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The 16th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference



The 16th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference was held virtually on November 24–25, 2021 under the theme “*Almost Two Years! COVID-19, Children’s Rights and Sustainable Development Goals: Challenges and Opportunities.*” It was hosted by the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), in partnership with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Eastern Caribbean. A total of 243 entries were received from young people in 15 countries in the Caribbean region to several competitions aimed at increasing awareness of children’s rights: outstanding researcher (12–17 years), essay (8–11 years) and poetry (8–11 years).

This year’s conference began with remarks from representatives from SALISES, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States and UNICEF, Eastern Caribbean, Jamaica’s State Minister of Education, Youth and Information, as well as young winners from last year’s conference.

The first day of the conference focused on adult researchers who presented in various concurrent sessions: Child Education in the Caribbean; Child Participation in the Caribbean; Navigating Education Practices and Experiences of School Children due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; Contesting Child Well-being in the Education System in Trinidad and Tobago: Before, During and Post Pandemic; Parenting Issues Before, During and Post COVID-19; and Children in Violent Circumstances in the Caribbean.

As in previous years, the second day was dedicated to children. The children’s presentations demonstrated their research skills, oratory skills, confidence, creativity,

composure, maturity, passion and eloquence. Some included real-life videos to make the issues come alive, making it personal and relatable. Many shared their experiences of sadness, anger, fear and loneliness. Essay competition winner Kayla Higgins from Barbados maintained that many fundamental rights were under threat: “The basic children’s right to receive an education has been violated. Some children have access to everything they need, while others some, and others nothing.” In her winning poem, Lynn Exumé from St. Vincent and the Grenadines raised the issues of job loss and death: “Parents still losing jobs, no food, no money! Child abuse of every type, still rampant, in every country! Loss of loved ones, even in my family, it’s a real tragedy.”

The conference was highly successful with close to 400 participants online on both days and with live-streaming of selected sessions on both days by UWITV. The conference allowed our children to be involved in meaningful ways as we listened to them making recommendations for the improvement in the quality of their lives. It promoted children’s rights through research and contributed to children’s well-being.

According to Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee, University Director, SALISES, The UWI, “the most rewarding part of the conference is listening to our children as they make recommendations for the improvement in the quality of their lives. Believe me, they are more eloquent than some of us adults!”

Outstanding Child Researcher Award

Kya Knight, Barbados

Top 3 Child Researchers and Best Methodology (12–17 years)

1. Kya Knight, Barbados
2. Rajeena Grant, Jamaica (also won the “Best Oral Presentation”)
3. Shoi-Anné Smith, Jamaica

Top 3 students for the Essay Award (8–11 years)

1. Kayla Higgins, Barbados
2. Olivia Seemungal, Trinidad and Tobago
3. Yolanda Telemaque, Dominica

Top 3 students for the Poem Award (8–11 years)

1. Lynn Exume, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
2. Jahedon Noel, Trinidad and Tobago
3. Kyden Kydd, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

The 2022 Global Partnership Network – Arthur Lewis MA Awards for Sustainable Development Studies

For the period 2021–2022, the Global Partnership Network (GPN)-Arthur Lewis award was offered to three students in the MSc Development Studies Programme at SALISES, Mona. The GPN-Arthur Lewis award is an annual scholarship being offered over the period 2020–2024. In the 2020–2021 period, seven students were awarded scholarships.

The GPN, 2020–2024, is one of the Excellence Centers for Exchange and Development funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the Higher Education Excellence in Development Cooperation

(exceed) programme of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The University of the West Indies, through SALISES, is a collaborating partner in this consortium of universities and civil society organisations spanning the regions of Asia, Africa, the Middle East and the Caribbean.

Congratulations to the 2021–2022 awardees!

- Davia Howard
- Andrew Richards
- Tifanie Robinson

New Publications

(October 2021 – February 2022)

Book Chapters

Henry-Lee, Aldrie. 2022. “The COVID-19 Pandemic – Childhood Inequalities Unmasked in the Caribbean” in *COVID-19 and Childhood Inequality*, Nazneen Khan. Routledge, London.

Wilson, Marisa, Mitchell, Sylvia, **Northover, Patricia**, Esnard Talia, and Plummer, Nicole. 2021. “Revaluing Afrodescendant Seeds in the Age of the Plantationocene. Bridging Climate and reparatory Justice” in *Climate Change and Justice: Reflections on COP 26*. Edited by the Geography of Social Justice Working Group, The University of Edinburgh.

Journals

Northover, Patricia. 2020. “Living (and Dying) at the Edge of History: The Quest for Sustainable Caribbean Futures”. *Social and Economic Studies*, Vol. 69, Nos. 3 and 4: 1–25.

Northover, Patricia. 2020. Guest Editor, The Quest for Sustainable Caribbean Futures, *Social and Economic Studies*, Vol. 69, Nos. 3 and 4.

Conference/Seminar Presentations

Dietrich Jones, Natalie. 2022. The Christian’s response to Migrants, Bethel Baptist Church Open Sunday School, January 30, 2022.

Dietrich Jones, Natalie. 2022. Migration, crises, policy options and responses in Caribbean SIDS, January 31, 2022.

Henry-Lee, Aldrie. 2021. Children at the margins: pre and post pandemics. SALISES 22nd Annual Conference (virtual), Re-imagining Development for Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Post Pandemic Transformations, September 28–30, 2021.

Henry-Lee, Aldrie. 2021. Assessment of social protection in the OECS. OECS Social Protection Conference (online), October 13, 2021.

Henry-Lee, Aldrie. 2021. Child Rights, COVID-19 and Haitian Children. Haitian Studies Association Conference (online), October 23, 2021.

Henry-Lee, Aldrie. 2021. The reality of child participation: before, during and after COVID-19. 16th annual Caribbean Child Research Conference (online), November 24, 2021.

Leslie, Dacia. 2021. “The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Prison Overcrowding in Jamaica”, FSS Ongoing Research on the COVID-19 Pandemic. October 13, 2021 (oral presentation).

Leslie, Dacia. 2021. “Strategic Priority I: ‘Effective Social and Community Programmes’ – Identification of Key Performance Indicators,” Community and Urban Renewal Sub-Committee of the Crime Consensus Monitoring Oversight Committee (CCMOC), chaired by Reverend Garth Minott, December 14, 2021 (oral presentation).

Northover, Patricia. 2021. Co-organised with the US Embassy and the Faculty of Science and Technology, Faculty of Food and Agriculture, The UWI, *Forum on Science for Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture* held October 20, 2021.

Northover, Patricia. 2021. Served as moderator for the first panel, *Climate Change and the World Food Challenge – a Regional Perspective*, *Forum on Science for Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture* held October 20, 2021. Event recorded by UWI TV.

Northover, Patricia. 2021. Served as part of a research team who prepared a presentation (PowerPoint) for the Royal Anthropological Institute’s *Virtual Conference on Anthropology and Conservation*; October 25–29, 2021. Presentation Title: “Afro descendant Seed Infrastructures: Decolonising the Conservation, Use and Value of Caribbean Plant Genetic Resources”; October 27; Marisa Wilson (University of Edinburgh), Sylvia Mitchell, Talia Esnard, Patricia Northover (The University of the West Indies), Ruth Segal (University of Sussex), Anthony Richards (Richards & Associates), Hugh Johnson (Bernard Lodge Farmers Association, State of the African Diaspora) <https://www.therai.org.uk/conferences/anthropology-and-conservation>

Northover, Patricia. 2021. Virtual Roundtable on Food Security moderated by Dr Amina Blackwood Meeks, for the Ananse Sound Splash, November 17, 2021. <https://jis.gov.jm/national-storytelling-festival-in-progress/>.

Northover, Patricia. 2021. Co-hosted podcast on Food Sovereignty and Haiti, with Tet Kole, Haitian Peasant Co-operative, December 2021, <https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/research/research-project/food-researchers-edinburgh-fried/podcast>

Northover, Patricia. 2021. Participation in the Jamaica Economy Panel's monthly discussions, organised by the UN and the Department of Economics, The UWI; Round 7 on migration, (December 2021); Round 8 on obesity (January 2022). <https://jamaica.un.org/en/167219-jamaican-economy-panel-discussion-seven-impact-migration-jamaica>

SALISES Commissioned Grants/Projects

Food Insecurity at the Time of Climate Change: Sharing and Learning from Bottom-Up Responses in the Caribbean Region

Grant Institution: UK Research Innovation Global Challenges Research Fund (UKRI GCRF)

Duration: Two Years

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jessica Paddock, University of Bristol. Co-investigators: Professor Catalina Toro Perez, National University of Columbia, Dr. Tomaso Ferrando, University of Antwerp, Dr. Patricia Northover, The University of the West Indies

Global Partnership Network (GPN) on the SDG 17 addressing the themes of (1) Partnerships in Development Cooperation, (2) Partnerships in the Global Economy, and (3) Partnerships in Knowledge Production

Duration: Four Years

The principal investigator is Professor Aram Ziai, University of Kassel, and it includes 10 countries and 12 universities. Co-Investigators: Dr, Patricia Northover, The University of the West Indies, among others. See <https://www.uni-kassel.de/forschung/globalpartnership-network/home>

OECS Social Inclusion and Social Protection Strategy

Funder: OECS

Duration: One year

Team: Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee, Ms. Jenny Jones, Dr Dacia Leslie, Professor Warren Benfield and Miss Samoya Smith

Socio-economic Impact of Carnival in Jamaica

Funder: Tourism Enhancement Fund, Jamaica

Partner: Department of Economics, Mona, The UWI

Duration: Six Months

Research Team: Dr. Christine Clarke (Department of Economics), Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee (SALISES), Yhanore Johnson-Coke (SALISES), Staciann Williams-Dyer (SALISES)

Needs and Best Practices of Local Authorities in the Reception and Integration of Migrants and Refugees

Duration: September 2021 to present

Funder: International Organization for Migration/ Organization of American States

Consultant: Natalie Dietrich Jones

Jamaican Climate Action Enhancement Package (CAEP) Synthesis Report

Duration: September to December 2021

Consultant and Project Lead: Natalie Dietrich Jones

Recipes for Resilience: Engaging Youth in Climate Action and Afro-Descendant Food Heritage through Story Mapping and Song

<https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=AH%2FW004550%2F1>

<https://www.ukri.org/news/food-theatre-and-music-engage-young-people-with-climate-research/>

Duration: September 2021 to March 2022

Funder: Arts and Humanities Research Council Grant

Consultant: Patricia Northover

SALISES in the News

OnCampus interview with Dr. Patricia Northover, Senior Fellow, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), Mona, on Food Security leading up to the SALISES 22nd Annual Conference held on September 28–30, 2021 under the theme “Re-imagining Development for Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Post-Pandemic Transformations”. September 26, 2021.

<http://www.salisesregional.com/news/interview-dr-patricia-northover-food-security>

Dr Dacia Leslie, Research Fellow, SALISES, Mona, discussed “Recidivism” as it relates to “Breaking the Cycle of Crime” during a Smile Jamaica interview on TVJ. November 24, 2021. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xU4iOu1qxk&ab_channel=SALISES%2CMonaCampus

Sir Arthur Lewis Week 2022

In celebration of Sir Arthur Lewis Week, SALISES hosted a Research for Development online forum on January 31. The forum included presentations from 12 SALISES staff from across the region and was chaired by Dr Corin Bailey, Senior Fellow, SALISES, Cave Hill, and Ms. Allison Fung, President, SALISES Alumni.

In honour of Black History Month and Sir Arthur Lewis’s legacy, SALISES offered a 30% discount on selected Social and Economic Studies (SES) hard copies in store. This offer was extended until February 28, 2022. A display of the available SES for sale was placed in the Mona Main Library and advertised throughout the UWI network.

SALISES annually commemorates the work of Sir Arthur Lewis, the University’s first vice-chancellor, and

OnCampus interview with Dr Arlene Bailey, Senior Research Fellow, SALISES, Mona, on the “UNDP/SALISES/CAPRI Socioeconomic Impact Assessment (SEIA) study of COVID-19 in Jamaica”. November 28, 2021.

<http://www.salisesregional.com/news/interview-dr-arlene-bailey-socioeconomic-impact-assessment-seia-study-jamaica>

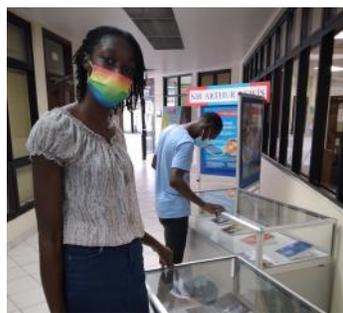
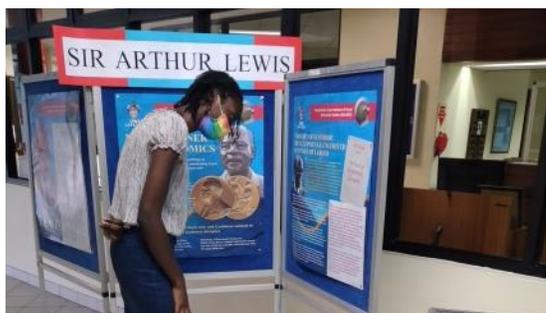
The Gleaner. “PM expands HEART Trust Board”. January 25, 2022.

Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee named to HEART/NSTA Trust Board

<https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20220125/pm-expands-heart-trust-board>

celebrates his research contributions to economic policy and process in the Caribbean. The St. Lucia-born economist was a Nobel Prize Laureate (1979) as well as a former president of the Caribbean Development Bank. His legacy surrounds pioneering research in economic growth and development, particularly involving developing countries. The University of the West Indies declared January 23 “W Arthur Lewis Day” in 2018 when it celebrated its 70th anniversary.

The annual Sir Arthur Distinguished Lecture is scheduled for April 26, 2022, and will be delivered by Dr Carla Barnett, Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).



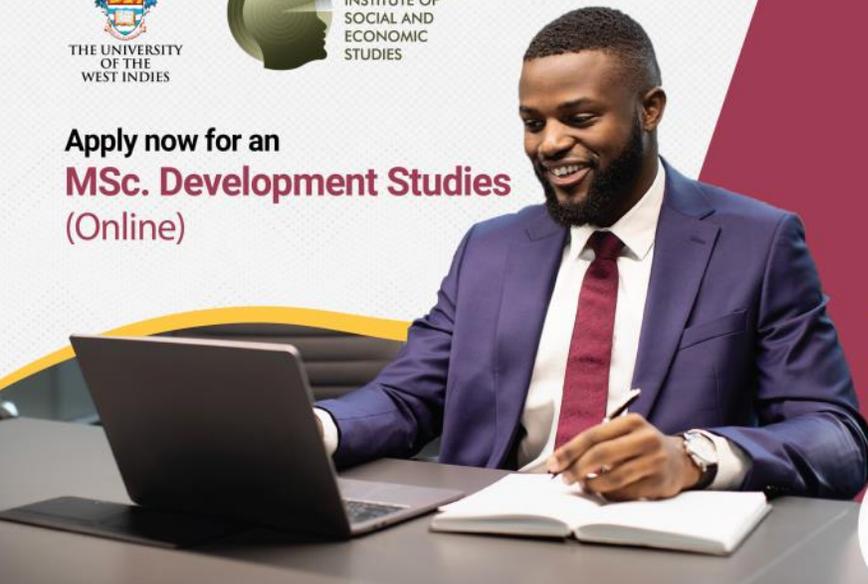


Snapshots from the Research for Development online forum



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The Quest for Sustainable Caribbean Futures

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This special issue, guest-edited by Patricia Northover, addresses the need for a new look at the Caribbean region's policy and political architecture for enabling a new economy and sustainable development processes appropriate for the people of the region. The burning questions concerning fiscal and exchange rate policy, foreign capital inflows and domestic capital formation, race and colonial legacies of financial exclusion, multidimensional poverty, gender and rural poverty experiences, the complex political dynamics of swing voting behaviour, and CARICOM and Central American regionalism efforts are all given a timely and urgent address.

Whither CSME? A Reply to the Golding Report by Collin Constantine

Surviving Fiscal Odysseys in the Caribbean by Ryan R. Peterson and Elmelynn Croes

Updating the Elasticity Approach to Currency Depreciation: The Role of the Economic Structure
by Vanus James and Carlos Hazel

Foreign Capital Inflows and Caribbean Economies by Vanus James and Carlos Hazel

Competing in the US Market: Central American Garment Assemblers by Dale T. Mathews

Exploring Multidimensional Poverty with Rural Women in Jamaica by Siddier Chambers

Racialized Financial Exclusion in the Anglophone Caribbean by Tamanisha J. John

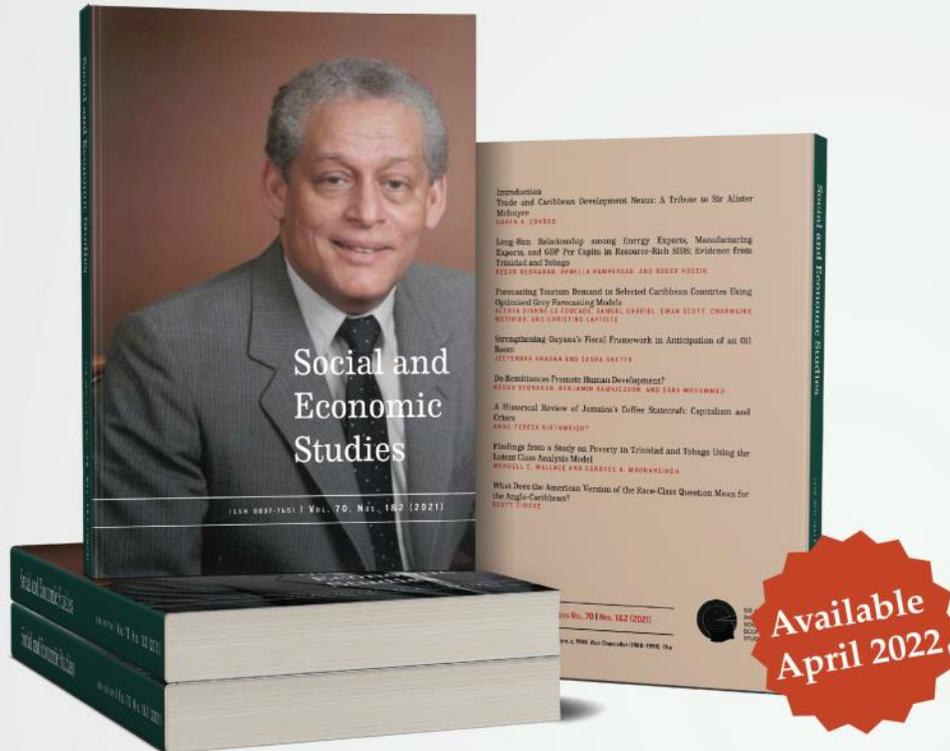
Sitting on the Fence: Positioning Swing Voters in Trinidad's Ethnically Divided Society
by Seon Raymond

While the world has become more fully cognizant of the systemic nature of the socio-economic and political transformations needed to sustain the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, the time for best endeavours has ended, and nothing but global and local reparatory action will suffice to sustain our hopes for a just society and sustainable Caribbean futures in regional and global orderings where no one is left behind.

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(ses@uwimona.edu.jm) and online at <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/ses>.

Social and Economic Studies

Vol 70: 1&2



This double issue of *Social and Economic Studies* contains articles on social, economic, and political issues, an apt reflection of the diverse scope of the journal.

The articles on economic issues focus on fiscal policy in the Caribbean and issues in Caribbean development. They are a selected collection which pays tribute to the ideologies of Sir Alister McIntyre which were reflected in his career and academic research output. The collection comprises papers presented at the 2017 Conference on the Economy, an annual conference organised by the Department of Economics at the St. Augustine Campus of The University of the West Indies, aimed at engaging the wider community in areas of economics and development.

The theme of the conference was “Trade and Caribbean Development Nexus,” and the honouree was a former Head of Department, Sir Alister McIntyre. Sir Alister, the quintessential Caribbean man, was born in Grenada. From his humble beginnings, he went on to hold a number of high-profile positions in the international community. He was also the Vice Chancellor of The University of the West Indies from 1988 to 1999.

Introduction – Trade and Caribbean Development Nexus: A Tribute to Sir Alister McIntyre by Daren A. Conrad

Long-Run Relationship among Energy Exports, Manufacturing Exports, and GDP Per Capita in Resource-Rich SIDS: Evidence from Trinidad and Tobago by Regan Deonanan, Ornella Rampersad, and Roger Hosein

Forecasting Tourism Demand in Selected Caribbean Countries Using Optimised Grey Forecasting Models by Althea Dianne La Foucade, Samuel Gabriel, Ewan Scott, Charmaine Metivier, and Christine Laptiste

Strengthening Guyana’s Fiscal Framework in Anticipation of an Oil Boom by Jeetendra Khadan and Sasha Baxter

Do Remittances Promote Human Development? by Regan Deonanan, Benjamin Ramkissoon, and Sara Mohammed

A Historical Review of Jamaica’s Coffee Statecraft: Capitalism and Crises by Anne-Teresa Birthwright

Findings from a Study on Poverty in Trinidad and Tobago Using the Latent Class Analysis Model by Wendell C. Wallace and Candace A. Moonansingh

What Does the American Version of the Race-Class Question Mean for the Anglo-Caribbean? by Scott Timcke

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(ses@uwimona.edu.jm) and online at <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/ses>.

Derek Gordon Databank – New Data Sets

The Derek Gordon Data Bank recently acquired an Inter-American Development Bank micro-data set of business establishments in 13 CARICOM countries. The survey covers numerous topics, including general information on the business, sales and marketing, production and operations, innovation projects, risks and safety/security

issues, human resources, financing strategies, and business strategy.

To access this and other data sets from the Databank for academic research or teaching, please visit our website at <https://www.uwi.edu/salises-mona/section/databank> for information.

Norman Girvan Documentation Centre – Citation Generators

A citation generator is a free online service that helps users to create bibliographic citations automatically. Library catalogues and databases offer an one-click function to create an auto citation to the item being searched. The websites provide various online forms where users can fill in bibliographic information taken from the item at their hands. As for bibliographic management systems, users have to upload bibliographic records into the system, which can help create either a single citation or entire bibliographies for their project. Citation generators bring **convenience** to users at the cost of **quality**. Whichever citation generator one chooses,

remember: **none of them are foolproof!**

Therefore, it is strongly recommended that citations generated by these tools be checked against online APA, MLA or Chicago style guides, or printed handbooks/manuals kept at the Circulation Desk at the Norman Girvan Documentation Centre, or talk to a librarian for help.

<https://www.citationmachine.net/>

<https://www.easybib.com/>

<https://www.bibliography.com/>

Student Highlight – Keenan Falconer



Keenan Falconer, recipient of the Prime Minister's National Youth Award for Excellence 2021 (Academics), was a student at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), Mona, where he completed a Master of Science (MSc.) in Development Studies, with a concentration in Economic Development Policy. Keenan is an economist and development specialist with over five years' experience at various government

institutions and multilateral development agencies where he has spearheaded significant national development projects and initiatives. He is presently the Special Project Officer at the Bank of Jamaica.

What were your reasons for selecting SALISES and the MSc. programme?

The MSc. in Development Studies and by extension the wider SALISES community appealed to me because of the wide range of course options, which I found fascinating because of their multidisciplinary nature. From what I knew of SALISES beforehand, and its previous iterations, the Institute perfectly aligned with my own ideological and philosophical orientation geared towards certain values associated with Third World devel-

opment, social justice and regional integration. Moreover, several renowned scholars from the Caribbean of international repute, whose work I had been familiar with, further burnished the reputation of SALISES and confirmed in my mind that this was truly the place to be in order to advance not only my professional career or academic credentials, but also my personal development. Coupled with the fact that my background was in economics, this made a specialisation in economic development policy a natural choice.

How was your experience at SALISES?

My experience was exceptionally fulfilling and enriching. While I knew that pursuing the programme full-time would have allowed me to complete it in one year, which was convenient for my own purposes, my only regret was that I did not spend more time. The interactions with both my lecturers and members of administrative staff were seamless. The content was both engaging and absorbing, and I thoroughly relished class de-

bates and discussions. Reading for my degree was pleasurable overall, and my skills in both research and writing were honed exponentially. SALISES has reinvigorated my passion for academic work, and I am grateful to be still associated with the Institute as an alumnus, during which time I have assisted Fellows with their research and been given the opportunity to participate in several conferences and events.

What are your future endeavours?

My ultimate career goal, which I hope to accomplish within the next decade, is to work at a senior level of a large, multilateral development institution, such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank, the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) or the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). I believe that my degree from SALISES makes me well-positioned to contribute to effective policy formulation and implementation for Jamaica and the Caribbean through any or possibly even all of the aforementioned avenues.

Retirement Function

On October 14, 2021, SALISES bid farewell to two of our long-serving members of staff, Mrs. Sonia Amos-Davis and Ms. Annie Paul. As the time finally came to say goodbye, we thanked them for their contribution to the Institute and their hard work over many years.

To Sonia and Annie: We know it is a big decision, but now is that perfect moment for reflection and relaxation as well as spending more quality time with your loved ones. As you embark on your retirement journey, there

is no doubt that you will be riddled with mixed emotions. You'll feel excited for the new opportunities and challenges that await you in this next chapter of life, but at the same time, it can be hard to say goodbye to a life's worth of memories and relationships.

Retirement may be an ending, a closing, but it is also a new beginning. – Catherine Pulsifer



Citation – Annie Paul



The legend that is Annie Paul was born in Kerala, India, a place made famous by the book *The God of Small Things*, winner of the Booker Prize in 1997. Destiny brought Annie here to us in Jamaica, and she decided to make it her home for the last

thirty-plus years. She holds a BA in Literature, a BSc in Journalism and a MA in Sociology. Annie is a writer, critic, editor, blogger and tweeter. She has thirty years of experience in the field of publishing, which includes designing high-quality publications, while her online writing has been referenced in various international media. Her most recent major publication was in 2020 and provides an engaging and lively biography of a globally renowned Caribbean intellectual, Stuart Hall.

Her career at The UWI began in 1989 as co-ordinator of the UWI Publishers Association (UWIPA), where she undertook the production of the sales catalogue listing publications for all three Institutes of Social and Economic Research (ISERs) and all publishing units on campus. During the period 1990–92, Annie was the Assistant Editor at ISER and produced the ISER Working Paper Series, books and monographs. It was during this time when she designed and produced the *Caribbean Review of Books*, a UWIPA publication designed to advertise and promote UWI publications. From August 1992 to September 2021, Annie held the position of Publications Officer and Head of the Publications Section at ISER/SALISES.

As managing editor of the journal, *Social and Economic Studies*, she consistently worked to improve its accessibility, viability and visibility. Some of her key achievements with SES include: the redesign of the cover, SES's inclusion in ProQuest and EBSCO databases, the production of several special issues from papers delivered at SALISES conferences, and negotiation of an agreement with JSTOR for the online access to the entire back run of the SES from 1953. In recent years, Annie worked assiduously to overhaul and reposition the SES for the 21st century.

As a writer, she has not only published in numerous journals and magazines but continues to maintain her blog, *Active Voice*, and her Twitter feed, which have both been quoted in various international media. She has also worked collaboratively with others to actualize publishing and writing projects of high quality, such as being a founding editor of *Small Axe*, a journal and platform for Caribbean criticism, published by Duke University.

In 2018, Annie established an online magazine called *PREE* for new contemporary writing from and about the Caribbean. It publishes original works of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, essays, and interviews. Annie will surely be busy during her retirement as she continues to maintain her presence in the online environment.

Her colleagues and co-workers all agree that she displays a no-nonsense, no-foolishness attitude when it comes to her work. She always displays a strong sense of justice and humour which is also evident in her writings. Staff past and present describe her as direct and fair, with a sharp eye for detail. They know that when she is in office and focused on her reading and writing, there must be no interruptions.

On the occasion of your retirement, Annie, we all want to thank you for your many years of great leadership as you consistently employed your various skills to work for the betterment of the Institute, University and the region. Everyone agrees that you possess a combination of vision, compassion and wisdom – crucial qualities for effectively managing the Publications Section. Many of us have additional personal reasons for our gratitude, for you have given special attention to our specific needs, and we are grateful and appreciative of your care and support. All those who have worked with you throughout your fruitful career will feel your absence, especially when we dot our I's and cross our T's. We thank you for all that you have done and all that you have taught us and send our very best wishes for a happy retirement.

Congratulations

Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee

Congratulations to Professor Henry-Lee on her appointment as a UWI Strategic Coordinator. Professor Henry-Lee is part of a team of coordinators that has been tasked with helping to ensure the effective synchronisation of operational activities and new initiatives across The UWI system, as the University further advances its Triple A Strategic Plan. The coordinators will complement the current management structure, serving as data gatherers and knowledge providers to the Executive Management Team and facilitating a strengthened information network of Principals and PVCs.

Professor Henry-Lee's focus as a UWI Strategic Coordinator is on Gender Equity and Justice, which perfectly fits her career as an advocate for the vulnerable in society, especially children. We wish Professor Henry-Lee much success in her new role and are assured, from her well-established track record, that she will make a positive impact that will help to further advance The UWI.

Congratulations to *Professor Henry-Lee* on her appointment to the Board of HEART/NSTA Trust.

Dr. Dacia Leslie

On receiving the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission 2021 Research Impact Awards, Research output stream, for her article "Reassessing Conditions of 'Prison' in Jamaica", published in International Criminal Justice Review.

Dr. Stephen Johnson

On the birth of his son, Sebastian Johnson. May his presence bring enormous joy and happiness to your life! Welcome Sebastian to the SALISES family.

Ms. Rushana Mighty

On receiving the Dorothy Collins Prize for the graduating postgraduate student with the most outstanding academic performance in Library and Information Studies.

SALISES Alumni

Ms Allison Fung and Dr. Heather Ricketts on being recipients of the Vice-Chancellor's award for Excellence in Service to the University Community.

Keenan Falconer on being the recipient of the Prime Minister's National Youth Award for Excellence 2021 (Academics).

Jovan Johnson on being named the 2021 Journalist of the Year. Jovan is a Senior Staff Reporter at the Gleaner.

Condolences

- Dr. William 'Bill' Riviere, past lecturer at the Conortium Graduate School of Social Sciences (CGSS) and Research Fellow at the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), Mona, passed away on November 30, 2021.
- Condolences to Professor Henry-Lee and her family on the passing of her father-in-law in January 2022.

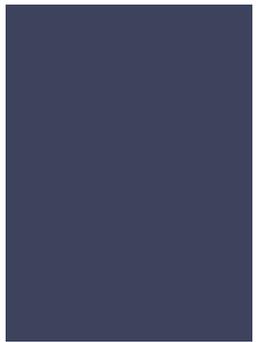


Christmas “Xmask” Function

The 2021 office Christmas function was all about reconnecting colleagues who had not seen each other for months and forging new bonds. Not lavish, as the glamour was offset, however, by an emphasis on Covid-compliant celebrations. Like everything else, it had been moved partially to Zoom (it’s still a thing) with a small number of staff members in the conference room and individual offices.

To keep the spirits high, our MC Staciann took us through a number of activities which provided the opportunity for staff to relax and reconnect with each other. The high point of the event was the Xmask parade where staff got to show off their talent and creativity in the design of their Xmask. Big up to Dr. Patricia Northover who came with a spirit of engagement and vibes...virtually, and Dr. Natalie Dietrich Jones who left her spark as she successfully passed her informal audition to be part of the SALISES choir.

Another year of virtual togetherness made celebrating Christmas collectively more important than ever before as we strengthened the WE-Feeling with our co-workers and created a positive atmosphere for the upcoming year.



Random Acts of Kindness

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. – Robert Louis Stevenson

The transformation of the office into scheduled online meetings, without water cooler interactions, casual lunches, and coffee breaks with colleagues, does not provide the same opportunities for social connection as pre COVID-19. Without them, it can be much harder to find joy in our work.

So, what can we do about it? In December 2021, we decided to dedicate to doing good

and making others feel good through random acts of kindness. Staff members, selected by an anonymous donor, each received unexpected kindness bestowed upon them. Let us continue to practise kindness and pass it on to others. Just think about how great it would be if everyone took some time to make someone smile. The power of kindness can mitigate the ill effects of our increasingly online social world.

How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time. – Morgan Freeman



Ms Newman (far left) presenting tokens to recipients of random acts of kindness.

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Professor Hamid Ghany

The University of the West Indies (The UWI) conferred the title of 'Honorary Professor' on Professor Hamid Ghany for his significant contributions to Constitutional and Parliamentary Affairs

at The UWI and across the region. Professor Ghany is currently serving at The UWI on attachment to the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), St. Augustine Campus.

His appointment as Honorary Professor is for the period October 1, 2021 to July 31, 2023.

<https://uwitv.org/uwi-news/professor-hamid-ghany-conferred-as-honorary-professor-at-the-uwi>



Professor Corin Bailey

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