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Welcome to the second edition of the SALISES Mona newsletter. In this edition we highlight the work of the agricultural development cluster and report on the regular activities of the institute such as our seminar series and activities of staff members.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SUSTAINABLE RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER- (SRAD) 2015-2017

The remit of the S/RAD research cluster led by Dr. Patricia Northover, Senior Fellow, is to *foresight* the future face of agriculture and rural spaces in developing and vulnerable countries, but with special attention to small island states. The purpose of this cluster is to offer perspectives on how such states may creatively address the unfolding multiple challenges threatening their sustainable development within processes of globalization. From this perspective, the research objectives of her group are first: to examine the fit between current programs and policies for agricultural and rural development given the nature of global demands, tendencies, trends and risks; and second, to diagnose or identify critical bottlenecks and constraints to the processes of growth and structural change that are required for getting to “the

future we want.” This research cluster thus supports not only the post independence goals of Caribbean states, like Jamaica, but also seeks to contribute to the United Nations post 2015 agenda for growth and sustainable development by focusing upon overcoming challenges and addressing systemic tensions involved in promoting higher productivity growth rates, as well as, greater social inclusion, equality and justice.

The cluster is guided by the following research themes and leading questions:

1. Double Exposure and the Future of Agriculture and Rural Development - How do globalization and climate change together shape the politics and dynamics of sustainable rural livelihoods and rural security?

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Sustainable
Development in
SIDS."

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2. Climate Change, Risk and Resilience - How may risks and vulnerability be reduced in rural spaces to effect sustainable transitions to resilience and enhanced social cohesion?

3. Resource and Risk Management for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth - How have the legacies of the plantation economy and structural adjustment programs affected resource and risk management tendencies in rural spaces?

4. The role of the non-farm economy and rural enterprise growth - What strategies are needed to promote an inclusive and sustainable approach to rural enterprise growth?

5. Policy and aid Processes - How may these interventions be improved for enhancing equity, efficiency and sustainability?

6. Globalization, Governance and the 'Will to Improve' - What are the effects of globalization on rural spaces? What forces shape the politics for mapping the face of sustainable rural futures?

In line with these issues this research group has engaged in a number of interventions drawing on a multi-disciplinary research approach to produce a dynamic set of projects, public engagements and publications. Current projects in progress include two multipart film series due to be completed in 2017 on the sugar industry in Jamaica, its history, impact and prospects. The first series is a 4 part adult documentary entitled, *Sugar Cane: Recycling Sweetness and Power in Modern Jamaica* and the second is a whimsical children's animation series, called *Ms. Sugga*, featuring *mystical and historical characters in a historical time travel adventure with two young children*. This project has been support-

ed by grants from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries, HEART Trust/ NTA and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information. Upon completion the animation films will be utilized across the island in the primary schools as part of the curriculum reform process, while the adult documentaries will be used for public education and aired as a television series.

In terms of academic outputs, we have hosted an international forum, pursued local research and published articles and reports on Caribbean small states highlighting the risks and vulnerabilities faced by rural peoples and environments given globalization and climate change. Dr. Northover and Prof. Crichlow at Duke University (SRAD coordinator and associate research fellow at SALISES), co-organized a workshop on "Race and Rurality in the Global Economy," at Duke University in 2015. This led to the production of an edited book by M. Crichlow, P. Northover and J. Guisti-Cordero on *Race and Rurality in the Global Economy* forthcoming with SUNY Press in 2017. Currently, the research cluster is seeking to create a research program on the medical marijuana industry based upon a joint UWI-Duke draft proposal "Green Rush" for exploring the developmental prospects and impacts of this new industry emerging locally as well as globally. Finally, Mrs. Dianne Gordon, SALISES graduate student and SRAD cluster member supervised by Dr. Northover, has supported this academic research cluster agenda, through her own doctoral research, on the effectiveness of current interventions in Jamaica to support non-farm rural enterprise development. Mrs. Gordon is expected to complete her dissertation and submit in 2017. ■

Prepared by Patricia Northover

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) IN THE CARIBBEAN

The United Nations (UN), in association with the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) Mona, The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT), Jamaica, will be hosting a regional conference under the theme: ***“Caribbean Development – The 2030 Agenda in Perspective”*** at the Jamaica Conference Centre, June 28-30, 2017.

Sub Themes:

- a. Building the Evidence-Base for Policy Responses to Human Development Challenges
- b. Situational Analysis of Development in any area of the UN 2030 Agenda
- c. Monitoring progress on the SDGs, including those related to the achievement of:
 - An Inclusive, Equitable and Prosperous Caribbean
 - A Safe, Cohesive and Just Caribbean
 - A Healthy and Stable Caribbean Population
 - A Sustainable and Resilient Caribbean
- d. Strengthening the capacity of the Government to monitor the achievement of the SDGs
- e. Resource Mobilization Strategies
- f. Capacity-building for Public Policy and Rule of Law Institutions
- g. Strengthening Public Sector, Civil Society and Private Sector Engagement in the localization of SDGs

Three-day Registration Fees:

Early bird: US\$100; Registration after April 28, 2017: US\$150; University students with a valid university ID: US\$50 per day

For further information please call Ms Rachel Folkes at (876) 927-1020 or 927-1234 or email: sdgconference@uwimona.edu.jm. Visit our website at: <http://www.uwi.edu/salises/SDGs-Conference.php>.

Summary of the 11th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference



The Honourable Floyd Green, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (second from left), with (from l-r) Aldrie Henry-Lee, Conference Chair, Shakelia Knight of Grove Town Primary and winner of the essay competition on Child Rights and Denae Edwards, OCR Child Ambassador and student of Manchester High.

The 11th annual Caribbean Child Research Conference was held November 2-4, 2016 at the Golf View Hotel, Mandeville under the theme ***"Promoting the Rights of Children in Extremely Difficult Circumstances."*** The Honourable Floyd Green, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information was the keynote speaker for the Opening Ceremony.

While only adults presented their research on the first two days, children took centre stage on the last day of the conference. The top ten finalists of the research paper competition for high school students presented, with Nicholas Nelson of Denbigh High being adjudged the winner. His paper was entitled *"An Investigative Study of the 'Cougar'/Teen Boy Phenomenon among Boys aged 15-17 in a Rural High School in Jamaica."*

The winner of the pre-judged essay competition for primary level students was Shakelia Knight of Grove Town Primary.

The inaugural poster competition, also pre-judged, was won by St Mary High at the secondary level and Corinaldi Avenue Primary at the primary level. Representatives from the top schools all made presentations explaining what was depicted in their posters.

Over 800 persons attended the conference, including more than 500 students and teachers from a combined 57 primary and secondary level institutions. ■

Prepared by Krystal Lawrence

Activities of Academic and Professional Staff

Arlene Bailey

Bailey, A. (2016) Creating Comparative Cases Supported by YouTube Videos: Engaging Students in Survey Design, *Journal of Education and Development in the Caribbean*, Special Issue on Enhancing University Teaching and Learning in the Caribbean Context, 15, 2, 71 – 88.

Bailey, A., McNaughton, M., Muschette, N. and Verma, S. (2016) The Role of ICTs in Early Childhood Education in Jamaica: Early Observations from a One Laptop Per Child Project, *Caribbean Journal of Education*, Special Issue on Early Childhood Education in the Caribbean, 37, 1&2, 102 – 126.

Aldrie Henry-Lee

Petmesidou, Maria, Enrique Delamonica, Christos Papatheodorou and Aldrie Henry-Lee 2016 (editors) Child Poverty, Youth (Un) Employment and Social Inclusion. Ibidem, EU, Stuttgart, Germany, CROP International Poverty Studies.

Henry-Lee, Aldrie 2016. Child Poverty, Child Rights in Small Island Developing States (SIDS): The Case in the Caribbean in Child Poverty, Youth (Un) Employment and Social Inclusion, Ibidem, EU, Stuttgart, Germany, CROP International Poverty Studies.

Aldrie Henry-Lee “MDGs to SDGs: What is the relevance to our Children?” Caribbean Child Research Conference. November 3, 2016, Golf View Hotel, Mandeville.

Aldrie Henry-Lee. “Children in the Caribbean: An Endangered Population Cohort.” Population, Planning and Development in Jamaica Conference, Friday, January 27, 2017, Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.

Richard Leach

Richard Leach, Rachel Folkes and Mark Figueroa presented the paper “Gender, Headship and Household Structure in Jamaica: Evidence from Household Surveys.” *Population Planning for Development in Jamaica: Theory, Practice and Policy for the Post-2015 Development Agenda* at the Jamaica Conference Centre, Kingston, Jamaica, 25-27 January 2017.

The paper, which was based on data from the 2006 Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions (SLC), provided interesting results in terms of households which report a female head. Based on the SLC sample, these account for 46.6% of all households although 51.7% of all individuals live in such households with the figure rising to 58.4% for children under 18 years of age. It was also noted that only 54.6% of households have adults of both sexes 18 years or older, and approximately 30% of adult males who do not live with their parents or grandparents live in households where no female is present.

Dacia Leslie

Leslie, Dacia. 2017. “Ease Prison Overcrowding”. Commentary published in the *Jamaican Gleaner*, Saturday, 4th February. Accessible here: <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/commentary/20170204/dacia-leslie-ease-prison-overcrowding>

Leslie, D.2017. “Reversing deportee stigma”. Commentary published in the *Jamaican Gleaner*, Saturday, 18th March. Accessible here: <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/commentary/20170318/dacia-leslie-reversing-deportee-stigma>

“Data-Driven Tertiary Crime Prevention in the Anglophone Caribbean”. This is a yearlong study aimed at identifying areas for capacity-building needed to improve the use of data in policymaking and monitoring of correctional interventions. Principal Investigators: Dacia Leslie and Richard Leach.

Patricia Northover

Northover, P. and Crichlow, M. (2016). “Journey towards the Future: Negritude, Abject Blackness and the Emancipatory force of Spectrality.” *South Atlantic Quarterly*, 115(3):535-556.

Annie Paul

Annie Paul. “Beyond the Pale? Skinderella Stories and Colourism in India.” *IDEAZ* • Vol. 14, 2016 edited by Michael Barnett and Clinton Hutton. pp. 133-145.

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Maziki Thame

Maziki Thame and Dhanaraj Thakur, "The National Policy on Gender Equality in Jamaica: (En) Gendering Equity in Neoliberal Times," in *Negotiating Gender, Policy and Politics in the Caribbean: Feminist Strategies, Masculinist Resistances and Transnational Possibilities*, eds. Gabrielle Hosein and Jane Palpart. London; New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016. 153-172.

Maziki Thame, "Democracy and the End of Revolution in the Contemporary Caribbean." *Small Axe* Vol. 20, No. 2 50, 2016: 164-174.

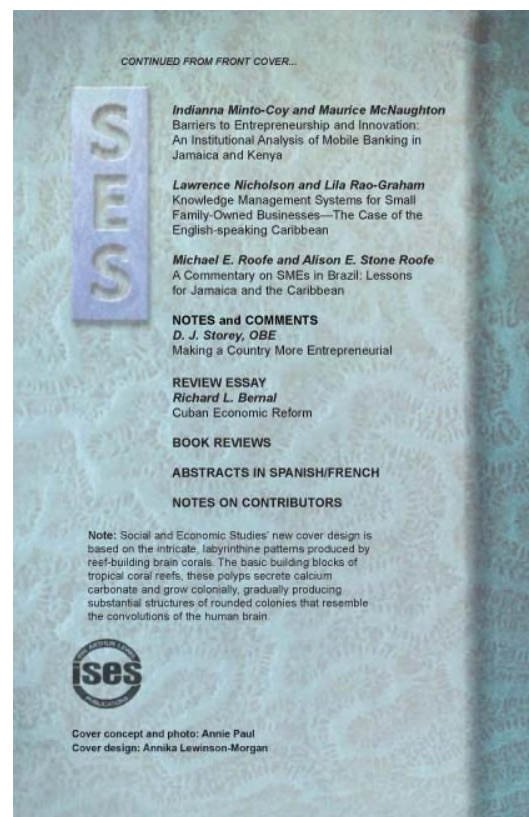
Maziki Thame, "Rise of Trump and Jamaican Political Context." *Jamaica Gleaner*, November 27, 2016.

Thelma White

White, Thelma and Kerr, Vivienne. Challenges Facing School Librarians in Jamaica and Possible Impact on Students' Achievement. Conference Poster presented at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus Research Days on behalf of the Department of Library and Information Studies, 3rd February 2017.

White, Thelma and Nicholas, Pauline. "Institutions of Higher Education and the Multiplicities of Literacy: Preparing the Young for the World of Work in the 21st Century." *Journal of Arts Science and Technology* 8 (2015): 113-131.

White, Thelma and Kerr, Vivienne. Challenges Facing School Librarians in Jamaica and Possible Impact on Students' Achievement. Paper presented at the International Association of Schools Librarianship (IASL) Conference held at Mona Visitor's Lodge, 12-15th July 2016.



TEACHING

SALISES offers a taught Master's degree (MSc.) in Development Studies. Our Master of Philosophy (MPhil.)/Doctor of Philosophy (PhD.) degree programme is research oriented with supervision in the areas of Economic Development Policy, Governance and Public Policy and Social Policy.

For the 2016/2017 academic year, thirteen students accepted the offer to pursue the MSc. degree in Development Studies and eleven accepted the offer to pursue MPhil. degrees: four in Economic Development Policy, four in Governance and Public Policy and three in Social Policy with the possibility of upgrading to PhD. degrees.

At present, the Institute has a total of forty-eight enrolled students: nine students pursuing the MPhil./PhD. degree in Economic Development Policy; eleven students pursuing the MPhil./PhD. degree in Governance and Public Policy; eleven students pursuing the MPhil./PhD. degree in Social Policy and seventeen students pursuing the MSc. degree in Development Studies.

Population Planning for Development Conference

The SALISES Research Cluster for Population and Sustainable Development in association with Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), Department of Sociology, Social Work and Psychology, UWI, Mona and other allied partners such as Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) successfully hosted the Population Planning for Development Conference in Jamaica, Theory, Practice and Policy for post 2015 SDGS from January 25-27, 2017. The conference planning committee was chaired by Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard, Senior Research Fellow, SALISES, St. Augustine and Ms. Carol Coy, Director, General, STATIN.

The opening address for the conference was given by the Most Honourable Edward Seaga, Former Prime Minister of Jamaica. The Conference was attended by academics, policy makers, persons working in the field of demography and students from high schools.

The Conference featured four plenaries which honoured persons that contributed to the field of demography, the honourees were Professor Chukwudum Uche, Ms. Hermione McKenzie, Dr. Valerie Nam and Professor George Roberts.

Some of the themes for the conference were:

- Demography and History as factors shaping societal change in Jamaica
- Fertility dynamics and implications for development in Jamaica
- Teenage pregnancy and implications for Jamaican society
- Trends and differentials in mortality in Jamaica
- Trends and differentials in morbidity in Jamaica
- Trends and differentials in international migration in Jamaica
- International migration and its impact on sustainable development in Jamaica
- Migration - The re-integration of returning residents including deportees in Jamaica



Keynote speaker at the conference, The Most Honourable Edward Philip George Seaga, O.N., P.C., M.P., LL.D. (Hon.), former Prime Minister of Jamaica (centre) speaking with the Conference Co-Chair, Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard, Senior Fellow- SALISES (left) and Professor Patrick Watson, University Director- SALISES

SALISES STAFF SEMINAR SERIES 2016/17

Seminar Dates	Presenters
28/09/16	Dillon Alleyne Visiting Senior Fellow SALISES, Deputy Director, ECLAC, subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, Port of Spain The Role of ECLAC in the Caribbean
26/10/16	Dacia Leslie Research Fellow and Seminar Chair, SALISES Improving the [Re] integration of Jamaican Ex-prisoners
30/11/16	Dillon Alleyne A Strategy for Robust Growth and debt reduction in the Caribbean: The ECLAC perspective
22/2/17	Patricia Northover Senior Fellow and Chair, Sustainable Rural and Agricultural Development research cluster, SALISES Does Economics Trump the Politics of Race? Arthur Lewis on Racial Conflict and Development: A Critical Reflection
22/3/17	SALISES Staff and CPOM Public Forum The UK Prison Deal: Implications for Crime Prevention and Control
12/4/17	SALISES Staff and CPOM Public Forum Human Trafficking and the Murder of Girls in Jamaica
10/5/17	Aldrie Henry-Lee Professor and Acting Director, SALISES Childhood and the Development Agenda in the Caribbean: Prospects and Challenges
21/6/17	Jimmy Tindigarukayo Senior Research Fellow The Status of Conducting Trend Studies in the Caribbean



Dr. Lloyd Waller, Head, Department of Government (centre), is warmly welcomed to the 2016 Christmas party by Rashalee Mitchell (left) and Jacqueline Chevers (right), two SALISES graduate students.

The Derek Gordon Data Bank

The Derek Gordon Data Bank recently acquired the following micro data sets:

- Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions 2013 and 2014 - STATIN
- Relationship between Drugs & Crime: Jamaica Prison Survey (2015) - National Council on Drug Abuse

Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) - UNICEF

- Barbados - 2012
- Jamaica - 2005, 2011
- Saint Lucia - 2012
- Trinidad and Tobago - 2000, 2006

Please visit our website (<http://www.uwi.edu/salises/databank.php>) for more details on how to access these and other data sets presently housed in the Data Bank.



Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee handing Ms. Onyka Barrett the award for the most outstanding student in the SALISES MSc. Development Studies programme 2015/16.

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Richard Bernal

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Owen S. Arthur

EMPLOYEE OF THE SEMESTER



Miss **Janet Bignall** joined the staff at SALISES on July 1, 2008 as Office Attendant. Janet was promoted to the post of Senior Office Attendant on August 1, 2015. Janet has a flare for decorating spaces, and recently completed a certificate course at the Phillip Sherlock Centre for Creative Arts in Basic Floral Arrangement.

If you ever happen to visit the female restroom at SALISES you will notice a beautiful floral arrangement on the bathroom counter which is Janet's handi-

work. She creates the most beautiful arrangements daily without being asked and without payment.

The person who nominated Janet as 'Employee of the Semester' commended Janet for her dedication to her job, her willingness to assist when called upon and her professional demeanour.

Janet is truly deserving of the award of 'Employee of the Semester' for Semester II of the academic year 2015/2016.



Dr. Dillon Alleyne before his seminar with Professor Ian Boxill, Dean FSS



Dr. Dillon Alleyne with Professor Mark Figueroa (seated)

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Countering Human Trafficking

guest edited by Kamala Kempadoo

Kamala Kempadoo – The War on Humans: Anti-trafficking in the Caribbean

Amalia Cabezas and Ana Alcázar-Campos – Trafficking Discourses of Dominican Women in Puerto Rico

José Miguel Nieto Olivar - Exploring traffic and exploitation on the Brazilian international border in the Amazon

Mzilikazi Koné – Transnational Sex Worker Organizing in Latin America

Commentaries:

Julia O'Connell Davidson - Rights talk, wrong comparison: trafficking and transatlantic slavery

Angelique V. Nixon - Sex/Trade/Work in the Caribbean – Challenging Discourses of Human Trafficking

Book Reviews:

Keith E. McNeal & Rachel Afi Quinn - Reviews of Nixon's *Resisting Paradise* and King's *Island Bodies*.

María de las Nieves Puglia - Review of *Gender and violence in the sex market. Politics, police and prostitution*, edited by Daich and Siri-marco.