

CURRICULUM VITAE

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QUALIFICATIONS **Ph.D. Education** (High commendation)
 The University of the West Indies (2011).
Awarded The U.W.I. Most Outstanding Ph.D.
Humanities, Education & Social Sciences (2010/2011).

M.Phil. Education The University of the West Indies (2002)
STL Theology Catholic University of Louvain (1987)
B.A. Theology The University of the West Indies (1984)
Certificate in Music The University of the West Indies (1994)

EXPERIENCE **Temporary Lecturer**
 School of Education, The University of the West Indies,
 St. Augustine Campus (2006 to 2012).

Temporary Lecturer
 Department of History and Philosophy
 The University of the West Indies
 Cave Hill Campus (2003 to 2006).

Part time lecturer in Philosophy
 Faculty of Arts & General Studies,
 The University of the West Indies,
 St. Augustine Campus (1994 to 1999).

Lecturer
 Regional Seminary & Department of Theology
 Faculty of Arts & General Studies,
 The University of the West Indies,
 St. Augustine Campus (1987 – 1993)

CURRENT DUTIES

Teaching of:

- *Education and the Challenge of Human Development (EDFA 3201).*
- *Foundations of Education (EDFA 5210)- support*
- *The Teaching of Social Sciences (EDSS 5280)*
- *The Practice of Education (EDTL 5230)*
- *Education and the Development of Social Competencies (EDFA6207)*
- *HEPR 6001- The Health & Human Relationships Knowledge Base – support.*

Supervision of:

- 10 students in *The Project in the Theory of Education (EDRS 5220)*
- 10 students in *The Teaching of Social Studies (EDSS 5280)*
- 10 students in *The Practice of Education (EDTL 5230)*
- 2 students for the *Master of Education (EDRS 6900)*
- 5 students as main supervisor and on the supervisory committee for 10 additional students for their theses (*EDRS 7800*).
- 1 student for whom I am PhD Dissertation co-supervisor (*EDRS 8800*).

Coordinator of:

- *Education and the Development of Social Competencies (EDFA 6207)*
- Post Graduate Dip Ed *Foundations in Education (EDFA 5210)* (Co-Coordinator)
- **Rubrics** Staff Team re preparation for Dip Ed renewal 2016/2017.
- The forum for ***School of Education Staff seminars entitled ‘Discussions/Trends’*** (on designated Wednesdays).

Course Development:

- I am currently member of a team working towards a course in *Values Education* at the Masters level.
- Part of special committee comprising members of the Working group for Interreligious Studies (WGIS). This course entitled to be open to the general public entitled working toward a course entitled: *Teaching about Religions*.

Other service:

- On Dip. Ed time-table committee re Dip Ed renewal 2016/2017.

PUBLICATIONS

Chapter in a Book:

- * Geofroy, S. (2008). Conceptualizing philosophy and its implications for curriculum development in philosophy for a Caribbean university. In F. Ochieng-Odhiambo, R. Burton & E. Brandon (Eds.), *Conversations in Philosophy: Crossing the Boundaries* (pp. 213 – 224). Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Article in refereed journal:

- * Plummer, D. & Geofroy, S. (2010). When bad is cool: Violence and crime as rites of passage to manhood. *Caribbean Review of Gender Studies*, 4. Retrieved from <http://sta.uwi.edu/crgs/february2010/journals/PlummerGeofory.pdf> (pp. 1 - 17).

Newspaper Articles

- * Geofroy, S. (2014, Feb 23). TT must enshrine the fundamental dignity of all human beings. *Trinidad & Tobago Newsday*. Retrieved from: <http://www.newsday.co.tt/commentary/0,191087.html>
- * Geofroy, S. & Lochan, S. (2014, May 18). To beat or not to beat. *Catholic News*. Retrieved from: <http://www.catholicnews-tt.net/joomla/letters/5643-to-beat-or-not-to-beat-may-18>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- PhD Thesis rewrite
- Book (Team effort)

Educational Foundations for Teacher Educators in the Caribbean.

- Articles (Team effort)

Adventures in building a learning community: Experiences in reformulating a course in educational foundations.

Social Sciences teachers' perceptions of transformatory learnings from an initial in-service professional development programme at The University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago, 2013-14.

Perspectives of administrators of Islamic secondary schools (within predominantly Indian-Trinidadian School settings) on masculine construction.

Did they learn anything? Experiences of Social Sciences teachers on an initial in-service post-graduate teacher education programme, 2013/14, at The School of Education, UWI, St Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 1) *Conceptualizing Philosophy and its Implications for Curriculum Planning at a Caribbean University.* **At Cave Hill Philosophy Conference I (CHIPS I) 'Conceptualizing Philosophy' {2005}.**
- 2) *Towards A Research Model Suited For Carrying Out A Study On How Adolescent Males Experience Schooling In Contemporary Trinidad.* **At the Biennial Conference of the University of the West Indies Schools of Education held in 2007 at the St Augustine Campus: 'Reconceptualizing Education in the Caribbean'.**
- 3) *Lectio Divina and Redescriptions.* **At Seminar entitled: Lectio Divina and the Future {Held at the Learning resource centre, University of the West Indies, May 2007}.**
- 4) *Freedom, Post-Modernism and Caribbean Masculine Re-descriptions.* **At Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium III (CHIPS III) 'Aspects of Freedom' {2007}** accessible online at the CHIPS website via the U.W.I. Cave Hill web site.

- 5) *Phenomenology – Some implications for research. I presented a joint paper with Mr. Steven Khan for UWI staff seminar at the School of Education (11th Dec 07).*
- 6) *The masculinity of Jesus and standards set for young Caribbean males today. Contemporary issues in Caribbean research on Gender and Feminism by the Institute for Gender and Development Studies: Nita Barrow Unit at Cave Hill, U.W.I. {February 24-25, 2011}.*
- 7) *Religion and Orthodox masculinity: An Unholy Alliance? New Geographies; Studies in Post Coloniality and Globalization {The Department of Liberal Arts & The Institute of Gender and Development Studies, U.W.I, St. Augustine. March 24th -26th, 2011}.*
- 8) *A Mind for Math. Paper co-presented with Dr. Samuel Lochan at the Mathematics Symposium: *Mathematics in the 21st Century: Embracing Possibilities* held on June 21st – June 23rd at the School of Education, St Augustine, The University of the West Indies.*
- 9) *Creole Discourse in Trinidad & Tobago and Implications for the making of Minds: A Challenge to Caribbean educators. Paper co-presented with Dr. Samuel Lochan at the 2012 annual conference of the Caribbean Philosophical Association entitled ‘Racial Capitalism and the Creole Discourses of Native-, Indo-, Afro-, and Euro-Caribbeans’. July 19 – 21 2012. Held at the UWI, St Augustine Campus.*
- 10) *Philosophical orientations reflect the man and his thinking: Carol Keller’s egalitarian intentions as seen through analysis of the Report of the National Task Force on Education (White Paper). A paper presented at the Symposium in honour of Mr. Carol Keller (Premier Caribbean Educator) hosted by the School of Education, U.W.I., St Augustine, at their home venue on April 23rd, 2013.*

- 11) *Adventures in building a learning community: Experiences in reformulating a course in educational foundations.* **I co-presented this paper along with Dr. Jeniffer Mohammed, Dr. Phaedra Pierre and Ms. Gail Joseph Alleyne at the Biennial Conference of the UWI Schools of Education held at the St. Augustine Campus (April 23- 25th, 2013) whose theme was *Advancing education through a culture of inquiry, innovation and indigenization.***
- 12) *The School of Education as part of the Faculty of Humanities and its work in humanizing through teaching and learning.* **Presented at a student seminar/ panel discussion entitled: "Humanities and Education who cares". At UWI, St. Augustine, History Society in Humanities Building, 28th March 2013.**
- 13) **Degree of Separation: The State and Religion in Trinidad & Tobago Today.** At Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium III (CHIPS X) 'Religion' {2014}. Abstract accessible online at the CHIPS website via the U.W.I. Cave Hill web site.
- 14) **Social Sciences teachers' perceptions of transformatory learnings from an initial in-service professional development programme at The University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago, 2013-14.** Co-presented with Ms. Shahiba Ali, Mr. Benignus Bitu and Mrs. Dyann Barras at The Biennial Conference of the UWI Schools of Education (The UWI, Cave Hill, June, 2015).
- 15) **Perspectives of administrators of Islamic secondary schools (within predominantly Indian-Trinidadian School settings) on masculine construction.** Co-presented with Mr. Ashmead Ali at the Conference on Indian Diaspora – Conference commemorating the 170th Anniversary of Indian Arrival in Trinidad & Tobago at The UWI, St Augustine, May 2015.

WORKSHOPS

i) Research & Publication

'Action Research: Analysis of Teaching Perspectives and Practices in Higher Education'. **Held at U.W.I., St. Augustine February 15th 07.**

Writing for Publication 1: The Writing process. **Held at IDU, U.W.I., St Augustine, June 5th 2012.**

Writing for Publication 2: Strategic Approaches to getting your work published. **Held at IDU, U.W.I., St Augustine, November 22nd, 2012.**

NVivo 10 Introductory Session - 13th Thinking Qualitatively (TQ) Software Training Workshop by Laura Legendyk of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on June 15th, 2013.

Advanced Community-Based Research – 13th Thinking Qualitatively Workshop Series by Sherry Ann Chapman of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on June 17th, 2013.

Writing Successful Proposals for External Funding – 13th Thinking Qualitatively Workshop Series by Alex Clark of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on June 17th, 2013.

Introduction to Hermeneutic Phenomenology – 13th Thinking Qualitatively Workshop Series by Erika Goble of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on June 18th, 2013.

Advanced Phenomenology: Phenomenology of Practice - 13th Thinking Qualitatively Workshop Series by Michael van Manen of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on June 18th, 2013.

Social Media Data Analysis with Nvivo 10 – 13th Thinking Qualitatively Workshop Series by Allan McDougall of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on June 20th, 2013.

Advanced Mixed Methods - 13th Thinking Qualitatively Workshop Series by Anthony J. Onwuegbuzie & Cindy L. Benge of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on June 20th, 2013.

Attended **writing retreats** toward publications, organized by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) held in the Teaching and Learning centre, on the following dates (2015): March 20th April 10 th April 17 th May 1 st May.

ii) Teaching and Learning

‘From Teaching to Learning’ – Four Workshops on Teaching Techniques’- {U.W.I., Cave Hill, July 3rd to 8th, 2004}

‘Course Design’ {U.W.I., Cave Hill, August, 2004}

‘Web CT – basics’ {U.W.I. Cave Hill, 15th Oct. 2004}

‘Rubric scoring and marking schemes workshop’ {U.W.I., Cave Hill, Nov. 11th 2005}.

‘Good practice: Supervising Students for Undergraduate Dissertations, Masters and Ph.D.s’ {U.W.I., Cave Hill August 15th – 17th, 2005}

Orientation to University Teaching Workshop {IDU, U.W.I., St Augustine, August 22nd to 25th 2006}.

‘Moodle to support Teaching and Learning’ {U.W.I., St. Augustine. August, 07}

‘Online Teaching and Learning Workshop’ for Staff of School of Education {UWIDEC & CITS, U.W.I., St. Augustine} Jan 15th -17th, 2007, at the School of Education, UWI, St. Augustine.

‘Preparing materials for online courses’ {Jan 31st, 08, at School of Education, U.W.I., St Augustine}

‘Graduate supervision for supervisors’ {Jan 12th – Jan 14th, 2011, at Instructional Development Unit, U.W.I., St. Augustine.}

Blended Learning Training Sessions at the School of Education, U.W.I., St. Augustine:

- Introduction to Blended Learning (16th March, 2011)*
- Instructional Design 1 (23rd March, 2011)*
- Conferencing Tools (13th April, 2011)*
- Myelearning, module 3 (June 21st – 22nd -IDU, 2011)*

Panel Discussion entitled: "Humanities and Education who cares".

I presented a talk on the *School of Education as part of the Faculty of Humanities and its work in humanizing through teaching and learning*. I was also a member of a staff panel available for discussion. {UWI, St. Augustine, History Society in Humanities Building, 28th March 2013}.

Gender Consultation - Along with two other representatives from the St Augustine campus of the UWI, I attended a workshop / consultation (March 20th to 22nd, 2014) on gender mainstreaming organized by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL). The aim was to field responses from Caribbean Tertiary level Educators with regard to the further development of a COL gender mainstreaming tool-kit.

Blended learning staff workshop: *Engaging Your Students Online* conducted by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning June 3rd, 2014 at the School of Education, UWI, St. Augustine.

Workshop of the New Grade Point Average - 17th June 2014 conducted by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at the Teaching and learning Complex, The UWI, St Augustine.

Blended learning staff workshop: *Cool Tools in Education* conducted by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning October 2nd, 2014 at the School of Education, UWI, St. Augustine.

Workshop Celebrating University Teaching Week 2014: Balancing Teaching, Research and Writing conducted by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning 2nd 4th Dec 2014 at the School of Education, UWI, St. Augustine. ii) Gender Consultation

Workshop Developing competencies of the distinctive UWI graduate conducted by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning 24th Mch 2015 at the Teaching and Learning Centre, UWI, St. Augustine.

iii) Civic

‘Comparative Religion Workshop’ {25th January, 2010, at the Rudranath Capildeo learning Resource Centre by The national Commission for UNESCO}

‘The Death penalty in Trinidad & Tobago’ {Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies –SALISES} U.W.I., St. Augustine, February 2nd, 2011.

On Feb 10th 2014, I attended and commented on the Fundamental Rights and Freedoms Section at the Constitution Forum organized by the Trinidad & Tobago Government – Ministry of legal Affairs.

On 11th September, 2014, at the University Teaching and Learning Building Lt3, UWI, I attended a discussion entitled “People Power and Constitution Reform” organised as part of the Conference on the Economy (COTE), 2014.

On 10th March, 2015, I attended two round table discussions by the Institute of International Relations, The UWI St Augustine, entitled:
What happened to the Arab Spring and The ISIS phenomenon in Syria & Iraq.

OTHER SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL DUTIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- I serve as member of the **Board of Studies of the Institute for Gender & Development Studies (IGDS)** (as representative from the School of Education) The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.
- I co-represent the School of Education on the **Working Group for Inter-Religious Studies (WGIS)** which advocates for teaching about various religions on the School Curriculum.
- Together with other colleagues at the School of Education I have embarked on a project called **RISSE** (Resulting in Sound Sustainable Education) whose aim is to adopt a failing primary school and to provide support and expertise toward school upliftment; The project is still in its initial stages.

STATEMENT OF RELIGIOUS AND PUBLIC MINISTRY

i) **Pastoral** ministry (R.C. Church)

- Assistant Priest, Catholic Chaplaincy, U.W.I. St. Augustine, Trinidad (1987-1999).
- Parish Priest, St. John the Baptist R.C. Church, St. Augustine, Trinidad, 1993 – 1999.
- Chaplain to Caura Chest Hospital, Caura, Trinidad, 1993- 1999.
- Parish Priest, St.Benedict's R.C. Church, Trinidad, 1999 – 2002.
- Priest offering Sunday ministry and other occasional service to: St.Patrick's Cathedral / Our Lady of the Rosary [Verdun] /U.W.I. Catholic Chaplaincy, Barbados (Jan 2003- July 2006).
- Priest for Sunday ministry at Holy Cross Parish, Princess Town, Trinidad (August 06 to July 07).
- Priest for Sunday ministry at St. Theresa's Parish, Rio Claro (August 07 to August 2012).
- Priest for Sunday ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, New Grant (August 07 to present).
- Priest on roster to assist with Sunday Evening Services at R.C Chaplaincy, UWI- to present time.

ii) **Education** ministry (R.C. Church).

I serve as a **Director on the Catholic Education Board of Management (CEBM)**.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

* Acting roles at UWI Cave Hill for two major UWI productions (Black Jacobins & Samuel Prescott).

* Practitioner/instructor: indigenous music of the Caribbean (Calypso, Folkmusic & Parang)

* Religious classical:

Ave Maria: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inpwrfwPzRg>

Holy City: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfEpNJwaHU8>

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Conference on Catholic Theology in the Caribbean Today.
- Cave Hill Philosophy Conference.
- R.C. Diocesan Clergy- Archdiocese of Port-of-Spain
- R.C. Diocesan Clergy of the Province of Port of Spain.