



DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the highest standard of teaching and research to produce library and information professionals, well equipped to face the challenges of the dynamic information environment, and to provide leadership in managing the information needs of the Caribbean for the twenty-first century and beyond

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Staffing Matters

The DLIS had 3 full-time lecturers:

- 1 HOD – 8 hours
- 1 Deputy Dean – 9 hours
- 1 Lecturer carrying full course load – 13 hours

Additional hours were covered by adjunct lecturers.

Due to VMC rejections, course offerings were reduced to “bare bones”. Some courses were not offered, several courses were offered alternately and many electives were not offered.

MPhil and PhD programmes continued to be supported by Professor Jeannette Bastian, the Honorary Fellow in the DLIS. She resides in the USA, and so, she has been offering support remotely. She will remain with us until 2024. In the new academic year, Dr. Baker-Gardner, Dr. Griffin and Dr. Heath will each be assigned an MPhil/PhD candidate for supervision. Professor Bastian will provide guidance. Supervisory teams will be formed.

Mr. Mark-Jeffery Deans, the DLIS librarian resigned. His last day was May 25, 2023. The position is now vacant. In response, the department intends to move the DLIS

Library to the Main Library, and then, to repurpose the library space as follows:

- Moving the library collection to the UWI Main Library
- The Librarian’s Office to be changed to Programme Director’s Office
- Lunch Room to be moved to the Meeting Room
- Meeting Room to be moved to current Reading Room
- Repairing, repainting and renaming of Seminar Room II
- Wooden doors to be replaced with glass doors
- Replace Computer Lab doors with sliding glass doors
- The librarian position will then become that of a Programme Support Officer (PSO). The current library Assistant position would be converted to an assistant to the PSO.

Dr. Baker-Gardner is scheduled to proceed on sabbatical leave, come 2023/2024. She will be replaced by Miss Tanya Manassi who replaced Dr. Paulette Stewart as a full-time lecturer in the academic year, 2019–2020.

Teaching Resources

In September of this academic year, the Department spent close to \$1,000,000.00 in the purchase of a new UPS system from our Dorothy Collins Fund. It was installed in October, 2022. This UPS is an upgrade from the previous one and is better able to manage the technological demands of the Computer Lab and the rest of the Department.

Curriculum Review

The curriculum review process is limping along due to the small number of academic staff members who carry additional duties. This curriculum review involves:

- Refreshing course outlines
- Rewriting course outlines
- Laddering: Undergraduate and postgraduate certificates
- Postgraduate diplomas
- Rethinking our programme offerings

STUDENT POPULATION

Programmes	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
BA Information Studies	6	9	11
BA Librarianship	36	47	48
BA Library & Information Studies	10	8	1 – (The programme is being phased out)
Masters in Library & Information Studies	28	29	30
Master of Arts in Library & Information Studies	20	15	16
Master of Arts in Archives & Records Management	20	17	16
MPhil/PhD in Information Studies	4	4	4

OUTREACH

DLIS website: Up to date – Programmes, activities, announcements, etc,

School visits: Proceeded as scheduled.

DLIS Leaders Roundtable Seminar

As an outreach activity, the DLIS hosted a discussion session under the theme: **“Building Partnerships, Strengthening Networks.”** The session aimed to share with leaders in the Library and Information profession from across the Caribbean, the various programmes the DLIS is now offering and to get their feedback on the quality of DLIS graduates and their suitability for the workplace. This was held on October 20, 2022, via Zoom, and leaders from nine Caribbean countries participated.

INFOTalks: DLIS Departmental Weekly Seminar Series 2022–2023

The Department of Library and Information Studies had a successful staging of its weekly departmental seminars, INFOTalks 2022/2023. Guided by selected themes, thirteen (13) presentations reflected and discussed information issues, challenges, circumstances and triumphs from a wide variety of perspectives.

This online series continues to attract participation from around the Caribbean and internationally, with a weekly average of 30 participants and has served as an effective outreach activity for the department. The list of presentations are as follows:

Date	Presenter(s)	Title
5 October 2022 Theme for October: Information & Nationhood	Mr. Sherwood McCaskie, Head, Archives & Information, Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation, BARBADOS	Information: The Social Instrument of Nationhood (The role of Information in Barbados' movement towards Republicanism)
12 October 2022	Ms. Avril Belfon, Government Archivist, National Archives of Trinidad & Tobago & President, Caribbean Branch of the International Council of Archives (CARBICA)	Commemorating Nationhood: An Opportunity Lost & Found (The role of Information in celebrat- ing 60 years of Nationhood)
19 October 2022	Sparkle Ferreira (PhD Candidate, DLIS) & Stanley H. Griffin, Senior Lecturer, DLIS	In/Forming A Nation: The West Indies Federal Information Service & The Trinidadian Press: A Records Review
26 October 2022	John Aarons, Jeannette Bastian, Stanley H. Griffin (Editors) & 10 Authors	Book Launch: "Archiving Caribbean Identity: Community, Records, & Memory": A Roundtable Celebration
2 November 2022: Theme for November: Information & the Law	Mr. Damian Cox, Principal Director (acting) Information Division & Senior Director, Access to Information Unit, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Jamaica	The Importance of Law and Policy in Delivering Information, Governance, Accountability and Transparency in a Modernizing State
9 November 2022	Dr Patrick Anglin, University Data Protection Officer, UWI Vice Chancellery	Privacy & Data Protection: More than Just Legal Compliance
16 November 2022	Dr Marcus Goffe, Partner, Goffe Law, Attorneys-at-Law	Information & The Law: A Legislative Review
1 February 2023 Theme for Semester Two: Accessing Information	Dr. Ruth Baker-Gardner, Lecturer/Dept Coordinator, UG Studies, DLIS	Code Orange: Threats of Contract Cheating and Artificial Intelligence Writing Tools to Regional Academic Integrity
8 February 2023	Nicole Alleyne (Candidate-MA Library and Information Studies) Kasiya Halstead-Brown (Graduate-MA Archives and Records Management)	Access to Oral Histories at Trinidad and Tobago's National Heritage Library I saw my Land in the morning: Tracing the records of New Harbour Community in Old Harbour, Jamaica
15 February 2023	Peta-gaye Richards (Candidate-MA Archives and Records Management) Audrey Keonders (Graduate-MA Archives and Records Management)	School Archives, the Forgotten Series: Preserving the Legacy of Campion College, Jamaica Find Yourself, Find Suriname: Crowdsourcing as Access Strategy to Trigger Memory at National Archives Suriname

1 March 2023	Ms Vernanda Raymond, Chief Librarian, Dominica Library & Information Service (DLIS), Commonwealth of Dominica	Providing Access While Inaccessible: Ensuring Users' Access to Information Post-Disaster and During the Peak of the Covid-19 Pandemic in Dominica
8 March 2023	Mr Shadrack Venson, Information Management Professional, United Nations HQ, New York & PhD Candidate (Information Studies) UNISA	The Information Governance (IG) Approach: The Key to enhanced information access
15 March 2023	Dr Shani Roper, Curator, UWI Museum	Reflections on Surviving COVID-19: An archival and exhibitionary project collecting the contemporary

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP/SEMINAR ATTENDANCE & PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Rosemarie Heath

- **Heath**, Rosemarie. Presented a paper entitled, “The Significance of Information Literacy Instruction in the Preparation of Jamaican Students for Tertiary Studies,” on April 20, 2023, at the Teachers’ Colleges of Jamaica Research Conference, held at the Holiday Inn Resort, Montego Bay, Jamaica. The conference was held under the theme, “Preparing Teachers for the Next Education Task Force: Implications for National Development.
- **Heath**, Rosemarie. Presented at an online workshop on AI and Information Literacy, hosted by the University of Alberta, Canada. On January 13, 2023.
- **Heath**, Rosemarie. Attended and participated as a member of the LOC (Chair of the Hospitality team) in the 2023 Conference of the Association of College, University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, between June 4–8, 2023, under the theme: “Innovation: Opportunities and Challenges in Libraries, Museums and Archives of the Caribbean.”

Dr. Baker-Gardner

- **Baker-Gardner**, Ruth. Participated in two panel discussions on the use of artificial intelligence and its implications on academic integrity. On March 23, 2022 she participated in a forum titled “ChatGPT and Education: Threat or Opportunity?” hosted by the Faculty of Science and Technology. On April 18, 2022, she was a guest at a forum hosted by the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean where she spoke on the topic “Academic Integrity and Chat GPT: Friends or Foes”. Both presentations were well received.
- **Baker-Gardner**, Ruth., On February 27, 2023, Dr. Baker-Gardner was invited by the MicoUniversity College to participate in an international panel discussion titled: ChatGPT and Education: Opportunities, Challenges or Threats for Educators?

- **Baker-Gardner**, Ruth. On February 1, 2023, Dr. Baker Gardner InfoTalk Presentation on Code Orange: Threats of Contract Cheating and Artificial Intelligence Writing Tools to Regional Academic Integrity.
- **Baker-Gardner**, Ruth., Attended the International Center for Academic Integrity from March 9–12 in Indianapolis, Indiana. She made a presentation titled “No Region Left Behind: Crafting a Research Agenda for Academic Integrity in the Caribbean”
- **Baker-Gardner**, Ruth., On November 1, 2022, was invited to do a presentation on academic integrity with the teaching staff and administration of the HEART TRUST NTA. The session was attended by 81 individuals from the organization and was well received
- **Baker Gardner**, Ruth., and **Deans, Mark-Jeffery**., Published a collaborative research article titled “Academic Integrity and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Supporting Students, Strengthening the Academy.” The article was published in the UWI Quality Education Forum, issue No. 26 on December 12, 2022, under the theme Student Support Systems and Student Success in Higher Education.
- **Baker-Gardner**, Ruth., and **Deans, Mark-Jeffery**. “Academic Integrity and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Supporting Students, Strengthening the Academy.” *The UWI Quality Education Forum*, no. 26., 2022. pp 1–28. <https://journals.sta.uwi.edu/ojs/index.php/qef/article/view/8460>

Dr Jeannette Bastian

- **Bastian**, Jeannette A. “Archiving Cultures” Round table on Archivists in the Community” CARBICA XII Conference and General Assembly, 27 April 2023.

Dr. Stanley Griffin

- **Griffin**, Stanley H. Facilitator, “Dis is Who We Are: Identifying Memory in Community” Session I, University of Repair (Joint initiative of Decolonizing the Archive and Museum of London), 27th July 6pm BST via Zoom.
- **Griffin**, Stanley H., Keynote Lecture: “No Record is an Island”: Unraveling the Value Paradox of Displaced and Migrated Archives, Migrated Archives Seminar and Workshop Series, Centre for Critical Archives and Records Management Studies, University College London, 19 October 2022.
- **Griffin**, Stanley H. and **Ferreira, Sparkle**, “In/Forming A Nation: The West Indian Federal Information Service & The Trinidad Press” Department of Library and Information Studies, Weekly Seminar Series, INFOTalks, 19 October 2022.
- **Griffin**, Stanley H. “Preserving Community Memory”, Harbour View Citizens Association and Community Research, Harbour View Branch Library, 27 October 2022.

- **Griffin**, Stanley H. “Musings on Archival Value, Reparations and Migrated Archives” Book Launch Roundtable Discussion on Disputed Archival Heritage (2022), Queen’s College, CUNY, 18 October 2022.
- **Griffin**, Stanley H. Facilitator, “The Art of Archival Description (for Indigenous Materials)”, Belize Archives and Records Services, Modern Endangered Archives Programme, Staff Training Workshop, 13 October 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Griffin**, Stanley H. “Class, and Nationalism in the Leeward Islands: Rewriting Imperial Narratives”, “H-Empire Symposium Race, Class and Nationalism after Empire: The Fundamentals of the Caribbean Situation” 14 July 2022.
- **Griffin**, Stanley H., Panellist, “Not Just Culture: Using Memory to Empower Communities”, Archival Justice and Digital Collaborative Scholarship”, The Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC) The Michael Baptista Lecture Series 2022–2023, York University, Canada, 29 November 2022.
- **Griffin**, Stanley H. “If colonization was about enforcement, decolonization should be about empowerment”: Interview with Stanley H. Griffin, of the University of the West Indies (pt.2) *ArchiVoz* 23 January 2023.
- **Griffin**, Stanley H. “There is a tangible tension between what is held in Caribbean archives and what is remembered in Caribbean communities” Vance Woods (ed) Interview with Stanley H. Griffin, of the University of the West Indies (pt. 1) *ArchiVoz* 16 January 2023.

Mr. Mark-Jeffery Deans

- **Deans**, Mark-Jeffery, Attended the 50th Annual International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) Hybrid Conference and the 25th International Forum on Research in School Librarianship on July 11–15, 2022. As the Regional Director of the Latin America and Caribbean Committee, he chaired the Section’s Meeting which was held on the Wednesday, July 13, 2022. Ms. Donna-Marie Robinson (past-student of the Department) was also in attendance
- **Deans**, Mark-Jeffery. Co-presented with Ms. Simone Harrison at the SETVET Institute (Old Harbour & Llundas Vale Campuses) International Literacy Day Webinar on September 8, 2022. Their presentation was entitled “Media and Information Literacy: The Role of Social Media in the Spread of False Information”.

GRADUATE STUDENTS (MPHIL/PHD CANDIDATES)

- **Duke**, Janelle (MPhil Candidate) “Archival Processing (Records in Context, New ICA Standard)” Caribbean Archives Association CARBICA XII Conference and General Assembly, 26 April 2023.

- **Ferreira**, Sparkle (PhD Candidate), “Digital Transformation and Electronic Records Management” CARBICA XII Conference and General Assembly, 26 April 2023.
- **Malcolm**, Norman, (MPhil Candidate) “Promoting and Engaging Archives via Social Media Outreach” CARBICA XII Conference and General Assembly, 26 April 2023.

FACULTY/DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS 2022/2023

AWARDS	CRITERIA	STUDENTS
Quida Rowe Prize	Best Grade in LIBS1003	Shauna-Kay Sutherland
Frances Salmon Prize	Outstanding Performance at Level II	Jermaine Walker & Nyasha Edwards
Dorothy Collings Prize	Best Grade (Graduating Student) PG	Krystle Ifill
Preservation Management Prize	Best Grade in LIBS3702	Dyeima Hall
Pippa Fray Prize	Best Grade in LIBS6001	Leann George
CARBICA Prize	Grade in ARCM6002	Samantha Robinson
CARBICA Prize	Best Grade in ARCM6003	Aisha Baptiste



PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP, 2022/2023

The Department offers four internship/practicum courses:

- LIBS3802 – Internship in Librarianship – 7
- LIBS3803 – Internship in Information Studies – 2
- LIBS6904 – Practicum in Library and Information Studies – 16
- ARCM6005 – Practicum in Archives/Records Management – 8

#	Programmes	Organization	Country	Number of Students
1	MLIS	NALIS	Trinidad and Tobago	6
2	BA - Librarianship	Scientific Research Council		2
3	BA- Librarianship	Northern Caribbean University	Jamaica	1
4	MAARCM	UWI Archives	Jamaica	2
5	BA- Librarianship	University of Technology	Jamaica	1
6	MAARCM	Campus Records	Jamaica	2
7	BA- Info. Studies	National Library of Jamaica	Jamaica	2
8	BA-Librarianship	Main Library (Belize)	Belize	1
9	BA-Librarianship	UWI Main Library	Jamaica	1
10	MAARCM	Gleaner Company	Jamaica	1
11	MLIS/MAARCM	Central Bank of Barbados	Barbados	2
12	MLIS	Mico Teachers College	Jamaica	1
13	MLIS	International Seabed Authority	Jamaica	1
14	MLIS	NALIA Trinidad	Trinidad	1
15	MLIS	Sydney Martin Library (UWI Barbados)	Barbados	1
16	MAARCM	JARD	Jamaica	1
17	BA - Librarianship	Jamaica Library Services Clarendon	Jamaica	1
18	MAARCM	Broward County Main Library	USA	1
19	MLIS	Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago	1
20	MLIS	Alma Jordon Library	Trinidad	1
21	MLIS	University of Bahamas	Bahamas	1
22	MLIS	Fort Walton Beach - Library	USA	1
23	MLIS	Tobago Library Services	Tobago	1

DLIS 7TH RESEARCH FORUM (UWI 75TH ANNIVERSARY)

In celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the UWI, Mona Campus, the DLIS collaborated with the UWI, Mona Library to stage its 7th Research Forum under the theme, “Data Security and Information Services in the 21st Century: Exploring Theory and Best Practices.” This was held on Thursday, May 4, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Multifunctional Room, The UWI Mona Library. The Guest Speaker was Dr. Patrick Anglin, University Data Protection Officer, at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. This Research Forum was held to showcase original research conducted by lecturers and students in the Department, and practitioners in the information environment.

SUMMER ACTIVITY, 2022/2023 – INCOME GENERATION

Members of the DLIS are actively involved in the staging of the 2023 Conference of the Association of College, University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL). This conference took place at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, between June 4–8, 2023, under the theme: “Innovation: Opportunities and Challenges in Libraries, Museums and Archives of the Caribbean.” The expectation is that a contribution will be made to the DLIS Endowment Fund to help needy DLIS students.

DLIS/Go-School of Information, in the Netherlands, through a collaborative effort, will hosted Summer Institute, 2023. This was offered fully online, between June 13–15, 2023, under the theme, “AI in Information services – Implications, Applications and Added Value.” This Summer Institute aimed at bringing together professionals from various fields to discuss and explore the impact of AI on information services.

DLS short course. “An Introduction to the Implementation of Data Protection” was held on June 21–22, 2023. It was a 4 module, 12 hour course. The intention is to develop the content into a full course which will be offered as an elective at the graduate level.