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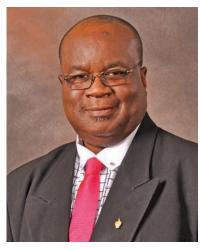
Faculty of Engineering

Dean's Summary

n the second semester, because of COVID-19, all courses and modules in the Faculty of Engineering were uploaded unto myeLearning and taught remotely using the online platforms - Blackboard Collaborate (BBC)/ZOOM. Virtual labs, virtual field trips and virtual tours, remote access to data rooms, and software were provided to students to complete any outstanding labs, field trips, and project reports and ensure that all required learning outcomes were achieved.

The Faculty hosted the International Conference on Emerging Trends in Engineering and Technology (IConETech-2020), which featured international participants and staff from all five departments of the Faculty. The Conference was conducted virtually using the Zoom platform over five days, from June 1 to 5, 2020. The IConETech-2020 Conference website was hosted on The UWI St. Augustine conference webpage: http://conferences.sta.uwi.edu/ iconetech2020/index.php. A total of 150 papers were accepted and presented. The Conference was successfully completed and the proceedings published on the conference website. The Faculty extends thanks to Professor Boppana Chowdary and his team for their tremendous efforts in organising this conference.

Plans were advanced to transfer the Pre-Engineering Programme from the Open Campus to the Faculty of Engineering at St. Augustine. The programme's courses were revised and received approval from the Board of Undergraduate



Professor Edwin Ekwue Dean

Faculty of Engineering had a total enrolment of 1,909 during the reporting period. This number included 1,118 undergraduate and **791 postgraduate** students. At the end of the 2019/2020 academic year, 115 postgraduate and 269 undergraduate students graduated from the Faculty.

Studies, Accreditation Council of Trinidad & Tobago, and GATE. The transfer aims at better promotion and monitoring of the programme.

Following an MoU signed between The UWI and National Energy of Guyana, the Department of Chemical Engineering conducted its self-financing MSc Petroleum Engineering programme at the University of Guyana for the first time. The Department acquired a sum of TT\$3 million for its world-class Rock Mechanics facilities for teaching, research, commercial services, and to become fully operational.

The Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering built on its initiatives, which resulted in the successful re-accreditation of its undergraduate and post-graduate programmes. The Department was successful in continuing to provide quality teaching and alternative assessments for students. A number of public statements, symposia, and outreach activities highlighted that The UWI is the repository of engineering knowledge and is relevant to the current needs of the society.

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering maintained collaborative arrangements with several regional and international institutions including the Caribbean Telecommunications Union, the International Telecommunications Union, the Latin American and Caribbean Collaborative Research Initiative, IBM, Nvidia Corporation, Huawei, T&TEC, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the University of Calgary (Canada), Trinity College Dublin (Ireland), and SUNY Oswego (US). The Department of Geomatics Engineering and Land Management continued to distinguish itself locally, regionally, and in the wider international community, receiving honours and recognition from UWI and other tertiary academic institutions. Two staff members continued serving as Coordinating Lead Authors, expert reviewers, and review editors for Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) publications.

The Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering coordinated a seminar on "3D Printing in the Caribbean Industry." The Industrial Engineering Team hosted the 12th public seminar on "Project Management Practices in the Caribbean."

Enrolment & Graduation

Based on figures supplied by the Campus Office for Planning & Institutional Research (COPIR), the Faculty of Engineering had a total enrolment of 1,909 during the reporting period. This number included 1,118 undergraduate and 791 postgraduate students. At the end of the 2019/2020 academic year, 115 postgraduate and 269 undergraduate students graduated from the Faculty.

Research

Department of Chemical Engineering Some major areas of focus within the Department were identified and researched.

Chemical Engineering Unit

Dr Sharad Maharaj's area of focus included, but was not limited to, Mathematical modelling and optimisation of an ammonia synthesis

converter, and Performance evaluation of a purification system in a methanol plant, amongst other areas. Dr David Janes' research included Wastewater pH adjustment with carbon dioxide injection studies, and sustainable development of hydrocarbon processes. Dr Jeffrey Smith focused on PET recycling and Waste materials re-use; Dr Dhurjati Chakrabarti focused on areas such as, the Effect of solvent addition on bitumen-air bubble attachment and Regime indicator for multiphase reactor. Dr Carmen Riverol research focused on Desalination using liquid membrane, and Numerical simulation: while Mrs Thérése Lee Chan focused on Process control and optimisation. Dr Keenan Ward research included Sargassum (seaweed) for the production of bioplastics and Environmental sustainability assessment with Proman Limited (Trinidad & Tobago).

Food Science and Technology Unit

Dr Saheeda Mujaffar's research focus included, but was not limited to, Gelatin from alternate sources, and Drying studies involving cocoa, tomatoes, watermelon, avocado pulp, banana slices, saijan leaves and fruit carambola puree. Professor Winston Mellows focused on research involving Tamarind ice cream and Bread using okra seed flour.

Petroleum Studies Unit

Professor Raffie Hosein focused on Heavy oil recovery and oil recovery from Trinidad Tar Sands by radio-frequency heating, and Carbon dioxide capture transmission for EOR and sequestration onshore and offshore Trinidad; Dr Lorraine Sobers' areas of research

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included Carbon dioxide enhances oil recovery, and Carbon dioxide emission reduction in Trinidad. Additional work within the Unit came from Mr Hamid Hassanali who researched the Determination of individual layer permeability and skin in multilayer reservoirs; Professor of Practice, Mr Andrew Jupiter focused on Gas hydrates; Dr Ryan Ramsook researched Field development of shallow reservoirs - (East Coast Trinidad). Dr Oshaine Blake's research focused on Thermal effects during CO2 injection, and Elastic and seismic transport properties of shale from the Northern Basin of Trinidad. Dr Anastasia Baboolal's research included the areas of Mineralogy, and Organic Geochemistry and Petrology.

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

The Department's areas of research included, Dr Richard Clarke's study on, Earthquake and Hurricane-Resistant High Energy Composite Housing System (Full-Scale Prototype); Professor Indrajit Ray's focus on Reducing Shrinkage Crack in Concrete Composites: An Experimental Investigation (Coinvestigator with Dr J. Smith); Dr Trevor Townsend's research on, A system of travel demand models that could analyse the impact of proposed changes or policy actions in the transportation system on the travel behaviour of Trinidadians, and Dr Abraham Mwasha's Manufacturing, Patenting and commercialisation of Multi-faced blocks RDI Fund Innovation Proof of Concept Grant - 5th. A number of staff also undertook commercial projects which included Danny's Enterprises Co. Ltd.: The University of

the West Indies, Highway Engineering Laboratory provides laboratory testing services to Danny's Enterprises Co. Ltd. The tests carried out are (a) Aggregate materials, (b) Asphalt Mix Design and, (c) Asphalt mix testing (Dr Trevor Townsend and Dr Lee Leon); Evaluation of the Cliff Failure at Bamboo Village, Cedros for the Coastal Protection Unit (CPU), Ministry of Works and Transport (Dr Charmaine O'Brien-Delpesh and Dr K Park);

and Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs, Trinidad & Tobago European Regional Development Fund- INTERREG Caraïbes, and the CARIB-COAST project – Caribbean network for coastal risks prevention related with climate change (**Dr Deborah Villarroel-Lamb**).

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

During the 2019/2020 academic year, research was conducted in image processing, biomedical engineering applications, mobile applications for small scale fisheries, multi-processor systems, linear circuit applications, control systems, energy efficiency and renewable energy. Members of Academic Staff continued to publish in international refereed journals and present and publish in national, regional and international seminars, symposia and conferences. They also gave robust university, professional and public service in their respective areas of expertise.

Department of Geomatics Engineering and Land Management

The Department's research areas included, Generating Lessons Learnt on Agriculture Land Banks in Grenada, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the

Grenadines. Funded by Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) by Dr Charise Griffith-Charles: SUNRISE: Situated Understanding of Resilience in Island Societies and Environments by Professor Michelle Mycoo; Developing a Management Information System for the Environment Division, Ministry of Planning and Development, Government of Trinidad & Tobago, Funded by the Food and Agriculture Organisation, Trinidad & Tobago by Dr Bheshem Ramlal, and Autonomous Transmission Infrastructure Monitoring. The UWI-Trinidad & Tobago Research and Development Impact Fund. The potential impact of this project is the innovative monitoring and maintenance of transmission lines using drones that affects safety and continuity of power supplies by Dr Michael Sutherland.

Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing

Professor Boppana Chowdary's research included, but was not limited to, Enhancement of Manufacturing Engineering Education in Trinidad & Tobago, and Application of PLA as an eco-friendly alternative to petroleumbased plastics in Trinidad & Tobago; Professor Edwin Ekwue's focus included Greenhouse technology and controlled environment agriculture, and the Effect of organic and other amendments on soil physical and engineering properties. Professor Kit Fai Pun focused on an "Investigating into Quality Management Practices of Industrial enterprises in Trinidad & Tobago," and expanding the online interface of The West Indian Journal of Engineering to foster engineering research and

publication in the Caribbean, while

Dr Jacqueline Bridge's research included Mathematical modelling and analysis of wave energy conversion systems, and Shape Memory Alloys for vibration mitigation. Research also came from Dr Chris Maharaj who focused on Alternative use of waste materials (e.g. plastic and tyre waste), and Life assessment of components subjected to severe conditions. Other areas of research included, **Biomass Gasification and PYROLYSIS** using local biomass indigenous to produce SYNGAS/BIOGAS that can be used as a replacement for natural gas for downstream petrochemical industries (Dr Anthony Adeyanju); Flow induced vibration in Process Piping systems (CRP.3.MAR17.3(2)) (Dr Richard Bachoo); Value stream mapping of indigenous industries (Dr Cilla Pemberton): and successfully completed the European Development Fund (EDF) funded project: Enhancing the Feasibility of the Local/ Regional Chocolate Industry via the Development of Low-Cost Processing Equipment. Time period: 2016 - 2019. Project allocation: TT\$1.01 million. Other team members: Dr Cilla Pemberton and Dr Robert Birch. (Dr Renique Murray).

Strategic Review Access

In seeking to provide a university for all, courses and modules in the Faculty of Engineering were uploaded on to myeLearning and taught remotely using the online platforms Blackboard Collaborate (BBC) and Zoom. Plans were advanced to transfer the existing Pre-engineering programme from the Open Campus; courses were revised and received approval from the Board of Undergraduate Studies (BUS), the Accreditation Council of Trinidad & Tobago (ACTT) and the Government Assistance for Tertiary Expenses (GATE). A successful visibility campaign was completed by the Department of Geomatics Engineering and Land Management (DGELM) for four major programmes - BSc in Geomatics, BSc in Land Management, MSc in Geoinformatics, MSc in Urban and Regional Planning. The BSc Land Management and BSc Geomatics both received approval by BUS.

The Department of Chemical & Environmental Engineering (DCEE) organised short courses, software and technical training programmes and lab facilities, particularly the Rock Mechanics Facilities for providing a service to industry. This service gained \$10,000 income for the Department. Access was also provided to the public via a Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering (DMME) programme, *Performance-based* Seismic Design and a 5-day short course on Sustainable Integrated Solid Waste Management for the Caribbean by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (DCEE).

The Food Science and Technology lab purchased a new Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) and upgraded the Atomic Absorption (AA), GC-MS and High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) in order to conduct teaching labs and analytical research.

With consideration of the limitations placed on students during the pandemic, the Faculty sought to provide access to students via license codes to allow students to use applications (such as Matlab and ArcGIS) on their person machines, as well as providing use of machines through the Deputy Principal's office. One hundred student licenses were provided by SolidWorks-used by the Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering.

The Faculty continued several innovative projects mainly through five of its staff who received grants approximating \$2.7 million from the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) fund. Numerous major research projects were continued in the Faculty, especially in Chemical Engineering where the Research on Solvent Extraction, Heavy Oil Recovery by Radio Frequency Heating and Rock Mechanics continued. Funding for equipment was provided by the **Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, bpTT** and the Faculty of Engineering.

Alignment

The Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering (DCEE) organised a Symposium on the Role of The UWI in promoting Sustainable Integrated Solid Waste Management in the Caribbean, which was sponsored by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and local waste companies. The DCEE also delivered a presentation at ICE West Indies Local Association Event Report Flooding Symposium – A Panel Discussion on Flood Mitigation. The Department of Geomatics Engineering and Land Management (DGELM) initiated plans to engage Caribbean Island entities regarding geomatics training.

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Negotiations began with the **Surveying** Department of the Government of Dominica for GIS and GPS training. Some staff members were involved in highlevel international research initiatives to change world behaviours, such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on the Ocean and the Cryosphere.

The Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering (DECE), in collaboration with The UWI, TSTT and Huawei renovated and completed the refitting of the Block 11 to create the bMobile/UWI Innovation Laboratory powered by Huawei. The St. Augustine Campus e-Mobility hub continued to meet and plan its research agenda. The DECE continued its collaboration with the **International** Telecommunications Union (ITU) to develop regional-specific communication devices to assist local fisher folk. DECE researchers obtained RDI funding to develop a prototype device for a local electric utility.

The DCE increased and improved its academic/industry research partnerships including National Gas Company, SHELL, Penn State University, University of Trinidad & Tobago, the Office of Disaster Preparedness & Management (ODPM), the University of Guadeloupe, Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, and

bpTT. The primary research collaborative areas were corrosion, gas hydrates, carbon capture and storage, methanol production, waste minimisation, solvent extraction, membrane technology, heavy oil recovery and radio frequency heating and rock mechanics.

Agility

In seeking to restore financial health to The UWI, the DCEE developed a number of short courses, software training programmes, lab and research facilities for use by its stakeholders. The DCEE initiated several projects with public and private sector clients to the tune of \$400,000.00 in areas focused on a new hurricane-resistant roof and three new types of earthquake and hurricane-resistant walls. The DCE received TT\$3 million from the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries for the operations of the Petroleum Geoscience programme. It also obtained TT\$1 million from **bpTT** for the operations of the Petroleum Geoscience programme and the MSc Reservoir Engineering programme, including three scholarships for deserving students in the BSc Petroleum Geoscience Programme; US\$150,000.00 from Methanol Holdings (Trinidad) Limited (MHTL) to continue the Chair in Petroleum Engineering and TT\$0.9 million received from the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries for 45 scholarships to students in the MSc Petroleum Studies Unit.

The DECE delivered its MSc Petroleum programme via a one-week face-to-face and twelve weeks online. There was blended learning for some Chemical and Process Engineering courses. The Department is fully capable of offering online courses and programmes, remote access to software training, virtual labs, and field trips.

Distinguished Visitors

Professor Chandra Bhat

Director US Centre on Data-Supported Transportation Operations and Planning University of Texas

Ms Benita Bowen

Manager, CXC, Barbados

Mrs Penelope Bradshaw-Niles

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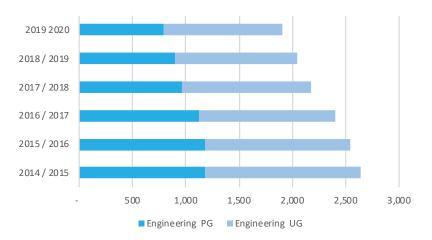
Major General (Retired) Rodney Smart

Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Disaster Preparedness and Management

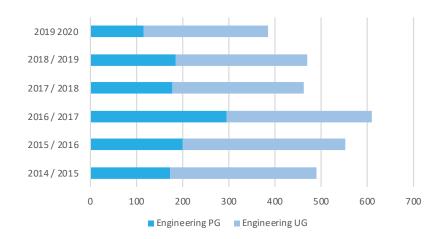
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Enrolment Trends: Faculty of Engineering







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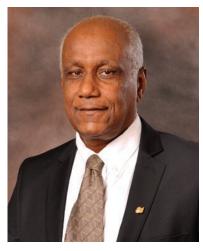
Dean's Summary

n the thrust to facilitate greater access to UWI's programmes, the Faculty of Food and Agriculture (FFA) continued its outreach to schools across the country. One new MSc (Value Addition for Food and Nutrition Security) was rolled out.

Staff did very well in terms of research and publications. The report shows that 37 articles were published in respected peer-reviewed journals, 10 book chapters were published and a significant amount of abstracts for conferences. The FFA graduated four doctoral students in the period, which is good for a small faculty.

There were significant outreach efforts to promote the faculty's programmes. One particular activity, an Open Day for all secondary school students in south Trinidad, was held at the South Campus, Debe in February and over 200 students attended. As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded, the FFA responded with international and regional webinars. Two very successful regional webinars were executed and drew attention to secure food and nutrition security in the Caribbean.

One professor was added to the faculty while three retired in the period. Staff successfully navigated all the challenges and responded positively to remote teaching and alternative assessments. The inability to fill vacant positions across departments negatively impacted programmes as Heads of departments had to hire lower level temporary/part-time staff to fill teaching voids.



Professor Wayne Ganpat

Faculty of Agriculture had a total enrolment of 853 during the reporting period. The figure was made up of 660 students pursuing undergraduate programmes and **193 postgraduate** students. Two hundred and three students from the **Faculty earned** undergraduate degrees and certificates, while there were 39 postgraduate awards. For the first time, the 2020 Faculty awards ceremony was conducted virtually.

Enrolment & Graduation

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Outstanding Students

Department of Food Production The Department awarded several prizes to outstanding students during the 2019/2020 academic year. **Mr Grafton Dick** was awarded the Professor Richard A.I. Brathwaite Prize Awarded for the best performance in the BSc General Agriculture Year III and the Principal's Prize for the best performance in BSc Agriculture Special over Year I to III.

Several special prizes were also awarded. These included The Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) Prize (Awarded for the best Livestock Project), the Norman Girvan Award for Excellence: (Awarded to the academically excellent student with the best final year undergraduate project in the Department of Food Production), and the Professor Gary Wayne Garcia Livestock Prize (Awarded to the best graduating student in Livestock Science): to **Ms Elisha Leon**; the Norman Girvan Award for Excellence and the Professor Lawrence Wilson Prize (Awarded for the best undergraduate final year project in Post Production Technology) to **Ms Sridevi Roopnarine.** The T.P. Lecky Award (CARDI Sponsored) Challenge Trophy Awarded for the best performance in all the degrees in School of Agriculture over Years I to III was awarded to **Mr Ajay Rameshwarsingh** and the Currie Memorial Prize (Awarded to the student who excelled in extracurricular activities, subject to satisfactory academic performance) to **Ms Rachael Bally.**

Postgraduate

The Faculty awarded four PhDs - two in Livestock Science, one in Geography, and one in Human Ecology. Four MPhils were also awarded – two in Soil Science and two in Geography. There were 21 MSc degrees, including one in Tropical Crop Protection, eight in Agri-Food Safety and Quality Assurance, and three in Marketing and Agribusiness.

The MSc Degrees awarded in the area of Tropical Animal Science and Production went to Ms Kavita Lall (Distinction), Ms Khyla Nunes (Distinction), Ms Shelly Ann Mohammed (Distinction), Mr Wendell Chad Rackal (Distinction), Ms Angelisah Khan, Mr Simelus Dieubon, Mr Janardhan Samsundar, Mr Dexter Bristol, and Mr Hamza Ali. The MSc in Tropical Crop Protection was awarded to Ms Sherry Ann Brown (Distinction), and the MSc Agri-Food Safety and Quality Assurance was awarded to Ms Deneil Rivas (Distinction), Mr Dwayne Harris (Distinction), Mr Shane Sankar (Distinction), Mr Vishal Ganessingh (Distinction), Ms Natalie BairdHumphrey, Ms Kaavita Singh, Mr Chanderdatt Thakoordeen, and Mr Sunil Ramnarine. The Postgraduate Diploma in Agri-Food Safety and Quality Assurance was awarded to Ms Shelly-Ann Charles, Ms Veronica Maharaj, and Mr Jesse Nanan. The MPhil Soil Science was awarded to Mr De shorn Bramble (High Commendation), and Mr Micah Martin. While the PhD in Livestock Science was awarded to Dr Laura Tardieu, and Dr Melissa Williams.

Outstanding Students

Department of Food Production

The Department awarded several prizes to outstanding students during the 2019/2020 academic year. The Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries Prize (Awarded for the best performing student in the mandatory research project of the MSc Agri-Food Safety and Quality Assurance) to Mr Shane Sankar and the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries Prize (Awarded for the best performing student in the core courses of the Diploma/MSc Agri-Food Safety and Quality Assurance) to Mr Vishal Ganessingh. The Muriel Turnbull Prize (Awarded for the best oral presentation in the MSc Agri-Food Safety and Quality Assurance Research Project) to Ms Deneil Rivas.

Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension

Several special prizes were awarded to outstanding students in the Department. The Head of Department Prize was awarded to **Samantha Daniel** (Best Performance in Agribusiness Management); **Reyanna Boodoo** (Best Performance in Human Ecology); **Alexia Lemo** (Best Performance in

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Human Nutrition and Dietetics); Angel Harrypersad (Best Performance in Agribusiness Management); Adrianna Alexander (Best Performance in Human Ecology); and Kameela Hosein (Best Performance in Human Nutrition and Dietetics).

Special prizes were also awarded to students during the period under review. These included the Dr Sunney D. Alexis & Collette Lewis-James Memorial Prize (Awarded for the Best Performance in Human Nutrition and Dietetics), and The Human Nutrition and Dietetics Prize (Awarded for the Best Final Year Project demonstrating excellence in Human Nutrition and Dietetics) to Crussie Moise; The Head of Department Prize (Evening University) (Awarded for the Best Performance in Human Nutrition and Dietetics) to Luann Diaz; The IICA Prize (Awarded for the Best Final Year Project demonstrating excellence in Agribusiness) to Shaquana Osorio; The Nutritional Sciences Prize (Awarded for Best Performance for the Major in Nutritional Sciences) to Richard Ali; The Entrepreneurship Prize (Awarded for Best Performance for the Major in Entrepreneurship over Years II and III) to Camilla Edwards; and The Alumni Association Prize (Awarded for the Best Performance in BSc Human Ecology) to Rona-Mayer Deonanan.

Research

Several staff engaged in research during the 2019/2020 academic year. **Dr Wendy-Ann Isaac** designed several innovative non-traditional Growsystems for household use as well as an indoor Plant Factory laboratory, both with the potential for scalability to commercial production systems, and for pesticide-free vegetable production. Both systems can be useful for the promotion of hydroponics and other smart agricultural practices.

Dr Ronald Roopnarine and Dr Gaius Eudoxie's research both involved evaluating the risk of floods and the threat of landslides in the Dominican Republic. Dr Oral Daley completed the infrastructural renovation of the E.J. Duncan Tissue Culture Lab and is currently acquiring equipment, reagents, and staff to operationalise the facility, which will contribute to improving the quality of teaching in plant propagation and support outreach and research.

Dr Anisa Bourne-Ramcharitar's Take 10! Programme (a classroom-based physical activity programme developed by the ILSI Research Foundation to help reduce childhood obesity) has been implemented in schools around the world. This programme has the potential to increase physical activity and impact healthy dietary habits in children, while simultaneously advancing learning, creating knowledge, and fostering innovation for the positive transformation of the Caribbean and the wider world.

Dr Isabella Granderson's "Individual Food Consumption Survey and Analysis in St. Kitts & Nevis, and St. Vincent & the Grenadines" will support the implementation of individual 24-hour recalls in St Kitts & Nevis. This survey has the potential to impact the analysis of current food consumption patterns and would be useful in informing government policy to improve food and nutrition security. Dr Sharon Hutchinson's support for the "Value Chain Analysis and Action Plan Development for the Seabob Industrial Fishery Value Chain in Guyana" has the potential impact of Identifying gaps and recommendations to strengthen and support growth in the Seabob Value Chain in Guyana.

Strategic Review Access

Business Development Unit

The Business Development Unit (BDU) signed an MOU with the Open Campus to offer asynchronous delivery of the certificate programmes in Agriculture and Human Ecology. In addition, the BDU offered online professional development courses across the region and is finalising the extension of training, funded by the **World Bank,** for **Dominica.**

University Field Station

The Field Station partnered with the School of Clinical Surgical Sciences to provide bovine and porcine samples for surgical skills training. They also partnered with the School of Veterinary Medicine to provide reproductive samples for teaching and research. The Station increased access by facilitating eight weeks Farm Attachment and Large Animal Externship for School of Veterinary Medicine Students, as well as created a Quail Unit which primary focus is to educate student entrepreneurs and members of the public on the viability of quail meat and egg production as an alternative to poultry farming.

Department of Geography

The Department created both a repository of all course outlines and a spreadsheet to record revisions and approvals made to courses. A repository was also built for final exam past papers to ensure that final questions are sufficiently modified every year. Another initiative to improve the quality of teaching within the Department included collaboration with other departments to produce electives for students. This resulted in one course encompassing Earth Science and Oceanography and Hydrogeology, which will potentially be added to the course offerings for the academic year 2021-2022. A number of courses were revised and developed in the period under review. A Minor in Physical and Human Geography was developed and is currently awaiting approval. The ENRM programme was revised to more closely align with Geography and international environmental science courses. The Department continues to regularly publish peer reviewed articles and seek external and internal grant funding through UWI. Four peer reviewed publications were published, including two from undergraduate student projects.

Department Food Production

During the 2019/2020 period, the Department made on-site visits to 20 Secondary Schools in Trinidad that culminated in a one-day boot camp at the Debe Campus in February 2020. During the reporting period, the E.J. Duncan Tissue Culture Lab was renovated. Currently equipment, reagents, and staff are being acquired to bring the facility to full operationalisation. The Department also collaborated with **Caribbean WaterNet, CapNet** and the **UNDP** to deliver capacity building workshops on Disaster Risk Management to several Caribbean countries.

A number of grants were obtained; these include the CRP grant (TT\$68,416.03) for the project, Genetic Diversity, Identification of Elite Germplasm, and Development of Invitro Mass Propagation Systems for Root Crops in the Caribbean; a CRP grant (TT\$45,000.00) to investigate Spatial Variability and analysis of soil and crop yield to delineate management zones using drone technology; an RDI grant (TT\$885,000.00) for the *development* of biopesticides and innovative biomolecules for an environment friendly plant health management; and an RDI grant (TT\$550.000.00) for research into Circular Farming: Innovative and Resilient Food Production System for a Changing Climate.

Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension

The Department undertook curriculum review for a number of courses including the BSc Agribusiness Management and BSc Human Ecology. Regional accreditation standards were established for the BSc Human Nutrition and Dietetics programme and developed proposals for a PG Diploma in Agricultural Extension and Community Development for Climate Change and Certificate in Food service Supervisor Training.

Alignment Business Development Unit

During the 2019/2020 period the BDO contributed to a number of webinars which included two food security webinars in collaboration with the **Food & Agriculture Organisation** and **UNDP** for World Food Day. The Unit also finalised a Letter of Agreement with **WASA** for the evaluation of wastewater biosolids processing. An MOU with **IAMovement** was signed to facilitate evaluating the potential of Vetiver grass under different conditions.

University Field Station

The Field Station collaborated with several organisations during this period. They hosted the Eat Local Day 2019 with the National 4-H Leaders **Council**, in which more than 300 children and local entrepreneurs in agriculture participated. The Field Station hosted groups of regional and extra-regional students for COSTAATT in dairy operations as well as facilitated Public Health Inspectors' training in dairy and pasteurisation operations and slaughtering/meat processing. The Filed Station also partnered with the Artificial Breeding Center (ABC) to facilitate exchange of breeding bulls between ABC and The UWI. Technical assistance was also provided to local charities for the development and expansion of their agriculture initiatives and acquired new livestock for expansion of livestock herds for teaching and research.

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Department of Geography

A partnership with the department of Geography, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), and the Open Street map organisation led by Dr Gabrielle

Thongs sought to map disaster related critical facilities in the Caribbean region. The Department Passport was revised in Semester II, 2020 to provide better guidelines for students which would encourage greater student volunteerism. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic, the revised passport programme was not distributed and cancelled for the 2020/2021 academic year due to the social distancing protocols. The Department collaborated with the Department of Geomatics Engineering and Land Management in the City Labs programme and received three computers as part of this EU funded programme, which aims to encourage problem-based learning.

Department Food Production

The Department partnered with National Flour Mills to evaluate the nutritional impact of an yeast culture as a potential additive for ruminant feeds and hosted the Adopt a River Programme Conference: *Connecting the* Dots, Mentoring towards Sustainability in March 2020. The Department also hosted several different webinars during the period under review, including the 'Impact of COVID-19 on Food Availability' at the FFA webinar and a presentation on Alternatives to HHPs in Vegetable Disease Management' and the Integrated Crop Management and Pesticide Webinar.

Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension

The Department was awarded an FAO funded project, Individual Food Consumption Survey and Analysis in St Kitts & Nevis, and St Vincent & the Grenadines, and took on two research projects, Support for Value Chain Analysis and Action Plan Development for the Seabob Industrial Fishery Value Chain in Guyana, and The Farmer2Farmer project.

Agility

Business Development Unit

The BDU initiated commercial testing services during the 2019/2020 period. They also initiated the 'Grow Your Garden' campaign to support internal stakeholders in the area of food and nutrition.

University Field Station

The Field Station continued to provide technical support and breeding stock to students as well as organically grown meat and quail eggs to the public. Major upgrades were done to the UFS abattoir (in collaboration with the Veterinary Public Health Unit) and to the Goat unit in order to transform it into a dual-purpose unit geared towards meat and milk production. An RFID tagging system was implemented for maintaining livestock records.

Department of Geography

The Department is in the process of converting all courses to a blended format, which will aid in the digital transformation of the campus. **Dr Thongs** completed the Professional Development course in Online Instruction and Technology Quest, designed to improve online teaching along with the development and delivery of online courses.

Department Food Production

The Department distributed Survival Seed kits to more than 300 households, reviewed the operation of the Crops Greenhouse, and reduced the overtime work hours at the facility.

Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension

The Department received stakeholder engagement towards productive and mutually beneficial research-oriented collaborations between disciplines within DAEE, students, external departments, and faculties of UWI and international research institutions.

Distinguished Visitors

Senator the Honourable

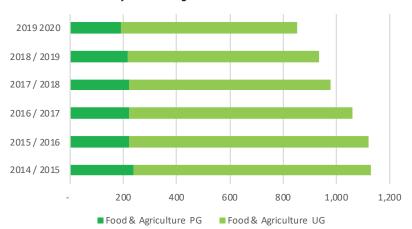
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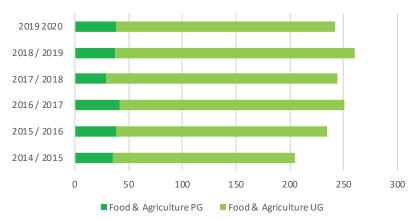
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Enrolment Trends: Faculty of Food & Agriculture



Graduation Trends: Faculty of Food & Agriculture

Source: Campus Office of Planning and Institutional Research (COPIR)

Faculty of Humanities & Education

Dean's Summary

he academic year 2019/2020 was a watershed year which caused the Faculty to change the way in which most of its operations functioned. Despite the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Faculty had several significant accomplishments and put targeted strategic systems in place which resulted in more efficient processes. FHE was able to successfully conduct activities online. It moved swiftly to online modes of teaching with few challenges and restored most operations. The Faculty continued its focus on operationalising The UWI's Triple-A Strategic Plan and the strategic themes of Access, Alignment, and Agility.

At the start of the academic year, initial emphasis was placed on the identification of innovative and entrepreneurial projects while continuing the development of outreach activities directly aligned to the needs of the society. With the advent of the pandemic, focus turned mainly to areas with a demand from students and external stakeholders; areas which are connected to national economic, social, and development needs, and areas where FHE can facilitate social innovation.

We believe that we have a responsibility to lead social transformation in our society.



Dr Heather Cateau Dean

2,119 students enrolled at the Faculty in 2019/2020 - 1,221 undergraduates and 898 postgraduates. The FHE was one of iust two Faculties that saw its postgraduate enrolment increase over the period, by 16%. The Faculty awarded 74 higher degrees and diplomas at the end of the 2019/2020 academic year* and 321 undergraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates.

The demands of students and external stakeholders in the new normal directed the FHE to focus on programme and course accessibility. All courses were streamlined and offered virtually and alternative assessments were configured to 100% coursework where possible. FHE obtained approval for the Undergraduate Certificate in Humanities and commenced operationalising the programme. Workshops and seminars which targeted areas critical to our society's attempts to grapple with COVID-19 challenges were held.

In the area of Social, Economic and Developmental Needs, the FHE focused on the following initiatives:

- Workshops for Secondary School Teachers and Students (French and Spanish and History).
- Creation and offer of several Continuous Professional Education (CPE) courses/ workshops.
- CAPE and CSEC virtual Seminars.
- Serving English language teacher training and refugee learning needs through the PG Dip TESOL Practicum.
- Webinars focussing on the Education system, particularly those areas affected by the pandemic.

Further, the FHE:

- Continued the operations of thee Psychoeducational Diagnostic and Intervention Clinic (PEDIC) and had another successful year despite tremendous set-backs due to the pandemic.
- Through the School of Education hosted webinars in response to the societal need in topics regarding school and COVID-19 virus.

Enrolment & Graduation

According to official figures supplied by the Campus Office for Planning and Institutional Research, there were 2,119 students enrolled at the Faculty in 2019/2020 – 1,221 undergraduates and 898 postgraduates. The FHE was one of just two Faculties that saw its postgraduate enrolment increase over the period, by 16%. The Faculty awarded 74 higher degrees and diplomas at the end of the 2019/2020 academic year* and 321 undergraduate degrees, diplomas and certificates.

*Note – the Faculty is reporting graduation achievements below, based on the ceremonies held in October 2019 which, while they fall in the reporting period, represent those students who would have completed their programmes at the end of the previous year.

Outstanding Students

The top Student in the FHE was **Samantha Joseph** who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Special in Musical Arts. Ms Joseph obtained a Grade Point Average of 4.07.

Postgraduate

The Faculty awarded 40 Master's degrees, of which 32 were MFA/MA/ MEd/MPhil degrees and 4 doctorates in 2019/2020. Thirty-two (32) postgraduate diplomas and certificates were also awarded, compared with 302 awarded in 2017/2018. The 4 doctoral degrees were as follows:

- Enid Jones-Butcher Education
- Shamella Latchmepersad Education
- Sabrina Mc Millian-Soloman Education
- Peter Smith Education

Student Achievements

- Christopher Lou-Hing's short experimental video: Howler Monkey (2020) was selected for the Trinidad & Tobago Film Festival and was well received.
- Antonio Wallace, a recent
 graduate, was awarded a
 scholarship from the DOC
 NOMADS Erasmus Mundus Joint
 Master's degree (EMJMD) to
 further his studies in Documentary
 Filmmaking.
 - Shari Petti (Alumna) most
 recent documentary JumpTT
 was selected for the 2020 TTFF. In
 2020 she also received a Fulbright
 Scholarship to study a Master of
 Fine Arts in Film Production at
 Florida State University.
 - Anna-Lisa Wickham (Alumna)
 was accepted into the California
 Institute of Arts (CalArts) to pursue
 a Master of Fine Arts in Acting on
 scholarship. She was set to begin
 her studies in September 2020.
 Unfortunately, Anna-Lisa passed
 away in August 2020.
 - Jian Hennings and Sophie Walcott (Alumni). Their first feature film, Grace and Saleem, was selected to open the Caribbean Tales International Film Festival in Toronto. Grace and Saleem went on to win the Best Feature Film at CTFF.

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- The painting "Euphoria" by finalyear student Saegel Bascombe was selected for the cover of The UWI St. Augustine 2019 Presentation of Graduates booklet.
- To commemorate World Oceans Day 2020, the Visual Arts Unit collaborated with the Faculty of Life Sciences to produce an exhibition of artworks created by the students of the course: Fine Art Lab II. Given the global health challenge, this exhibition took a virtual format. The 13 students featured are: Ariel Baptiste, Cori-Ann Chin, Delene Greaux-Granger, Roheim Leslie, Kajal Madho, Shireen Ragoobir, Faith Ramlal, Jonathan Raymond, Michaela Regis, Shonari Richardson, Reannah Seales, Shirvaughn Simmons and Andrea Wilson. The artworks may be viewed here: https://issuu. com/marshapearce/docs/woday_ catalog
- The painting "Green Turtle" by Shonari Richardson was selected for the cover of UWI Today, published Sunday, July 12, 2020.

Research

Department of Creative and Festival Arts

Dr J. Remy conducted research during Sabbatical Leave for a book on steel bands from South Trinidad. Research was conducted in Trinidad & Tobago, Canada and the USA.

Department of History

Dr L. Bonate undertook a number of research projects. These included the book project, Correspondence between Northern Mozambican Chiefs and the Portuguese Administration at the End of the Nineteenth Century: Islam, the Slave Trade and the Wars of the 'Effective Occupation', under contract with The British Academy, Fontes Historiae Africanae series/ Oxford University Press. Other research covered the Cabo Delgado Insurgency: Islam, Youth and the 'Resource Curse' in Northern Mozambique; research on the Islamic Insurgency in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique; research on Islamic Law and Matriliny in Mozambique, and research on Muslim Women and Political Power in Pre-Colonial Mozambique.

Dr D. Mc Collin's research focused on the history of Healthcare in Trinidad & Tobago 1938-1962, the History of the Child Welfare League of Trinidad & Tobago, the History of the Overseas Nursing Association and the West Indies, and the History of Tobago.

Dr R. Noel conducted a comparative study of Form Six students and their eligibility to obtain national scholarships in Trinidad & Tobago, and also focussed on other topics of interest. These were, Venganza: The Origins of Resentment in the Conflict between the Republic of Haiti and the Dominican Republic; the Labours of the Black and White Odd Fellows Lodges in the United States and the Caribbean, and Industricism: The art and science of rejuvenating African culture and science for industrial applications. **Dr A. Ramsay** conducted research on The History of Fraternal Organisations (Caribbean, Fiji); Landships in Barbados; Museums (Caribbean, Pacific Islands), and Caribbean Cultural Expressions, Heritage, Socio-Cultural Institutions.

Dr S.A. Singh's research focused on The Indian Diaspora: Identities, Trajectories and Transnationalities; Formation of East Indian Communities in the Caribbean – The Cambridge History of the Caribbean, and the Diaspora in the Caribbean – Oxford Bibliographies in Hinduism.

Dr G. Matthews' Enslaved

Businesspeople of the Caribbean is due to be published in 2020 in Atlantic Studies; The Historical Mas Men of the Caribbean is due to be published in 2020 University of the West Indies Press; and The Monumental Rise of Toussaint Louverture at Home and Abroad is due to be published in Caribbean Quarterly 2021.

Dr J. Teelucksingh conducted research on Caribbean Masculinity, and Tourism in the Caribbean during the early 21st Century.

Dr M. Toussaint focused on a number of topics during the 2019/2020 period. These included, but were not limited to, the Legacy of Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of the Rep. of Trinidad & Tobago, 1990-1994 and 2002-2010, Africans in the Americas before Columbus. Status of the Debate; The Illegal (post 1805/6) Slave Trade between Trinidad and Venezuela in the Nineteenth Century, and Runaway Indentured East Indians on the Spanish Main. An exploration of (East) Indian and African West Indian Migration to Tucupita and El Callão respectively in Venezuela during the late nineteenth century.

Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics

Dr O. Rodríguez is conducting ongoing research on the literary corpus of the writer Alfons Cervera, and specifically on the topic of memory in his work, while Dr S. Evans's research focus was on Linguistic Advocacy in Legal Systems in the Creole-speaking Commonwealth Caribbean. Dr P. Palma Rojas is currently working on a project titled, Teaching and Learning Spanish in Trinidad & Tobago: A study of the Language Policy SAFFL.

During the period under review, **Dr** J.A. Ferreira focused on a number of different areas. These included a Digital Atlas of the Toponyms of Trinidad & Tobago (DATTT) http://uwispace.sta. uwi.edu/dspace/handle/2139/46635; a Handbook of Caribbean Languages and Linguistics (HCLL) with Dr Joseph T. Farguharson; and The Cultural Contribution of the Portuguese of the West Indies – Research on the cultural contribution of Luso-Trinidadians and the sociolinguistic and socio-economic integration of Madeirans into West Indian societies. Additional research covered a Comparative Study of French Creoles in the Southern Caribbean and Northern South America; and research on the French Creole varieties of Northern Brazil, Venezuela and Trinidad. Dr Ferreira is currently conducting a collaborative project with Phaedra Mohammed of the Faculty of Science and Technology, Ontological

Engineering of Winer's 2009 *Dictionary* of the English/Creole of Trinidad & Tobago (*DE/CTT*).

Dr B. Braithwaite's research centred on the Falmouth Sign Language Documentation Project. A UNICEFfunded project documenting an Indigenous sign language in Guyana and producing teaching materials and curricula. However, Dr Braithwaite is currently involved in ongoing research on Documenting Language Across Modalities: Visual and Tactile Sign Language in the Bay Islands: an endangered languages documentation project documenting a sign language used in Roatan and Guanaja, Honduras; the creation of the Trinidad & Tobago Sign Language Dictionary, funded by the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services, GOTT, and from 2019–2020 was involved in the documentation of sign languages in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Dr N. Roberts is involved in ongoing research from 2017-present, on Race and identity in the works of the Afro-Puerto Rican writer Mayra Santos Febres; and from 2019-present with Dr Diego Mideros and Dr Beverly-Anne Carter on Innovation in FI Teaching in the Caribbean.

Department of Literary, Cultural and Communication Studies

During the period under review, **Dr G. Steele** developed of a Human Communication Studies Research Database and developed an IDRC Cross-Campus grant proposal on Artificial Intelligence and COVID-19 with a consortium of UWI colleagues, June-July 2020. **Dr D.W. Brunton** interrogated the myriad ways in which the country's crime problem and the culture of fear around it is highlighted and reinforced – particularly through social media and the traditional media (specifically television and print). Dr Brunton also focused on a book-length project that constructs the creole as the primary technological product of the global political economy of the Age of Empire created by language, collective memory and place and offers it as a logic for understanding the personal and social constructions of identity afforded by the New World of online spaces.

LCCS Collaborative Research with International Partners

Professor P. Morgan, UWI Lead collaborated with Dr Suzanne Burke, Dr Glenroy Taitt, Dr Keron Niles for the Cultural Work Package of the European Union Latin American and the Caribbean Focus Project (EULAC). The project was completed August 2019. Keron Niles authored a refereed essay, in collaboration with Suzanne Burke and Paula Morgan, titled "The Possible Impact of Brexit on Caribbean European Cultural Relations" in The Challenges of Cultural Relations between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean, Eds. Lluis Bonet and Hector Schargorodsky. Quaderns Gescenic: Col-leccio Ouaderns de Cultura. ISBN.4 163-184. ISBN: 978 -84-938519-4-1. (August 2019).

British Academy Research Network

on Crime and its Representation in the Anglophone Caribbean, 1834-2018: This international research network funded by the British Academy (2016-2019) and led by principal investigator - **Dr Lucy**

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Evans, School of English, University of Leicester, brought together participants from Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana, Barbados and the UK. It addressed the acute and complex problem of crime in Anglophone Caribbean societies and aimed to develop our understanding of the historical, cultural, political and socioeconomic contexts of crime in the region by bringing social science researchers into dialogue with arts and humanities researchers. Research findings were published in *Caribbean* Quarterly Journal collection coedited by Paula Morgan and Dylan Kerrigan "Crime in Selected Caribbean Territories: Culture and Representation."

Project Erasmus Staff and Student

Exchanges with the University of Salzburg Austria Liaison for Project Erasmus KA107 programme. Successful exchange arranged for UWI graduate student for semester at Salzburg U. Subsequent planned staff and student exchanges placed on hold due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Projects Dean's Office

The Faculty established a relationship with **OAMK Labs** of the Oulu University of Applied Sciences that facilitates the development of projects from design to start-ups in multi-disciplinary teams. An agreement was made to establish a Lab; a multidisciplinary incubator integrated as an option in our programmes. This would include some discipline specific courses, projects and internships. In 2019 a joint application for funding to set up the Lab at the St. Augustine Campus was made. Dean Dr Heather Cateau and **Dr Freddy** James attended a meeting in Finland. 14-17 January 2020 FHE hosted a Labbased Learning Workshop for Cross-Campus participation with Finnish team leading the sessions. At the end of the workshop, a multidisciplinary steering committee team was formed to establish a way to incorporate the learning from the workshop into a programme for the students. The team planned a pilot project for the students in August 2020; however, the COVID-19 Pandemic interrupted this plan. The project is therefore on hold.

School of Education

In September 2019, the FHE officially launched its Psychoeducational **Diagnostic and Intervention Clinic** (PEDIC) at the SOE. After a pilot programme was in operation from September 2018, F&GPC approved funding in April 2019. The PEDIC was operationalised to test school students (and others) for learning disabilities and cognitive functioning. The PEDIC has the potential to generate additional revenue for the UWI as well as develop an area in the field of education which is very much needed in T&T. The PEDIC offers fixed cost services to the public and has serviced at least fifteen clients per month including individuals and institutional clients. It operates with four Clinical Psychologists (full and parttime), one Reading Specialist, one Clinic Manager, and two Administrative and Research Assistants. PEDIC's In-School Reading Assessment and Intervention Project was awarded the RDI grant in April 2019. COVID-19 caused a

closure of offices in March 2020. The Psychoeducational and reading assessments could not be conducted in person, however, confidential preliminary intakes and feedback sessions were done with clients via phone or Zoom.

Centre for Language Learning

In 2019, the CLL was approached by Caribbean Airlines Limited (CAL) to assist with specialised foreign language training for their airline personnel. CAL became the CLL's first client for commercial language services to be offered. The CLL created a new course "Spanish for Specific Purposes" for CAL Trinidad & Tobago and provided Spanish language tuition for over 200 airline personnel during the period June 2019 - May 2020 (via blended delivery). The programme was suspended in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CLL also continues to be a leading Foreign Language Testing Centre in the Caribbean and has seen increases in the following additional entrepreneurial activities/services:

- Testing capacity for the IELTS Test Centre - monthly IELTS (Test of English) and UK VI (UK Visa and Immigration) IELTS.
- Spanish Language testing and preparation courses (DELE). DELE test, November 22 & 23, 2019.
- English as a Second/Foreign
 Language (ESL) classes (strictly online). Offered four times per year.
- Japanese Language Proficiency
 Test (JLPT) candidates.
- Foreign Language on- and off-site teaching.

Strategic Review

Access Dean's Office

All teaching moved to remote delivery in semester II and continued in summer 2019/2020. The Faculty Office developed a complete in-house virtual academic advising system for use at the start of the 2020/2021 academic year. The Faculty received approval of its UG Certificate in Humanities with specialisations in Liberal Arts and Caribbean Studies.

Dean's Office (Film Unit)

The Film Unit made an initial collaboration with the University of Guyana and Instituto Cubano del Arte e Industria Cinematograficos and Escuela Internacional de Cine y Television en Cuba as a means to expand access/ recruitment of regional/ international/ part-time students via engagement. The Unit continued working towards developing a *Caribbean Cinema Review Journal*.

Centre for Language Learning

During the 2019/2020 period under review the CLL trained two cohorts in Spanish for Airline Personnel—a blended Spanish for Specific Purposes programme (mounted in response to an RFP from Caribbean Airlines). CAL requested the suspension of the 3rd cohort because of the pandemic and the disruption to their core business. Remote delivery of the 40-hour short course, "English for Nurses in Critical Care," to 11 Cuban nurses in response to a RFP from the Ministry of Health in May 2020 went on as scheduled, as well as remote delivery to 40 learners of Spanish for Specific Purposes course as part of PADF/UWI Open Hand Initiative.

There was an increase in candidate registrations in IELT and UKVI testing (standardized test of English), and two sittings of DELE (standardized test of Spanish).

Department of History

The Department of History enhanced the mentorship programme to support students and to improve the numbers of graduating students during the 2019/2020 academic year. Mentors kept track of their assigned mentees' performances via regular face to face/ virtual meetings and emails, lecturers have access to personal information for students in their respective classes, and the Head of Department has access to ALL History students' information. Supervisors liaise with supervisees (both at undergraduate and postgraduate level). One on one feedback is provided for each given coursework assignment; both as written comments on the marked assignment and verbally if additional advice and feedback is requested by the student. Workshops to transition Face-to-face to blended learning were conducted for the students.

Caribbean Studies workshops along with workshops for graduate students focusing on writing, research and time management were conducted by staff members for students. Sustained and expanded initiatives with secondary schools (CSEC) and CAPE) teachers and students occurred. This initiative allows the Department to assist teachers and students in those areas of the History CSEC and CAPE curriculums identified by the teachers as weak. The proposed programme comprised one CAPE and one CSEC workshop held in Semester I of the academic year. The workshops were, once again, well attended and well received.

The Department has embarked on the process of developing a "Business Unit" that provides research services and skills to individuals and the business community. Services will include the research and writing of personal, community, and business histories/ biographies, conducting research on desired topics/areas, providing historical information and context in the forms of interviews, seminars, workshops etc., and the organisation of documents and material.

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Preliminary Curriculum renewal began in Semester II as a result of COVID-19. An assessment review of the 100% course work is ongoing, particularly as it relates to the impact the revised assessment mode has on students.

Department of Creative & Festival Arts

The DCFA initiated the process to bring the Festival Library online to connect to Campus Libraries Network. The existing cataloguing system has been updated and populated. The department is awaiting technical expertise from the Alma Jordan library to connect to Campus Libraries Network. The Department also launched the DCFA Creative Hour – a forum for the department's staff, graduate students and alumni to share work in progress or recently completed projects.

Literary, Cultural & Communication Studies

All teaching moved to remote delivery in semester II and continued in summer 2019/2020.

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The School of Education, Continuing Professional Development and Outreach Unit hosted its Sign Language Holiday Camp (Introductory Level) for children between the ages of 10 to 16 years old. The camp took place at the School of Education from 15 – 26 July 2019. The School of Education officially launched the Psychoeducational and Diagnostic Intervention Clinic (PEDIC) on the 13 September 2019.

Alignment Dean's Office

The Faculty implemented systems, adjusting several of its core business processes, which boosted productivity and saved cost. Some of these included the following major and routine meetings being done virtually: Faculty Board meetings, Assessment and Promotions meetings, general staff meetings, meetings with staff and students; Faculty Book meetings etc. The Faculty of Humanities and Education, in collaboration with OAMK Labs, Oulu, Finland, hosted the Iteration, Inspiration and Innovation Workshop at the School of Education from the 14 – 17 January 2020. The **CARICOM Reparations Commission**, in collaboration with The UWI Centre for Reparation Research and the Faculty of Humanities and Education at The UWI St. Augustine Campus hosted a two-day symposium to commemorate the 75th year of the publication of Eric Williams' Capitalism and Slavery on the 13 – 14 November 2019. The first day featured an academic symposium, while the second day focused on Sixth form History students from schools throughout Trinidad.

This was an excellent opportunity to introduce students to contemporary research and new perspectives from local and international scholars. We also connected the areas discussed to dimensions of the CAPE Syllabus.

Dean's Office (Film Unit)

The UWI Film Programme presented the 2nd Edition of the World Festival of Emerging Cinema form 30 October to 2 November 2019. The festival comprised of movie screenings, workshops, and panels. The theme was 'Fire and Light' and 82 films were screened from twenty-eight countries covering an expansive range of topics which included, migration, poverty, and crime. Weekly screenings for the Secret Cinema were held and moderated by Mr Andreas Antonopoulos during the academic year. Faculty and students of the Northern Film School at Leeds Beckett University (UK) were invited to the screenings and the audience participated in online video discussions about each film. In October 2019, the Film Programme organised a series of panel discussions and interactive workshops with Caribbean filmmakers geared toward encouraging aspiring filmmakers and visual artists in Trinidad & Tobago. The learning outcome of the workshops and panels aimed to have persons learn how to function in various capacities in the organisation particularly in marketing, distributing, and exhibiting a wide variety of film products. The Programme continues its myriad partnerships with the Trinidad & Tobago Film Festival (TTFF), the Trinidad & Tobago Film Company Ltd. (TTFC), Africa Film TT (AFTT) and Africa World Documentary Film Festival. Mr Yao Ramesar represented

The UWI FHE Film Programme at the 38th Annual West Indian Literature Conference, "HINTERLANDS: Journeys of the Imagination" at the University of Guyana. This connection was vital as it initiated the collaboration to work on expanding access.

Centre for Language Learning

The CLL held a number of events during the 2019/2020 academic year. These included the 2nd Annual Japanese Language Speech Competition in conjunction with the Japanese Embassy in TT in August 2019 and the Confucius Institute cultural outreach sessions from August 2019 to January 2020. Ms Mathilde Dallier was The UWI St. Augustine Representative at FORMEO (Student career fair), in Martinique in 5 - 7 February 2020. Fellowship to Avian Daly to participate in a seminar on Chinese Language and Culture for Education Officials from Latin American, Caribbean and South Pacific Countries. Beijing International Chinese College, Beijing, China from 24 October - 20 November 2019.

Department of History

The Department held a contracted consultancy/writing of the History of the **National Gas Company of Trinidad & Tobago** (NGC): - Research, collating, writing, and editing of a publishable historical work on the NGC. The annual History Fest was held during the week of 9 – 13 March 2020 and this involved reaching out to and engaging various groups in society including various stakeholders such as teachers, students, the business community and other organisations and institutions. The week of activities included panel discussions, symposiums, screenings, theme related exhibitions, schools' participation in competitions (essay writing, spoken word, art), and a cricket match between staff and students. The Department collaborated with **Sagicor Life Inc**. in the company's online observation of Divali, Emancipation and Eid-ul-Fitr. Interviews with members of staff on the historical dimension of each of these events formed part of the online forums commemorating each of these events.

Modern Languages & Linguistics

The Department of Modern Languages & Linguistics observed a Celebration of Black Consciousness Day in November 2019, as well as a celebration of International Creole Day on 31 October 2020. This included a panel on John Jacob-Thomas' 150-year-Old Creole Grammar, which featured Professors

Bridget Brereton, Lawrence Carrington, and Ian Robertson.

"Chipping Away at the Wall of Silence: A Workshop on Reparations in the Americas" was held on 21 November 2019. The MLL engaged the community by sending students of the Introduction to Audiology course visited DRETCHI to carry out hearing assessments for members of the community.

Department of Creative & Festival Arts

The DCFA had a marked increase in outreach and marketing of key departmental production during the 2019/2020 academic year. The Old Yard 2020 had an attendance of 1100 patrons. Arts-in-Action planned, developed, and implemented Teacher Training modules for BHP Safe Spaces Project in NE & SE Trinidad - Phase III (Sep Nov). Arts-in-Action entered into an Educative Theatre, youth empowerment initiative with the TTPS Hearts and Minds which targeted police youth clubs and schools within the Port of Spain area. The Arts-in-Action also developed and implemented an Interactive Performance Workshop (IPW) called "The Blue Chair Series". This series focused on Gender Based Violence and Violence Against Women and Girls (Mar-July).

The painting "Euphoria" by finalyear student Saegel Bascombe was selected for the cover of The UWI St. Augustine 2019 Presentation of Graduates booklet. The Visual Arts Unit collaborated with the Faculty of Life Sciences to commemorate World Oceans Day 2020 and produced an exhibition of artworks created by 13 students of the course: Fine Art Lab II. Given the global health challenge, this exhibition took a virtual format. Dr Marsha Pearce conceptualised and led the project titled Q&A Quarantine and Art – a conversation series initiated in the context of the global COVID-19 lockdown. Weekly, published conversations offered insights from artists from the Caribbean and its Diaspora as they talk about their artworks, art-related issues and their personal responses to the pandemic. Over 20 interviews are available to the public. The DCFA also conceptualised and led the project Art in the Time of Coronavirus - conversations with senior, local (Trinidad & Tobago) artists, which are published as online PDFs. This project features artists Donald 'Jackie' Hinkson and Wendy Nanan.

Literary, Cultural & Communication Studies In a swift response to the lockdown

required by the COVID-19 global pandemic, the 22nd Annual Campus Literature Week (March 23-27, 2020) shifted to a virtual platform and attracted a substantial virtual audience. The organisation was spearheaded by the MFA Creative Writing Programme and Dr Muli Amaye, ably assisted by Roger Mc Farlane. The week of lunchtime readings culminated in a gala reading by the Writer in Residence Dr Vahni Capildeo. The Literatures in English section hosted a successful online conference in collaboration with NALIS and Friends of Mr Biswas. The theme was "The literature of Trinidad & Tobago: 1980-2020; Books as Passports and Companions" (September 21 - 24, 2020). There was daily attendance of 80 – 200 persons and rich and vibrant cross disciplinary interchange. The conference was coordinated by Dr Vijay Maharaj supported by a team of graduate students. At the 2020 OCM BOCAS Literary Festival, writers from LCCS launched books, took part in public discussions, and offered training sessions. The OCM BOCUS Literary Festival paid tribute to UWI Professor Emeritus Gordon **Rohlehr** in recognition of his extensive contribution to regional scholarship. The event also saw the launch of Rohlehr's Perfected Fables Now: A Bookman Signs off on Seven Decades (Peepal Tree Press 2020).

Creative writing candidate **Alexandra Stewart** emerged as winner of the OCM BOCUS Winner of poetry grand slam for a second year in succession.

Dr Muli Amaye and Emeritus Professors Dr Funso Aiyejina, and Dr Barbara Lalla also contributed to

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the Literary Festival. Dr Suzanne Burke chaired the CARIFESTA XIV Symposium, Journey Round Myself from August 19th – 22nd, 2019 in collaboration with the Department of Creative and Festival Arts and the Department of Literary, Cultural and Communication Studies, The UWI, St. Augustine. Given the role of the new communication and media technologies, climate change and the fragmentation of regional alliances on the Region's cultural and creative output, the symposium 'Journey Round Myself' positioned discussions on cultural policy as a significant vehicle in activating the arts and cultural industry sectors, and in promoting the sustainable development of the Small Island States (SIS) of the Caribbean. Professor Paula Morgan was Co-Coordinator for the Network and Outreach for Disability Education and Sensitisation (NODES) Conference. Theme: What now, where now? The National Policy on Disability & Launch of Childhood Disability, Advocacy, and Inclusion in the Caribbean: A Trinidad & Tobago Case Study, By Beth Harry, Miami University.

School of Education

The School of Education held its *We are the World 3* children's concert on Saturday November 30 at The UWI, School of Education Auditorium. The concert was hosted by The UWI Early Childhood Caravan in celebration of Universal Children's Day. On Tuesday 26 May 2020, the School of Education hosted a public webinar entitled "Educating the Whole Child in Pandemic School Closure and Reopening". Presentations were made by our very own education professionals from the SOE, after which, a question and answer session was held.

Agility Dean's Office

Staff received specialised training from Campus to handle some aspects of their duties with respect to the global pandemic. Special training sessions were held for HODs, Cleaning Staff and Office Assistants. Some long-standing projects were completed remotely (e.g., prerequisite exercise) and the Faculty has initiated an exercise to put documents online to assist with easy retrieval moving forward.

Centre for Language Learning

Staff participated in training offered by CETL, the Open Campus, the Association of University Language Communities (AULC) of the UK and the Association of Departments of Foreign Languages (ADFL) of the US, and Spanish Teachers Association of Trinidad & Tobago to support remote delivery. **Ms Mathilde Dallier** was an award recipient at the International Day of the French Teacher, French Embassy, POS, November 28, 2019.

Department of History

Staff participated in cross campus seminars - three per semester. This series works to tighten the relationships among the campuses. Staff members continued to establish an international virtual presence through podcasts, symposiums, seminars, public lectures, and other forums. The Department has expanded its online presence by launching its website, Instagram page, Facebook presence, and YouTube channel. These online initiatives have greatly contributed to the ongoing digital transformation of the Department of History and, by extension, the St. Augustine Campus. COVID-19 mandated a move to full online teaching and the Department of History managed this transition commendably - acquiring the necessary training, readily adjusting themselves and their modes of teaching to the new online forum, treating with hiccups and issues in a timely and informed manner, and assisting students to make this transition. A Quality Assurance Review process for the Department of History was initiated in November 2020 with a meeting between members of the Department and The UWI Quality Assurance team. An initial review of History's performance was done and guidelines for the year-long process given. The process will be completed in November 2021.

Modern Languages & Linguistics

Three Language Assistants within the Spanish section were sent to Colombia as part of the **ICETEX** programme – to Bogota and Cali., and three French Assistants were sent to France. Two UWI students are now on Exchange Programme with **UPN (Universidad Pedagogica Nacional)** to Colombia.

Staff Members attended several online workshops to enhance teaching skills in the virtual mode. Some of these included: "Moving from Face-to Face to Online Learning" – March 2020; "What Teaching Strategies Help Engage Learners Online;""Developing your Teaching Portfoli0" – All conducted by CETL. A Risk Assessment Team was established in March 2020 to ensure that COVID-19 protocols were maintained throughout the DMLL.

Distinguished Visitors

Office of the Dean

Dr Hilary Brown Programme Manager for Culture and Community Development CARICOM Secretariat

Mrs Erica Williams–Connell Eric Williams Memorial Collection and Daughter of Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, Dr Eric Eustace Williams

Dr Lovell Francis Minister in the Ministry of Education Trinidad & Tobago

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Mr Dorbrene O'Marde Chair Antigua Reparation Committee

Dr Dexnell Peters Bennett Boskey Fellow in Atlantic History University of Oxford

Ulla-Maija Seppänen Senior Lecturer, Head Coach DevLAB / OamkLABs Oulu University of Applied Sciences

Professor Verene Shepherd Director UWI Centre of Reparation Research

Ambassador June Soomer Secretary General Association of Caribbean States and Chair Open Campus Council

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Dr Nuala Zahedieh Professor of Economic and Social History University of Edinburgh

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Cooperation and Culture Action Advisor Embassy of France

Ms Kristen Lindahl English Language Specialist with Ms Afeisha Beckles, Education and Libraries Specialist Embassy of the United States, Trinidad & Tobago

Creative and Festival Arts

Mr Omari Ashby CEO Sagaboy Culture / Founder & Managing Director, Jaliman Entertainment

Mr Kevin Babb International Dancer and Teacher (Jazz Tap Workshop at DCFA Dance Studios)

Dr Marielle Barrow Author and Cultural Activist

Ms Kimberli Boyd Fulbright Specialist, USA (Integrated Arts and Technology Workshop)

Mr Etienne Charles Recording Artist/Composer/Arranger/ Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies Michigan State University

Ms Jillian Franklyn DCFA Alumni Workshops on Traditional Tobago Dances

Mr Donald Jackie Hinkson Renowned Artist Trinidad & Tobago

Ms Amanda T. McIntyre Writer, Cultural Activist & Co-Director, WOMANTRA Trinidad & Tobago

Professor Kei Miller Keynote Speaker Carifesta XIV Symposia

Ms Karen Theophilus Dignitariez Entertainment

Mr Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o Carifesta XIV Symposia **Mr Arvinder Rampersad** Local Artiste & CEO Winerboi Entertainment

The Mayurbhanj Chhau Group

Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Cultural Cooperation Ufs the High Commission of India (Indian Dance Workshop at DCFA Dance Studios)

Film Unit

Roger Alexis ("I am Santana" series)

Professor S. Torriano Berry Award winning Filmmaker

Francesca Hawkins (News Anchor)

Jian Hennings (Grace & Saleem)

Cassandra Joseph, Filmmaker

Shari Petti (Sorf Hair)

Michael Roachford Filmmaker

Ro'dey (YouTuber; Fleeky)

Shivanee Loach Filmmaker

Vincent Lopez Filmmaker

Tayo Ojoade Filmmaker

Marlon Pinder Filmmaker

Renee Pollonias Filmmaker

Faculty of Humanities & Education

Literary, Cultural and

Communication Studies Professor André Brock School of Literature, Media, and Communication Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Georgia Tech

Dr Vahni S Capildeo Writers-in-Residence

Kevin Garbaran Writers-in-Residence

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Mr Peter Kalu Writers-in-Residence

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Cristo Adonis, Pyai of the Santa Rosa First Peoples

Professor Emerita Bridget Brereton

Professor Emeritus Lawrence D. Carrington

Wendy Dyemma Director, Alliance Française of Trinidad & Tobago

Nnamdi Hodge Producer 3 Trinidadian French Creole language films

Cassandra Joseph Director 3 Trinidadian French Creole language films

Lennan O'Garro Dancer Department of Creative and Festival Arts (DCFA)

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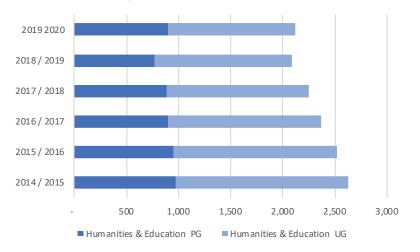
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Professor Teun Adrianus van Dijk Universitat Pompeu Fabra Dept. de Traducció i Ciències del llenguatge Barcelona, Spain (http://www.discourses.org/)

Dr Travis Weekes

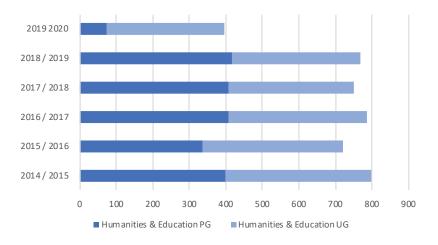
Lecturer, DCFA

Children and teachers of the Talparo RC School



Enrolment Trends: Faculty of Humanities & Education

Graduation Trends: Faculty of Humanities & Education



Source: Campus Office of Planning and Institutional Research (COPIR)

Faculty of Law

Dean's Summary

he year under review reinforced the Faculty of Law's commitment to The UWI's Triple A strategy, *Access, Alignment and Agility.* Due to the economic concerns of the campus, the Faculty began the academic year revisiting financial obligations with the aim of ensuring that the work of the Faculty continued effectively and efficiently. This included revisiting undergraduate and postgraduate programmes to ensure that there were sufficient resources to meet the respective programme needs and expectations.

With the closure of The UWI on March 13, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Faculty was the first to resume teaching, losing only one day despite a few initial hurdles. There was a very high level of coordination and support from the teaching staff as staff demonstrated their agility and moved forward to ensure that no student was disadvantaged by the transition to deliver classes online.

The Faculty continued to keep activism on its agenda, integrating it into the curriculum, research, and alignment strategies largely through successful, pioneering competitive bids for donor funded projects and their integration into the Faculty's International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC). Another historic win for the Faculty was the award of its 4th project, under the auspices of the European Union. The project highlighted Remand Justice with special emphasis on Female Remandees and Domestic Violence.



Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine Dean

The Faculty observed increased applications from regional applicants, given the growing awareness of its existence and fast-developing reputation. The Faculty selects students on a competitive merit basis and maintains a cap on numbers. Access to the Faculty increased with new policies on disability and an activist scholarship, complementing earlier initiatives for law enforcement and a mentorship programme. Curriculum Assessments reform for all Faculty's courses was achieved, completing a 2-year cycle of work. Important courses were added to both the LLB and LLM curricula. The faculty's impressive outputs continue to outweigh its small size of 11 staff strong.

Enrolment

The Faculty of Law continued to be a much sought-after faculty, attracting applicants with high quality academic qualifications, including first-degree holders and national scholarship winners, such as the Gold medallist for the CAPE, (top student) from Trinidad & Tobago. Total student enrolment for the Faculty in 2019/2020 was 487 students. The Faculty limits intake to 150 per year.

Additionally, the Faculty observed increased applications from regional applicants, given the growing awareness of its existence and fastdeveloping reputation. The Faculty selects students on a competitive merit basis and maintains a cap on numbers. It also continued its policy of a quota for applicants from law enforcement and for mature students who may not otherwise meet the selection criteria. A new policy providing special access to the Faculty of Law for students with disabilities was instituted and two such students were admitted.

Graduation

The number of graduates in the Faculty's undergraduate and postgraduate programs endured despite the challenges faced in Semester II 2019/2020. In the undergraduate programme, the Faculty of Law had ten First Class Awardees. **Mr Suraj Sakal**, was chosen to be the Faculty's Valedictorian at the Campus' Virtual Graduation Ceremony for 2019/2020.

Outstanding Students

Students who performed exceptionally in the Faculty's academic programmes were as follows:

First Class Awardees (LLB)-Undergraduate Emalene Marcus-Burnett Hanna Niamath Chelsie Cox Aasha Ramlal Kurrisha Aberdeen Valini Marcial Suraj Sakal Sarah Julien Shalini Ali Keizel Hayling

Most Outstanding Students Level 3 Kurrisha Aberdeen Suraj Sakal

Most Outstanding Direct Entry Student 2019/2020 Emalene Marcus-Burnett

Postgraduate Programme 2019/2020

- Shani Carrington Master of Laws (LLM) with Distinction (Corporate and Commercial)
- Melissa Mano Master of Laws (LLM) with Distinction (Corporate and Commercial)
- Shireen Khan-Hyder Ali Master of Laws (LLM) with Distinction (Legislative drafting)

Student Representation Abroad 2019/2020

The Mooting team from the Faculty of Law, St. Augustine, was awarded the 2nd Best Memorial for the State in English in the Inter-American Mooting Competition, OAS, Washington. The team members were Aasha Ramlal, Michael Jagnanan, and Errol Williams. The team was ably assisted in their preparation for the competition by 2019 - 2020 Moot and Education Committee Chairperson Wesley Ramnarine, past mooter and current student Shalini Ali, and past students and mooters Ajay Maraj and Jeron Paul. The Faculty's newest and youngest member of staff, Dr Emma Perot, was the team leader and lecturer.

National Youth parliament

Faculty LLB students participated in the 17th National Youth Parliament on Monday November 11, 2019 at the Trinidad & Tobago Parliament Chamber. Students debated on the topic, "Should parents be held responsible for their children's social media activity?" The UWI team won the best debate prize from the Parliament. (https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=MrInuIRwpKY)

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Special Scholarship for Law Students The Faculty's initiative to broaden and diversify access to legal education continues to offer the Makandal Daaga Scholarship in Law. This is an innovative scholarship, aimed at the underprivileged by allowing applicants to matriculate to The UWI based on outstanding social activism. This year the Faculty proudly presented the first Makandal Daaga Scholarship graduate **Mr Kareem Marcelle**.

Dean's Honour List (LLB)

The Dean's Honour List which highlights students who have attained a GPA of 3.60 and above in Levels 1, 2, and 3 of each Semester of the academic year continued to be a popular incentive for student performance. Seventy-four students were on the Dean's List for the academic year 2019/2020.

Opportunities for Representation under the IHRC Course and LLB Curriculum The Faculty continues to identify creative programmatic opportunities for existing students and to incentivise potential students, focusing on public and community engagement and outreach. Under the aegis of UWI Faculty of Law's (FOL) project entitled 'Strengthening Trinidad & Tobago's Human Rights Capacity through Innovative Legal Education Delivery', which is funded by the European Development Fund through the Ministry of Education, the FOL's International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC) once again consolidated its work and took to the global stage to raise awareness about human rights infringements in Trinidad & Tobago - this time focused on the remand system.

The IHRC LLB course continued, providing access to students to relevant, extraordinary learning through research and activism partnering with NGOS, lawyers, international agencies and the public sector. The course is designed to accompany the work of the IHRC and be co-funded by research projects. Students were assigned a topic (Refugees) to complement the work of the Clinic and the implementation of the EDF human rights project grant, working alongside NGOs and attorneysat-law. The course was directed by an adjunct lecturer, a human rights attorney and activist. Students participated in a historic hearing before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Washington on 'Access to Rights for Migrants.' The course is in sync with the Faculty's vision to ensure full, equal participation in all scholarly and advocacy activities. IHRC students visited the prisons and built strategic relationships with prison authorities. With the COVID-19 pandemic affecting visits, the Faculty quickly transitioned to virtual meetings to ensure that the students received as much exposure as possible.

The LLB syllabus, in its attempt to meet its objectives and to be innovative and relevant, included presentations at international organisations such as hearings before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington as part of the IHRC course; and at an international Moots in the US, as part of the Faculty's Moot course.

On September 23, 2019, a threemember team delivered a detailed, well-substantiated presentation on the matter of 'Due Process and Remand Injustice in Trinidad & Tobago' before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR's) at the IACHR's 173rd Period of Sessions in Washington D.C.

Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine (Dean of The UWI Faculty of Law and former Commissioner and President of the IACHR), along with two students from the FOL's IHRC, Ms Jenelle Corraspe and Ms Shyra Wattley, spoke of issues related to the excessive and unjustifiable periods of incarceration on remand; the inadequate facilities and legal support for remand prisoners; the special considerations for female prisoners - especially those who are victims of domestic violence; and the need for bail and alternatives to remand. (https://sta.uwi.edu/law/newsfeatures/ HearingonDueProcess.php)

Postgraduate Programmes

The LLM, a successful self-financed postgraduate programme, increased its offerings to include Legislative Drafting, Banking Law and Intellectual Property.

Prize giving Ceremony

Faculty of Law was among the first Faculties to host its Prize Award ceremony virtually. The Faculty's Prize Award ceremony was held on Thursday 3 December 2020. Senior Council **Sophia Chote** was the distinguished Featured Speaker and her presentation provided a rich tapestry of learning, motivation and inspiration for the graduating class. https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=jGP8g04g-Mo&t=100s

Faculty Adjustments in light of COVID-19

Following the closure of the campus on March 13 because of COVID-19, teaching staff held an emergency meeting on Sunday March 15 via ZOOM with all staff including tutors and adjuncts to prepare for delivery and continuation of teaching. Faculty agreed that teaching could continue using the available technology including ZOOM, Myelearning and Blackboard Collaborate (BBC). Online delivery began almost immediately with staff participating in BBC training delivered by CETL. There was a very high level of coordination and support from the teaching and administrative staff as staff moved forward to ensure that no student was disadvantaged by the transition to deliver classes online. The Faculty resumed teaching on Tuesday March 17, despite a few clashes, classes continued without further delay.

- Saturday 4 April, Faculty hosted a Town Hall meeting with all students, providing information relating to Faculty's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, its effect on examinations, students' concerns regarding access to computers, internet, and other resources.
- After receiving a policy paper from UWI Management regarding proposals for alternative assessments in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the nation's 'stay at home' directive, Faculty held an emergency Faculty Board meeting on March 26 to discuss delivery of assessments

online. Also in attendance were two student representatives (both outgoing Law Society President and the incoming Law Society President). All staff were informed on May 5 that the adjusted examination assessments would be asynchronous and that the examination period was finalised as May 25 – June 19, 2020.

Faculty of Law Open Day

Faculty hosted its Virtual Open Day on July 07, 2020. (https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=CVsSKw0jzlw)

Research

International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC) The Faculty's IHRC continues to be an innovative legal education and staff development concept aligning the Faculty's curriculum, academic staff, and students with NGOs, attorneys, the state and international organisations. Students and staff engage in human rights activism and research with Clinic partners. The research outputs are integrated into ongoing faculty donor project activities including international presentations and litigation and aim toward law reform and social change. The Clinic and donor-funded research projects have proven to be powerful mechanisms to foster meaningful academic and industry partnerships with significant potential for research and litigation. The Clinic concept meets all three Triple A strategic goals. It is aligned with strategic partners: NGOs, state, law practitioners and international organisations within the LLB course framework. It was also the basis for yet another successful bid for EU project funding.

Faculty of Law/University of the West Indies Rights Advocacy Project (U-RAP) U-RAP is an outreach project of the Faculty of Law, established prior to the creation of faculties on three campuses. It includes the participation of six lecturers on the Mona, Cave Hill and St. Augustine Campuses and is coordinated by Arif Bulkan and Tracy Robinson who are also co-founders of U-RAP with **Douglas Mendes SC**. STA law faculty member Jewel Amoah is also a member of U-RAP. U-RAP's mission is to promote human rights and social justice in the Caribbean by undertaking and participating in strategic litigation, socio-legal research and legal education in collaboration with Caribbean lawyers, scholars and civil society organisations and by working with students of the Faculties of Law. Through these activities the project aims to generate greater respect for and understanding of human rights in the Caribbean.

In 2010, under U-RAP's leadership, a constitutional challenge was filed against s 53 of the Belize Criminal Code, which section made it an offence to engage in 'carnal intercourse against the order of nature'. The primary litigant was Caleb Orozco, with lead counsel being Trinidadian Senior Counsel Christopher Hamel-Smith along with U-RAP member and Cave Hill faculty member Westmin James. In 2016, the High Court of Belize invalidated s 53 to the extent that it criminalised consensual sex between adults, see: Orozco v AG of Belize (2016) 90 WIR 161. A limited appeal filed by the State was dismissed by the Court of Appeal of Belize on December 30, 2019, the court holding unanimously that s 53 violates

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the rights to dignity, privacy, freedom of expression and equality before the law, and cannot be justified, see: *AG v Orozco* [2020] 2 LRC 501. This landmark case is the first of its kind in the Commonwealth Caribbean to invalidate one of the region's enduring unnatural crimes laws.

The *Orozco* case, which was conceptualised and led by U-RAP, has received significant attention from human rights organisations, lawyers, and regional and international media. See, for example:

- Crosspost: UNIBAM Press Release On The Belize Court of Appeal Decision About The Caleb Orozco Case | OutRight Action International (outrightinternational.org)
- Belize Court of Appeal upholds ruling against gay sex ban | Lead Stories | Jamaica Gleaner (jamaicagleaner.com)
- Victory for Orozco & LGBTI persons in the Caribbean: A Decade in the Making - Stabroek News
- Belize Court of Appeal upholds ruling that struck down sodomy law (washingtonblade.com)

Grant won by U-RAP

U-RAP received a grant of US\$150,000.00 from the **Open Society Foundation** for a two-year period, from February 2018 - February 2020, to undertake strategic litigation, conduct sociolegal research and public legal education. The grant period was extended by two years, to end in February 2022, and under it **U-RAP** is collaborating with **Red Thread**, an NGO in **Guyana**, to launch strategic litigation in the area of intimate partner violence. Donor Funded Research Projects The Office of the Dean won its 4th project, an EU competitive bid, this time to the amount of 175,000 Euros, for a project on Remand Injustice, with Special Emphasis on Female Remandees and Domestic Violence. The Faculty will continue to bid for and implement competitive Research/Advocacy funding grant projects envisaged as academic and developmental tools for staff, students and the Faculty at large.

EDF Human Rights Project

Work continued on the donor project 'Strengthening Trinidad & Tobago's Human Rights Capacity through Innovative Legal Education', funded by the European Development Fund (EDF project) for the amount of TT\$1.5 million administered by the Ministry of Planning. The project manager is Keisha Garcia and the Project Leader is Professor Rose-Marie Antoine. This 2-year project involves an innovative legal education concept integrating the Faculty's new International Human Rights Clinic and corresponding LLB course with NGOs, the state, faculty staff, students and practising attorneys within a dynamic programme of research, advocacy, activism, litigation and outreach. All 3 UWI strategic goals are highlighted.

New EU Project

The Faculty was successful with its bid for the EU Project, worth TT\$1.6 million on *Remand Injustice with Special Emphasis on Domestic Violence in Murder Cases.*

Continuing Research and Legal Education Through Other Conferences and Workshops

The Faculty ambitious and versatile programme of continuing legal education was again realised through conferences and workshops, highlighting subjects of interest in its research and innovation agenda. It served key constituents, hosting successful workshops and public lectures, partnering with key stakeholders and attracting over \$600.000 in funding. The offerings for the year included a visit of the Co-Chairs of the Glasgow/UWI Reparations Initiative.

Strategic Review Access

During the 2019/2020 period the Faculty engaged in curriculum renewal initiatives, including receiving approval of revised LLB course outlines for implementation in the 2020/2021 academic year. Collaboration improved between course directors and tutors which led to a higher quality experience for students. The Faculty was awarded the 2nd Best Memorial for the State in English in the Inter-American Mooting Competition, OAS, Washington 2019/2020 period. Communication commenced between the Faculty and University Global Online Director Pauline Cobley to pursue its plan to put in place at least two courses online.

Alignment

During the period under review, the Faculty of Law created the International Human Right's Clinic via course LAW 3892. This course saw groups in academia and NGOs coming together. Despite the COVID-19 challenges, the Faculty hosted a series of workshops and seminars and was awarded a European Union Grant contract titled, 'Addressing Human Rights Abuses of Remand Prisoners with Special Emphasis on Domestic Violence Murder Cases' for 30 months.

Agility

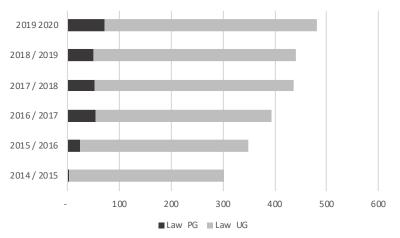
The Faculty was awarded a donor funded research grant and recruited one Senior lecturer and one Academic lecturer. The Faculty also engaged in extensive training to ensure an efficient transition to online teaching due to the COVID-19 challenges.

Distinguished Visitors

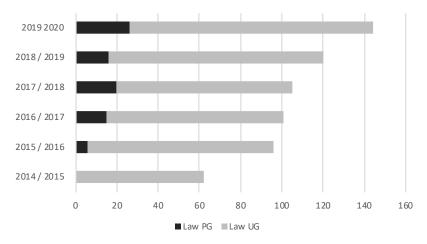
Justice Donna Prowell

President of the Equal Opportunity Tribunal

Enrolment Trends: Faculty of Law







Source: Campus Office of Planning and Institutional Research (COPIR)

Faculty of Medical Sciences

Dean's Summary

he Faculty of Medical Sciences (FMS) at UWI St. Augustine has five schools:

- School of Dentistry (SoD)
- School of Medicine
- School of Pharmacy (SoP)
- The UWI School of Nursing (UWISoN)
- School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM)

One programme, Optometry, is offered under the School of Medicine. The Faculty offers some 40 postgraduate programmes and six undergraduate programmes, and 560 academic, administrative, technical staff and service staff including 17 professors, 115 lecturers. The Faculty delivers teaching to roughly 3,000 students, about half of whom are in the School of Medicine. All of the programmes offer compulsory face-to-face teaching of clinical skills in small groups in the final two to three years of undergraduate training. The downturn in Trinidad & Tobago's economy has led to a deficit in income for the Faculty over the past two years and the Faculty has had to resort to deficit spending. Nevertheless, staff have responded admirably to this challenge and there has been widespread 'belt tightening'. Over the past year the Faculty has published 248 papers and despite the COVID-19 pandemic has produced 345 graduates among the Class of 2020.

As the pandemic spread to and through the Caribbean, prompting the closure of national borders, the Faculty has relied upon online delivery of courses wherever possible in order to comply with the country's strict COVID-19 public



Professor Terence Seemungal Dean

Postgraduate enrolment stood at 475, while undergraduate enrolment was 2,305. Thirtyone students graduated with higher degrees and **Diplomas** at the end of the academic year while 345 had earned undergraduate degrees.

health regulations. Among the impacts was a one month delay in the issuing of the final graduation list for the MBBS degree (July instead of June 2020), and in December 2020 the Faculty held the first online DM examinations for 115 students. Although it is out of the reporting period, it should be noted that Clinical students were allowed back onto the wards in November 2020 and in January 2021, the last group (year 4) began their face-to-face ward-based training in nursing and medicine. The School of Dentistry was hardest hit by the pandemic as most related procedures are generate aerosols. However, following guidelines issued by the Dental Council of Trinidad & Tobago, these students have also been gradually resuming curriculum delivery consistent with the Trinidad & Tobago Public Health Regulations.

To diminish any potential alienation of staff and students, the Faculty had a weekly COVID-19 committee meeting comprising the Faculty Executive Committee, together with Administrative, Technical & Service (ATS) Staff and student representatives where problems were resolved collectively. This continued until curriculum delivery resumed in June 2020. In March 2020, teaching in some departments was extended to the Scarborough General Hospital in Tobago. Although the pace of this expansion was slowed due to the pandemic, we expect that it will continue in the following academic year.

As part of the national effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, one SVM Laboratory, a lecture theatre and a teaching laboratory were handed over to the Ministry of Health to conduct COVID-19 PCR testing. Dr Roxanne Charles, Dr Candice Sant, Mr Lemar Blake, Dr Sannandan Samlal, and Professor Chris Oura were involved from the inception of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the initial setting up and validation of the PCR lab for testing samples, and training of Trinidad & **Tobago Public Health Laboratory** (TTPHL) technicians. At the end of the 2019/20 academic year the Faculty provided 50 students to assist the Ministry with data collection and monitoring of the COVID-19 protocols.

The UWI School of Nursing hosted a Fulbright Scholar, who supported the MScN (Advanced Practice Nursing) programme. The curriculum for a new BSc in Midwifery was sent for University approvals and approvals for the MScN curriculum are also being sought. The SVM secured two **Food and Agricultural Organisation** (FAO) grants and lead investigator status on a project funded by the **Pan-American Health Organisation** (PAHO) and the **European Union** (EU).

The Faculty, in conjunction with the **Caribbean Centre for Health Systems Research and Development** (CCHSRD), hosted three symposia on COVID -19. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been negotiated with the **Trinidad & Tobago Medical Association** (TTMA) to allow for continuing professional development for our graduates. The SoP conducted a webinar on Complementary and Alternative Medicines on 29 July 2020 with

Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and

Research University, New Delhi, India. The SVM continues to be at the forefront of national issues addressing human and animal health and welfare. One student, **Ms Monique Kellman**, SVM Class of 2022 was appointed in October 2019 to a Cabinet Committee to develop Animal Welfare Standards.

The Faculty of Medical Sciences continues to support the Government and people of Trinidad & Tobago through the development and delivery of courses at the forefront of knowledge and to assist the Government in meeting the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Enrolment & Graduation

Total enrolment in the Faculty of Medical Sciences in the 2019/2020 academic year was 2,780 according to official figures from the Campus Office for Planning & Institutional Research (COPIR). Postgraduate enrolment stood at 475, while undergraduate enrolment was 2,305. Thirty-one students graduated with higher degrees and Diplomas at the end of the academic year while 345 had earned undergraduate degrees.

Research

Following are examples of the latest research undertaken at the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Department of Clinical Surgical Sciences Dr Satyendra Persaud applied for and received a research grant for ongoing research, (CRP.3.NOV19.26) The Economic Impact of Urinary Tract Stones at a Tertiary Referral Centre in South Trinidad.

Faculty of Medical Sciences

Department of Clinical Medical Sciences

Monplaisir T, Teelucksingh S, Ali R, Nayak S Evaluation of clinical and biochemical profiles of patients undergoing coronary angiography at a selected hospital in Trinidad. Heart failure Interventions in Black and Indian South Caribbean people - Utilisation Study - The HIBISCUS Project Group – a cross campus collaboration between St. Augustine and Cave Hill Campuses of The UWI. Global Hearts Initiative – a hypertension control project being implemented across the Caribbean.

Ali R, Baboolal N, Teelucksingh S, Sakhamuei S et al. DiSCOVID Cohort Study Trinidad & Tobago. Study on Disease Severity, Complications, and Outcomes in COVID-19 patients in Trinidad & Tobago. The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS CoV-2) infection is responsible for the current coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic affecting nearly six million people worldwide to date. Infection with this virus is causing a broad clinical spectrum and varying outcomes. The study seeks to establish a database of all COVID-19 patients in Trinidad & Tobago, including their sociodemographic, clinical, biochemical, radiological characteristics, and disease severity, complications, and outcomes. Researchers proposed an observational cohort study of patients managed in Trinidad & Tobago Health facilities for a SARS-CoV-2 infection. It should be noted that at the time of the proposal, locally there were 117 cases of COVID-19 with 8 deaths and 108 recovered cases.

A number of other staff members undertook COVID-19 research. These included **Khan K, Baboolal N, Reid S, Hutchinson G, Hypolite I**, Ivey M, Malcolm T. *Psychological and Mental Health Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic* (*PSYMIC*) in Trinidad & Tobago; **Rampersad F, Maharaj P.** Review of radiological findings of COVID-19 *patients*; and **Baboolal N,** COVID-19 *Psychiatric Morbidity*.

Other research topics within the department were: Hutchinson G. Intrepid, Epidemiology of Psychosis in 3 Countries. (Award of grant by Welcome Trust); Seecheran N, Jagdeo C, Seecheran R, Seecheran V, Persad S, Peram L, Evans M, Edwards J, Thackoorcharan S, Davis B, Davis S, Dawkins B, Dayaram A, De Freitas M, Deonarinesingh T, Dhanai J, Didier C, Motilal S and Baboolal N. Screening for depressive symptoms in cardiovascular patients at a tertiary centre in Trinidad & Tobago: investigation of correlates in the SAD CAT study; and La Foucade A, Davis G, Baboolal N, et al., The socio-economic determinants of multimorbidity among the elderly population in Trinidad & Tobago.

Dr Curt Bodkyn took on the role of Co-Caribbean Physician Lead / Country Lead on The SickKids International Caribbean initiative (SCI). The Sick Kids – Caribbean Collaboration in Cancer and Blood Disorders focuses on the development of research, education and training in Paediatric Oncology and blood disorders in the Caribbean. The main objective is to build capacity for the delivery of care for children with cancer and blood disorders in the Caribbean region. This is a TT\$40 million (CA\$8 million) philanthropic fund across six islands: **Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Bahamas, Barbados and Trinidad & Tobago**. Funds are administrated by The UWI.

Exposures in Childhood and Cancer Risk in the Caribbean. This communityengaged academic partnership proposes to start a new cohort consisting of children and their parents (N total=6000; 2000 children) residing at two study sites in the Caribbean: Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago. Environmental exposures during childhood and adolescence affect risk of cancer. This US-relevant cohort will examine environmental exposures in racially and ethnically diverse health disparate, understudied children and the associated cancer risks, in particular risk of cancer in adolescents and young adults (AYA). Collaboration with University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health (lead), University of Pittsburgh Hillman Cancer Center, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine University of the West Indies – St. Augustine, Foundation for Scientific Research Center Suriname (SWOS), Foundation for Perinatal Interventions and Research in Suriname (Perisur), University of Alabama at Birmingham, Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH), Anton de Kom University of Suriname.

Dr Stanley Giddings embarked on a study of Predictors of positive CSF cultures in patients with suspected meningitis at Port-of-Spain General Hospital and San Fernando General Hospital from 2010 to 2015 (Campus Research and Publication Fund Committee grant – CRP.3.MAR16.37-\$20,000.00).

Grants

Dr Curt Bodkyn is lead investigator for the Trinidad study site of the American Society of Hematology (ASH), Children's International Consortium on Acute Leukemia (C-ICAL). The study aims to develop a treatment protocol for children in the Caribbean suffering from Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL), a type of cancer of the blood and bone marrow. Researchers hope to improve survival and reduce early tumour-related deaths. Funding was received in 2019 for data management to the tune of US\$24,000.00 over three years upon patient enrolment.

B.S. Nayak, P.K. Sahu, K. Ramsaroop, S.Mahara, W.Mootoo, S. Khan, R.M. **Extravour** Prevalence and factors associated with depression, anxiety and stress among healthcare workers of Trinidad & Tobago during COVID-19 pandemic: A cross-sectional study. This study conducted in Trinidad & Tobago, and the wider Caribbean region describes the prevalence of depression, anxiety and stress among healthcare workers during this COVID-19 pandemic. The findings showed the need for continued assessment of the psychological impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on frontline healthcare workers in Trinidad & Tobago, who

are vital for the proper functioning of health institutions. The conclusions will serve as supportive evidence for the timely implementation of further planning of preventative mental health services by the **Ministry of Health** for frontline workers within the public and private health sectors.

The study may be reproduced fairly easily, therefore it can be used in different regions of the world as a means of identifying the psychological wellbeing and the impact of the unprecedented pandemic on its healthcare workers.

B.S. Nayak, S. Jaggernauth, A. Jaggernauth, P. Jadoo, N. Jagmohansingh, V. Jaggernauth, R.Hosein, B.Issarie, J. Jaikaran An

Assessment of the Risk Factors and Concerns of Postpartum Depression amongst Mothers Seeking Healthcare in North Central Trinidad. This study comprised 360 postnatal women among whom 4.7% were diagnosed with postpartum depression, while 40% scored \geq 10 in the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) which indicated a risk for postpartum depression. This research revealed seven significant predictors of PPD: family history of mental illness, baby blues, mood swings during period, use of oral contraceptives, emotional support, life stress and being diagnosed with depression (p < 0.05). Other characteristics like socio-demographics were not remarkably correlated but marginally indicative of depressive signs. The study shows that many risk factors for PPD exist, and screening and treatment should be used to avoid its consequences.

B. S. Nayak, J. Thom, S. St. John, S. Swann, S.Trotman, B. Thomas, D. Townsend, N. Ojar, L. Thomas Significance of Serum Protein Electrophoresis in the Detection of Multiple Myeloma: A Diagnostic Interpretation of Patients with Varied Immunoglobulins. Multiple myeloma is a cancer that forms in plasma cells, a type of white blood cell. The median age of Multiple Myeloma (MM) patients in Trinidad & Tobago is 69 years. The ratio of male and female patients with the MM is 50:50. Out of 131 patients, 24 (18.32%) had M bands present, 60 (45.80%) had an increase in gamma globulin, and 16 (12.21%) had a decrease in albumin. In cases of M band presence and raised gamma, there was noticeable increase in IgG concentration and a slight increase in IgM concentration. There was also an increase in IgA concentration in patients with the M-band but a decrease in concentration in those with raised gamma. Patients with an elevated gamma had a significant increase in IgG diameter and IgG concentration. There was not satisfactory data to determine a correlation between SPE and serum immunoglobulin profiles in patients with MM, but the study provides sufficient data to indicate the possibility of linkages in greater sample sizes. Additionally, SPE and serum immunoglobulin profiles can be effective tools in the screening process and early detection of MM but further testing is necessary before the final diagnosis.

B. S. Nayak and P. K. Sahu Stress among Health Professions Students.

Depression, anxiety and stress are the most prevalent mental health problems

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among students pursuing health professions. The objective of the study was to explore the socio-demographic and educational factors associated with depression, anxiety and stress among health professions' students. Using non-random purposeful sampling, 366 health professions' students were studied in 2018/19. Selected students were surveyed via a self-reported questionnaire that included Depression, Anxiety and Stress Scale (DASS-21) and questions on sociodemographic and educational characteristics. Data were analysed using chi-square and binary logistic regression in Statistical Software for the Social Sciences. The majority of respondents were from the School of Medicine (59.8%), with 116 males and 250 females which reflect the gender distribution of the student population.

Sleep duration, communication problems with teaching staff, feelings of inferiority to friends and family problems were determined to be independent predictors of depression in the current study. Communication problems with teaching staff, feelings of inferiority to friends and family problems were important predictors of anxiety. Further, we found that feelings of inferiority to friends and family problems were found to be important risk factors for stress. Results suggest that the overall prevalence of depression, anxiety and stress among health professions' students was considerably high. This study also identified social and educational factors associated with mental health problems. All students having a severe negative emotional status consistent with depression, anxiety and stress should be supported by the student

counselling centre and expert clinicians in order to confirm the diagnosis and implement subsequent treatment strategies.

A. Ramjag, G. Simmons, C. V. F. Carrington Characterisation of emerging viruses and protective immune responses against them in humans. Emerging viruses are becoming increasingly common. Recent examples include Dengue viruses, human immunodeficiency viruses, SARS coronavirus, H1N1 influenza, Chikungunya virus, Ebola virus, Zika virus and the novel coronavirus from Wuhan, China. This trend is expected to continue but it is difficult to predict when and where each emergence will occur, and previously unknown viruses of animals that adapt to and emerge into human populations (e.g. HIV) are impossible to predict.

With each newly arrived virus there is a need to rapidly characterise the virus and develop specific tests, vaccines or therapeutics. In particular sensitive and specific diagnostics tests are required since most viral infections initially present as acute undifferentiated fevers that are clinically indistinguishable, and a significant proportion may be asymptomatic. This requires knowledge of the viruses' genetic structure and an understanding of the human immune response to the virus.

The aim of this study is to detect and characterise emerging viruses associated with acute undifferentiated fevers and to characterise immune responses against them with a view to developing novel diagnostic tests, therapeutics and vaccines.

G. Simmons, **A. Ramjag, C. V. F. Carrington** *Protective B-cell responses in Chikungunya virus (CHIKV) infection.*

CHIKV has created a major public health impact in the Americas. CHIKV causes extensive human and economic damage, primarily due to acute fever and arthralgia and post-viral chronic joint pain/arthritis. Currently no licensed therapeutic treatments or vaccines exist for CHIKV. We will address the important public health threat posed by CHIKV by identifying lead candidate monoclonal antibodies for development into treatments capable of being used both prophylactically and therapeutically.

K. Badal, R. Haracksingh, J. E. Foster. An investigation of epidemiological, pathological and genetic predictors of breast cancer onset and outcomes in Trinidad. There is a paucity of information describing the genetic and other epidemiological factors driving the breast cancer (BC) burden in T&T. Though studies have shown that geography and ethnicity are associated with higher incidence and mortality rates across Trinidad & Tobago, and the presence of three BC susceptibility genes - BRCA 1, BRCA 2 and PLAB2 - among women with breast cancer in Trinidad (10% penetrance), none have looked at the influence of these factors on BC survival. Prognostic tools are a part of BC patient management in more developed countries, aiding in the determination of more tailored treatment regimens for individual patients. Such tests have limited applicability in Trinidad & Tobago due to the unique and diverse multi-ethnic population. For this reason, there is

need to investigate our populationspecific predictors of disease outcome.

This study aims to determine predictors of breast cancer outcomes on a Trinidad breast cancer cohort, by comparing somatic and germline mutations, along with the prevalence of known susceptibility genes in order to fill the aforementioned knowledge gap on genetic, epidemiological and pathological factors affecting BC prognosis. A manuscript describing an epidemiological review of factors associated with outcomes for women with breast cancer receiving treatment at the hospital study site is in preparation.

H. Singh, **J. E. Foster**, D. Ramdath, K. E. Nelson *Dietary modulation of gut microbiome and host gene expression across human evolution and the emergence of modern human disease*.

This study aims to investigate the interaction of dietary changes, gut microbiome and disease phenotypes in an Afro-Trinidadian cohort. We will characterise the gut microbiome and metabolome of an industrialised human cohort historically susceptible to metabolic syndrome and chronic inflammation (i.e. Trinidad), which will be compared to other human populations representing diverse subsistence patterns, including hunter-gatherers and traditional agriculturalists from Central Africa, and an industrialised western human population. This project is in collaboration with the principal investigators at the J. Craig Venter Institute (USA) and has been granted US National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding.

B. S. Nayak, V. Rodrigues A.V.C Rao. Evaluation of hypoglycemic and hepatoprotective activity of Moringa oelifera and Morinda citrifolia leaf extracts in diabetic rats: A comparative study. Diabetic experimental animals treated with M. oleifera, showed a significant decrease in fasting glucose from 236 mg/dl (day 1) to 171mg/ dl (day 14), and this represented a decrease of 26 %. The animals treated with M. citrifolia showed a decrease in fasting blood glucose from 257 (day 1) to 169 (day 14) (34 %). The diabetic standard group showed the reduction in fasting blood sugar from 251mg/dl to 134 mg/dl (47%). Histology results showed no adverse effects of leaf extracts on liver. The date of this study showed that M, citrifolia has higher hypoglycemic activity than M. oleifera. However, our study recommends the use of both either individually or in the ratio of 1:1.

Department of Pre-Clinical Sciences *Grants*

Farid Youssef - Principal Investigator: An investigation of prebiotic therapy on brain function in an obese rodent model. Campus Research & Publications Fund (2019) TT\$20,000.00

Farid Youssef - Co-investigator: Exploring the virtual empathy on social networking sites versus real life empathy among the undergraduate university students across five faculties. Campus Research & Publications Fund (2019) TT\$40,000.00

Department of Para-Clinical Sciences

R. J. Edwards - Johns Hopkins Center for AIDS Research: PI - Damani Piggott 05/01/17 – 04/31/20. *Comparative* Assessment of Aging Phenotypes between the Trinidad & Tobago and Baltimore HIV-infected Populations. This study compared the age-specific burden and determinants of frailty and multi-morbidity between the Trinidad & Tobago and Baltimore HIV-infected populations.

Medical Research Foundation of Trinidad & Tobago: PI- Jeffrey Edwards January-December 2019. Syphilis among men who have sex with men (MSM) attending a large HIV Clinic in Trinidad. A chart review study was conducted to determine the prevalence of syphilis and explore the associated risk factors among 218 MSM who attended a large HIV Clinic in Trinidad.

S. Umakanthan - Campus Fund Research Grant CRP.3. MAR14.10: Principal Investigator in Campus Research Project: *Role of Immunohistochemistry and Histochemical Studies in Neoplastic Lung Lesions*.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY Patent filed

A US Patent for the novel treatment of Prostate Cancer using extracts prepared from a Caribbean plant has been filed with **Dr Diane Ignacio**, Lecturer of Pharmacy Practice as Co-inventor (2019/20).

Grants

Dr Diane Ignacio was awarded a Campus Publication and Research Grant (CPR) of TT\$75,000.00 for project titled *Isolating and Characterising the Active Anti-Prostate Cancer Constituents of Muscadine Grape Skin Extract*. (July 2020).

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Dr Madan Mohan Gupta was awarded a Campus Publication and Research Grant (CRP) of TT\$29,500.00 for a project titled In-Vitro Quality Control Testing of Different Brands of Antihypertensive Tablets Available in Trinidad & Tobago. (2019).

COVID-19 Research Challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic presented formidable challenges to the School of Pharmacy, mainly the inability to conduct face-to-face sessions with students in classrooms, laboratories and in clinical rotations, and the need to replot a course for the continuance of the University's business. The School conducted surveys to ascertain the ability of students to access and use virtual platforms. Lectures, Problem Based Learning, Continuous Assessments and Final Examinations were conducted virtually. Where required, staff were trained by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning to use myElearning and BlackBoard Collaborate, while administrative meetings and discussions took place on Zoom and Cisco WebEx videoconferencing software. Clinical rotations and clerkships were deferred until the University obtained permission from the Ministry of Health to allow face-to-face contact in a clinical setting. These sessions are being conduct with strict measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

SCHOOL OF NURSING Project Funding

The UWISoN was awarded a second tranche of US\$100,000.00 for the second phase of the *Disaster-Related Psychological Trauma and Mental Health Training for Nurses in the Caribbean*.

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

A C Phillips - Enhancing National Health Standards in Aquaculture Systems (ENHSAS): Increasing Aquaculture Productivity, Improving Industry Sustainability and Reducing Deleterious Aquatic Habitat Impacts. UNDP GEF-SGP Funded (US\$49,994.63). August 2017 - 2019

CARIBBEAN CENTRE FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS RESEARCH

A paper fromThe UWI St. Augustine Caribbean Centre for Health Systems' Research entitled *Health Systems' Resilience: COVID-19 Response in Trinidad & Tobago* was published in the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* describing Trinidad & Tobago's successful response to the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. It identified the strengths and weaknesses of the national health system response and identified lessons for future waves of infection and for other countries.

Research Funding

The International Development Research Centre provided

CDN\$145,600.00 for the conduct of activities in support of evidenceinformed policy-making towards Caribbean countries' achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as their responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project "Rapid & Responsive Evidence Partnership" began in May 2020 and is expected to extend to December 2021 and will require direct engagement with Caribbean countries at the national and regional levels, and with stakeholders and citizens.

COVID-19 Research Challenges

The pandemic resulted in a number of challenges, which included the postponement of the Inaugural National Health Research Conference, which had to be delivered virtually. The policy dialogue to address the topic "Strengthening Human Resources for Health in Trinidad & Tobago, to Achieve Universal Health Coverage, with Emphasis on the Primary Healthcare Workforce" was postponed from June 2020 to the first quarter of 2021.

Data collection on the studies, "Assessing Readiness for Change among mental health personnel for the Implementation of Community Based Mental Health Service in Trinidad & Tobago, and Health Systems Utilisation and Satisfaction by Older Adults in Trinidad & Tobago," was paused due to COVID-19.

Research Opportunities Resulting from COVID-19

The CCHSRD established the FMS COVID-19 Research Group. The Group is multi-disciplinary and comprises researchers from all FMS Schools, as well as colleagues from the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences (Department of Economics) and Faculty of Engineering (Department of Geomatics).

The Group successfully coordinated COVID-19-related studies to ensure prioritisation and efficient utilisation of research resources thereby preventing duplication and promoting synergies. Over 30 projects have been developed by the Group that resulted in the dissemination of timely research evidence to the **Ministry of Health** and the general population, as well as publications in international peerreviewed journals and presentations at conferences. The CCHSRD led the conduct of two COVID-19 health policy and systems research (HPSR) studies: "An assessment of the preparedness of primary health care facilitates in Trinidad & Tobago for COVID-19, and An assessment of the health system's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Trinidad & Tobago."

Strategic Review Access

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Department of Clinical Surgical Sciences

Part of the Department's COVID-19 response was to harness technology for teaching to allow the continuity in learning. The Zoom platform was used for both teaching and Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE) of undergraduate students, as well as blackboard collaborate for lecturers. The myElearning platform was used to share materials for rotations and for evaluation.

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The Department had to undergo a rapid shift to the online platform both for PG/UG and ensured that all academic staff were competent with the online learning platforms BBC, Zoom, and Cisco WebEx. The DM Paediatrics programme benefited from a cross-campus collaboration where lecturers in Haematology, Oncology and Rheumatology delivered a virtual lecture series in partnership with **SickKids Hospital, Toronto**. Despite a delay caused by the pandemic, the Department introduced undergraduate and postgraduate teaching at the Scarborough General Hospital in Internal Medicine, Psychiatry and Paediatrics for 4th year Medical Students doing the MBBS programme. Postgraduate students enrolled in the DM Psychiatry can now also do part of their training at the **Scarborough General Hospital**, and in the future postgraduate students enrolled in the DM Paediatrics and Internal Medicine will be able to do part of their training there.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

The new DDS Curriculum was introduced in September 2020 and all coursework, teaching, assessments, and examinations were conducted online.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

During the period under review, the School of Pharmacy developed a PharmD Programme (submitted to the Campus Principal for budgetary review) and a Self-Assessment Quality Report was developed as per the suggestions from the Quality Review Team.

UWI SCHOOL OF NURSING (UWISON)

UWISoN collaborated with **Columbia** University, to host an international webinar under the theme 'Innovations in Online Clinical Nursing Education – in the context of COVID-19' on 31 July 2020; and collaborated with **PAHO**/ WHO to develop and introduce a Critical Care Nursing course. The Diploma in Health Visiting programme officially commenced 13 January 2020 and the BSc Midwifery curriculum was developed and approved by CETL. Further approvals would be required from the Faculty Board and the Committee for Graduate Studies and Research.

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges granted collaborative membership to The UWI-SVM. This has improved the School's digital footprint internationally and given it access to cutting edge resources in the area of veterinary education. The School is now listed on this digital map https://www.aavmc.org/about-aavmc/ our-members/.

Alignment

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Department of Clinical Surgical Sciences Dr Desirée Murray collaborated with the Faculty of Engineering and the Trinidad & Tobago Manufacturers Association to produce protective hygienic shields. Several dozens of these were donated to the **Ophthalmological** Society of Trinidad & Tobago for the eye units in public hospitals. She is currently on the Council of the Trinidad & Tobago Blind Welfare Association (nominated October 2020) and Chief Medical Officer on the Workers' **Compensation Board** as a Medical Referee, as specified in the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Dr Murray was also a panellist for the **National Medical Association** (USA) glaucoma and was interviewed by Trinidad & Tobago Television in observance of World Glaucoma Week (8 -14 March 2020) and International Women's Day (8 March 2020) -*Celebrating Women/Women in Medicine*.

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Professor Michael James Ramdass

fostered relationships with private sector companies, **A.A. Laquis** and **Bryden Pi** who sponsored consumables and Laparoscopic Kits for his surgical skills workshops.

Department of Clinical Medical Sciences

The pandemic saw all UWI clinical staff provide support to the national Health Service to ensure that services kept running smoothly. The Department has membership on the Faculty of Medical Sciences COVID-19 research team. Efforts to enhance access to funding continue with Academic staff applying for funding for projects, including applications to the Campus Research and Publication Fund, the RDI Fund and international funding agencies.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Outreach continues to be an important part of the School's mandate. The **Dental Students Association** conducted a virtual outreach to their selected charity, the Mother's Union Children's Home in December 2020. In recognition of World Cancer Day, the School of Dentistry participated in a health education outreach event together with the School of Pharmacy. This department outreach activity was organised through the Oral Diseases Unit by Dr Candy Naraynsingh (Unit Coordinator and Lecturer in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) and Dr Kevin Henry (Lecturer in Oral Surgery). These academic staff members coordinated a team of dental interns who provided a health education presentation on oral cancer, for members of the public attending the St. Helena Health Centre

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

During the 2019/2020 period, the School visited Regional Health Authorities, TV/ Radio Stations, and hosted a number of webinars. An MOU with the **University of Bradford** is to be drafted. The School also embarked upon the process of filing a US patent and on the development of the PharmD Programme in alignment with the Mona Campus.

UWI SCHOOL OF NURSING (UWISON)

The School hosted their annual Christmas hamper distribution and children's treat for members of the Grande Rivière community in December 2019. In January 2020 the UWISoN was recognised as a PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery with an emphasis on policy and leadership. and the School hosted a Fulbright Scholar for five months from 12 January 2020 to 12 May 2020 (period was shortened to March 2020 due to COVID-19). Work continued to finalise Memoranda of Understanding between UWISoN and Columbia University, Duke University and Birmingham City University.

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

The School received a number of grants for research during the period under review. These included:

- The Promotion of Food Safety and Meat Hygiene in the Poultry Cottage Industry in T&T- (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations-US\$45,360.00)
- Developing practical guidance on food safety in the management of aquaponics systems and in the sea moss value chain (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations U\$\$29,450.30)

- RA Training: Informant Interviews in One Health; Identify best practices, attributes or competencies for leadership in complex intersectoral problems (University of Saskatchewan- \$10,000 CD)
- **Strengthening Climate Resilience Health Systems** – (PAHO/EU US\$100,000)

The School engaged with the **Caribbean** Veterinary Network, Carib Vet and the **United States Department of** Agriculture on *Heartwater Disease: Potential Worldwide Threats for Livestock.*

Agility

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Department of Clinical Surgical Sciences The Department hosted courses in Antiphospholipid syndrome (APLS), Basic Surgical Intercollegiate Skills, How to Write a Surgical Paper, and Student Surgical Skills that generated over TT\$100,000.00 in profit.

Department of Clinical Medical Sciences

The department has engaged in cost cutting exercises including freezing posts for academic staff. There has been no travel for examinations, resulting in a significant decrease in expenditure for travel, hotel reservations and other related travel expenses. This is largely a result of travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Expenditure on purchases were reduced since the COVID-19 pandemic with fewer face-toface meetings, fewer staff and students in building, and virtual meetings with peers across the region and internationally. Staff and Associate Clinical Instructors attended training courses run by CETL to transition teaching from face-toface to online using various platforms and to administer online assessments.

Academic staff members have been involved in several projects to foster international partnerships.

Department of Pre-Clinical Sciences

The Department created research collaborations with a number of other departments such as the Department of Maths and Statistics, Faculty of Science and Technology; the Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering; and the Department of Life Sciences, Faculty of Science and Technology. Cross departmental (Intra Faculty) research collaborations were created with peers across the Faculty of Medical Sciences. Staff participated in a range of CETL workshop on Online teaching and learning, and the use of Blackboard Collaborate.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

A business plan was developed by the School of Dentistry and accepted at the Campus and University Finance and General-Purpose Committees. It is currently awaiting formation of the implementation committee.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The BSc Mixed Mode Programme generated income for the School and provided continuing Pharmacy development training in Aseptic Preparation of Hazardous Drugs for Oncology. The School initiated the process of filing a US patent, and engaged in research partnerships with other international universities. Regular meetings were conducted to foster a CAMP Team.

UWI SCHOOL OF NURSING (UWISON)

UWISoN received \$2,500,000.00 in scholarship funds for 50 nurses to pursue the Diploma in Health Visiting and another \$450,000.00 for 9 fee paying students.

Distinguished Visitors

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Department of Clinical Surgical Sciences Professor Desmond Nunez University of British Columbia, External examiner for DM Exams December 2019.

Ralph George

University of Toronto External Examiner for General Surgery Dec 2019

Department of Para-Clinical Sciences

Professor Henna Budhwani Professor of Public Health Scholar University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Professor Barbara Pieper Fulbright Scholar - Wound Care Specialist Wayne State University, Michigan.

SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE Dr Olatunji Nasir

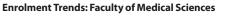
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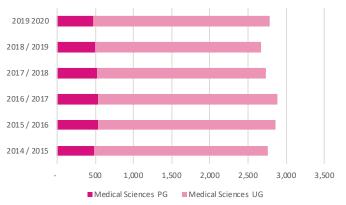
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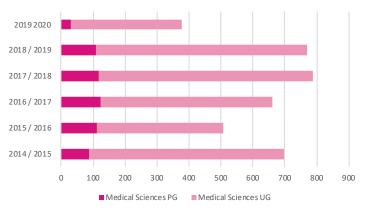
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Graduation Trends: Faculty of Medical Sciences



Source: Campus Office of Planning and Institutional Research (COPIR)

Faculty of Science & Technology

Dean's Summary

ike many institutions, The UWI and, by extension, the Faculty of Science and Technology grappled with the financial effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as its impact on teaching and learning, during the second semester of the 2019/2020 academic year with respect to teaching and learning. The Faculty made a number of adjustments in order to keep courses accessible. These adjustments included moving some courses to 100% coursework and holding lectures and tutorials virtually via Black Board Collaborate (BBC). Case studies/virtual field trips were also utilised in place of in-person activities. Lectures and tutorials were recorded, and the recordings subsequently made available to assist students who may have had accessibility issues.

Practical lab sessions, traditionally designed for students to get hands on experience with conducting experiments, had to be quickly redesigned for online or virtual mode delivery via myeLearning and BBC. Experiments were delivered using a combination of free Web based resources as well as experimental data provided by the Department on myeLearning. In some instances, videos of the scientific procedures were made by demonstrators and provided to students. Assessments were administered as asynchronous take home assignments comprising open ended questions. Oral presentations by students were completed using BBC. The only aspect of the lab courses that could not be completed was the lab skills assessment that involved



Dr Brian N. Cockburn

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the evaluation of students' skills in the manipulation of apparatus and instruments as well as the planning, designing, testing and execution of experiments. As students' lab skills evaluation is carried out in-person. To date, no virtual equivalent assessment to replace students' lab skills evaluation has been possible.

Only one Department (the Department of Computing & IT) was able to facilitate student internships. Consequently, students were not afforded the handson experience in the workplace that the Faculty would have wanted them to receive as part of their training. For the Department of Chemistry, all internships had to be conducted in-house through special permission granted for them to enter the campus during lockdown. Six of these students were in line to graduate. Demonstrators were a key component to the successful delivery of the online or virtual lab courses.

Fiscal concerns, exacerbated by the pandemic, prompted sharper focus on the efficient conduct of all aspects of faculty functions. The Faculty ensured that departments maintained efficient teaching loads; expanded access by broadening outreach activities to include identifying new internship partners and activation of industry liaison committees; upgraded teaching and learning facilities; and improved internal processes.

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the CAPE results which had a direct impact on The UWI student enrolment of Level 1 undergraduate students in Semester I. In an effort to facilitate student registration, the commencement of semester I classes was delayed by one week and the course registration deadline was extended. This measure contributed somewhat to a smoother registration experience; it was felt that the quality of course delivery was negatively impacted in several ways. Lecturers felt challenged in coping with the issues of novel remote teaching and the shortened semester simultaneously and the extended registration deadline caused significant delays in both the delivery of course content, and the administration of assignments and other coursework assessments.

COVID-19 has certainly taught us that agility is important in successfully navigating the pandemic, as the situation is constantly changing. We have worked to address the challenges and shall offer improvements in Semester I as we engage in the online/ remote mode of learning. The health, safety and well-being of our students and staff was, and continues to be, our highest priority in line with our mandate as major stakeholders in higher education.

Enrolment & Graduation

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Student Achievements Undergraduate

Department of Chemistry

Ms Kiara Garcia was the most outstanding undergraduate students in Chemistry for 2019/2020. She was awarded the Southern Systems Limited Prize for the best graduating student in Chemistry for 2019/2020. Ms Garcia also won the Massy Gas Products Trinidad Ltd. Prize for the best Year III performance in Chemistry.

Department of Life Sciences

- Reyad Mohammed The Massy Group Prize for Best Level III Performance in Biology and The Professor Dave Chadee Prize for Best Performance in the Ecology & Environmental Biology Specialisation & The Institute of Marine Affairs Prize for Best Performance in the Marine Biology Specialisation.
- Navin Ramdass The St. Augustine Medical Laboratory Prize for Best Performance in the Biotechnology Specialisation & The St. Augustine Medical Laboratory Prize for Best Performance in the Microbiology Specialisation.

Department of Mathematics & Statistics

- Karishma Harrykissoon Head of Department Prizes Awarded for: Best Year III Performance in Actuarial Science
- Renesha Ramkissoon TATIL Group Prize: Awarded for the best Year III performance in Mathematics

Faculty of Science & Technology

Postgraduate

Two PhD students graduated in 2019/2020, **Shanna-Kay Ming** (nee Spencer) and **Shobha Dhanpat**. Two MPhil students, **Veronica John-Luke** and **Nathan Maharaj** also graduated. Only two students were able to graduate from the MSc Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health programme in 2019/2020. Students of this programme were severely impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic as they were unable to conduct their research in a timely manner. Many had to have their deadline for submission of their thesis extended.

Postgraduate Prizes - DCIT

Jason Mungal - Teleios Systems Ltd. Prize – Awarded for the Best MSc Research Project in Computer Science, 2019/2020

Postgraduate Student Supervision

P. Mohammed

- David Charles MSc Computer Science and Technology, Cloud Specialisation. An Approach for Categorising Online News Articles in Trinidad & Tobago Based on The Group By Class Classification Algorithm. Winner of Best MSc Research Project, 2019.
- Jason Mungal MSc Computer Science and Technology, Cloud Specialisation. Classifying Images of Scorpion Peppers with CNNs and Comparing Learned Features to Morphological Features. Graduated with Distinction.
- Rabindra Ramjattan PhD Plant Science. A Study of Yield, Its Components and Their Genetics in Hot Pepper (Capsicum Chinense Jacq.)

- Lauren Ali MPhil Zoology. A Biological and Social Examination of Commonly Exploited Shark Species in Trinidad & Tobago
- Madhavi Dookie MSc
 Biotechnology. A Study of Flowering
 Gene Regulation in Tomato Plants
 Treated With Seaweed Extract

Department of Mathematics & Statistics

Hassan Shah - The Rose Marie Bissessarsingh-Mohais MS in Mathematics Prize

Research

Department of Chemistry

Dr Nigel Kevin Jalsa: One of his publications has been featured on all of Elsevier's Chemistry social media platforms. In this article the researchers demonstrated the utility of the green solvent, dimethyl ether, in being able to efficiently extract seed oil in yields superior to that of commercial processes (Subratti, A.; Lalgee, J. L.; Jalsa, N. K. Liquified dimethyl ether (DME): A green solvent for the extraction of hemp (Cannabis sativa L.) seed oil. Sustainable Chemistry and Pharmacy. 2019, 12, Article 100144). The researchers also demonstrated that using waste electronic parts or recycled computer parts, they can build effective laboratory equipment for a fraction of the cost, but the same utility, as commercially available items. This is of benefit to not only high school and tertiary science students in Trinidad & Tobago, but worldwide as well. (Subratti, A.; Lalgee, J. L.; Jalsa, N. K. Robust, Efficient, and Economical Magnetic Stirrer: A Device Based on Pulsed Width Modulation, Built Using Mainly Recycled Parts. Journal of Chemical Education.

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Department of Computing & Information Technology

A number of staff members were awarded grants for their research during the 2019/2020 academic year. Drs M. Hosein and W. Goodridge received a RDI Grant for the project, A Resilient System for Communication under Disaster Conditions in the Caribbean, on 29 July 2020. Professor Patrick Hosein, Shiva Ramoudith, and Inzamam Rahaman were awarded a CIBC Research Grant for Data Mining, Optimisation, and Machine Learning for the Finance Sector in June 2020.

The Project and Internship courses developed an app to aid in students' recruitment for the Marketing & Communication Office (M&C). The M&C will soon launch this app as the 'BeUWI Recruitment App'. The DCIT's Computing Connections Unit will take over the maintenance of the project for an annual fee. In Semesters II and III, Academic Year 2019/2020 the Project and Internship courses respectively developed an app that allowed students to make appointments with the Health Services Unit. This proposal is pending the Campus Principal's signature. The DCIT's Computing Connections Unit will take over the maintenance of the project for an annual fee.

Department of Life Sciences

The Department has a few research projects that are currently in progress: **Professor J. Jayaram** and **Dr A. Ramsubhag**: Identification and characterisation of elicitor molecules from local seaweeds for plant protection. Currently under testing phase. (June 2019-July 2021) Dr Luke Rostant, Professor John Agard, and Mrs Lee Ann Beddoe in conjunction with the Environmental Management Authority: continued work on Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP)- to develop a Management plan for the Ocelot (Leopardus pardalis) and work on the National Restoration, Carbon Sequestration, Wildlife, and Livelihoods project. (June 2019 - ongoing)

Dr Sephra Rampersad:

Epidemiological profiling and genotype-chemotype relationships of major fungal phytopathogens (2016 – ongoing) and Novel microorganisms for bioremediation and industrial purposes. (2018 to present)

Dr Ayub Khan: Continued joint projects with the Department of Chemistry for identification, isolation and testing of natural products with pest management potential. (2018 to 2021)

Challenges faced due to the COVID-19

As far as research is concerned, bench work was severely hampered especially during the first three months of campus closure from mid-March 2020. The sudden closure of campus did not give postgraduate (PG) students an opportunity to properly secure ongoing experiments and retrieve data and information on campus in preparation for the prolonged loss of access to research labs. The break has caused some students to lose momentum on their research and has set them back a few months. Some experiments would have to be restarted. The overall effect of the pandemic on PG students' research would be a delay in the completion

of their degree programmes. Since PG students could only do limited work at the bench, students were advised to focus on other aspects of their degree programmes during the closure of campus: Literature review, completion of compulsory courses for the degree, writing aspects of their theses for work already completed. Once the COVID-19 protocols were in place - handwashing stations, limited lab occupancy, and mask wearing - PG students were able to return to their regular activities.

Strategic Review Access

Department of Chemistry

During the period under review, the Department has had to make a number of changes. Enrolment to the BSc Chemistry Option was suspended due to undersubscription and a draft proposal for rationalisation of program offerings to limit the number of undersubscribed courses, majors and minors was created. The Department also expanded the modes of blended/ mixed methods of course delivery and increased the number of guest lectures by expert practitioners in specialised subject areas, with emphasis on entrepreneurship and industry.

The Department was also able to diversify services offered through the Research Outreach Consulting and Analytical Services (ROCAS) to include product development guidance, particularly to small entrepreneurs, and outfit the Department Reading Room as an additional venue for e-engagement in small/advanced classes.

Other improvements included repair to the Department Computer Laboratory

for undergraduate research, improved Chemistry Help Desk Services through increased availability of full-time academic staff, greater participation of teaching assistants, and dedicated venues, and completion of design specifications for the rehabilitation of the main teaching laboratories located in the C1 Chemistry Building to modern safety and instructionalstandard codes, in collaboration with the Campus Projects Office and its team of consultants. Testing and Certification of industrial-grade equipment in the C1 Chemistry Building and the Teaching and Learning Centre occurred, including compressors and fume cupboard extraction systems. The C3 Research Laboratory 4 received upgrades to air extraction, lighting and flooring to materials handling and safety specifications, and the C3 Research Laboratory 5 was outfitted for dedicated asphalt product research and development. An audit of high-frequency (HF) analytical instrumentation in the C4 Building and the development and implementation of an appropriate electrical grounding scheme for their protection and increased reliability also occurred during the period under review.

Continued support was given to the operations of the *Chemists in Action (CHEMIA)* student group to stimulate enthusiasm and interest in Chemistry through the provision of office space, administrative support and promotion of planned student activities, as well as financial support for student participation and poster presentation at the 2019 Materials Research Society Fall Meeting (Dec 1-6 2019). Increased collaboration with Latin American

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Centres of excellence in research and innovation occurred through two staff visits and conference participation at the **University of Havana**, Cuba.

Department of Computing & Information Technology

On 29 June, 2020, the DCIT in collaboration with industry stakeholders - Diagon Consulting, First Citizens, Health Services Unit (UWI), Maritime Services, MSD, RAMPS, Republic Bank, The Alma Jordan Library (UWI) and Virtana - offered its internship course to 30 Levels II and III students. The Virtana Code Jam was held on 13th February, 2020. This Trinidad & Tobago based Coding Competition comprises 3 rounds which focus on: algorithmic reasoning, programming and mathematical analysis. The students of the DCIT and ECNG who participated worked as a team while solving challenging algorithmic puzzles.

On 10 October 2019, the DCIT commemorated International Internet Day with these activities: Cyber Security ISACA booth, Social Media and Privacy, Internet Safety Snakes and Ladders, UWICS Cyber Safe Treasure Hunt, ISOC booth, Fake News, Fake or Real information literacy. These drew great enthusiasm and engagement to the students from different disciplines and faculties.

On 7 and 9 October, 2019 the department participated in the Spark Education Career Fairs in NAPA, San Fernando and National Racquet Centre, Tacarigua, respectively. The Fairs are specialised exhibitions aimed to expose secondary school students to national and international tertiary level educational institutions, industry and toward career development.

In December 2019, **Huawei Training Services** provided the DCIT and Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering with training catalogs in the areas of Huawei LTE, 5G, IT and IP training courses. Huawei provided access to their Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for staff in both departments. This initiative allowed access to Huawei's state of the art resources for students to use their technologies. It is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic to allow the virtualisation of computer resources for student access.

In March 2020, the **Oracle Academy** partnered with the DCIT to offer access to its technological resources. Oracle is well known globally for providing computing education to educational institutions and educators to enhance innovation, develop skills and promote knowledge in technology fields. Ultimately, the students benefit from the DCIT and Oracle's combined curriculum. This initiative is particularly essential during the COVID-19 pandemic to allow the virtualisation of computer resources for student access.

Department of Life Sciences

The Department did a review of the DLS programmes, BSc in Biology, BSc Biology with specialisation, and BSc Environmental Science and Sustainable Technology. A Teaching Gap Analysis was also performed. The Head of Department (HOD), engaged academic staff to identify their expertise/ teaching. As a result, this allowed for the identification of teaching gaps, key to the improvement of the pool of expertise required to advance the DLS' curricula.

Department of Mathematics & Statistics

The department began curriculum review of Level I courses to ensure that courses/programmes meet regional/ national needs and adhered to quality assurance guidelines. Several short courses were developed that were relevant to UWI undergraduates and postgraduate students, UWI and non-UWI researchers, professionals and industry.

The UWI Math Fair was hosted in November 2019 with the objectives of sparking enthusiasm for the various applications of Mathematics in real life and allowing students to view Mathematics in an exciting way, using various puzzles and logic games to increase interest in the field, while highlighting the various programmes and research opportunities available at the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST).

Lecturers continued to make themselves available to students during office hours. In the absence of faceto-face meetings and consultations due to COVID-19 restrictions, lecturers utilised video conferencing to continue discussions with students about their projects, namely MSc and PhD projects. During the period, six MSc students and one PhD student have completed their respective programmes and successfully graduated in July 2020.

The Department used the students' feedback to ensure optimal service is provided by the Math Help Centre (MHC) in an effort to attract more students in 2020/2021. The Department, in conjunction with the Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, continued to operate the Mathematics Help Centre during the academic year 2019/2020. The Centre specifically addressed the learning needs of the UWI students in the areas of Mathematics and Statistics.

The Department offered three new actuarial science elective courses in the academic year 2019/2020, all in an effort for the Society of Actuaries to deem UWI's programmes as a Centre for Actuarial Excellence. The courses were offered in the first semester but subsequently cancelled due to low registration. In the second semester, five students were registered for Asset & Liability Management II (ACTS 3014). This low number was largely due to a lack of awareness and publicity of the available courses. Also, because the potential students were not given significantly advanced notice, they were already burdened by their heavy workload and could not accommodate an additional elective.

The Department hosted several to encourage staff and graduate students to publish their research work in peer refereed journals. The academic staff have been publishing consistently and have attended, as well as presented, at several conferences face-to-face and/ or virtually via video conferencing. The department encouraged staff and students to work on their projects with a focus on applications to industry.

Department of Physics

From November 2019 to March 2020, the department engaged in an internal

Curriculum Review Exercise for all of its offerings. Various stakeholders were involved in this exercise. We amended prerequisites for PHYS 2402, Electronics Matriculation and many environmental minor courses further to this exercise. Based on recommendations which emanated from our curriculum review exercise a proposal for a new course entitled "Fundamentals of Atomic & Nuclear Physics" was prepared and discussed at the department level. Approval was obtained from both the FST Curriculum Review Committee and Faculty Board. Additionally, a new programme on MPhil/PhD in Renewable Energy Technology was proposed and currently being processed for offering in Jan 2021.

The Department was able to double the intake of PG students in both MScs using targeted marketing and obtained necessary part time staff for teaching to support the BSc in Biomedical Technology (BMET) and Physics related courses of BSc in ESST.

The Department of Physics was the first to successfully implement the process of online teaching at the FST as new equipment for level II Labs were purchased with the closure of the University on March 16, 2020. To cater to the requirements of Electronics and Computer based (simulation) experiments/projects of UG, as well as PG courses and seminar facilities, a proposal for a new Computer / Electronics Lab/Seminar room was discussed at the department and necessary approval process was initiated. Dr Nikolay Zyuzikov was successful in receiving research funding grant of €32,000 for the period of 4 years and signed the Contract No. 23750/ R0 with IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) for research project "Evaluating IMRT and VMAT Dose Accuracy for Clinical Implementation of Cases for Carcinoma of the Left Breast and Prostate: Error Sensitivity of Various IMRT; QA Equipment and Protocols and the Impact of Induced Errors on OAR Tolerances and PTV Coverages" as a part of Coordinated Research Project (CRP): Doctoral CRP on Advances in Radiotherapy Techniques (E24022).

Dr Shirin Haque became Programme Director for the NINE hub programme in Radio Astronomy for the Caribbean through for the National Science foundation (NSF) and National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) leading to an MOU between NRAO and the UWI. She was also appointed National Outreach Coordinator from the Office of Astronomy Outreach (OAO) through the International Astronomical Union (IAU) – Chair of national committee for naming of ExoWorlds HD 96063 and HD 96063B (Dingolay and Ramajay) and leading the nation to name an Exoworld.

Alignment

Department of Chemistry

The Department completed experimental work for the development of new rapid testing method for pesticide levels in green leafy vegetables with local small farmer participation and held round two examinations with 300 secondary school participants for the International Chemistry Olympiad

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and made 40 selections for the third and final round. A new research project for landfill (Guanapo) runoff water purification by bioremediation method commenced, as well as engagement with local honey producers for research and quality assurance projects toward export market goals.

Workshops, training and technology transfer sessions were conducted with representatives of Trinidad Lake **Asphalt** for the commercialisation of UWI-licensed products, including detailed engineering advice for scaled production process. A needs survey of existing ROCAS clients on certified testing requirements was completed and basic instrumentation and a secure facility for quality system management was assembled and procurement of new GCMS at advanced stage in the CPO. There was a 30% increase in ROCAS support services to UWI research at St. Augustine, largely from the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

Increased engagement with government and industry stakeholders in development of short courses, diploma and certificate offerings in Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), now pending University approvals. An application for international certification of the MSc OESH programme is under consideration by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) and new instances of collaboration and provision of analytical services with the Ministry of Health (Port-of-Spain General Hospital) and the Ministry of Agriculture Land and Fisheries occurred.

Department of Computing & Information Technology

Among those staff members receiving grants for their research projects were: **Drs Michael Hosein** and **Wayne Goodridge** for their project, "A Resilient System for Communication under Disaster Conditions in the Caribbean" (RDI Grant project-July 29th, 2020); and **Professor Patrick Hosein**, **Shiva Ramoudith**, and **Inzamam Rahaman** for their project on *Data Mining*, *Optimisation*, and Machine *Learning for the finance sector* (CIBC Research grant– June 2020).

Department of Life Sciences

The Department formed a committee responsible for generating the DLS newsletter to highlight the accomplishments of both Academic and Administrative staff. The DLS has also begun to actively seek out funding for critical research equipment- an HPLC.

Department of Mathematics & Statistics

The Department hosted The UWI MATH Fair in collaboration with the Dean, FST in November 2019. It was well attended by about 1,318 students along with 111 teachers from 43 secondary schools. This was a significant increase over the previous year. The venue for this venture was financed by the Dean's Office, FST. Other sponsors included **Trinidad**

& Tobago Unit Trust Corporation, V.H. Marketing Limited and Guardian Life of The Caribbean

Limited. Several short courses were developed that were relevant to persons conducting research, especially those in the medical field as well as working professionals in fields such as actuarial science and industry such as banking and finance.

Terms of Reference were established for the Faculty Industry Liaison Committee to facilitate collaboration between FST and industry by ensuring that the Faculty is addressing the needs of Industry by offering relevant programmes; facilitating relevant research projects for our research students and academic staff; assisting departments in identifying internships opportunities for students, and connecting departments with potential sources of funding for research and development. The UWI MATH Fair was promoted on social media via the FST website and FST Facebook page as well as through a specially created website www.uwimathfair.com, guided by The UWI Marketing & Communications Department to ensure compliance with University branding.

Department of Physics

The Department arranged internships for all BMET students for the academic year 2019/2020 with two new companies added to the list of host institutions - **Biomedical Technologies Limited** and **Biomedical Enterprises of Trinidad & Tobago Limited**. In an arrangement with the **Technical Services Partnership** (a WHO Collaborating Centre), **University of Vermont**, two of the top graduating students (for the 2018/2019 Academic Year) of the Biomedical Technology programme were afforded paid internships from January to May 2020. The pandemic curtailed plans for a Guest Lecture series (an ILC Initiative) in Semester II of the 2019/2020 Academic Year. However, the Department was able to purchase new equipment and components for the Electronics workshop which contributes to the department's income generation efforts. Most notably, the ILC (Industry Liaison Committee) is in charge of this and other units at the department.

Dr Shirin Haque conducted a number of outreach activities, most particularly a 13-part television series for IETV, "Exploring our place in the Universe with Dr Shirin Haque" - (2019); 16 part television series for IETV, "Full STEAM Ahead"- (2020); YouTube channel – With science features on "Two minutes of wonder" and children's series "Enchanted Forest" (2020). Other notable outreach programmes were, "Science Talks, Science Rocks" 21st October 2020 to Corpus Christie College; "Women and Girls in Science" celebration 2020 - Saraswatie School, Chaguanas (21 Feb 2020); "STREAM - the future of learning - sparking curiosity "- (Feb, March, April 2020), and "Space – the final frontier" STEM Booth BPTT 20 (September 2019).

Agility

Department of Chemistry

The Department continued international research collaboration projects in Catalysis, at the University of Cardiff; Materials Chemistry, at the **Brookhaven National Laboratory**, and in Surface and Elemental characterisation, at **Universite D'Antilles**, Guadeloupe. Engagements with Dr Ale Palermo and Dr Sarah Thomas of the **Royal** Society of Chemistry Commonwealth Chemistry Initiative toward the first International Congress to be hosted by the St. Augustine Campus.

Hand-sanitizer product development and testing was supported by technical staff and the ROCAS unit advanced operationalisation of a spin-out company, UWI-Seal-It, including projections of demand, corresponding manufacturing capacity and staffing needs.

Discussions with UWI-Ventures were initiated on commercialising technical knowledge and research programme outputs. The OESH programme offerings were expanded to attract more fee-paying adult learners and experienced workers in industry and the liquid nitrogen facility was serviced and upgraded. An audit of research and analytical equipment for prioritisation of service and replacement was also completed by technical staff. The Department saw a 55% reduction of expenses for paper during the period under review as a digital file system for the exchange of information was promoted. Training of academic staff in digital and virtual delivery modes was offered through the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Department of Computing & Information Technology

On 9 October 2019, the DCIT commenced its weekly Seminar Series Workshops 'Do or Die' to assist staff transition to online instruction. The presentations were done by Senior and Junior academic staff. Those presentations aimed to bridge the gap between the traditional approaches to programming vs. the machine learning approach. Topics included Introduction to Machine Learning; k-NN Machine Learning Technique; Unsupervised Learning with k-means Algorithms; k-means; Diabetes Data Set, Visualisation and Linear Regression; Regression (Best Fit and Goodness of Fit Approaches); Logistic Regression; Naive Bayes for Machine Learning; Introduction to Neural Networks; Implementation of Neural Networks in Pytorch; Convolutional Neural Networks - Concepts and Implementation.

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Department of Life Sciences

During the period under review, the Department conducted a teaching gap analysis and reviewed the DLS cost allocation to ensure expenditure is correctly accounted for under the self-financing MSc programmes. The

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DLS continues to attempt to seek funding and submitted a proposal to the 2020 U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) Small Grants Competition Funding under the project title: Preservation and conservation of Trinidad & Tobago's natural history - our national collections.

Department of Mathematics & Statistics

Several courses were offered in the FST Summer School. However, due to the COVID-19 situation, low registration caused seven courses to be cancelled. One Actuarial Science course (Loss Models II - ACTS 3013) was offered in summer for the first time. The Department ran four short courses during the period 5 – 30 August 2019. These courses generated a total of TT\$97,000.00. Savings of more than TT\$500,000.00 were generated due to part-time positions in the Department being supplemented by six Associate Professionals and one On The Job Trainee (OJT) provided by the Ministry of Education (MOE), whereby the MOE paid the salaries of these APs and OJTs.

The Department was able to acquire the much-needed AXIS software free of charge for its student computer labs. Normally, the Department would pay an annual subscription fee to access this software. Several short courses were developed that were relevant to researchers, professionals and industry. These short courses attracted the interest of persons from within, as well as outside, of Trinidad as the courses were advertised via local media and on the internet to facilitate regional and international access to these courses. The Department established an email address, MATHStudent.Support@sta. uwi.edu in order to remotely facilitate students' concerns via electronic media with respect to teaching and examination related matters. During the closure of campus to students, lecturers communicated with students via their respective UWI staff emails and engaged in virtual office sessions using video conferencing (Zoom and Blackboard Collaborate). Further, lecturers recorded and uploaded their project and research presentations to YouTube in order to share resources and information on a global scale. Video conferencing has also been used to discuss students' MSc and PhD projects.

During Semester II of the 2019/2020 academic year, the Math Help Centre (MHC) transitioned its service from faceto-face to online via MyeLearning and Blackboard Collaborate to compensate for the closure of campus to students. Students were given the option of posting to a forum and having their questions answered by tutors. This allowed MHC to operate in both the synchronous and asynchronous modes for the first time.

Department of Physics

Professor Aleksandr Myllari of St. George's University, Grenada visited the department from 1 - 4 Nov 2019 to discuss collaborative work with Dr Shirin Haque and also presented a seminar on "Numerical Symbolic Dynamics in the Three-body Problem" on 4 November 2019. The Department plans to continue such opportunities.

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Electronics workshop which contribute to the department's income generation efforts. Most notably, is that the ILC (Industry Liaison Committee) is in charge of this and other units at the department.

The Electronics Workshop (EW), Electron Microscopy Unit (EMU) and X-ray Diffraction Unit (XDU), have been advertising their services to the entire campus community via the Marketing and Communication (M&C) Unit and so have become more visible and positioned to improve their rate of income generation. Due to target marketing and dedicated teamwork, the Department was able to double the enrolment numbers in both MScs.

Projected Activities 2020/2021

Department of Physics

The Department, noting that it needs financial support to purchase new equipment, components and maintenance of existing facility, plans to continue to advertise the services it offers through the Marketing & Communications Office. The Scanning Electron Microscope has been repaired and now can be used to earn income and the Electronics workshop is currently designing sanitising UV Robots which will be commercialised if succeeded. The Department is currently finalising the financials concerning the renewal of maintenance contract and subscription of software for the XRD Machine which will propel the progress of this resource. To further increase the number of students in both MSc programmes and to generate more revenue, the Department will offer stand-alone and bundled courses using existing resources.

Distinguished Visitors

Department of Chemistry

Dr Peter Kenny Visiting Scientist University of Sao Paulo Brazil

Professor Francesca Kerton

Professor of Chemistry Department of Chemistry Memorial University of Newfoundland, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

Professor Christopher Kozak

Professor of Chemistry Department of Chemistry Memorial University of Newfoundland, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

Professor Dirk Van de Meent

Professor University of Nijmegen The Netherlands

Dr Ale Palermo

PhD/FRSC Senior Manager, External Relations Royal Society of Chemistry, UK

Dr Sarah Thomas

PhD/FRSC Senior Programme Manager – International Engagement Royal Society of Chemistry, UK

Dr Dick de Zwart

PhD/Private Consultant Ddz Ecotox Odijk The Netherlands

Department of Computing & Information Technology

Dr Nauman Aslam

Associate Professor Department of Computer and Information Science, Northumbria University, UK.

Department of Mathematics & Statistics

Professor Emeritus

Winston A. Richards Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematical Sciences, Science, Engineering and Technology The Pennsylvania State University Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, U.S.A

Department of Physics

Professor Dirk Schulze-Makuch

Professor at Technical University Berlin, Germany and Adjunct Professor at Arizona State University and Washington State University. (Astrobiology project) October 10-18, 2019

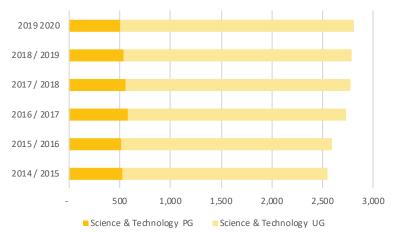
Professor Aleksandr Myllari

St. George's University, Grenada 1-4 November 2019

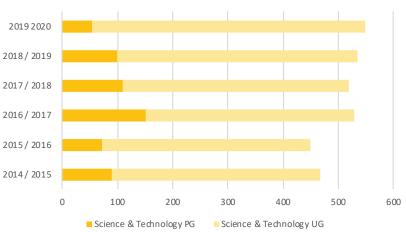
Professor Mauri Valtonen

Univ. of Turku, Finland 22 Oct - 6 November, 2019

Enrolment Trends: Faculty of Science & Technology



Graduation Trends: Faculty of Science & Technology



Source: Campus Office of Planning and Institutional Research (COPIR)

Faculty of Social Sciences

Dean's Summary

uring the reporting period, the Faculty of Social Sciences continued to make further progress in operationalising The UWI's Triple A Strategic Plan, 2017-2022, under the themes of Alignment, Access and Agility.

In October 2019, a new 'Structure and Operations' was introduced with a revised Mission and Vision of the Faculty, five areas of focus, a new Faculty Structure and a Faculty Advisory Board. The revised Vision, "To be Socially Engaged and Solutions Oriented", was developed in the context of digital, economical, ethical and social challenges. The areas of focus included Customer Service, Academic Advising, Teaching and Learning, Marketing and Outreach, and Digitalisation. The Faculty Structure comprised a Faculty Management Team supported administratively by the five Units within the Office of the Dean. academically by the Standing Committees of Faculty Board, and strategically by the Faculty Advisory Board. The Advisory Board comprised members of the business community and relevant professional bodies.

The Faculty of Social Sciences conducted a successful online Summer School session thereby generating additional revenue to supplement the budget. Self-financing programmes and training workshops also contributed in generating much needed revenue. During the reporting period, a new course entitled "Practice and Treatment of Forensic Populations" was introduced as part of a summer 2019 pilot workshop which included participants from specific



Dr Acolla Lewis-Cameron Dean

Going forward into the 2020/2021 academic year, the focus will be on digitisation and innovation. The Faculty plans to engage in several initiatives including the development of an overall Strategic Plan for the Faculty

ministries and agencies involved in service work. The course will be offered to registered students in the 2020/2021 academic year. The MSc and Postgraduate Diploma in Public Sector Management, and the MSc Strategic Leadership and Management programmes were revised, and a re-designed MSc Financial Economics programme was implemented in 2019/2020. The Quality Assurance reviews of the Sociology and Psychology disciplines were completed during the academic year. During the 2019/2020 academic year, the Faculty engaged in several outreach activities. The Department of Economics hosted its annual regional Conference on the Economy (COTE) on October 9 and 10, 2019 under the theme "Re-evaluating Strategies for Sustainable Economies". Professor Avinash Persaud, Chairman of the CARICOM Commission on the Economy, was the feature speaker. The conference served as an avenue to highlight the economic research and thought of the Caribbean as it navigates issues surrounding sustainable economic practices. The Department again hosted the pre-conference events, "COTE Youth Day" on 26 September 2019 at the Teaching and Learning Complex, St. Augustine Campus. The activities included an Armchair Discussion, Digital Poster Competition, a Makea-Thon Competition and a Debate Competition. Over 250 persons from The UWI campuses, secondary schools and the general public attended or participated in the various activities.

On November 7, 2019, the Department of Economics hosted the 2nd Youth Economic Forum in collaboration with the Centre for Health Economics and the Economics Society of The UWI at the St. Augustine campus. The focus was on sustainable development, good health and well-being, quality education and climate action to create a platform for dialogue among young Caribbean scholars on regional economic issues.

In March 2020, the Department of Behavioural Sciences established a Developmental Psychology Lab within the Psychological Research Centre aimed at deepening collaboration between staff and students and to provide an opportunity for mentorship within the Unit as well as to stimulate the generation of a greater volume of psychological research and publications.

Three representatives from the Faculty of Social Sciences participated in the Capsim Global Challenge in April 2020. Participants had the opportunity to test their business acumen against competitors from around the world. In the final round, the Faculty representative placed second overall. The Faculty hosted its first Professional Development Workshop for all administrative staff on November 8, 2019. The workshop focused on "Fundamentals of Customer Service – The FSS Way". The training gave participants valuable insights and skills for interaction with each other, students, and key internal and external stakeholders.

Going forward into the 2020/2021 academic year, the focus will be on digitisation and innovation. The Faculty plans to engage in several initiatives including the development of an overall Strategic Plan for the Faculty, a review of all programme offerings, the introduction of online academic advising to replace faceto-face advising, the introduction of an E-customer service (Live Chat) initially in the Office of the Dean, the introduction of a pilot programme to reduce the use of the current Oxford tutorial model by 40% of the total number of courses taught, a Faculty Retreat and a Professional Development Day.

STRATEGIC REVIEW Access

Department of Behavioural Sciences

During the period under review, the Department introduced a new course, SOWK 2013-Treatment and Practice of Forensic Populations, which extends the curriculum for the social work students. This course was part of a summer 2019 pilot workshop, which invited participants from specific ministries and agencies involved in service work. The course will be offered to registered students and again in the summer to a wider clientele, to sustain external interest.

The Department successfully completed three quality assurance reviews for sociology, psychology, social work, and mediation. The review of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Programmes remains to be completed. The Mediation room was launched as a central location through which The UWI can offer mediation training and public engagements, which advance the conflict management and resolution programmes. The **ANSA MCAL** centre facilitated the SAS Statistics Workshop, which benefitted staff and students doing quantitative research and data analysis.

A Developmental Psychology Lab was established within the Psychology Research Centre to deepen collaboration between staff and students and to stimulate greater research and publications. Criminology & Criminal Justice staff began drafting three new undergraduate courses that have since been reviewed at the Departmental level and await amendments before submission to the FSS Curriculum Review and Faculty Board.

During the 2019/2020 period, there was a sustained high number of publications:

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these included 3 papers in national journals, 20 published in international journal, and 34 papers submitted in both national and international symposia, seminars, conferences.

Department of Economics

The redesigned MSc Financial Economics programme was implemented during the period under review. All MSc courses, which are core to part-time offerings, were scheduled at days and times that allow greater effective access by candidates who are employed. There was a marked improvement in Academic Advising processes via the academic advising committee. During the second semester there was a quality assurance review of the Department. Graduate Research Seminars were aimed at giving guidance to graduate students who are registered in the MPhil or PhD programme. The Department worked with the CAF Development Bank to develop an internship which would give practical experience to undergraduate/ post graduate students in Economics.

Department of Management Studies

The celebration of World Tourism Day 2019 was held by the Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Unit of the Department of Management Studies on 26 September 2019, with 20 tourism stakeholder organisations receiving awards. The 'Cash is King' Entrepreneurship 101 Series Workshop by the Entrepreneurship Unit on 7 November 2019 was attended by 38 participants. The Department also hosted the UWI/FIFA/CIES Open Public Lecture Series as well as the Faculty development 'brown-bag' meetings to discuss teaching and learning improvement opportunities. Coordination of the Internship Programme will be continued with ANSA MCAL's internship opportunity in the area

of Strategic Planning, Mergers & Acquisitions, Analytics, and Financial Modelling for recent graduates of the BSc in Banking and Finance or BSc in Management Studies with Finance minor programmes.

Department of Political Science

The Department revised the curriculum for the MSc Public Sector Management graduate Diploma in Public Sector management, as well as the MSc PSM and PG Diploma in PSM.

Alignment

Department of Behavioural Sciences During the 2019/2020 period, Dr Andrea Silva Tapia and Mr Sebastian Garbe sociologists attached to the Institute for Sociology at Justus Liebig University in Germany visited. This visit allowed for engagement of graduate students on their research agendas and in the one-day conference on Creative Enterprises and Post-Colonial Identities in Trinidad & Tobago. The latter event included the contribution of staff and students and provided an important opportunity for academic exchange and partnership across institutions. Many students benefited from engagement of key stakeholders, specifically, as guest lecturers or as part of a panel discussion. This led to institutional visits by; the Deputy Director of the **Police Complaints** Authority, the Manager of the Victim and Witness Support Unit in the Trinidad & Tobago Police Service, the Advisor to the **United Nations** Trinidad & Tobago, the CEO Mediation Division within the Ministry of Community Development, and the **UN Consultant on International Rights**. Many of our staff members also

served as panellists on various webinars and panels organised by both public and private entities.

The UWI Farm Work Project continued with an emphasis on providing psychosocial support to needy families. This offers a modelling of an integrated community engagement project with the Farm Road, St. Joseph Community. A critical aspect of this project involves the engagement of students in both the assessment of needs for selected families, as well as in the design and implementations of key interventions that can potentially address the challenges faced in the community. This is an ongoing project. Staff within the social work programme also engaged students involved in the Heights of Aripo community project. This is part of a collaboration with social work professionals at the University of Pennsylvania and The University of the West Indies. UWI St. Augustine Social Work students provided support to members of the community as part of their practicum.

Department of Economics

The Department continued various outreach activities including Secondary School Outreach Lectures and Workshops; the Conference on the Economy (COTE); the Demas-Rampersad Seminar Series; the Post Budget Forum; the Youth Economic Forum, and Youth Day and Youth Engagement for Secondary Schools (under COTE). Work was initiated with the CAF (Corporacion Andina de Fomento) Development Bank to develop an internship which would give practical experience to undergraduate and post graduate students in Economics.

Department of Political Science

The Department drafted one proposal to develop short courses to satisfy the needs of ministries and governmental departments, and another for an induction training programme for Local Government Councillors with the Ministry of Local Government. The Department collaborated with the Governance Unit on a forum to discuss "Community Governance and Citizen Participation: The Way Forward" and helped to promote greater activism and public advocacy by hosting various youth fora on such topics as Police Trust, Constitutional Reform, Education and Climate Change.

AGILITY

Department of Behavioural Sciences

The Department trained court officers and service professionals within the OECS on mediation and conflict resolution. This was a paid five-day service offered through our mediation programme and presented an opportunity to generate revenues for the Department. While this is a pilot programme, we are hoping that such an initiative can be extended to internally manage conflicts that unfold at a student and staff levels. This work is ongoing.

Training of staff in Blended Learning took place on 23 and 30 January 2020. These CETL training sessions were conducted at a departmental level and included both part time and fulltime staff. Members of staff within the social work programme piloted eLearning portfolios for professional development of BSc Social Work practicum students. While this is a work in process, it provided an effective alternative for the engagement of students on practicum. It also created an opportunity for the creative presentation of these portfolios.

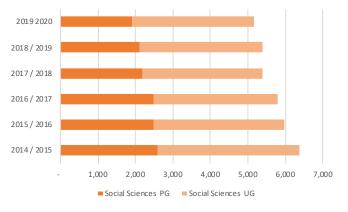
Department of Economics

During the 2019/2020 period the Department of Economics was able to harness the skills of its staff to provide technical assistance to national and regional agencies. It also continued working with the Division of Facilities Management and Faculty staff on plans to refurbish administrative offices to make them OSHA compliant.

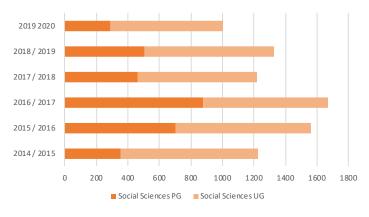
Department of Management Studies

The 'Unleashing your Competitive Competencies with Data Analytics' seminar was held on 13 and 14 March 2020, with 11 participants from the manufacturing, financial services and construction sectors.

Enrolment Trends: Faculty of Social Sciences



Graduation Trends: Faculty of Social Sciences



Source: Campus Office of Planning and Institutional Research (COPIR)

Distinguished Visitors

Mr Sebastian Garbe

Institute for Sociology Justus Liebig University Germany

Dr Andrea Silva-Tapia

Institute for Sociology Justus Liebig University Germany

Faculty of Sport

he Faculty of Sport at the St. Augustine Campus consists of the St. Augustine Academy of Sport which administers the three academic programmes offered, and the Sport and Physical Education Centre (SPEC) which manages the sporting facilities on the campus. Although the COVID-19 pandemic severely curtailed the hosting of sporting events such as the 2020 UWI-SPEC International Half Marathon, there were some significant achievements.

Programmes

In keeping with the Access pillar of the University's strategic plan, the Faculty of Sport welcomed its first cohort of students, numbering 22 in all. The BSc Sport Kinetics and BSc Sport Coaching programmes came on stream for the first time with teaching conducted via a cross-campus collaboration between the Mona and St. Augustine Campuses.

National & Community Engagement

The engagement and outreach activities of the Faculty contributed to the Alignment of the Campus and University.

During the review period The UWI SPEC hosted several sports events such as the **National Hockey Tournament**. A total of 15 teams participated and the tournament recorded the highest spectator turnout since its inception. **UWI-UNICOM T20 Tournament** was also hosted successfully from 9 – 19 January 2020 with **Powergen** emerging the eventual winners.



Dr Akshai Mansingh



Professor Emeritus Funso Aiyejina Head, St. Augustine Academy of Sport

Although the COVID-19 pandemic severely curtailed the hosting of sporting events such as the 2020 UWI-SPEC International Half Marathon, there were some significant achievements. The Campus co-hosted the **Ramps** Logistics Super Series Invitational **T20 Cricket Tournament** which aimed to cultivate a family-friendly platform, where professionals could network and engage in result-driven projects to positively develop and impact society using cricket, while providing the opportunity for academic research for The UWI.

The Academy of Sport hosted four matches in the preliminary round of the 3rd edition of the **Courts T20 Grand Slam Tournament** at the Sir Frank Worrell Cricket Ground. This tournament is the only kind in the region, which seeks to develop women's cricket and create the opportunity for cricketers to excel in the international arena.

In July 2020, the Academy secured the privilege of providing the bio-secure training 'bubble' for the participating teams of the **Hero Caribbean Premier (CPL) T20 League**, having received the approval from the Government of Trinidad & Tobago.

The UWI Women's Cricket Club was promoted from the Championship Division to the Premiership Division, after it was restructured to include regional athletes and non-UWI students. The reclassification will increase interest and boost future student recruitment, as there should now be more opportunities for players to be seen by national selectors.

The Academy conducted fundraising ventures to support The UWI Hockey and Track & Field teams' participation in a tournament at UWI Cave Hill and the Penn Relays (USA) respectively.

Student Achievements

In November 2019, Engineering student **Mr Khesan Yannick Ottley** was appointed vicecaptain of the Trinidad & Tobago Red Force for the West Indies Regional Super50 oneday cricket tournament. In February 2020, in the fourth round of the 2019–2020 West Indies Championship, he scored his maiden century in first-class cricket.

UWI Law student **Mr Shemar Britton**, was a finalist in Guyana's National Table Tennis championship held in February 2020. By virtue of being a finalist, Britton qualified to participate in the Olympic trials which were scheduled to be held in Mexico later that year.

Staff Activities & Achievements

The activities and achievements of staff during the period related to staff engagement and the improvement of administrative processes which are related to the Alignment goals of The University.

Mr Ramnath Persad (Contract Officer and UWI Grounds Curator) hosted two Electronic Scoreboard Training workshops for students, inclusive of on-site training.

The Wellness Programme conducted by **Ms Candice Joseph** (Ag. Gym Supervisor) provided fitness sessions which included aerobics and spin classes for staff and students as a pre-carnival workout. This initiative was geared towards creating comradery, wellness and engagement of staff members across the Campus.

Staff and coaches participated in an Online Development Coping Course for Sports Support Staff hosted by **Dr Olivia Rose Esperance**, Sports Psychologist at the Mona Academy of Sport, UWI, Jamaica

Sporting Facilities

Innovation and income generation related to improving the Agility of the Campus, were the aims of the following activities undertaken during the review period.

Regarding the upkeep of facilities, light fixtures were upgraded at the SPEC Outdoor Court, Cricket and Football Fields for greater use by students and stakeholders. Low-budget sight screens were constructed at the Sir Frank Worrell Cricket Ground using old bleachers.

Before the pandemic the rental of facilities for a variety of events was possible, including external graduations and sporting tournaments. A review of rental fees was undertaken to make them competitive and a rental contract was devised with guidance from the Campus Legal Office.

ANSA McAl Psychological Research Centre

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY

In the academic year 2019/2020, the ANSA McAL Psychological Research Centre (AMPRC) engaged in a number of activities geared toward the progress of The University of the West Indies' Triple A Strategy. The COVID-19 pandemic inhibited full engagement of many of these activities but has not prevented the continued pursuit. The Centre continued its work on Bridging the C.R.I.M.E. (Community, Research, Innovation, Monitoring, Empowerment) Divide and had prepared for the move to the field stage in mid-2020 but this was postponed. The Centre continued its international collaboration with a joint book publication with Professor Aleksandra Kositc titled *Positive Psychology* with a release date set for 2021. The Psi Chi UWI St. Augustine Chapter, facilitated by the Centre, was supported through this period as well as a number of graduate students. The Centre is optimistic that its goals will be further realised in the academic year 2020/2021.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Caribbean Young Adults Study: Risk and Protective Factors as Determinants of Health Behaviors of Caribbean Youth: Identifying Points of Intervention

This study is being conducted by Dr Lutchmie Narine, Ambika Krishnakumar and Jaipaul Roopnarine at Syracuse University in collaboration with the ANSA McAL Psychological Research Centre which is collecting data in Trinidad & Tobago. This study uses both quantitative and qualitative approaches to understand the association between risk and protective factors associated with health outcomes of young adults in Trinidad and Tobago. Comparative data is being collected in Guyana, and Suriname. The participants are university students (18-25 years) enrolled at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago, University of Guyana, Turkeyen Campus, Guyana, and Anton de Kom University of Suriname, Suriname. Project Investigators include Lutchmie Narine, Ambika Krishnakumar, and Jaipaul Roopnarine (Syracuse University). Collaborators include Dereck Chadee (ANSA McAL Psychological Research Centre, The University of the West Indies), Michelle Semple-McBean (University of Guyana Turkeyen Campus), and Tobi L.G. Graafsma (Anton de Kom University of Suriname).

BRIDGING THE C.R.I.M.E. DIVIDE (Ongoing)

Crime has been shown to have a significant, adverse impact on this society, from decreases in human welfare to perceptual and emotional changes to social fragmentation to economic decline. These effects have necessitated action from various stakeholders in society, from the individual to state level, but the crime problem remains unresolved.

The Bridging the C.R.I.M.E. Divide is an ongoing project that aims to do this through social innovation, by partnering with stakeholders to investigate how various divides within society affect crime perceptions, victimisation, and responses to victimisation and to cultivate strategies for addressing these divides.

During the review period several stakeholder meetings were conducted towards the preparation of the measuring instrument. A social survey of approximately 2,500 to 3,000 respondents was planned for implementation in May 2020 but was postponed to the following year because of the pandemic.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Dr Kiaras Gharabaghi, Director, School of Child & Youth Care, Associate Professor, Immigration & Settlement Studies Graduate Program and The ANSA McAL Psychological Research Centre recruited eight students from both **Ryerson University** and the St. Augustine Campus to participate in a project revolving around working on a social issue common to both Trinidad and Toronto, even if manifested differently. The project explores issues of youth engagement, youth crime and youth violence, and aims to create an interdisciplinary group of students at Ryerson and at UWI to explore the issues surrounding these themes in both Canada and Trinidad & Tobago. The Ryerson group are to explore these issues as they pertain to Trinidad, and the UWI students will do the same for Toronto.

The book *Positive Psychology* by Aleksandra Kostic and **Derek Chadee** is forthcoming in 2021 from Wiley-Blackwell. The book is the scientific study of the strengths - positive attributes that allow individuals and communities to thrive, rather than the weaknesses, in human thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. *Positive Psychology* is a collection of essays that includes both theoretical applied contributions focusing on a range of areas including altruism, positive creativity, science of well-being, forgiveness, coaching for leadership, cyberpsychology, intelligence, responding to catastrophes like COVID-19, time perspective, physiological and epigenetic, youth civic engagement, ups and downs of love, flow and good life, global perspectives on positive psychology, self and collective efficacy, positive psychology interventions and positive orientation.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Psychology Research Labs

The ANSA McAL Psychological Research Centre further enhances the research experience of students. In an effort to facilitate the academic and research development of students, in 2020 a Research Lab was established on Media Effect and Copycat Behaviour. Other Research Labs to be established are decision making and risk; copycat behaviour; and COVID-19.

Research Writing Workshops

Two Research Writing Workshops for students were facilitated by PhD Psychology candidates – Ms Mala Ramesar and Ms Delia Brito. The primary intention was to build a link among students engaging with research. These sessions were held in November 2019. The agenda included coaching sessions on how to:

- Conduct a literature search.
- Write a literature review.
- Plan a methodology.
- Analyse data using SPSS.
- Format according to APA standards.

PSI CHI: International Honor Society in Psychology

Since its introduction at the Campus, the Psi Chi UWI St. Augustine chapter has received support from the Centre. The following are some of the activities undertaken by the group during the 2019/2020 academic year:

- i. Virtual Guild Fest's Sip and Chat Event: Inviting potential members by divulging our goals, history, past activities, and future activities.
- World Mental Health Day A video was created outlining PTSD criteria, signs and symptoms, causes and treatment. This was circulated via Instagram and YouTube platforms.
- iii. Health Habit Thursdays Tips on coping with Zoom fatigue, academic stressors, delivered via Instagram.

- iv. NAC Talk "D" Things Episode 2 The Mind You campaign
 Debunking myths on mental health delivered via
 Facebook live video
- Virtual Scribbles Stories Stories were shared by persons about their struggles in life as well as their coping mechanisms. The aim of this exercise was to inspire and motivate persons who would be experiencing the same challenges
- vi. Resume writing workshop Resume writing guidelines facilitated by a PSYD Clinical Psychology Student
- vii. The Psychology of Domestic Violence a discussion of domestic violence and trauma from different viewpoints.
 Facilitated by Neola Zama, and collaboration with SPA, PCA and NCA.
- viii. PCA's Health Series which presents coping mechanisms for mental health.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

The provision of support for graduate research remains a priority of the AMPRC. Summaries of research undertaken by students affiliated with the Centre are provided below.

Dionne Brewster-Phillip

Adolescent risky decision making: Examining the influence of parental and peer attachment, emotion regulation and sensation seeking.

This thesis consists of two studies. The objective of Study 1 was to explore the influence of parent and peer attachment, emotion regulation and sensation seeking on risky decision making among adolescent males. The findings of Study 1 influenced the objectives of Study 2 which explored the impact of peer influence and community risk and protective factors on risky decision making among adolescent males.

Adolescence is a significant stage of development in which the individual undergoes physical, emotional, cognitive, psychological and developmental changes that facilitate the transition to adulthood. Studies have consistently shown that adolescence is a developmental stage that is most associated with reckless and risk behaviours. Unfortunately, these behaviours can jeopardise the healthy transition through the psychosocial phases of development; such as the successful transition into adulthood, performing expected social roles and the acquisition of life skills.

Centres & Institutes

The Study 1 sample consisted of 296 adolescent males attending secondary school high and low crime density areas in Trinidad and Tobago. The data was extensively explored showing that a secure parental attachment protects adolescence from risky behaviour through early to midadolescence. The Study 2 sample consisted of 204 adolescent males attending secondary schools in Trinidad and is currently being analysed.

Diana Williams

Comparison, the Thief of Motivation? Examining the Effects of Social Comparison on Adolescents' Academic Possible Selves and Motivated Behaviours.

Adolescence is a critical window of opportunity for investing in individuals' potential. Of particular relevance in this regard is the domain of education. Fundamental to adolescents' performance in this domain are adolescents' academic possible selves, the academic behaviours they motivate, and the social comparative processes which play an integral role in shaping the aforementioned. Yet, despite the existence of research on the influence of the latter on the former constructs, there is a paucity of research on this in the context of Trinidad, wherein there is strong relevance.

The present study sought to expand the knowledge base on the effects of social comparison on adolescents' academic possible selves and motivated behaviours by examining these in the stated national context. In 2019, data were collected from 153 adolescents attending an all-female secondary school in Northern Trinidad. Data are currently being analysed to examine the aforementioned effects; primarily via analysis of variance (ANOVA), mediational analyses, and a quantitative content analysis.

Aaron George

Victimisation, Community Connectedness and Minority Stress: Precursors of Perceived Risk and Fear of Crime Among the LGBTQ Community in Trinidad.

In recent times, crime and its associated fear have been receiving much attention from researchers in various fields. Though the body of knowledge related to this topic is growing following extensive research efforts, a gap in the data still exists as it relates to obtaining systematic data for understanding fear of crime among sexual minority groups. A review of the literature suggests that several factors may contribute to an LGBTQ person's fear of crime. The model for this story proposes that previous victimisation experiences, community connectedness, minority stress and perceived risk of victimisation are precursors to LGBTQ person's fear of crime. Each variable has been individually explored by researchers in relation to fear of crime, however, no study has captured all the variables in one model to explain the social phenomenon.

Utilising non-probability sampling techniques, participants will contribute to the growing body of knowledge that serves the LGBTQ community. Anticipated are recommendations on new policies and laws specific to crime victimisation that can directly benefit minority group members by reducing the fear of crime and improving their overall wellbeing.

Cory Ammon

Substance Use Disorder Remission: a COM-B model examination of self-efficacy, time perspective and social support.

Substance use disorder is an issue that affects individuals, families, and the community at large, with numerous associated costs. Successful remission from substance use disorder is estimated at 35% to 50%. This research seeks to examine remission from substance use disorder within the health model of COM-B, which explains health behaviour in terms of capacity, motivation and opportunity. Under the framework of this model, the study considers self-efficacy as the capacity component, time perspective as motivation, and social support as opportunity. The study which is crosssectional in design, examines the relationship among and between the variables in participant groups with varying levels of remission; early remission, remission and sustained remission. The objective of the study in explaining the difference between the remission groups is to be able to make recommendations for improved remission success rates for substance use disorder.

Lauren Ramlal

The Influence of Social Media Images Risky Behaviours Depictions (i.e. Substance Use/Risky Sexual Behaviours/ Promiscuity) and Mental Construal on Externalising Behaviours of Young Adults:

The purpose of the proposed study is to explore the relationship between exposure to social media images depicting risky behaviours (namely substance use, risky sexual behaviours and promiscuity) on similar externalizing behaviours in the offline environment among Trinidadian young adults, aged 18 to 25. The relationship between mental construal of these images and subsequent externalising manifestations is also under examination. Self-esteem and gender are being considered as moderators. It intends to explore these variables via self-report measures.

STRATEGY APPRAISAL

The ANSA McAL Psychological Research Centre has consistently sought to streamline its operations to be consistent with the goals of The UWI. In this regard, the following new initiatives were undertaken by the Centre in the 2019/2020 academic year:

Access

The Centre sought to improve the quality, quantity and impact of research, innovation and publication, in support of the Access pillar of the Strategic Plan. The social innovation approach was used to develop the methodology of Bridging the C.R.I.M.E. Divide. This is anticipated to encourage the use of similar approaches by students and staff at The UWI. The Centre is currently conducting research into several areas of concern which arose out of the global pandemic.

Alignment

In support of Alignment, and the promotion of greater activism and public advocacy, the Centre introduced practical psychology sessions to promote proper mental health management during the pandemic. Through PSICHI, several virtual initiatives were launched to assist students with stress management and maintaining general mental health. Some of these activities were conducted on a weekly basis and included Health Habit Thursdays, and the PCA's Health Series.

Agility

The Agility of the Campus and University through the establishment of "a physical presence of The UWI on all continents" was facilitated as the Centre continued to foster relationships with researchers across the globe. The review period saw the start of a student driven collaboration with **Ryerson University** to develop solutions for juvenile crime in both Canada and Trinidad &Tobago. This project, still in its early stages, was halted temporarily due to the pandemic.

Centre for Health Economics (HEU)

For the academic year 2019/2020, the Centre for Health Economics (HEU) continued its mandate to be a resource for national and regional agencies through the execution of its research agenda. The Centre continued its research thrust in the broad areas of Health Sector Programmes and Financing, Health Systems Analysis, Health Impact Assessments and Health and Economic Policy Analysis. The research projects undertaken by the Centre and the technical support provided over the course of the academic year also aligned with the University's strategic goals.

Highlights

The major highlights for the 2019/2020 academic year included:

- Designation as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Health
 Economics and Financing
- Development of the HEU Health Costs Estimation Tool
- Completion of the Comprehensive Costing of Public
 Sector Health Services in Barbados
- Provision of Services for the Design and Development of a National Health Insurance System for Antigua and Barbuda
- Co-hosting of the Youth Economic Forum with the Department of Economics
- Production and dissemination of a Special Edition of
 IMPACT: HEU Bi-Annual Bulletin
- Hosting of the 13th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives

Centres & Institutes

RESEARCH

During the academic year 2019/2020, the Centre furthered its own research agenda and also conducted research on behalf of regional Governments. The Centre also worked in partnership with regional and international agencies and formalised significant relationships with relationships key agencies, based on the quality of its wide scope of research. A selection of these undertakings is summarised below.

WHO Collaborating Centre (WHOCC) for Health Economics and Financing

The HEU, Centre for Health Economics was designated as a World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre (WHOCC) for Health Economics and Financing with effect from June 4th, 2020. This formal designation by the Director-General of the WHO serves as a formal mechanism to carry out activities that support the WHO's programmes, goals and priorities. WHOCCs are key institutions with relevant expertise distributed throughout the world that have a long-standing history of collaboration with the WHO. Of the 834 highly regarded academic and scientific institutions designated as WHOCCs globally, 191 are in the Region of the Americas. The HEU. Centre for Health Economics is one of the four WHOCCs in the English-speaking Caribbean. The HEU, Centre for Health Economics, WHOCC for Health Economics and Financing, has the distinction of being the only institution with such a designation in the world. The only other WHOCCs with similar designations are the Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health System and Financing and the Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Economics.

HEU Health Costs Estimation Tool

A preliminary HEU Health Costs Estimation Tool was developed and piloted as part of the Centre's response to COVID-19. The Excel-based tool with built-in formulas provide health cost estimates for COVID-19 and various disease conditions. The Tool was first used in April 2020 to estimate the COVID-19 health care costs for 26 Caribbean countries for prevention, testing, treatment, and infrastructural upgrades.

Major Research Projects Completed

Comprehensive Costing of Public Sector Health Services in Barbados. Commissioned by the **Ministry of Health and Wellness**, under the **Government of Barbados**. Principal Investigators: Althea La Foucade, Karl Theodore and Christine Laptiste. Co-Investigators: Vyjanti Beharry; Patricia Edwards-Wescott, Kimberly-Ann Gittens-Baynes, Charmaine Metivier.

COVID-19 and the Economic Shock: Impact and Policy Options. Country Case Diagnostics – Trinidad & Tobago. 2020. Principal Investigator: Althea La Foucade. Co-Investigators: Karl Theodore, Ewan Scott, Christine Laptiste, Vyjanti Beharry, Samuel Gabriel, Haleema Ali-Sisbane, Don Bethelmie, Leon Henry, Ricardo Lalloo, Gemma Baliram. Submitted to the United Nations Development Programme, Trinidad & Tobago Office.

The Economic Impact of COVID-19 on The Economy of Trinidad & Tobago. Principal Investigator: Karl Theodore. Co-Investigators: Althea La Foucade, Ewan Scott, Christine Laptiste, Vyjanti Beharry, Samuel Gabriel, Haleema Ali-Sisbane, Don Bethelmie, Earl Boodoo. Submitted to the **Government of Trinidad & Tobago**.

Major Research Projects Nearing Completion

Improving Household Nutrition Security and Public Health in the CARICOM. UWI Mona, UWI Cavehill and the **International Development Research Centre** (IDRC). Althea La Foucade, Karl Theodore, Vyjanti Beharry; Charmaine Metivier; Samuel Gabriel; Christine Laptiste.

Provision of Services for *Advancing Action on the Design and Specification of a National Health Insurance System in Antigua and Barbuda.* Government of Antigua and Barbuda. Principal Investigators: Karl Theodore and Althea La Foucade. Co-Investigators: Charmaine Metivier; Stanley Lalta; Christine Laptiste; Roger Mc Lean; Patricia Edwards-Wescott, Kimoy Worrell; Anton Cumberbatch. Empowering Healthcare Decision Makers to Achieve Regional Needs in Sugar-Sweetened Beverage [SSB] Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean: Building a Framework to Evaluate the Disease Burden and the Cost-Effectiveness of available Interventions; and Estimating the Disease Burden in Four Countries. The International Development Research Centre (IDRC), in collaboration with the Institute for Clinical Effectiveness and Health Policy (IECS) (Buenos Aires), The UWI, UWI-HEU, ACT Health Promotion (Brazil) and the Ministry of Health (El Salvador). Principal Investigators: Karl Theodore and Althea La Foucade. Co-Investigators: Vyjanti Beharry; Kimberly-Ann Gittens-Baynes, Samuel Gabriel, Christine Laptiste, Charmaine Metivier.

Health Sector: COVID-19 Economic Impact Assessment. PAHO, Trinidad & Tobago Office. Principal Investigators: Althea La Foucade. Co-Investigators: Karl Theodore, Vyjanti Beharry; Don Bethelmie, Samuel Gabriel, Christine Laptiste, Haleema Ali-Sisbane.

OUTREACH

The Centre continued to form strategic alliances with Governments in the Caribbean, as well as several national, regional and international stakeholders/partners, including the **Ministry of Health, Trinidad & Tobago, regional Ministries of Health and Finance, UNECLAC and PAHO/WHO**. Such partnerships/collaborations have facilitated, in many ways (financial, technical, etc.), the coordination, promotion and integration of interventions that advance our developing Caribbean countries.

Conferences, Seminars & Workshops Hosted Youth Economic Forum

The Youth Economic Forum (YEF) began in 2019 and is a collaborative initiative of the Department of Economics, the HEU, the Centre for Health Economics and the Economics Society of The UWI, St. Augustine. Its primary aim is to create a platform for dialogue among young Caribbean economists on regional issues and progress towards the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN). It is hoped that this dialogue would strengthen youth involvement in policymaking and bridge the gap between current thinking and perspectives in view of the SDGs. The overarching theme

of the YEF is "Bridging the Gap To 2030: The Future We Want". In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the third YEF was executed as a webinar on 11th May 2020 with the theme "Youth Perspectives on COVID-19".

13th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives

The Centre co-hosted the 13th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives with Anguilla Social Security Board–the national agency with almost four decades of experience in the social security business in Anguilla from November 6-8, 2019. The overall objectives of these conferences are to share knowledge, increase understanding, test ideas, enhance national expertise and deepen regional collaboration in designing and managing national health financing initiatives. The theme of the conference was '*Fiscal Space and Sustainability in Caribbean Health Financing*'. The conference attracted more than eighty participants from nineteen countries, as well as sixteen public and private organisations.

IMPACT: HEU Bi-Annual Bulletin

The HEU's Bi-Annual Bulletin, IMPACT, offers a critical platform for the Centre to contribute to the regional discourse on human development and apprise partner agencies and professionals of its work and by extension, that of The University of the West Indies. The Special Edition Volume 2 Issue 1 was entitled "Exploring the Socioeconomic Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic". This Special Edition Bulletin contributed to the dialogue on the COVID-19 pandemic by highlighting some of its multi-dimensional impacts in the Region including, the macroeconomic implications and the outlook for economies; the hidden mental toll at the community and individual levels, and the widened social gaps created by the outbreak. The list of external contributors for the Special Edition of the Bulletin included Dr Peter Weller -Clinical Psychologist; Professor Gerard Hutchinson - Clinical Psychologist, Faculty of Medical Sciences, and Dr Varma Deyalsingh - Clinical Psychologist. Key informant interviews were conducted with Dr Erica Wheeler, PAHO Country Representative- Dutch Overseas Territory and Trinidad & Tobago and Ms Jessie Schutt-Ainé, Caribbean Subregional Program Coordinator PAHO.

STRATEGIC REVIEW

Access

The HEU co-hosted the Youth Economic Forum with the Department of Economics on the theme "Youth Perspectives on COVID-19" and hosted the 13th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives. During the 2019/2020 period the HEU also developed the preliminary HEU Health Costs Estimation Tool and produced, published, and disseminated the Special Edition of *IMPACT: HEU Bi-Annual Bulletin*.

Alignment

The HEU participated in high level meetings with Managers and Heads of Departments of Health Facilities in Barbados on the Costing of Health Programmes and was designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Economics and Financing. The HEU also collaborated with the Institute for Clinical Effectiveness and Health Policy institution in Argentina on a Project entitled, "Empowering healthcare decision makers to achieve regional needs for sugar-sweetened beverages consumption's control in Latin America: building a framework to evaluate current available policies, burden of disease and cost-effectiveness and applying it to four countries."

Other collaborations included Cave Hill Campus - George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Public Health Group; Mona Campus - Department of Gender and Development Studies; The UWI Caribbean Institute for Health Research (CAIHR); the University of Technology Jamaica; **Mc Gill University**, Canada, and **University of Cambridge**, UK on the project entitled "Improving Household Nutrition Security and Public Health in the Caribbean Community".

Agility

During the 2019/2020 review period the HEU completed funded research on the Comprehensive Costing of Public Sector Health Services in Barbados and initiated funded research on the Provision of Services for the Design and Development of a National Health Insurance System for Antigua and Barbuda. A **PAHO** funded research project was initiated on the Health Sector: COVID-19 Economic Impact Assessment. The HEU was also able to transition to remote working and teaching in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and updated, expanded and improved the content of the Centre's website.

Institute for Gender & Development (IGDS)

Over academic year 2019/2020, the St. Augustine Unit of the Institute for Gender & Development Studies (IGDS) continued to focus on fulfilling The UWI's Triple A Strategy by concentrating on three key areas: mainstreaming, movementbuilding and mentorship, through resource-mobilisation, media and branding. In addition, the IGDS continued to develop its approach to outreach and impact through engagement programmes such as IGDS Reach, IGDS Ignite, IGDS CV+, IGDS Silver and Gold, and IGDS Impact.

International and Regional Collaborations

For the second year straight the IGDS collaborated with the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) to offer a study-abroad programme to visiting US-based students. In addition to offering three courses, a study tour took students from the **Arcus Centre for Social Justice Leadership** at **Kalamazoo College**, to seven historical sites in Trinidad and a day trip to Tobago, over a nine-week period. This was an income-generating project and provided an opportunity for young staff to teach Caribbean feminist scholarship.

As the Caribbean organised to support the countries affected by Hurricane Dorian, the IGDS supported a Relief Drive for The Bahamas between September and October 2019.

The IGDS collaborated with the **United Nations Fund for Population Activities** (UNFPA) to produce its State of World Population 2020 report: "Confronting the silent and endemic crisis of harmful practices, specifically on the current issues surrounding Child Marriage in T&T". **Dr Gabrielle Hosein** and **Mr Marcus Kissoon** were interviewed for the report's accompanying short video, https://www.unfpa.org/swop#!/ child-marriage .

After the pandemic-related closure of educational institutions and sites of public life in Trinidad & Tobago, from 13 March 2020, IGDS-SAU staff contributed to seven webinars, and produced seven public articles on the gendered and other impacts of COVID-19. The IGDS was represented on the UWI COVID-19 Task Force, and contributed to the report, "*Evidence base to guide the safe reopening of the UWI Campuses*", published on 30 June 2020.

National Partnerships and Collaborations

The IGDS worked on amendments to the Domestic Violence (DV Act) as part of the civil society coalition, the Alliance for State Action to End Gender Based Violence and collaborated with Inter-club, a network of women's organisations, on a public forum on trafficking for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Additionally, the Institute worked alongside the 2 Cents Movement, 868Change, Ile EGBE Yemoja, Ozone Protect, Mamatoto Resource and Birth Centre, Mindwise Project, Caribbean Male Action Network, Heart of a Sister Foundation, Oilfield Workers Trade Union (OWTU), Single Mothers Association of Trinidad & Tobago, The Silver Lining Foundation, Soroptimist International Chaguanas, Trinidad & Tobago Unified Teachers' Association, WOMANTRA, Yoga 4 Youth, and others to organise the International Women's Day Rally and March on 7 March 2020. This was part of the Unit's work toward movement-building.

The IGDS St. Augustine Unit's flagship project during the review period was the Sexual Cultures of Justice project, led by **Dr Angelique Nixon**. The project's activities included the course, Transforming Each Other's Advocacy, and ongoing work to document the life stories of working-class LBGTI persons, completion of a National School Survey, various action campaigns in support of policy and legislative reform, and continued advocacy through the Add All Three campaign. These were only some of the activities undertaken by this highly successful research and advocacy project with significant impact on movement-building.

To advance its mentorship goals, the first Reach for Rights camp was held in July 2019, coordinated by **Dr Deborah McFee**, and bringing together youth, including from some Spanish-speaking migrant communities, to learn more about the social justice and community development work of select Faculties of the UWI St. Augustine Campus. The MatchMe Internship programme selected two secondary school students, who contributed to organising the camp which led the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)** to approach the IGDS to partner in 2019.

Resource Mobilisation

Significant funds were raised for events such as the annual IWD march, this year amounting to TT\$90,000. **Ms Tricia Basdeo** coordinated the IGDS' contribution to organising the commemoration. As well, the SAU embarked on a partnership with **UNFPA** on health and family life education in primary and secondary schools. The project, valued at USD\$94,000, will be implemented over the next academic year, and is led by **Dr Gabrielle Hosein** and **Ms Tricia Basdeo**. As well, the Unit worked with the **Pan American Development Foundation** to produce a migrant-sensitive, Spanish-language version of the BTS Toolkit, relevant to Trinidad & Tobago, and Guyana. Training will be rolled out over the next academic year on the basis of the toolkit, under the oversight of **Dr Deborah McFee**.

In 2019, the On Her Voice Regional Secondary School Secondary School Programme was launched. IGDS trained poets to facilitate the design and development of a secondary school policy manual. This gave the poets tools to guide 200 students in 15 schools across the region to design their own policies.

Teaching and Assessment

The IGDS transitioned its course delivery to Blackboard Collaborate and Zoom to replace face-to-face teachings. Undergraduate course assessments were adjusted for online delivery from 60% coursework and 40% exam to 100% coursework. The learning objectives of the courses remained and were aligned with each assessment. All skills are tested, with skill demands increasing with each assignment.

Pre-pandemic assessments tested, largely but not exclusively, recall, analysis and evaluation in the final exam, and research and application through coursework assignments. While staff would generally prefer to return to face-to-face work and teaching, they are prepared to teach online for as long as necessary and make the most of opportunities arising out of this period.

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COVID-19 and Enrolment

Before the pandemic, the IGDS staff and the Ignite club members actively engaged and attracted students through activities such as poster presentations and pocket course card distribution at Faculty Orientation Day, UWI Guild Fest and SPEC's Information Village. The IGDS has also typically used graduation commemorations in October as a way to connect to undergraduate students who are performing well in the courses to encourage them to register for the Minor and to pursue post-graduate study with the IGDS.

The Institute recorded a decline in enrolment in the Institute's main introductory course following the cancellation of face-to-face academic advising which made it much more difficult to access students and encourage enrolment. This is of concern as it lays the foundation for further studies and interest in the field.

In light of lockdown limitations, the IGDS increased its use of online and social media platforms, held virtual academic advising sessions for students via Zoom, and a virtual open day facilitated by the Campus Marketing and Communications Office. The St. Augustine Unit continued to provide a list of IGDS courses to all Deans and specific Department Heads, who might recommend IGDS courses to students as electives.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

The Institute's staff at the SAU continue to be productive both in their personal research agenda and in their unstinting efforts during the last academic year to enhance the collective research profile of the IGDS. Graduate student research is being aligned with the research themes identified by staff and the IGDS for informed and strategic research supervision and output.

Technical Reports

To further promote mainstreaming the Institute completed two reports: the first for **UN ECLAC**, "Gender Mainstreaming in National Sustainable Development in the Caribbean", and the second for the **Inter-American Development Bank** (IDB) on "Engaging Men to End Violence Against Women and Girls in the Caribbean: Expanding the Possibility Frontier". Both reports were produced by **Dr Gabrielle Hosein** and **Ms Tricia Basdeo**.

Publications

Issue 13 of the *Caribbean Review of Gender Studies (CRGS)*, "African-Caribbean Women: Migration, Diaspora, Postdiaspora" was published in the second half of 2019, furthering mainstreaming efforts. The work of the CRGS is overseen by SAU PhD student, **Ms Tivia Collins**, who remains the journal's Editorial Assistant.

Research Projects

Dr Angelique V. Nixon

Submitted a project extension request to the **European Commission, Trinidad & Tobago Delegation** (Europe/ Aid/151167/DD/ACT/TT) for *Respect for fundamental human rights and freedoms in Trinidad & Tobago*. The original duration of the project was from April 2017 to September 2020. The latest request was for an extension to March 2021. Potential income generation to The UWI - EU €12,297.00. The project involves six LGBTI and feminist civil society organisations - CAISO: Sex and Gender Justice, Friends For Life, I Am One, The Silver Lining Foundation, Womantra, and Women's Caucus.

A Sexual Culture of Justice: Strengthening LGBTQI & GBV Partnerships, Capacity & Efficacy to Promote & Protect Rights in T&T. This is an activity-based, human rights project funded by the European Union and implemented by The University of the West Indies, Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS). This project is a community-university collaboration that provides support for some of the longest-standing and emerging local efforts to transform approaches to partner violence, homophobia, bullying and policing, while building partnerships and organisational capacity.

OUTREACH

Online Outreach

After many years working with internal and external IT professionals, the IGDS SAU launched its new web platform that makes the areas of work and outputs more accessible to the general public and interested prospective students and partners. This upgrade of the web platform, https://sta.uwi. edu/igds/ and coordination of IGDS' social media presence, has been led by **Ms Kathryn Chan** with support from **Ms Tessa Ottley** and **Ms Renuka Anandjit**.

Workshops & Training Sessions

- Student Support Central Division Social Workers trained 21 social workers on issues of gender, child sexual abuse and HIV. The BTS toolkit was used as the guide for this workshop held on 11 October 2019.
- SERVOL, El Socorro Gender, child sexual abuse and HIV safety conversation held on 25 October 2019 at IGDS seminar room.
- UTT Institute of Criminology and Public Safety Presentation on Gender and Victimisation: Rape and
 Sexual Assault. This session, held on October 31, 2019,
 focused on the gendered nature of victimisation with
 a focus on sexual victimisation and sexual assault, rape
 myths and rape myth acceptance, and criminal justice
 treatment and processing of sexual assault victims in the
 course Gender and Crime. Students attending will be part
 of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Criminology and
 Public Safety.
- 2Cents movement IGDS BTS conducted a Train the Trainers on School Related Gender-Based Violence (SRGBV), Policy Development, and Activism on November 4 and 5, 2019.
- Soroptimist International, Newtown BTS conducted a workshop with students from Mucurapo Secondary School on gender-based violence on 12 November 2019 for 43 students.
- Human Rights committee of Hugh Wooding Law
 School and BTS hosted a 1-hour conversation on
 Migrants and Child Sexual Abuse for students of The UWI on 22 November 2019.
- SERVOL, El Socorro Pre Carnival conversation on gender, sexual abuse and HIV, held on 31 January 2020 for 19 students.
- Cashew Gardens community and BTS hosted an International Women's Day (IWD) poster making event on 29 January 2020, where children and women from the community created messages for the IWD Rally 2020.
- CREDO Drop-In Centre and BTS hosted a poster making event that supported the women and children of East Port of Spain on 5 March 2020 to develop messages for the IWD rally 2020.
- SERVOL, El Socorro Beauty culture class visited the IGDS to learn about IWD and create posters and messages on 6 March 2020.

Completed Activities

The Institute completed a number of activities during the 2019/2020 period. These included:

- Creation of new accessible knowledge products (toolkits, research, and media) that strengthen local advocacy grounded in Caribbean theories, praxis, evidence, and analysis through the Online Knowledge E-Portal, which features outputs of the project (www.portal. caribbeansexualties.org).
- Completed Gender-Based Violence (GBV) training for a diverse group of 15 men to champion a new culture of gender equality and non-violence in their different communities, which facilitated media creation of scripted messages and the #PullUpYuhBredren campaign through five public service announcement videos – Men Speak Up! Champions Against GBV – which were shared widely across social media and attracted thousands of views. The Institute also supported four GBV Community Actions, led by men who participated in, or facilitated the GBV training, using the **#PullUpYuhBredren** campaign and a peer-to-peer training pedagogy. Each action included 10 to 20 persons and therefore the actions' impact extends to over 50 persons.
- Trained 46 teachers and guidance counsellors during two cycles of teacher training workshops; developed the "Safer Schools Teacher Training" toolkit and facilitator guide, focused on preventing the culture of bullying of young people related to sex and gender.
- Provided support for over 10 families and guardians of LGBTQI youth and 10 LGBTQI persons through the Stronger Families group and individual therapy and completed a National Survey of Bullying and Gender Based Violence of 40 secondary schools (38 in Trinidad and 2 in Tobago) with an average of 60 students per school. The survey followed the two cycles of teacher training workshops. More than 2,285 secondary school students were surveyed. Data analysis and the final report are in progress.
- Collected 18 life stories of working-class LGBTIQ people that offer reflections on experiences with family, support systems and violence, as well as a needs assessment and ideas for social change and transformation. These life stories are pioneering research and will directly contribute to policy development and recommendations for legislative action.

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- Campaigned for legal protection for LGBTI persons from unjust discrimination through the ongoing "Add All Three to the EOA" - a public awareness and legislative campaign to expand protections in the Equal Opportunity Act on the basis of Age, Health Conditions, and LGBTI Status. The campaign includes four radio ads broadcast on four stations (61 rotations over 3 weeks), plus an animated video launched across social media featuring prominent public voices as Champions of the Add All Three campaign. The video was watched more than 40,000 times on Facebook.
- Developed the 2020 Alliance for Justice and Diversity LGBTIQ Agenda – 13 Policy Actions, which were co-created based on research from this project and experiences/work of the AJD partners and finalised through community forums. Completed a desk review of legislative and policy-related advocacy by LGBTI organisations in the past 5 years. Supporting research and materials on how to engage national decision makers in progress and will be made available to community members.
- Organised and facilitated the "Transforming Each Other's Advocacy" Action-Learning course with 22 participants and 7 facilitators representing 18 organisations/coalitions from a wide spectrum of civil society working on human rights, social justice, governance and development. This was a 6-month action learning course held from October 2019 to March 2020 in collaboration with UNAIDS Caribbean, Lloyd Best Institute, and two other EU-funded projects (Veni Awpan - CSOs for Good Governance; Cropper Foundation - CSOs for Good *Environmental Governance*). The course included five day-long sessions (with specialised workshops on Governance and Mobilisation, and Communication and Advocacy Capacity Building), as well as mentorship coaching and collaborative decision-making on funding and support for several action campaigns.

The action campaigns were co-created through the course and meant to be completed by March 2020, along with the final event for the course, but all had to be postponed because of the COVID-19 lockdown. Therefore, one final event remains for the TEOA course postponed to the end of the project and the action campaigns are in progress or changing strategies. All the project activities are connected and lead into these final activities (in progress), which have been delayed due to the extenuating circumstances of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Actions in Progress

Break the Silence (BTS) Campaign

Child Sexual Abuse is a child rights issue described by some as a global humanitarian crisis. In 2019, the BTS campaign was guided by two overall aims: to continue to bring a gender analysis to BTS interventions, and to expand the reach of the campaign to new communities and groups.

In 2020, children were faced with an increased risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Break the Silence project received a grant from the **Pan American Development Fund** to produce a migrant-centred, Spanish language version of the BTS Teachers Toolkit and related communication materials. The BTS attended the **Office of the Prime Minister**'s nationwide school fair alongside three volunteers from the **Institute for Law and Academic Studies** on 4 June 2019, reaching over 150 persons. The BTS also partnered with **Women of Substance Tobago** to host a symposium in September 2019 for 130 boys on the issues of gender and child sexual abuse on September 9, 2019.

On International Women's Day BTS was responsible for mobilising several children-based organisations to help them create messages around girl's vulnerabilities, barriers, needs, and empowerment. **CREDO, Servol, Cashew Garden**s and **Women of the Soil** were networked in Trinidad and **Women of Substance** in Tobago. More than 75 children attended the rally with posters and messages.

"Artivism"

Artivism is an art campaign where students learn about gender, CSA and create a mural in schools to raise awareness. The Institute partnered with the school Social Work Caroni Central Division, Ministry of Education (MOE) and was able to get five schools to participate during the review period. These included the **Saraswati Girls High School, and Carapichaima East Secondary School; the ASJA Boys, and Girls Charleville** (training completed and murals in progress), and Preysal High School (training completed).

Movements Against Gender-Based Violence

In 2019, the IGDS partnered with the 2 Cents Movement to provide GBV and Gender Policy training to its core teaching artists and staff, in preparation for a **British High Commission** funded project, On Her Voice - Regional Secondary School Secondary School Programme. The performance tour and workshop took place in 15 secondary schools across five Caribbean territories - **Barbados**, **Belize, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad & Tobago**. At the end of this project, all participating schools would have produced a brave space policy manual to promote the new behaviours that would create a safer environment for girls and boys.

The IGDS also joined the Trinidad & Tobago Civil Society

National Reference Group for the Spotlight Initiative, which aims to address all forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG), and harmful practices.

Inter-American Development Bank

The Adolescents as Agents of Change (Gender-Based Bullying) project is funded by the **IDB** and will be implemented by **CariMAN** with IGDS as a partner. The goal is to pilot the use of Virtual Reality for a bullying prevention programme as well as Program H which uses traditional methods of intervention.

Advancing Gender Responsive Budgeting in the Public Sector

In 2019 the IGDS, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, and the Office of the Prime Minister (Gender and Child Affairs) delivered Gender Responsive Budgeting training to 28 technical staff from these and other organisations including the Housing Development Corporation, the East Port of Spain Development Company Limited, East Side Plaza, the Trinidad & Tobago Mortgage Finance Company Limited, the Ministry of Finance (Budgets Division), the Ministry of Planning and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the National AIDS Coordinating Committee.

The IGDS continued to collaborate with the **Ministry of Housing** and **Urban Development** on a Gender Responsive Budgeting Project. In 2020, an MOU was drafted to develop initiatives to advance gender mainstreaming and gender responsive budgeting in the operations of the Ministry and by extension, in the wider public sector in Trinidad & Tobago.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Adam Hosein

Associate Professor of Philosophy and Affiliate Professor of Law Northeastern University, USA

Vashty Maharaj

Media and Communications Specialist Editor/Publisher Central Beat, Trinidad

Dr Kimberly Williams

Assistant Professor of Education at Vassar College Brown Vassar College, USA

Institute of International Relations

OVERVIEW

The Institute of International Relations (IIR) at The University of the West Indies is a regional, autonomous academic institution at the St. Augustine Campus, with associate fellows at the Mona and Cave Hill Campuses, and within other organisations. Since its founding in 1966, the Institute has been dedicated to the conduct of advanced research and teaching concerning the international challenges of the contemporary world, with special emphasis upon the Caribbean and Latin American regions. As a vital part of the infrastructure for its teaching and research, the Institute has developed a Library that constitutes one of the best information resources available, regarding the international relations of the Caribbean. In addition to its Postgraduate Diploma, MSc and MPhil/PhD programmes, the Institute of International Relations, through the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean (DAOC), meets related regional and national human resource development needs by offering short intensive modular training programs for public and private sector and civil society personnel. The Institute also offers international policy research and advisory services and consultancies.

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY

For The UWI Institute of International Relations and the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean, as indeed for most of the world, academic year 2019/2020 has been marked by upheaval, disrupted work processes and emergency adjustments that resulted from the COVID-19 global pandemic, announced in March 2020. The report reflects these events which dramatically reconfigured the latter part of the year. Semester I and the first two months of Semester Il progressed normally. The Institute had an ambitious work programme which focused on the scheduled Quality Assurance Review process (QAR), a mandatory procedure for all units of the UWI every few years. Another major focus was Curriculum and Pedagogical Reform (CPR), and advances were made in this respect. The IIR and DAOC organised several public events, including two symposia. The first was a tribute to Sir Alister McIntyre in September 2019, and the second was organised in partnership with the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) in February 2020 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Association's founding.

However, with effect from mid-March 2020, all activities requiring a physical presence on The UWI campus were suspended because of the public health emergency regulations. Many key events were postponed and the energies of staff and students at the IIR and the DAOC were diverted to refocus on keeping administrative, teaching, research, other scholarly and public service activities going by means of digital technology. The pandemic has given us greater experience and confidence in working with distance and blended learning technologies. This will certainly engender new areas of innovation and growth in our operations. Semester II teaching and examinations were piloted to a successful conclusion in which academic and support staff responded very well, and most students were able to cope. We ended Semester II looking forward to holding some important activities of the DAOC and the IIR which had been postponed. They included DAOC training modules, the eight-week WTO Regional Trade Policy Course, which should have been held in June-July 2020, various public events and the visit of the Quality Assurance Review team which should have taken place during March 2020, and which was eventually conducted in the first semester of the academic year 2020/2021.

STAFF

The IIR/ DAOC welcomed **Dr Nand Bardouille** as Manager of the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean in July 2019. Dr Bardouille's appointment is for a three-year period. The Diplomatic Academy which has struggled with high turnover of managerial staff and it is hoped that more stable staffing will lead to consolidation and growth for the DAOC.

STUDENTS

Achievements & Awards, Enrolment, Graduation

Ms Asabi Rawlins, of the MSc Global Studies class, was awarded a **Chevening scholarship** and is now pursuing doctoral studies in the United Kingdom.

An initiative was launched in April 2020 to regularly engage with the MPhil/PhD student group via Zoom. It is hoped that the systematic use of such distance technologies will strengthen links with student researchers and will enable them to construct their own collegial support network and assuage the feelings of isolation that busy people on the PhD journey can sometimes experience. During the year, two candidates, **Drs Indera Sagewan** and **Faies Jafar** were awarded their doctoral degrees, and **Ms Natasha Lalla** completed her MPhil degree. Three candidates had their PhD Viva (oral) exams and proceeded to complete the requirements for the award of degree. The research conducted by MPhil and PhD candidates during the period have important policy implications for international relations in the Caribbean. They include:

- Extracting, Understanding and Explaining the Foreign Policy Formulation and Implementation Process of Trinidad and Tobago - Presented by: Faies Jafar, IIR, Yves Collart Boardroom, September 30, 2019
- Deconstructing the Good Governance Agenda: A Comparative Analysis of Selected Caribbean Small Island Developing States and Sub-National Island Jurisdictions

 (Curaçao, Sint Maarten and Trinidad and Tobago) Presented by Genève Phillip-Durham, IIR, Yves Collart Boardroom, October 4, 2019
- Sustainable Tourism Development and Network Governance: A Critical Examination of Sustainable Tourism Networks in Three Caribbean Destinations -Jamaica, Trinidad, and Tobago - Presented by: Lynelle Clarke, IIR, Yves Collart Boardroom, December 9, 2019

PROGRAMMES

IIR students regularly benefit from exposure to multilateral organisations with offices in Trinidad and Tobago. During 2019/2020 four local field trips were organised to the **Caribbean Court of Justice, the European Union Delegation, the Red Cross Headquarters in Trinidad and Tobago** and for the PG Dip students, a visit to the **Chilean Embassy** for a special lecture.

The broadening of the curriculum continued with the introduction of a second new course in International Security and Strategy - Diplomacy and Strategy: Wargaming Simulation. Participants gained several new skills in strategic military planning, negotiating techniques, teamwork and coordination and expanded their experience with using certain communications technologies. Students enrolled in the course - Climate Change: Policy and Economic Options for SIDS, recorded and presented documentary films on Climate Change responses in SIDS.

Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean

The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean, as part of its mandate to complement the teaching programmes of the IIR, successfully delivered the following training modules:

- Understanding International Sanctions: Implications for the Caribbean (9 - 12 March 2020)
- The Art of Corporate and Diplomatic Communication (11-14 November 2019)
- Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern
 Professional (14 17 October 2019)

Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN)

Notable among the activities under the IIR was participation at the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN) event, held annually in February. HNMUN is a simulation of the UN General Assembly which brings together 3,000 students and faculty members from colleges and universities globally to address and experience the challenges associated with international negotiations and diplomacy. The St. Augustine Campus through the Institute of International Relations has been participating in a One UWI team at the HNMUN since February 2017, together with the other two Campuses. At the HNMUN held in February 2020 in Boston Massachusetts, the St. Augustine Campus was represented by four postgraduate students from the IIR: Terri Ann Baker, Danielle Lewis, Joneille Johnson and Ryan Abraham. Dr. Abraham and Ms. Baker (double delegate) received Diplomatic Commendation for representing India on the World Health Organisation and Ms Johnson received Diplomatic Commendation for representing Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic on the African Union. This is the second year in a row that the STA members of The UWI team were successful.

UWI STA Model UN Club

In December 2018, the UN Model United Nations Club was officially established at the St. Augustine Campus. The Club in collaboration with the UN Information Centre also hosted an open discussion forum in commemoration of United Nations Day on 24 October 2019. The Club collaborated with the Dean's Office, Faculty of Science & Technology and **Trinidad & Tobago National Commission for UNESCO** on an interdisciplinary Panel Discussion in commemoration of World Science Day in 2019. The theme was "Open Science: Climate Change and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). What Now?

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RESEARCH

Academic Staff continue to collaborate with national, regional, and international colleagues, programs, and projects to lead scholarly activities and to publish in their respective disciplines. IIR Academic staff also support global research by routinely contributing as peer reviewers for academic journals.

In the 2019/2020 academic year, **Dr Jacqueline Laguardia** was a researcher for the Project *La presencia China en el Gran Caribe: Ayer y hoy*, sponsored by the **Centro de Estudios Caribeños of the PCUMM**, Dominican, Republic (October 2019 – March 2021). Dr Laguardia also was one of the organisers of the CLACSO Seminar *Marxismos negros: raza y clase en el pensamiento crítico afrodescendiente y africano*, sponsored by the **CLACSO Working Group** Crisis, Respuestas y Alternativas en el Gran Caribe (May – August 2020).

Published Research

Drs Laguardia, Chami, Montoute and Mohammed

co-authored the book *Changing Cuba-US Relations: What Implications for CARICOM States?* published September 2019 (New York: Palgrave Macmillan). This text is timely and policyrelevant in the current context of US-Caribbean relations. Overall, IIR full time academic staff published in 2019/2020, one co-authored book, ten book chapters in edited collections, thirteen peer-reviewed journal articles and six encyclopaedic entries. In addition, **Dr Samantha Chaitram**, published one article and a major text on US-Caribbean Foreign Policy with Palgrave Macmillan.

Research funding.

Dr Michelle Scobie was awarded a prestigious Belmont Forum grant, as part of an international consortium of five principal investigators from the UWI, University College London, RAND (USA), and the Norwegian Institute of Health for a 3-year research project entitled "Community collective action to respond to climate change influencing the environment-health nexus." The team is studying how volunteer-based, local groups self-organise to respond to climate change and its environmental impacts to contribute to health systems, formal and informal, which can adequately address changes to heat stress, infectious disease, and food systems.

OUTREACH

Public Outreach & Collaborative Events

2019/2020 was a truncated academic year for conference activity with major research expeditions and academic gatherings in the second semester being cancelled or converted, where possible, into virtual events. Nonetheless, IIR academics participated in and presented at over 20 conferences and workshops during the year. These included face to face events such as the UWI/CARIFESTA 2019 conference, the IIR's own symposia, conferences in Panama City, Havana, the Dominican Republic, and virtual conferences organised by LASA and CRIES/Stanley Foundation, among others.

The IIR had a busy schedule of public events. They included the Sir Alister McIntyre *Caribbean on the Edge* symposium, a two-day tribute to the life and tremendous contribution to Caribbean development by the former UWI Vice Chancellor, held in September 2019. This event received material contributions from the UWI Research and Publications Fund and the **Central Banks of The Bahamas, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago**. There was also the ACS 25th Anniversary Symposium in February 2020, a collaborative effort between the IIR and the **Association of Caribbean States** (ACS) Secretariat.

Dr Cary Fraser, Associate Professor at Appalachian State University, delivered a public lecture on the United States in a Changing Global Order in January 2020, and in January, the IIR hosted Dr Christopher Hackett, former Barbadian representative to the UN New York, arranging a discussion panel for the launch of his autobiography *Small State Diplomacy: Representing Barbados at the United Nations.* Both individuals are distinguished alumni of the IIR. The Institute is focused on strengthening ties with its extensive alumni network, pursuing collaborative projects, and drawing on their resources whenever possible. There were three Diplomatic Dialogues arranged jointly by the IIR and DAOC. Mr Andreas Haack, Charge d'Affaires at the German Embassy delivered a thought-provoking session in October 2019, on Germany's experience in the transition to renewable energy 1990 to the present. A month later, H.E. Arun Kumar Sahu, the High Commissioner of India gave a presentation on India's foreign policy, a continuation of the IIR's focus on the international relations of the Asia-Pacific region, and Mr Gian Piero Leoncini, Representative of the Latin American Development Bank or the CAF in Trinidad spoke on "A Success Story in regional integration: the growth of the Latin American Development Bank". All these events were well attended by the public and by UWI students and staff, and all provided fascinating perspectives on important issues for regional and global affairs.

IIR students benefited from approximately 16 guest lectures in their various courses, including a special guest lecture by **H.E. the High Commissioner of New Zealand Mr Anton Ajala** on "Comparative Perspectives on Caribbean and Pacific SIDS" and the lecture by **Dr Ruben Gonzales Vicente, University of Leiden** on "The Rise of Populist Politics during Late Capitalism". Both presentations took place early in Semester II.

Visiting Guest Lectures 2019/2020

Climate Change: Financing & Investment Options Lecture presented by Mr Kishan Kumarsingh, Head, Multilateral Environmental Agreements Unit, Government of Trinidad & Tobago March 31, 2020

Professional/Business Etiquette and Diplomatic Correspondence & Writing Interactive sessions conducted by Ms Gail Guy, Former Chief of Protocol, T&T March 6, 2020

The Role of Regional Trade Agreements in International Trade and Development: The EPA Lecture presented by Dr Kusha Haraksingh, Lead Negotiator, Legal and Institutional Issues, College of Negotiators for the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement and Senior Fellow, Institute of International Relations March 2, 2020

Intersection of International & National Climate Change Policies (Common but Differentiated Responsibilities): Nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and their implementation. Lecture presented by **Mr Vintura Silva**, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change February 11, 2020 The Pacific Territories, including its connections with New Zealand and its parallels (and differences) with the Caribbean.

Lecture by **H.E. Anton Ojala**, High Commissioner of New Zealand to Trinidad and Tobago February 5, 2020

The UNFCCC: The treaty and its mechanisms

Lecture presented by **Ms Rueanna Haynes**, Climate Analytics February 4, 2020

Protocol & Etiquette

Lecture presented by **Ms Gail Guy**, Former Chief of Protocol, T&T and Ambassador Dennis Francis, Former Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago, November 11, 2019

Constructivism: Theory, Application and Value

Lecture presented by **Dr Courtney Lindsay**, IDB Barbados Office November 7, 2019

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STRATEGY REVIEW

Area	Indicators	UWI Strat. Plan Axes
Staffing	DAOC and IIR Secretariat staff stabilised. Other matters still pending.	Axis Three: Agility
Quality Assurance	SAR completed, review team selected, programme prepared. Review visits postponed due to COVID-19 lockdown.	Axes One, Two and Three
Curriculum and Pedagogical Reform (CPR)	2 new M. Sc electives approved; Revised M. Sc/ PGDip programme document in final stages of completion before submission for approval by OGSR and BGS. DAOC new module	Axis One: Excellence in Teaching and Learning; Axis Two: Strategic partnerships; Axis Three: Agility via greater competitiveness, increased student nos., increased tuition revenue. Axes 1, 2, 3
Research and Publication	30 peer reviewed publications spread across various categories. For 10 FT academic staff, this exceeds the norm of 2 publications per annum. One CJIRD issue currently in press.	Axis One: Access Axis Two: Alignment Axis Three: Agility
Public Engagement	IIR/DAOC 11 public events encompassing symposia, public lectures, diplomatic dialogues, and book launch. <u>N.B. postponement of three public</u> <u>lectures.</u> Average attendance at events 23-25? Approximately ten engagements with local and international media outlets by academic staff.	Axes One, Two and Three
Institutional Collaboration	Collaborative partnerships: IOs – ACS, ECLAC; CARICOM entities; CAF; CCJ; CFATF; Caribbean Govts: Gov SVG, various GOTT entities; Embassies: Germany, Chile, India, Mexico, Sth Africa; EU Delegation; US Embassy. CSOs: CLACSO, Canadian Council of Americas, Flacso/DR; the Red Cross; Living Waters.	Axes One, Two and Three
	Universities (non-exhaustive): U. Havana, U. Panama, U. Antilles, U. Puerto Rico, PUCMM DR, U. Geneva, Grad. Institute of Geneva, U. Malta; UWI – various Campus and Cross-Campus collabs.	
Alumni Engagement	Two public events featuring prominent alumni; research groundwork completed for starting UWI Alumni IIR chapter; initial meeting with alumni postponed due to COVID-19 lockdown.	Axis Two: Alignment; Axis Three: Agility.
Infrastructural Maintenance and security Upgrades	Roof repairs implemented; Security audit completed; security upgrade students' washrooms almost completed; securitisation of entry points to DAOC/IIR in progress; quarterly ozone treatment of Secretariat & staff offices ongoing;	Axes One and Three

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The IIR has in 2019/2020 hosted a long list of distinguished visitors which include many ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, retired ambassadors, officials of international and regional organisations and university academics, in collaboration with the DAOC which are listed below:

Mrs Tricia Barrow

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Seismic Research Centre (SRC)

Director's Summary

The UWI Seismic Research Centre (SRC) is the regional institution responsible for surveillance of, and fundamental research into, volcanoes and earthquakes, in and around the English-speaking islands of the Eastern Caribbean. The SRC provides the governments of its nine contributing territories with accurate and up-todate information about earthquake, volcanic and other geologic activity, including the 19 live volcanoes, in the Eastern Caribbean. The Centre has been providing these services for over 65 years. Its work has, and will, continue to have direct impact on vulnerable island communities throughout the Eastern Caribbean. All aspects of the work undertaken by the SRC are of direct and immediate relevance and importance to public safety and sustainable development in the region. The income received from our contributing territories continues to be inconsistent and provides sufficient funds for routine monitoring (i.e. operation of a minimal seismic network) only. We continued to lobby vigorously during the year for payment of outstanding debts. All other work, including most research, major developments in the network and outreach, were undertaken through grant funding, mainly from external sources or from applications to the SRC Departmental Consultancy Fund (DCF).

Geologically, the high level of seismicity seen in recent years in the Eastern Caribbean persisted although, at a somewhat reduced level in this reporting period. The seismograph

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network recorded more than 9,400 earthquakes, which includes more than 3,780 low magnitude volcanic earthquakes, occurring in the Dominica area and more than 1,430 associated with the Kick -'em-Jenny submarine volcano. Locations were determined for about 2,060 earthquakes, of which 1,727 were of a magnitude 2.0 or greater. At least 33 of those events were reported felt. The largest earthquake for the period occurred north-west of Tobago/south-east of Grenada, on 7 April 2020, and was of magnitude 5.3. The areas north of Dominica and near the north coast of Saint Lucia continued to manifest a significant level of low magnitude, shallow earthquakes. West of Trinidad, in the Gulf of Paria there was also significant shallow seismicity. Moderate magnitude, shallow earthquakes located directly under densely populated urban centres have the potential to deal disastrous impact on cities. High-level activity is characteristic of the Antigua/Barbuda and Paria peninsula areas and is more marked in recent years. Including the moderate magnitude earthquake already mentioned, there were six events of magnitude 5.0 and larger and 81 in the magnitude range 4.0 - 4.9, during the period.

Activity at the Soufrière Hills Volcano in Montserrat, is now at a low level, but continues to be closely monitored by the Montserrat Volcano Observatory. Volcanoes falling within our area of responsibility, other than the southern Dominica and Kick-'em-Jenny systems, exhibited background levels of activity. Research being conducted at the SRC continues to suggest that the global seismogenic system is poised to deliver its largest earthquakes and the mega-earthquakes that have occurred since 2004 support this conclusion. Our region has not seen its largest earthquake for well over 150 years. Since 2013, there has been an increase in number of earthquakes of magnitude greater than 6.0, indicating that background seismicity patterns in the region are changing. It is for this reason that we seek to foster collaborations that allow us to enhance our monitoring and seismic hazard and risk capability, take an active role in promoting the development and legislation of Building Codes, and our Education and Outreach thrust is being maintained at a high level.

STUDENTS *Postgraduate Programme*

During the reporting period, the SRC's postgraduate programme expanded with a total of seven postgraduate students employed as Research Assistants working on projects that contribute to our key areas of research and monitoring. Of these, two were registered for postgraduate degrees in Seismology and three for postgraduate degrees in Volcanology. The other two postgraduate students were part of joint projects in collaboration with the Departments of Geography and Engineering.

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Volcanology

Dr E. Joseph and Dr G. Ryan Disaster risk management in the Caribbean, support for the Seismic Research Centre. This project, funded by the Government of New Zealand through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, was extended by one year to allow completion of all activities. It involves GNS Science of New Zealand helping the SRC to build capacity in continuous monitoring of volcanohydrothermal systems using remote techniques; ground deformation monitoring using remote sensing, and improved alerting systems for volcanic emergencies. The prototype volcanohydrothermal monitoring stations have since successfully been tested in New Zealand at White Island and Te Maari, with the parameters of temperature and water levels of pools being monitored.

Dr E. Joseph

Geochemistry and microbial ecology of hydrothermal areas in Dominica, Lesser Antilles. (CRP.3.MAR19.4) Funding: TT\$44,700.00. The SRC is also collaborating with the Department of Life Sciences' Professor Jayaraj Jayaraman and Dr Adesh Ramsubhag to study the relationship between the geochemistry of hydrothermal gas and waters at various hydrothermal areas of Dominica in relation to the microbial ecology that exists at these sites. The results of this study will contribute to the monitoring of chemical changes in hydrothermal fluids at geothermal systems in Dominica, and to identifying microbiotic species with the potential for bioprospecting.

Dr Erouscilla Joseph

UK Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF). Caribbean Resilience and Recovery Knowledge Network. Funding: £144,963.00 (June 2019 – June 2021). The SRC will contribute to the GCRF Caribbean Resilience and Recovery Knowledge Network in collaboration with **Dr Emily Wilkinson** (Overseas Development Institute) and **Dr**

Donovan Campbell (UWI, Mona). The overall aim of the Network is to create a new culture for responding to, and preparing for hazardous events - one that promotes sustainable and equitable recovery and resilient development pathways in Caribbean islands. The project consists of three key activities to take place in the region: a forensic workshop, scenario roadshows, and an interdisciplinary webinar series. New knowledge will be co-produced between the research, practitioner and policymaker communities. This will take the form of policy briefs, scenario exercises, new (bespoke) principles and strategies for disaster recovery and new research manifestos and proposals.

Professor R. Robertson

Volcano-Ready Communities in St. Vincent. This is a project funded by a grant of US\$618,700 from the Community Disaster Risk **Reduction Fund** administered by the Caribbean Development Bank. The project is being carried out in St. Vincent, in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Organisation of St. Vincent & the Grenadines. It provides scientific information, downscaled to support community level volcano contingency planning, community-led multi-hazard mapping and capacity building for disaster risk reduction

Drs Karen Pascal, Victoria Miller, Adam Stinton, Thomas Christopher and Mr Dike Rostant (E&O Officer) *"Mountain Aglow" Montserrat* (14 -17 November). Each team member assisted with development of a mobile exhibit entitled "Mountain Aglow" (https://mountainaglow.com) coordinated by Professor Jenni Barclay at the **University of East Anglia**. Dr Pascal visited the UK to assist with the launch of the exhibit at the Norwich Science Festival in October 2019, following which it arrived on Montserrat in November 2019 during Montserrat's annual Festival of the Word.

Dr Victoria Miller

Quantitative methods for hazard assessment at the Soufriere Hills Volcano, Montserrat. This research project will employ quantitative methods for hazard assessment at the Soufriere Hills Volcano, Montserrat. A new hazard map will be developed in collaboration with researchers at the University of Edinburgh, scientists at UWI-SRC and the Government of Montserrat, with a focus on pyroclastic flows and lahars, to differentiate hazard levels within the existing Zone V (exclusion zone). The micro-zonation of Zone V will provide input to risk assessment for the volcano and an evidence base for decision-making regarding access management and long-term development planning on the island of Montserrat.

SHV25 International Conference

(scheduled 20 -24 July 2020) was postponed to July 2021 due to COVID-19. In commemoration of the start of the eruption on 18 July 1995, the MVO hosted and delivered a series of talks, interviews and panel discussions entitled MVO Talks from 13 -17 July (available online through ZJB and the Government Information Unit).

Geophysics

Dr I. Papadopoulos

The UWI SRC Geophysics team continues this year to work on the Trinidad & Tobago Microzonation project (TTMP), funded by the Ministry of Planning & Development. The area of investigation this year is the Diego Martin basin, and operations included extensive geological surveys and geophysical prospecting. The team also got involved in the archaeometric investigation of the Banwari Burial Heritage Site in St. Francique, Siparia. Operations started in February 2019 and were expected to conclude in September 2019. A comprehensive report was to be submitted to The National Trust of Trinidad & Tobago early in 2020.

The UWI SRC continues to expand the *urban strong-motion network* with additional installations of stations in Port of Spain and Diego Martin. Currently there are eight stations in Port of Spain and one in Diego Martin, recording continuously the seismic activity and online streaming data back to The UWI SRC.

OUTREACH

The Education & Outreach section of the Centre aims to bridge the gap between the science of the geological hazards monitored by The UWI-SRC and public understanding and knowledge of these phenomena in the region. The section focuses on student outreach, stakeholder sessions, special projects and collaborations throughout the islands, along with social media posts with the aim of raising awareness to the geological hazards and helping to reduce the risk via preparedness and

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mitigation messages. The start of 2020 saw the COVID-19 pandemic impact the work of the Centre and the section had to take steps to move to online platforms to conduct sessions. Our robust social media platforms were fully implemented, and we engaged the online and general community through various activities.

Student Outreach

Tours continued at the Centre during the reporting period. Students of **Tableland Government Secondary** and **North Gate Secondary** school visited the Centre. They experienced tours that followed the 'Data Trail' of seismic data throughout the building and ends with an interactive session. The tour can be adapted for the varying age groups and or subject(s) being studied by the visiting students. Presentations were made to various schools and institutes in Trinidad & Tobago. The E&O team also erected booths at certain school events.

Science and Safety Sessions

Science and safety presentations on earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis or all three hazards are given to private firms, government offices and other entities in Trinidad & Tobago upon request. Sessions with **Telecommunications Service of Trinidad & Tobago** (TSTT) and the **Power Generation Company**

(PowerGen) were scheduled but ultimately postponed. Sessions held after March 2020 had to be conducted online due to the pandemic and requests also dwindled during the reporting period due to various lockdowns and changes to work policies. The Section used a Zoom account and will switch to the Microsoft 365 Suite later in the year.

Proposed Events

Proposed collaborations included a tsunami campaign with the **Department of Emergency Management, Barbados**, a Volcano Awareness Week in St. Vincent & the Grenadines, a geological hazards campaign for St. Kitts & Nevis, the annual Trinidad & Tobago public awareness campaign, and the Seismology in Schools (SIS) and Creating Opportunity from Research Experience (C.O.R.E.,,) internships. All these events were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Caribbean Development Bank Volcano Ready Communities Project (VRCP)

The Section began assisting the project team with the production of new information material for all three geological hazards for both print and social media.

Online Activities during COVID-19 Lockdown

The following activities were piloted during the national restrictions:

Tobago Anniversary Earthquake and Earthquake Safety Online Campaign

To commemorate the 1997 Tobago earthquake and conduct an online earthquake science and safety campaign, the Open house videos from the 2019 and infographics were shared in April 2020.

SRC Chats 'Quarantine Edition'

The section used the SRC Chat format from previous events to launch a 'Quarantine Edition' and seven episodes were filmed with the Centre's staff. The videos aimed to provide the general public with a behind the scenes look at the work undertaken by the various sections at the Centre and the challenges faced with doing this work during a lockdown.

SRC 'Snapchats'

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the eruption of the Soufrière Hills Volcano (SHV), Montserrat, the section recorded two videos with senior scientists that recalled poignant memories during that eruption period. A slideshow video was also created and shared on the anniversary of the eruption.

Dominica Unrest

As the Dominica volcanic unrest continued, the section shared the '2-minute science' video done for the island and also information and graphics regarding the situation.

Volcano Top Trumps Competition and 'My Volcano Story – Saint Lucia'

In the previous reporting period, the section submitted a proposal for the Volcano Top Trumps Competition under the STREVA project as was successful. The proposal outlined a short film titled 'My Volcano Story – Saint Lucia' and aimed to dispel misconceptions regarding the Soufrière Volcanic Centre (SVC). Filming began in Saint Lucia in November 2019 with a local producer and the film was to be reviewed and launched in Saint Lucia in 2020 but the pandemic caused a delay.

STRATEGY REVIEW

In addition to routine monitoring operations, the SRC was engaged with the following key projects as summarised below. All of these projects are ongoing and will continue during the 2020/2021 period.

Management of the Montserrat Volcano

Observatory. Successful execution of the new contract signed in 2016 for the management of the Montserrat Volcano Observatory continued. The contract is for a fixed sum of EC\$17.9 million and largely supports the employment of 8 members of staff (6 based at MVO and 2 at SRC).

Seismic Microzonation Studies in Trinidad & Tobago. This project, funded by the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development, Government of Trinidad & Tobago,

continued with the collection of data moving to the Diego Martin area. It caters for microzonation of ten major population centres in Trinidad & Tobago over the next 10 years and has a total budget of US\$1.7M.

C.O.R.E. (Creating Opportunity from Research Experience) Programme. This is the SRC's annual summer internship programme for highly motivated university level students interested in pursuing geoscience careers. The programme is funded entirely from the SRC Departmental Consultancy Fund and caters for up to three interns spending 2 months attached to the SRC, either based in Trinidad, or at the Montserrat Volcano Observatory. Disaster risk management in the Caribbean, support for the Seismic Research Centre. This project funded by the Government of New Zealand through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade was extended by one year to allow completion of all activities. It involves GNS Science of New Zealand helping the SRC to build capacity in continuous monitoring of volcanohydrothermal systems using remote techniques; ground deformation monitoring using remote sensing, and improved alerting systems for volcanic emergencies.

Seismology in Schools project. This is an ongoing collaboration with NIHERST, Trinidad & Tobago that involves several involving UK-based researchers from Imperial College, London; Durham University; and the British Geological Survey.

Montserrat Geothermal Project. This is a multiple component project involving the analysis of drill cores and modelling of the Montserrat geothermal system by various techniques. Funding is from various sources including DFID, Campus Research Fund and SRC DCF.

Volcano-Ready Communities in St. Vincent. This is a project funded by a grant of US\$618,700 from the Community Disaster Risk Reduction Fund administered by the Caribbean Development Bank that is being done in St. Vincent, in collaboration with the National Emergency Management Organisation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It involves the provision of scientific information and its downscaling to support community level volcano contingency planning, community-led multihazard mapping and capacity building for disaster risk reduction.

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES 2020/2021

In addition to routine monitoring operations and continuing of ongoing projects previously listed, the main new areas with which the Centre will be engaged during the 2019-2021 period are summarised below.

Establish a communications hub co-located with a multi-parametric monitoring station (consisting of 3-component broadband seismic station, accelerometer & continuous GPS station) at Mt. St. Benedict's. This will involve the construction of a vault, erection of a communications tower and installation of seismic monitoring equipment. This work is being entirely funded from the SRC Departmental Consultancy Fund.

Explore options for developing and expanding work in terms of geothermal consultancy services. This will involve an investigation of the demand for, and requirements of, providing professional services to geothermal production companies in the Eastern Caribbean.

Ongoing improvement of existing facilities for post-graduate

students including new offices, improvements in library services, support and encouragement to attend on overseas conference per year, training in monitoring techniques, attachment to the Montserrat Volcano Observatory and accessing funds for attachments to collaborating Universities for specialised training.

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Finalise the outfitting and occupation of the entire new SRC building. This

includes the provision of space for postgraduate students and the Education and Outreach section, the provision of space for lectures, and the transferral of our existing IT server room to the new building. We anticipate that we can raise sufficient funds from our DCF to enable these activities to be undertaken. It should be noted that thus far the entire outfitting and modifications necessary for occupation of the new building with this planned work has been funded from SRC DCF.

Revised web site for the SRC & more effective use of social media and developing video products. Work on our revised website is now nearly completed and is expected to be launched during the 2019/2020 period. Attention will continue to be focused on enhancing the education and outreach work of the Centre to vulnerable island communities using social media but also developing short videos.

Re-location of computer servers to new building and expansion of the SRC IT infrastructure. This work is still outstanding but expected to be completed during the upcoming year. The estimated cost is as follows: servers for data - US\$32,000, storage for data - US\$15,000, network infrastructure (racks, switches, UPS) - US\$50,000. (TOTAL - US\$100,000 from Grant funding or SRC DCF).

Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies (SALISES)

In the academic year 2019/2020, SALISES St. Augustine continued to meet targets and requirements linked to The UWI Triple A Strategy 2017-22.

RESEARCH

One PhD student was being supported in her research through a project entitled "Comparing Small Island States and Subnational Island Jurisdictions: Towards Sustainable Island Futures." This project is funded by the University of Prince Edward Island, Canada, in the sum of CAD\$11,800.00 and is overseen by Dr Preeya Mohan, Fellow, SALISES, St. Augustine. Dr Mohan is both the supervisor for the student as well as the project lead at SALISES for the Sustainable Island Futures project funded by the **Social Sciences** and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada and coordinated by the University of Prince Edward Island. The project aims to compare governance and sustainability in small island states and sub-national island jurisdictions and is being conducted across 12 islands globally.

STRATEGY REVIEW Alignment

The SALISES continued to make significant contributions to the national and regional discourse on matters related to social and economic development. Of particular note was the Third Annual Sir Arthur Lewis Memorial Symposium, hosted by the Institute on Thursday 23 January 2020. This symposium series was started in 2018 to highlight the life and work of Sir Arthur Lewis. The accompanying Distinguished Lecture at The University Inn and Conference Centre was delivered by **Professor Gordon Houlden**, Director of the China Centre at the **University of Alberta**, Edmonton, Canada on the topic: "CHINA'S RISE AS A GLOBAL ECONOMIC POWER: What are the implications for the Developing World?"

The Third Annual SALISES St. Augustine Research Days: A Festival of Seminars took place from 3 – 5 February 2020 at the SALISES Conference Room. This event highlighted the research being conducted by SALISES Fellows, Affiliates, Associates, as well as MPhil and PhD students.

Also in its third edition was the publication of the SALISES Abstracts in January 2020. This is a compendium of all the research being undertaken at SALISES St. Augustine as well as projects to be completed or initiated by the publication date. These Research Abstracts are normally linked to the SALISES St. Augustine Research Days.

The SALISES St. Augustine and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) co-hosted a webinar on Labour Markets and Resilience in the Caribbean on 29 May 2020. This virtual event was sponsored by the ILO as part of their contribution to the 21st Annual SALISES Conference which was to be held in May 2020 but was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The research is part of on-going collaboration between the SALISES at St. Augustine and the ILO. It is financed within the framework of the ILO's Caribbean Resilience Project. In this virtual event, three regional and international researchers who were successful in bidding for the ILO's research grant, presented the key findings of their research and participated in a moderated discussion with ILO, UWI and IDB officials.

Access

Staff at the three units of the SALISES commenced instruction in the fully online MSc Development Studies at the start of the academic year (September) 2020/2021. This is one of just a few online Master's degrees offered by The UWI and it is in keeping with both the alignment imperative to promote a cohesive Single UWI Brand Consciousness (AL3) and to improve the number of students enrolled in its postgraduate programme (AC1). The decision to introduce a fully online MSc Development Studies was made in 2018 and the programme was ready for delivery by September 2020. There are four courses that overlap courses with the older MSc Development Statistics programme at SALISES. These are delivered partially through the cross-campus Moodle platform and the remainder are delivered through the Campus myelearning platform with Blackboard Collaborate.

Agility

SALISES St. Augustine fast-tracked the digital transformation of its business operations by completing its teaching programmes in an online mode after 14 March 2020 when a Governmentordered lockdown was instituted as part of the response to the pandemic. All teaching and examinations were successfully completed using alternative assessments. A summer programme was mounted from 29 June 2020, making available four courses from the MSc Development Statistics focused on Development Theory and Policy, Research Methods in the Social Sciences, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Techniques of Applied Social Statistical Analysis.

All SALISES Staff who were to be involved in the delivery of the new online MSc Development Studies programme successfully completed the course on the Essentials of Online Facilitation in July 2020.

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Other Publications

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Conference Presentations

Department of Behavioural Sciences

C. Descartes

What Society Needs to Know? The Catholic Commission for Social Justice. Marijuana and cannabinoids: Health, research and regulatory considerations (Virtual Symposium) June 2020

T. Esnard

Strengthening Structures and Practices of Migrant Farm Work: A case for Critical and Public Agendas.

Canada-Caribbean Institute, Invited speaker for forum on: "Issues facing seasonal workers in Canada during the COVID-19 Pandemic,

April 2020

T. Esnard

When the girls are finished I will write the Canadian government to say thank you: A story of Intra-Household Dynamics, Seasonal Migration and Social Mobility

Keynote address for the inaugural meeting of the Canada-Caribbean Research Symposium

UWI Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica, February 2020

S. Gomes

Centering Caribbean Ethnography: Prospects for Decolonizing Anthropology from the Periphery Poster. American Anthropological Association/Canadian Anthropology Society Annual Meeting. Vancouver, Canada, November 2019

S. Gomes and E. Elahie

The Nonchalance of Structural Disadvantage: Trinidad and Tobago and COVID- 19. Observatório do CEMI Blog, Centro de Estudos de Migrações Internacionais, State University of Campinas, Brazil, June 2020

R. Seepersad

Drug use and criminal behaviour among inmates. The Catholic Commission for Social Justice Symposium: Marijuana and cannabinoids: Health, research and regulatory considerations. June 2020

Department of Economics

R. Brizan-St. Martin, A. LaFoucade, M. Attzs, R. McLean and D. Bethelmie

Contextualizing Affordability in Healthcare: An Analysis of Island Dependents (Carriacou and Petit Martinique) of Multi-Island Micro States in the Caribbean Conference on the Economy Department of Economics, UWI St. Augustine, Trinidad, October 2019

Department of Political Science

B. Ragoonath

The Code of Ethical Political Conduct in Trinidad and Tobago Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) and Trinidad and Tobago Publishers and Broadcasters Association (TTPBA) Seminar on Covering Elections Port of Spain, Trinidad, July 2020

T. Tudoroiu

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V. Beharry

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V. Beharry

The Comprehensive Costing of Health Services in Barbados: Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) Presentation to the Board of the QEH and Ministry of Health and Wellness Officials Board Room of the QEH, February 7, 2020

P. Edwards-Wescott

The Definition and Meaning of Poverty in Trinidad UNICEF/UNDP launch of Reports: The Definition and Meaning of Poverty and Voices of Children on Poverty in Trinidad Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain, Trinidad, December 2019

P. Edwards-Wescott

Economic Impact of Violence Against Women and Girls in Trinidad and Tobago Workshop hosted by The Network of Non-Governmental Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women San Fernando City Hall, Trinidad, August 26, 2019

K. Gittens-Baynes

Bridging the Gap to 2030: The Future We Want: Youth Perspective on COVID-19: Health Impacts Youth Economic Forum Virtual Forum, May 11, 2020

S. Lalta

Connecting the Dots: Patterns of Work, Health and the Future of Social Security in the Caribbean Social Security Board/UWI Open Campus Anguilla Distinguished Lecture Serues CuisinArt Golf Resort and Spa Ballroom, Anguilla, 7 November 2019

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Health, Human Rights and Implications for Health Financing Co-presenter on Panel Discussion at 13th Caribbean Conference on National Health Financing Initiatives, Anguilla, November 6—8, 2019

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R. McLean

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C. Metivier

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Institute of International Relations (IIR)

Conference Presentations

J. Byron

A CARICOM Perspective Canada's Regional Standing post-United Nations Security Council Loss Canadian Council of the Americas Webinar June 23, 2020

J. Byron

La Crise Venezuelienne et Ses Implications Regionales Public Lecture Université des Antilles, Campus Fouillole, Pointe à Pitre Guadeloupe January 17, 2020

J. Byron

The Geopolitical and Economic Importance of the Caribbean Community to Latin America: The Gestation of a Relationship Segundo Congreso de Relaciones Internacionales Escuela de Relaciones Internacionales, Universided de Panama, Panama City September 30 – October 4, 2019

J. Byron

Pan-Caribbean Regionalism The Caribbean on the Edge: A Tribute to Sir Alister McIntyre IIR Symposium University Inn and Conference Centre, The UWI, St. Augustine September 11 – 12, 2019.

G. Chami

Workshop on Proposal Writing: Securing Successful Grants Hosted by Institute of International Relations and Faculty of Social Sciences in collaboration with the St. Augustine Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship December 2 – 4, 2019.

G. Chami

Social Media Mediating in Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism Prioritizing Caribbean Security in the 21st Century: Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism Conference hosted by the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC), US Embassy and the Indian High Commission October 2 – 3, 2019.

J. La Guardia

Guest Speaker on CARICOM's role in regional cooperation at the CEAPRC, June 23, 2020.

J. La Guardia

Cuba-CARICOM relationship solidarity and cooperation to face the COVID-19 Pandemic Presenter at the Webinar COVID 19 in the Caribbean: Exchange of Experiences, organised by CO.RE.CA June 13, 2020.

J. La Guardia

Las relaciones intracaribeñas en las circunstancias actuales de América Latina: retos y oportunidades para los vínculos Cuba-CARICOM XXXVIII International LASA Congress, Guadalajara, May 13-16, 2020.

J. La Guardia

Ciclo de Diálogos Virtuales CLACSO "Coronavirus y salud internacional Sur-Sur" on Desafíos del Caribe frente al Coronavirus: Puerto RicoHaití–Cuba–Trinidad y Tobago–República Dominicana, April 14, 2020.

A. Montoute

Whose Development: Caribbean Civil Society and the ACP - EU Economic Partnership Agreements Latin American Studies Association Virtual Conference May 13 – 16, 2020

A. Montoute

The Making of the Association of Caribbean States: Expanding the Greater Caribbean and Driving Caribbean Cooperation ACS at Twenty-Five: In Retrospect and Prospect Association of Caribbean States in collaboration with the Institute of International Relations The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, February 13, 2020

A. Montoute

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K. Niles

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K. Niles

Webinar: The Post Covidian Carnival Complex University of Trinidad & Tobago Speaker - Post Covidian Carnival Policy 19 June 2020

K. Niles

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K. Niles

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K. Niles

Climate Change in SIDS: Mental Health as a Component of Adaptation Policy University of the Southern Caribbean Research Day Conference 2020 University of the Southern Caribbean, Saint Joseph, Trinidad and Tobago March 11, 2020

K. Niles

Facilitating the Development of Inclusive Cultural Industries as a form of Climate Change Adaptation: The case of Trinidad and Tobago

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Cátedra de Estudios del Caribe "Norman Girvan"

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K. Niles

Facilitating the Development of Inclusive Cultural Industries as a form of Climate Change Adaptation: The case of Trinidad and Tobago

CARIFESTA XIV Symposia "Journey Round Myself: Crossing Borders. Strengthening Connections. Breaking Boundaries The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus August 20, 2019

M. Pawinski

Support and Strengthening the Strategic Threat Assessment Capacity in Trinidad and Tobago Integrated Threat Assessment Centre

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M. Scobie

Sustainable Development Goals, governance, norms, implementation pathways and Small Island Developing States International SDG Research Symposium-Keynote speaker Utrecht, The Netherlands, June 2020

M. Scobie

Justice and the draft provisions of the new Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) agreement. Workshop for Caribbean Diplomats on the Treaty Negotiations for the Law of the Sea Convention- Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction. Online organised by the CARICOM Secretariat, November 2019

M. Scobie

Architectures of global environmental governance inadequately protect environmental human rights- the justice gap and the Global Pact.

Workshop on Human Rights in the Anthropocene – Towards a 'Research-Advocacy' Network Lund, Sweden, October 2019

M. Scobie

Public policy design for increased private section engagement on climate change in Caribbean markets American Chamber of Trade and Commerce- Conference on Advancing the HSSE Transition October 2019

D. Seerattan

An Optimal Strategy for Financing Growth in the Caribbean The Caribbean on the Edge: Rising Above the Orthodoxy of Development Thinking - A Tribute to Sir Alister McIntyre IIR Symposium The University Inn and Conference Centre, Circular Road, St. Augustine. September 11-12, 2019

D. Seerattan

The Impact of COVID 19 on Financial Stability in the Caribbean 54th Meeting of the CARICOM Central Bank Governors Meeting Teleconference The Bank of Guyana June 18, 2020

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Karen Pascal and Thomas Christopher: Feb 2020 Interview and assistance with production of a TV documentary, 'Des volcans et des hommes' (26 mn, in production for ARTE channel, France)

Karen Pascal 02nd Nov 2019 Interview on the radio programme 'The Cultural Show' (ZJB public radio,120 mn), regarding the 'Disaster Passed' project and the 'Mountain Aglow' exhibit.

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MVO Talks for July 2021: In commemoration of the start of the eruption on 18 July 1995. The MVO hosted and delivered a series of talks, interviews and panel discussions entitled MVO talks from 13 -17 July (available online through ZJB and the Government Information Unit)

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