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EDITOR'S DESK

"The Mona Economist" is the annual newsletter of the Department of Economics (DoE), The UWI, Mona. This 8th edition covers the activities of the DoE for the academic year 2020/2021.

The academic year (AY) 2020/2021, the first full academic year under COVID-19 protocols, is easily the most disruptive period the Mona campus has had to contend with. To be sure, the first set of students started the University College of the West Indies (UCWI) in 1948, after "World War II", and so the disruption of that event was in the rear-view mirror of the UCWI. Interestingly, the post war global cooperation among countries is likely to have contributed to the development of the newly minted UCWI.

In 1960, twelve years after classes started at the UCWI, the Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) was formed. This edition recognizes and celebrates the stellar contributions the people of the FSS have made to Jamaica, the Caribbean and the wider world. Particular emphasis is placed on the contributions of women who would have studied, or taught, at The UWI, Mona campus. To be specific, we celebrate Mrs Pamela Coke-Hamilton and Drs Carla Barnett, Adlith Brown and Patricia McLean-Meynsse.

In keeping with the primary thrust of previous newsletters, this edition provides information on the current work of the DoE, especially our research activities. There is also an article on Indian activist and economist, Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. Dr Ambedkar's contributions are worthy of celebrating as equally as those of Mahatma Ghandi. In the AY 2021/2022 we will be without the services of Drs Damien King and Marie Freckleton. We wish them both a restful, healthy and adventurous retirement.

Should you have any questions or concerns, kindly contact us via email. Should it become necessary for corrections to be made, the most updated version of each DoE newsletter will be placed on the DoE's [website](#).

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Congratulations

DR CARLA BARNETT
SECRETARY GENERAL OF CARICOM

On August 16, 2021, Dr Carla Barnett became the first female Secretary General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Dr Barnett is an alumna of the Department of Economics, The UWI, Mona.

The DoE is extremely proud of Dr Barnett's achievements, and wish her a successful tenure during this period of our region's development.



Congratulations

PAMELA COKE-HAMILTON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE

On October 1, 2020, Mrs Coke-Hamilton became the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC). Mrs Coke-Hamilton is an alumna of the Department of Economics, The UWI, Mona.

The DoE is extremely proud of Mrs Coke-Hamilton's achievements, and wish her well in her new post.



Class of 2021

MSc Economics

Distinction

Shane Bennett
Kimanie Blanchard
Nicola Boyd
Rayon Cameron
Anthony Clarke
Melissa Foster
Annakay Hall
Shamar Hall
Danielle Purcell
Jody-Ann Robinson

Pass

Shane Bennett
Sueling Dawkins
Akelia Holmes
Thea Howard
Paul Reid
Subrina Richards
Rosan Samuels
Shonna-Kaye Sappleton
Tracey-Ann Simms
Fabian Smith
Gabriel Smith
Lateishea Solomon

Graduate Awards

(Class of 2020)

Shenelle Guscott

Top Student Award

Best Economics Graduate Student

Shenelle Guscott

The Economics Theory Prize

Best Student
Economic Theory

Tavoy Reid

The Econometrics Prize

Best Student
Econometrics

Melanie Dawkins

The George Beckford Prize

Best Student
Economic Development

AY 2020/2021

Graduate Scholarships

Thomas De La Rue Scholarship

Teneaa Cadogan
Shaneil Parsons

G. Arthur Brown Scholarship

Brooke-Anne Bowen

Colin Fitz-Herbert Bullock Scholarship

Shenelle Guscott (PhD) Student

The Jamaican Economy Panel



Dr. Nadine McCloud

Head, Dept of Economics University of the West Indies, Mona



Dr. Olaf J De Groot

Economist, United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office

About the Jamaican Economy Panel

The Department of Economics (The UWI, Mona) is committed to partnering with domestic, regional and international institutions, so as to contribute to the sustainable economic development of Jamaica, the Caribbean region and the wider world. To this end, the Department of Economics has recently partnered with the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO) and have jointly created the Jamaican Economy Panel (JEP). Drs Olaf J De Groot (UN Resident Coordinator's Office) and Nadine McCloud (DoE, The UWI, Mona) are the coordinators of the panel.

This new initiative brings together a diverse group of economic and public policy experts who will make monthly contributions on topical issues. The information received from the panellists is collated and presented in a way that is brief, informative and accessible to the general public. The panel consists of experts from academia, the private sector and international institutions. All panellists either work in Jamaica or on issues relevant to the Jamaican economy. The first round of the JEP discussion was published in April, 2021, and was titled "*Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.*" Other publications covered issues such as taxation, fiscal policy and debt, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and vaccine hesitancy. Faculty of the DoE who contribute to the JEP are as follows, Samuel Braithwaite, Alrick Campbell, Christine Clarke, Kelly-Ann Dixon Hamil, Peter-John Gordon, Andre Haughton, Nadine McCloud-Rose, Nekeisha Spencer and Patrice Whitley.

For any information about the JEP, feel free to contact Dr Olaf J. de Groot (olaf.degroot@un.org), economist at the UNRCO.

Scholarly Output (AY 2020/2021)

Journal Articles:

Campbell, A. and **N. Spencer** (2021). The Macroeconomic Impact of Extreme Weather: Evidence from Jamaica. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, 61, 102336.

Rollinson, C. R., Finley, A. O., Alexander, M. R., Banerjee, S., **Dixon Hamil, K. A.**, Koenig, L. E., ... & Zipkin, E. F. (2021). Working across space and time: nonstationarity in ecological research and application. *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, 19(1), 66-72.

Ward, S. F., Taylor, B. S., **Dixon Hamil, K. A.**, Riitters, K. H., & Fei, S. (2020). Effects of terrestrial transport corridors and associated landscape context on invasion by forest plants. *Biological Invasions*, 22(10), 3051-3066.

Spencer, N. and E. Strobl (2020). Hurricanes, Climate Change, and Social Welfare: Evidence from the Caribbean. *Climatic Change*, 163(1), 337-357.

Spencer, N. and M. Urquhart (2021). Extreme Climate and Absence from Work: Evidence from Jamaica. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Science*, 12(2), 232-239.

Book:

Clarke, Christine and Nelson, Carol, Jamaica's Evolving Relationship with the IMF, Palgrave April 2021.

Technical Reports:

Braithwaite, S. "CARICOM Report: Progress and Challenges of The Integration Agenda." The Inter-American Development Bank (2020)

Campbell, A. "UWI Co-gen Plant Levelised Cost of Energy Analysis" (Ongoing)

Dixon Hamil, K. A. and Tufton, K. (2020) "The Effect of COVID-19 Pandemic on Jamaican Children" Commissioned by UNICEF, Jamaica in partnership with the Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CAPRI)

Forthcoming Articles/Submitted Papers/Working Papers:

Campbell, A. "When application goes (slightly) wrong: Evidence from Pesaran, Shin and Smith (2001) bounds testing model" (Under Review - Journal of Applied Econometrics)

Braithwaite, S. "Revisiting Gravity with an Alternative Dependent Variable" (Under Review)

Braithwaite, S. "Estimating the Economic Costs of Noncommunicable Diseases in CARICOM." (Forthcoming Book Chapter)

Clarke, C. "Caribbean Economies and COVID-19: Impact and Prospects for 2021 and beyond (forthcoming book chapter, August 2021)

Spencer, N. and E. Strobl (2021). Poverty and Hurricane Risk Exposure in Jamaica. Forthcoming in *The Geneva Risk and Insurance Review*. .

Khadan, J., **Spencer, N.**, Strobl E., and T. Bose-Duker (2021). Factors associated with being Overweight or Obese in Suriname. Forthcoming in *International Journal of Public Health*.

Department of Economics Seminars (AY 2020/2021)

Samuel Braithwaite, “Revisiting Gravity with An Alternative Dependent Variable.” March 11, 2021

Samuel Braithwaite, “The Impact of COVID-19 on Jamaican Manufacturing Firms: Some Early Evidence” Department of Economics Webinar, November 6, 2020

Samuel Braithwaite, “Decentralisation, Ethnic Fractionalisation & The Resource Curse: The Case of Guyana.” October 29, 2020

Alrick Campbell, “Model-based predictions of COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean” Department of Economics Webinar, November 6, 2020

Alrick Campbell & Nekeisha Spencer, “Weather Events and Future Economic Risk: Evidence from Jamaica.” October 8, 2020

Christine Clarke, “BoJ Budget, Responding to COVID-19: Opportunities & Challenges”, Department of Economics and SALISES joint public forum, April 6, 2021.

Christine Clarke, “Resilience and Policy” Department of Economics Webinar, November 6, 2020

Kelly-Ann Dixon Hamil, “Resilience During COVID-19: The Micro Perspective”. Department of Economics Webinar, November 6, 2020

Peter John Gordon, “Do Boys and Girls Perform Differently? Empirical Evidence on Peer Effects in Jamaica’s Education System” Department of Economics Webinar, November 6, 2020

Conference/Forum Presentations (AY 2020/2021)

Christine Clarke, “COVID-19 & Jamaica: Economic Projections for 2021”, Faculty of Medical Sciences UWI, Mona, Teleconference, January 24, 2021

George-Levi Gayle, Peter-John Gordon, Devon Lynch and Prasanthi Ramakrishnan, "Estimating Moral Hazard in Healthcare Utilization from a Large Scale Policy Experiment: Universal Healthcare, Not Universal Benefit." Presented at the European Economics Association, August 26, 2020

Jevon Henry and Jevon Minto. “BRI in the Caribbean: Collapse, Chaos, & Disruption.” 21st Annual SALISES Conference, Trinidad and Tobago (Virtual), December 10-13, 2020.

Jevon Henry, Michael Hester, and Germaine Barrett. “Enhancing Classroom Learning through Debate: A Jamaican Perspective.” 24th Conference on the Americas, University of North Georgia (Virtual), February 19-20, 2021.

Nekeisha Spencer (attended) Commonwealth Science Conference: Science for a Resilient Future. Virtual Conference, February 22-25, 2021.

Nekeisha Spencer (attended) Building Jamaica’s Climate Change Research Agenda. Virtual Workshop, October 15, 2020.

Women in The Lewis Model

Samuel Braithwaite & Aldrie Henry-Lee
Department of Economics, & SALISES (UWI- Mona)

W. Arthur Lewis' 1954 paper, "Economic Development with Unlimited Supplies of Labour," is generally regarded as the paper which earned him the prize in Economic Sciences. We argue that Lewis' dual sector model places women at the centre of the process of economic development. To this end, we revisit the primary model in Lewis' 1954 paper and show how women are integral to it beyond Lewis' inclusion of women. Theoretical and empirical examples of the connection between women and economic development are used to support the central thesis of this paper.

Lewis was a prolific writer, however, two works that are crucial to his work on economic development are his 1954 paper (Economic Development with Unlimited Supplies of Labour), and his 1955 book, "The Theory of Economic Growth." The latter resource is naturally more comprehensive on matters of economic growth and development.

The 1954 paper, mentions women 10 times and on two pages (9 times on pg 5). The following are two key excerpts.

"One of the surest ways of increasing the national income is therefore to create new sources of employment for women outside the home." pg. 5

"When we take account of all the sources we have now listed - the farmers, the casuals, the petty traders, the retainers (domestic and commercial), women in the household, and population growth - it is clear enough that there can be in an over-populated economy an enormous expansion of new industries or new employment opportunities without any shortage of unskilled labour becoming apparent in the labour market." pg. 7.

"It is indeed, very marked that economic growth and a transference of women's work from the household to the market go closely hand in hand."

The 1955 book on Economic Growth contains 103 mentions of the word "women" and contains information which could support the thesis above. Here are a few useful excerpts.

"Restrictions on the work women may do are also everywhere a barrier to economic growth. In some primitive communities women are not allowed to work except within the household or on its farm." pg. 116

"It is indeed, very marked that economic growth and a transference of women's work from the household to the market go closely hand in hand." pg. 116

Our thesis, based on what we have seen in the 1954 paper, and what we wish to write about, is that the reservoir of surplus labour that Lewis wrote about, is largely populated by women. In the second quote above, Lewis outlines the make-up of the "subsistence sector" which constitutes the reservoir of surplus labour. He mentions women in the household as a major component of the "subsistence sector", but he does not make any claim as to the proportions of women and men in it. We are of the view that an argument can be made for women making up a larger share of the "reservoir of surplus labour" than men. What this means, therefore, is that a claim can be made that Lewis' 1954 paper has greater implications for women as opposed to men. As far as we are aware, Lewis did not explicitly make this claim and as such there is room for our paper.

Board/Committee Membership 2020/21

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- Member, *Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) Inclusive Growth Index Committee*
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Jevon Henry

- Member, *The Jamaican Association for Debating and Empowerment*

Damien King

- Executive Director, *Caribbean Policy Research Institute*
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- Chairman, *Recycling Partners of Jamaica*

Nadine McCloud-Rose

- Member, *Bank of Jamaica (BoJ) Monetary Policy Committee*
- Department Representative, *Jamaican Economy Panel (JEP)*
- Member, *Editorial Board, Journal of International Trade & Economic Development*
- Member, *Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) Board*
- Member, *Steering Committee on the National Study on the Economic Costs of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), UN Women*

Nekeisha Spencer

- Member, *Editorial Board, International Journal of Disaster Risk Science*

Citation

DR DAMIEN KING



Dr Damien King first came into contact with the Department of Economics (DoE) in October 1980 when he enrolled in the MSc programme in Economics. He had previously completed a BA in Economics at York University in Canada. Upon completion of the MSc degree, Damien taught in the Department of Economics for a year. He then went on to study for a PhD in Economics at New York University. On completion of this degree, he accepted a job with the United Nations.

Having lived for almost a decade in small apartments in New York and New Jersey, the lure of the Caribbean was too strong for him to ignore. After a year with the UN, he joined the Department of Economics, The UWI Mona. Damien was very excited about returning to Jamaica and was heard to comment after moving into College Common that his children now had their own private park, and they didn't have to leave home to access it.

For many years Damien was the chief anchor for the Macroeconomics sequence in the Department of Economics, teaching this subject at all levels.

Academic departments are examples of worker-managed firms, and Damien was asked to manage the DoE, as Head. This job he did with distinction. Under his headship, the PhD in Economics offered by the DoE, Mona, was developed.

At heart, Damien, like most academics, prefers the academic pursuit to administrative roles. Despite his anchoring role as a Macroeconomist, his passion for teaching was not at the higher levels, which involved mathematical gymnastics, with all its proofs and lemmas, but rather at the introductory level. He recognized that the vast majority of the almost 2,000 students who took the introductory economics courses would never take another economics class.

To have the introductory class purely as preparation for higher-level classes to him was a wasted opportunity. He reorganized the first year offerings in economics to focus more on economic logic and intuition, introducing students to how economists think, with a heavy dose of real-life application.

Much of Damien's research work has focused on Structural Adjustment in Jamaica: its impact on income distribution and poverty. His work on structural adjustment was a natural segue leading him to work on balance of payment reforms and the implications for welfare. The challenges which many countries in the Caribbean and in particular Jamaica had with the issue of debt compelled Damien to do research on debt sustainability in small island development states and even to ask the question if asymmetric biases were responsible for self-fulfilling sovereign debt defaults.

Damien has been one of the more public faces of The UWI, participating in many public fora and media events. For a long time, he has been the go-to person for the media seeking comments on public happenings. This role has been transformed somewhat since his association with CaPRI, where he often presents their research findings.

Dr. Damien King, the Department of Economics and the Faculty of Social Sciences, thank you for your outstanding contribution to the growth and evolution of the intellectual life of The University of the West Indies.

Written by Peter-John Gordon



Citation

DR MARIE FRECKLETON

Dr Marie Freckleton's introduction to the Department of Economics, The UWI, Mona, was as an undergraduate student between October 1975 and June 1978. After completing her undergraduate years, Marie worked with the Caricom Secretariat in Guyana for several years.

Being at the table observing relationships between small developing countries and grappling with the issue of 'Caribbeaness' whetted her appetite for a deeper understanding of the forces which drive relationships between countries. Marie recognized the need for additional training. This propelled her to pursue an MBA in the United States. But at the end of that course of study she realized that the actual knowledge required to satisfy her curiosity really was more likely to be found in the discipline of economics. Marie returned to her roots by pursuing a PhD degree in Economics, in the United Kingdom. Marie now felt equipped to return to her intellectual home, the Mona Campus.

Marie's undergraduate years coincided with a huge social experiment in Jamaica and the struggle of The UWI community to understand and contribute to it. Therefore, it is not surprising that Marie would want to return to the scene of her intellectual formation, which was often filled with passion. Marie Freckleton joined the faculty of the DoE in the mid-1990s.

Given the intellectual and political forces that fashioned her early development and her employment with Caricom, it is not surprising that Marie chose to specialize in International Trade Policy. For many years Marie's contribution to the intellectual life of the DoE was concentrated on Caribbean Economic Problems, International Economic Relations and International Trade Theory and Policy. Her graduate class in International Trade Policy was one of the few graduate classes in Economics where passionate debates occurred, as it was not shackled with the strict Mathematical and Statistical guardrails, with students being given some leeway in defining 'national interest'.

Much of Marie's work has focused on Caribbean trade and development. She has examined questions such as the role of foreign direct investment and corruption in affecting growth in Developed and Developing countries; she has also examined if agreements between small countries can really affect trade. Having worked on corruption Marie was led to look at the effectiveness of the anti-money laundering regime in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. Her work also examined the role of trade liberalization and supply constraints in economic development.

Marie served as graduate coordinator in the DoE, as well as Head of Department.

Dr. Marie Freckleton, the Department of Economics and the Faculty of Social Sciences, thank you for your outstanding contribution to the growth and evolution of the intellectual life of The University of the West Indies.

Written by Peter-John Gordon

"Miss, you have motivated us so much, the real-est ever, keep on being a positive light."

Andre Haughton

"Marie, you have been a role model for me over the years. I remember being taught by you in the Masters programme and being inspired by the presence of a female lecturer in the Department of Economics. I could look to you and say "I can do that too". Thank you for all the sacrifices you made for UWI and the department. They have not gone unnoticed. Enjoy your retirement! "

Patrice Whitely

"Dr Freckleton, I didn't have the pleasure of working with you for an extended period of time, but the time we spent has significantly impacted my life in a positive way. Your work ethic and morals will forever be remembered. All the best in the next phase of your journey. You have definitely made your mark on the Department of Economics."

Susan Grossette

"It is with mixed emotions that I heard about Dr King's retirement. On the one hand, it is well deserved and on the other hand I always thought we would have time to videotape his very humorous macro lectures for posterity! I was always terrified of macro but his jokes made it less so. More than macro he always had nuggets of wisdom that he would share and two are part of my philosophy today. 1) If something is important, spend 15 minutes a day on it and after a year you'll have made a lot of progress. (2) If I taught you the answer to a question and on the test, you don't know that you know the answer, that's partly my fault. Thanks for all the advice. I'm glad I can still get nuggets on Twitter!

Linda Bailey

Individual Tributes To Damien & Marie

"Damien, there are no words to express the contribution you have made to my life. It's because of you that I am the lecturer that I am today. The impact that you have had on the lives of students is immeasurable. Your commitment to the department is inspirational. I'm not sure we can survive without you."

Patrice Whitely

"DK, long before I joined the DoE, we always clicked. Our mutual jokes and words of encouragement have gotten me through some rough days in the past and for that I will always be grateful. Your respect for all levels of staff speaks volume and even as you embark on this new phase in your life, please note: the Department of Economics is built on the pillar of great people such as yourself. If you don't believe it, ask the past students of ECON1000 & ECON1012. All the best my colleague and friend."

Susan Grossette

"My first interaction with Damien was at my interview for the job of lecturer. It was Friday, June 14, 2013. The same day the West Indies were playing South Africa in the Champions League. The match was delayed by rain, and due to the interview, I paid little attention to it. The first question Damien asked was, "what's the score? I answered, "I don't know," and he said, "okay, that's the end of the interview". It was his way of breaking the ice, but after the interview, I was pissed for not giving context to why I did not know the score. I got the job, and Damien proved to be a witty, patient and excellent HOD and colleague. DK, do enjoy this next phase of life."

Samuel Braithwaite

"Marie and I share a common bond due to our interests in international trade and economic development. Marie also lived for some period in the land of my birth, Guyana. So we have had much to talk about over the years. Marie's broad smile and signature laugh made interacting with her easy. Marie leaves behind very big shoes to fill as her work experience at CARICOM, coupled with her academic work, is not easy to find in potential faculty. Marie, thanks for your service to the region and The UWI, and please, please, write that book. The next generation needs it."

Samuel Braithwaite

"Dr King, when I think of you, one of my favourite quotes from Albert Einstein comes to my mind: "Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value". My many interactions with you as Head of Department were always edifying and inspiring. You supported all my ideas, even the crazy, elusive and unattainable ones. You supported me when I was at my trough and ready to walk away from the profession I love. I hope that someday I will be able to pay it forward and, like you, also be some one of value."

Nadine McCloud

"Dear Dr King,

An era of great service has come to an end. It was a great pleasure working with you as a teaching assistant in the DoE and as research assistant at Capri. I wish you all the best in your retirement. Keep up the banter on Twitter!"

Kemar Whyte

"Damien, all the best, more blessings."

Andre Haughton

"Dr Freckleton, I envy those who have had the privilege of having you as a teacher. Not many teachers always hold their students to the highest standard, which is one characteristic of a paragon in this profession!"

Nadine McCloud-Rose

"Dr King/ DK/ Damien (never called you that to your face :) where do I begin? Working with you has been such a pleasure, as I like to say, "you mellowed with age". I appreciated your attention to details, your general no non-sense approach to problem solving and your excellent work ethic and strangely enough, your wittiness. Working with you as HoD gave us an opportunity to better understand each other and that made the experience a truly rewarding one. Your actions have motivated me so much; your thoughts were always well thought out and to the point, so many brilliant and creative ideas and suggestions, some of which I still rely on in my personal endeavours — you will be sorely missed. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with you. You are truly appreciated. One thing missing... I did not get to take any of your courses... oh well! you missed out on having such a brilliant student... who am I kidding. Walk good... and enjoy the next phase of your life."

Marjorie Bryan

"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain." Bob Marley

The year AY 2020/2021 was filled with physical and mental pain. Music provided a medium through which we could drown out the noise of illness, lockdowns, death and online classes. Here are two playlists from DoE Faculty.

Patrice's Albums

Pop Smoke - *Shoot for the Stars, Aim for the Moon*

Shaggy - *Christmas in the Islands*

John Legend- *Bigger Love*

Taylor Swift - *Evermore*

Harry Styles - *Fine Line*

Taylor Swift - *Folklore*

Samuel's Classroom Playlist

Kes - *IzWE*

Rome - *All Now*

DMX - *Who We Be*

Protogé - *Switch It Up*

Protogé - *Weed & Ting*

Ding Dong - *Inside Inside*

Samuel Medas - *Presence*

Bunny Wailer - *Cool Runnings*

Daddy U Roy - *Wake The Town*

Agent Sasco - *Banks of the Hope*

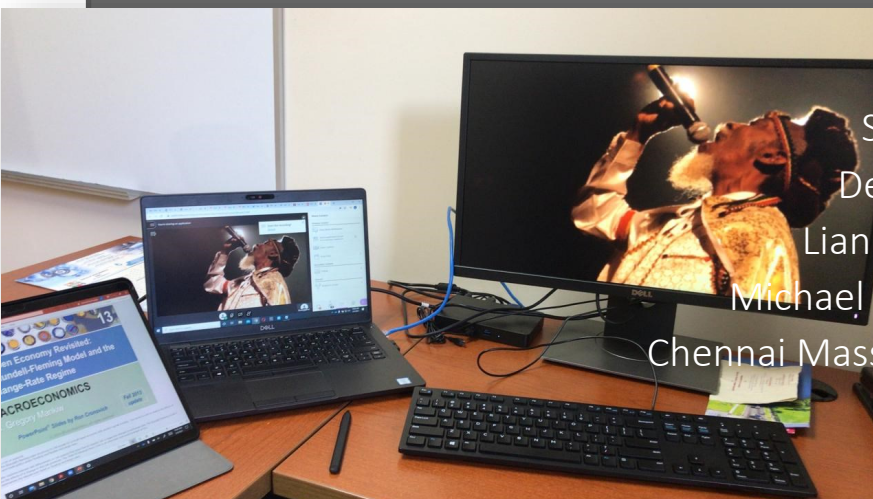
Skip Marley & H.E.R. - *Slow Down*

Dennis Brown - *The Promised Land*

Lianne La Havas - *I Say A Little Prayer*

Michael Jackson et al - *We Are The World*

Chennai Mass Choir - *All Glory Laud & Honour*



LIST OF DEANS

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H. DUDLEY HUGGINS	1960-1962
CHARLES M. KENNEDY	1962-1964
LLOYD E. S. BRAITHWAITE	1964-1967
GLADSTONE E. M. MILLS	1967-1970
M. ALISTER MCINTYRE	1970 -1972
MARSHALL HALL	1972 -1973
RANDOLPH L. WILLIAMS	1973 -1976
ROY D. THOMAS	1976 -1978
LOCKSLEY G. E. EDMONSON	1978 -1980
GLADSTONE E. M. MILLS	1980 -1984
RANDOLPH L. WILLIAMS	1984 -1987
EDWIN JONES	1987 -1992
D.K. "DON" ROBOTHAM	1992 -1996
A.B. "BARRY" CHEVANNES	1996 -2004
MARK FIGUEROA	2004 -2012
EVAN DUGGAN	2012 -2016
IAN BOXILL	2016 -2018
DAVID TENNANT	2018 -

We are grateful to Ms Deborah Fletcher for providing the list of deans.

In light of the ongoing global pandemic, no WECON was held in academic year 2020/21. However, the WECON committee, in conjunction with the World Bank, hosted a webinar on Friday, November 6th, 2020. The theme of the webinar was “Research for Sustainability”. It was comprised of a morning session from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and an afternoon session from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The morning session included presentations of research papers from Drs Samuel Braithwaite, Alrick Campbell, and Peter-John Gordon from the Department of Economics, Mr Vaughn Barnaby from RADA, and Abha Prasad, and Julie Rozenberg from the World Bank. The research that was presented focused on aspects of sustainability such as agriculture, education, and health, among others.

The afternoon session featured a panel discussion with panelists including Drs Christine Clarke and Kelly-Ann Dixon-Hamil from the Department of Economics, Dr Wayne Henry from the PIOJ, and Abha Prasad, and Julie Rozenberg from the World Bank. The topic for the panel discussion was “Resilience in the COVID-19 Era”. The discussion was centred around the ways in which the pandemic has affected the economy and society in general, and how to strive for sustainability given the damage done both by the novel coronavirus itself and by the efforts to control it. The webinar was fruitful and well attended.

WECON will be held in academic year 2021/22, whether virtually or face to face. It is scheduled for March 10-11, 2022. There will be two keynote speakers – Professor Janet Currie, and Professor Matias Cattaneo, both of Princeton University. Abstracts are currently being accepted. The deadline for submission is December 10, 2021.

For more details, kindly visit <https://wecon-mona.org>.

Dr Patrice Whitely
WECON Conference Chair



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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Economics (UWI-Mona), presents the 4th West Indies Economic Conference (WECON). Papers in every field of economics are welcome. Inter-disciplinary papers and papers on developing countries are especially welcome.

Abstracts should be submitted using the link below:

[Abstract Submission Link](#)

Abstract submissions must include:

- *Title of Paper
- *200 words or less
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Keynote Speakers

**Janet Currie &
Matias Cattaneo**
Princeton University



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Adlith Brown
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In January 1971, Adlith Brown became the first female Economics lecturer at Mona. The Department had been established in the Faculty of Arts (now Humanities and Education) in 1955, where the subject was offered in the BA general degree. She was in the first Faculty of Social Sciences BSc (Econ) class of 1962. Based on the alphabetic order, she was the first woman and second person (with Norman Girvan being the fifth) to graduate with an honours specialization in Economics.

Also graduating with them, but specializing in Sociology, were Joycelin Byrne (later Messiah) and H Orlando Patterson.

In January 1977, Adlith moved to the Institute of Social and Economic Studies (ISER) (now the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies). She first co-ordinated the Caribbean Public Enterprises Project until 1979 and thereafter the Regional Programme of Monetary Studies and acted as Deputy Director from 1983. Previously, she taught for a year at The UWI St Augustine (1969-1970) and worked as an economist with Statistics Canada (1967-1969 and 1970). She was a visiting research fellow at McGill University for a year (1981-1982). She died in 1984, from a medical condition.

Immediately after graduating, she had worked at the central Planning Unit (1962-1963) (now the Planning Institute of Jamaica) following which she pursued graduate studies at McGill. She completed her MA (Econ) with distinction in 1966 with a thesis entitled "Import Structure of Jamaica, 1954-1962". In 1967, she completed her PhD coursework and thereafter, moved into full time employment. This has been a setback for many a PhD student and she did not complete her dissertation until she returned to McGill as visiting fellow; facilitated by her supervisor Kari Levitt.

Her dissertation "Unemployment and Income Distribution in Jamaica" underlined an interest in public policy and development outcomes. This led her to the issues of planning, public ownership, regional integration, migration, trade and development as well as sectoral studies on manufacturing and tourism.



Adlith Brown
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ADLITH BROWN

Mona's First Female Economics Lecturer

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She produced a number of papers on the IMF and related institutions, one of which focuses on Jamaica (1981) and appears to be her most cited article. In contrast, her second most cited article reviewed the state of Commonwealth Caribbean economics and was written jointly with Havelock Brewster (1974).

Adlith grew up in rural Jamaica with her extended family as the fourth of eight children. She was born (1939) in Fair Prospect, Portland, 8 km east of Boston Beach. Her father, Alphaeus, served with the West India Regiment in the 1914-1918 war and attended Mico Teachers' (now University) College. Her mother, Luna (nee Thomson), also qualified as a teacher despite been deemed (aged 21) too old to enter Mico. Adlith attended Ginger Hill elementary school, St Elizabeth, where her father was appointed principal. Meanwhile, her mother was the assistant principal at Morningside elementary, 60 km away.

By winning three scholarships, Adlith was able to pursue her high school, undergraduate and graduate education. She boarded at Happy Grove School, near the eastern most point in Portland. Here she sat O'Levels before moving to Excelsior in Kingston to do A'Levels (CSEC and CAPE equivalents). While studying at McGill, she helped support a sibling who was at Mona. In gratitude, her family has funded a scholarship in her memory. At the Annual Monetary Studies

Conference, which continues as a project of the Caribbean central banks, the Adlith Brown Memorial Lecture is also held in her honour.

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PATRICIA E. MCLEAN-MEYINSSE

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*Patricia McLean
as a UWI Student.*

As far as we know, Patricia McLean-Meyinsse was the first female graduate of the Mona Department of Economics to be appointed a full professor in the discipline. She is currently professor of Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge (SUBR), Louisiana. Over the years, she has served in various administrative capacities as a member and or chair of numerous committees at the departmental, college, and university levels, and within her professional organizations and she has received many awards. Among these are the Frank Panyko Distinguished Service Award, Food Distribution Research Society (2020); Outstanding Service Award Southern University's Honors College (2018); Louisiana Teaching Legend Award (2017); Outstanding Black Agricultural Economist (2005), SUBR Teacher of the Year Award (2004); SUBR Presidential Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research (1996).

Her research has investigated a range of interlocking issues based on data sets covering consumers and producers including those relating to special groups such as students, African-American and small farmers as well wider populations mainly in the USA (especially the South) and East Asia. She has written extensively in the areas of food consumption, food distribution, and nutritional knowledge and has published studies on financial literacy; the marketing of grain, fruits and vegetables and non-traditional meats; food label use; and participation in the US Supplemental Nutrition Assistance [Food Stamp] Program. Her four most frequently cited articles, including those written jointly, are "An analysis of nutritional label use in the Southern United States" (2001); "Food expenditures and socioeconomic characteristics: Focus on income class" (1997); "An empirical analysis of Louisiana small farmers' involvement in the conservation reserve program" (1994); and "An empirical investigation of importance ratings of meat attributes by Louisiana and Texas consumers" (1995).

In 1976, Pat graduated with a BSc (First Class Honours) followed by an MSc in 1978. She served as a Teaching Assistant in the Department for the academic year 1976-1977 and then as an Assistant Lecturer (1977-1979). Thereafter she completed her PhD at the Ohio State University, Columbus, with a dissertation entitled, "A Quadratic Interregional and Intertemporal Model for Grain Marketing in Ohio". At Ohio, she worked as a Graduate Teaching and Graduate Research Associate. In January 1984, she joined SUBR as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1990 and to Full Professor in 1996.

Prior to coming to UWI, in 1973, she had worked for a year at the Ministry of External Affairs. She also worked at the Ministry of Finance for the summer of 1976. Born in Claremont, St Ann, Pat is the fifth of eight children for her late parents, Fredericka (nee Evans) and John McLean. She did her early schooling in Claremont, attending basic and primary school there as well as Ferncourt High School (1964-1970). Thereafter, she moved to Excelsior High School in Kingston (1970-1972) to complete her A' Levels. She is the first in her family to attend university.

Despite her research accomplishments, her primary focus has always been on teaching and mentoring students, and she has worked tirelessly encouraging them to strive for academic excellence. Today, many of her former students hold prestigious positions in academia and in the public and private sectors and she is exceedingly proud of them. Her work and leisure have taken her to Antigua, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Hawaii, Holland, Mexico, Nevis, Nigeria, Puerto Rico, Russia, and St Kitts. She is the proud mother of Jerome Meyinsse, who plans to play basketball in Japan next season having started playing in Latin America since graduating from the University of Virginia (BA Economics and Mathematics, with Distinction). Her late husband, Joseph A. Meyinsse, who was born in Accra, Ghana, completed his PhD at Louisiana State. He also pursued an academic career at SUBR, where he served as Professor of Mathematics, Chair of the Departments of Mathematics and Science/Mathematics Education as well as Interim Dean of the Graduate School.

Thanks to Pat for sharing details regarding her life and career.

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Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar: The Global Indian

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HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO JAMAICA

I wish to introduce you today to a globally relatively lesser-known Indian whose thoughts and actions have empowered a billion people in India, and who has had the courage and conviction to become the voice of the voiceless anywhere in the world. I am talking about Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar, born this week 131 years ago in a depressed class of India that was subjected to socio-economic discrimination for a long time.

He faced social discrimination from primary school to the college level. But by sheer dint of hard work he was admitted to Columbia University and then to University of London, gaining scholarship in law, economics and political science.

Influenced by the germinating movements against racial discrimination in the USA, Dr Ambedkar returned and devoted his entire life to the upliftment of the depressed classes in India. He believed that their emancipation would lead to the progress of the whole Indian society. During his four decades long political activism, he campaigned for India's independence, published journals, advocated political rights and social freedom of people subjected to discrimination, and contributed significantly to the establishment of the Indian State. Through his lifetime, he fought for the abolition of the caste system, the mode of social stratification in India that was perceived to support discrimination between social groups.

After India achieved independence in 1947, Dr Ambedkar became its first law minister and was also appointed the chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee. The constitutional draft prepared by Ambedkar provided fundamental rights for all citizens of India, without discrimination or favouritism.



Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar

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These are constitutional protections and guarantees and include the right to life and liberty, freedom of speech, movement, and religion, the abolition of untouchability, the right against exploitation, outlawing of all forms of discrimination, etc.

A man ahead of his time, Dr Ambedkar strongly supported women empowerment. He insisted on greater economic and social rights for women, especially their right to property. He also reserved seats in educational institutions and the civil service for members of the historically discriminated castes, a system akin to affirmative action.

Dr Ambedkar also defended the constitution being the lengthiest in the world saying, “We have created a

democratic political structure in a traditional society. If all details were not included, future leaders may misuse the constitution without technically violating it.” This shows that he was aware of the practical difficulties which India would face once the constitution was implemented.

Granville Austin, the American historian, described the Indian Constitution drafted by Dr Ambedkar as “first and foremost a social document”. According to Austin, “The majority of India's constitutional provisions are either directly arrived at furthering the aim of social revolution or attempt to foster this revolution by establishing conditions necessary for its achievement.” For his contribution in drafting the Constitution of India, Dr Ambedkar is often referred to as the Father of the Indian Constitution.

He had complete faith in democracy and emphasised democracy as a way of life. It meant that democracy should not be confined to only the political domain but must extend to personal, social and economic spheres. For him, democracy must bring a radical transformation in the social conditions of society, without which it would have no meaning.

Dr Ambedkar was also in correspondence with the influential American civil rights activist and academician Prof W E B DuBois and had written to him: "I have been a student of the Negro problem... There is so much similarity between the position of the Untouchables in India and of the position of the Negroes in America that the study of the latter is not only natural but necessary."

At a time when Marcus Garvey was active in the USA and Jamaica, Ambedkar was a scholar at Columbia University. Garvey's thoughts of not depending upon the discriminators for social and political rights, but to believe in one's abilities, is visible in Ambedkar's teachings. Garvey's stress on the economic empowerment of the black community was also Ambedkar's prescription for the discriminated classes of India. Garvey's Universal Negro Improvement Association was similar in scope to Ambedkar's Bahishkrit Hitakarini Sabha, as both sought to politically organise the discriminated, and instil in them a sense of pride and self-respect.

In today's India, Ambedkar's thoughts are respected across the political spectrum. His initiatives have transformed the way India employs socio-economic policies, education, affirmative action, socio-economic and legal incentives to deal with issues of inequality and discrimination.

Ambedkar's political philosophy has given rise to a large number of political parties, publications and worker unions that remain active across India. While much remains to be done, the world would do well to realise the relevance of Dr Ambedkar's teachings across space and time. He has presented us with a successful, functional model for bridging the gap between the haves and have-nots, not through violence but the democratic process. In his own words: "Men are mortal. So are ideas. An idea needs propagation as much as a plant needs watering. Otherwise, both will wither and die."

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Editor's Note

Rungsung Masakui's article, "Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar: The global Indian," was first published by the *Jamaica Observer* on Saturday April 10, 2021. We are grateful to Ambassador Masakui for accepting our request to have his article re-published in our newsletter.

The COVID-19 pandemic has seen us take up new activities and new approaches to everyday activities. In January of 2021, I stopped resisting the move towards audiobooks. Two of the books I listened to were, *"The Narrow Corridor"* and *"Capital & Ideology."* Both books can be categorized as books on "political economy." Indeed, both books explore themes such as economic growth, inequality, and governance. Both books spoke about the life and work of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar. A life worth celebrating.

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