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

Dr. Dylan Kerrigan Department of Behavioural Sciences, UWI, Dr Adam Baird, Coventry University and Dr Matthew Bishop, Sheffield University have collaborated on a ERSC funded project entitled "Breaking Bad: Understanding violence at the intersection between transnational organised crime, community, and masculinities in Port of Spain, Trinidad"

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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

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

Prof. Ann Marie Bissessar
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

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

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

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

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

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

Faculty of Social Sciences Team Visited St. Vincent and paid a Courtesy Call to The Honourable Dr. Ralph Gonzalves, Prime Minister November 1st – 4th, 2016. This visit served to promote the Faculty of Social Sciences Franchise Programme. The benefit of the franchise agreement is to allow students to complete their first year at of their degree programme in the St Vincent and the Grenadines Community College (SCGCC) before transferring to the St Augustine Campus. This visit allowed the team to interact with students at various secondary schools, students at the Villa and Arnos Vale Campus (SVGCC) in addition to the general public.

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

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


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


Awards & Recognitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sherron:** “I’ll like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making this trip memorable. We got a lot more than we bargained for both on campus and off! I loved the camaraderie formed between us as we were able to see each other in a different setting than the classroom. Auburn University at Montgomery has a lot to offer us and I’m sure some of us are going to make the most of those opportunities. Thank you Ms. Sherlan Cabralis for making this trip possible because I honestly believe it will have a great impact in the careers of some if not all of us who accompanied you.”
The Constitutional Affairs and Parliamentary Studies Unit (CAPSU) announced the launch of its “CAPSU CONVERSATIONS” series in 2017. Presenters - Dr. Hamid Ghany (Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science) and Dr Maukesh Basdeo (Lecturer, Political Science) discussed: The American Electoral System and the election of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States; and The Local Government elections in Trinidad and the Tobago House of Assembly elections. These seminars were held on January 12th 2017 and February 2nd 2017 respectively.

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

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

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

Panellists included: The Honourable Ian Hansen, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Falkland Islands Ms. Victoria Collier, Special Advisor, Falkland Islands Ms. Amelia Appleby, Special Advisor, Falkland Islands
Outreach

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

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

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

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