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# GRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINARS

The Institute for Gender and Development Studies invites the campus community to the upcoming

## Graduate Research Seminars

**Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2014**

9:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon

IGDS Seminar Room, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

Approximate times

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

### Shelley-Ann Hart



MSc Programme in Gender and  
Development

Supervisor: Gabrielle Hosein (Dr)  
Assessor: Bennie Berkeley (Dr)

### **A Study of the Profile and Experiences of Female Juvenile Offenders Housed at the Women's Prison in Trinidad and Tobago**

**Abstract:** Female juvenile offending is one of the fastest growing issues within the criminal justice system globally. However, within the context of Trinidad and Tobago, there is limited knowledge about the characteristics of juvenile offenders particularly that of female juveniles. The purpose of this study is to document the backgrounds and experiences of female juvenile offenders in Trinidad and Tobago to shed light on what type of female youth are involved in juvenile offending and understand how they became juvenile offenders. Additionally, this research can help to determine if there are any commonalities across female juvenile offenders in Trinidad and Tobago. This study is a humble attempt to help address the gap in juvenile offender research particularly on female juvenile offenders in Trinidad and Tobago and by extension the Caribbean. The method of data collection for this research involves the use of a mixed method approach of the exploratory research design. It focuses on a defined population (female juvenile offenders housed at the Women's Prison in Trinidad), together with key authority personnel responsible for or involved in the processing and treatment of female juvenile offenders. Information solicited will include offences committed, family history, trauma/abuse experienced, past offending, experience during incarceration and participation in programmes for rehabilitation. It is hoped that the study (i) provides significant insight into the characteristics of female juvenile offenders housed in an adult prison and (ii) produces recommendations to inform decision making, specifically regarding intervention and rehabilitation.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00am – 12 noon

### Ellen O'Malley-Camps



M.Phil Programme  
in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies

Supervisor: Patricia Mohammed (Prof)  
Assessor: Rawle Gibbons  
Assessor: Dr. Paula Morgan

### **Troubling Gender in Trinidad: A Culturally Appropriate Transformative Process**

**Abstract: The MSP Carnival Theatre Project: A Performance** My thesis is that the *Carnival Theatre* process creates an environment of human enrichment and begins a meaningful journey towards self-realization, transformation, authenticity and personal responsibility. The locus for the process is the men's **Maximum Security Prison in Arouca**. The participants - inmates, officers and myself - have elected, as both subjects and researchers, to explore the hypothesis under the title **The MSP Carnival Theatre Project**. Performing the thesis is part of my central hypothesis - making its point by practising it on itself. It is a transformative performance about group or collective knowing and agency rather than individual knowing, thereby making a statement about our inherited/traditional, oftentimes unhelpful relationship to knowledge. Instead of the project being *about* "troubling" established knowledge etc. the project *itself* "troubles" knowledge. As producer/director/facilitator I "curate" or shepherd it.

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