobago House of Assembly elections. These seminars were held on **January 12th 2017 and February 2nd 2017** respectively.

- The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) of the University of the West Indies (UWI) in collaboration with the British High Commission was pleased to invite staff and students to a roundtable discussion on the **‘Reality of the Falkland Islands Today’**. It took place on **Thursday 26th January, 2017** beginning at **11:30am** in the SALISES Conference Room, UWI, St. Augustine Campus.

The discussion included the history of the Falklands before the conflict as well as life in the Falklands.

### **Panellists included:**

**The Honourable Ian Hansen**, *Member of the Legislative Assembly, Falkland Islands*

**Ms. Victoria Collier**, *Special Advisor, Falkland Islands*

**Ms. Amelia Appleby**, *Special Advisor, Falkland Islands*

# Outreach

## TTGPA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DAY

FSS academic staff participated in the Trinidad and Tobago Group of Professional Associations (TTGPA) and UWI partnership on **March 25th, 2017** and **April 8th, 2017**. This interaction with the communities of Arima and Sangre Grande respectively provided useful information on degree options and career paths to community residents.

## SPARK Tobago Education Career Fair 2017

Dr. Wendell Wallace, Lecturer - Department of Behavioural Sciences and Ms. Pavitra Mohammed, Administrative Assistant - Department of Management Studies represented the Faculty of Social Sciences in Tobago from **6th – 8th April 2017** at **SPARK Tobago Education Career Fair**.

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**6TH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DAY**

Saturday 25th March, 2017 | 9 am - 3 pm  
North Eastern Community Centre - Lantana Terrace, Duranta Gardens, Sangre Grande

**FREE** for all residents and school children in the community!

Career Guidance\* from our Professionals and UWI Faculty

**MEDICAL CLINIC**

- Dentistry & Dental Hygiene/ Dental Therapy
- Eye Examination for Glaucoma
- Blood Sugar Testing
- Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- HRV Counselling & Testing
- Immunisation/Vaccines (most have immunisation card)
- Influenza/Flu shots
- Doctors' Private Exams
- Cancer Screening (Breast Examination/Pap Smear)
- Cancer Awareness Information
- Dietary Advice

**\*Career Guidance Services**

- Legal Aid Clinic
- Professional Advisory - Career Guidance from member organisations and UWI
- UWI Faculty Registration

Come and benefit from numerous **FREE** services! Lots of giveaways!  
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Bridgetown General (West), Arima

UWI UWTAA NORTH CENTRAL

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## SPOTLIGHT



**Dr. Chandra Shekhar Bhatnagar,**  
Senior Lecturer, Management Studies captures  
Guardian Group Excellence in Teaching Award



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