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## The 14th Annual

## **Caribbean Child Research Conference**



Imaro Mckenzie - Village Academy, Outstanding Caribbean Child Researcher, 2019



Prof Aldrie Henry-Lee and Dr Don Marshall, Directors of SALISES with the prize winners in the various categories

The 14th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference was held for the first time in Barbados on November 14th and 15th of 2019, under the theme "The CRC@30: What Does It Mean for Caribbean Children?" The conference was hosted by the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies at The University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus, in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF, Eastern Caribbean). Other collaborators included the School of Education, UWI, Cave Hill and the Department of Government, Sociology & Social Work, UWI, Cave Hill.

Opening Remarks were delivered by The Honourable Santia Bradshaw, Barbados' Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training. On the first day, approximately thirty adult participants presented their research or policy notes on a variety of child-related issues. These presentations fell under the following themes relating to the Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC):

- CRC: Implementation and Implications
- Parental Engagement and Children's Development
- Child Health and Special Needs
- Assessing the Status of Childhood Education
- Childhood Discipline & Victimisation
- Childhood Pedagogy
- Children, Violence & the Criminal Justice System
- Navigating the School Environment
- Migration & Intergenerational Impact on Children's Well-being

On day two of the conference, there were brief presentations by primary and secondary school students, addressing the relevance of the CRC to their community. In total, there were twenty oral presentations by students: ten secondary school students presenting an original

research project or essay and ten primary school students presenting an essay or poster. The oral presentations were made by students who had been previously selected in the top ten of their respective categories. In addition to these oral presentations, there was a primary school poster display of nine posters by students who were not placed in the top ten. Conference participants were invited to view this display and vote on their favourite submission. The winners within the three categories were:

- Imaro McKenzie (Jamaica) in the Secondary School Category
- Noah Campbell (St. Vincent and the Grenadines) in the Primary School Category
- Deuel Boxill (Barbados), crowd favourite in the Primary School Poster Competition

However, all children participants were considered winners and were duly awarded prizes (monetary awards, trophies, certificates of participation).

The conference attracted student-participants from a range of Anglophone Caribbean countries. These included Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago. A number of secondary and primary students from Barbados also attended the conference on day two, for a total number of ninety students. The conference was well received overall, with suggestions made to include other sub-regions within the Caribbean, for example the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. The 15th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference, is scheduled for November 25-26, 2020 (to be held) face-to-face or virtually, with the proposed theme of "Pandemics, Child Rights and the UN2030 Agenda".

# **Researcher Spotlight Feature**

During the periods September – October 2019 and November – December 2019 Dr. Patricia Northover and Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee were highlighted on SALISES

Researcher Spotlight. During this period the Mona School of Business and Management Library also exhibited posters of SALISES Researchers.

# The Jamaica Productivity Centre and SALISES National Youth Workshop | Future Work: Realizing Productivity Growth | November 21, 2019

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Carl Carram – (Former) General Manager, iCreate Institute



Mrs. Tamar Nelson – Chief Technical Director, Jamaica Productivity Centre (JPC) giving opening remarks



The Honourable Zavia Mayne – Minister of State, Ministry of Labour & Social Security delivering remarks



Mr. Metry Seaga - Board Chairman, JPC



Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee delivering remarks



(Back) Members of the event organizing team Dr. Patricia Northover, Senior Research Fellow, SALISES and Shar-Lee Amori – President, The Society for Future Policy Leaders (SFPL) looking on during the workshop



Section of the audience

## Primary Schools Child Rights Competition | November 26, 2019

The Primary Schools Child Rights Competition was held at the University of the West Indies on November 26, 2019. The competition was designed to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child with children using the creative and performing arts to present on child rights in Jamaica.

Congratulations to Spauldings Primary School and Play Centre, Old Harbour Bay Primary School and Ewarton Primary School which took the top spots. Along with copping the top prize, Spauldings Primary School and Play Centre also won Best Group and Best Dub.



The Hon. Alando Terrelonge, MP, State Minister in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information and Professor Henry-Lee, coordinator of the event



Presentation of awards to the winning team Spauldings Primary School and Play Centre

### More highlights











## **SALISES Seminar Series & Public Forum**



## 2019-2020

October 16, 2019

#### Swati Parashar

Famines as Mass Atrocities: Reconsidering Violence, Memory and Justice in Relation to Hunger.

October 17, 2019

#### **Public Forum**

Climate Change and the Future of Food Security: Positioning Agro-Food Systems for our Health and Wealth

October 30, 2019

#### Patricia Northover

The Moral Economy of Debt: Unsettling Paradoxes of Neoliberal Creeds.

November 13, 2019

#### Mina Kleiche-Dray (Visiting Researcher)

Going South: How Science and Technology Studies (STS) could think Science in and with the South?

November 21, 2019

#### National Youth Workshop

Future Work: Realizing Productivity Growth

December 4, 2019

#### Mina Kleiche-Dray (Visiting Researcher)

Indigenous Knowledge in Mexico: Between Environmentalism and Rural Development.

December 11, 2019

#### Sandria Tennant

Does Tax-Invariance Hold? An Exploratory Analysis of Tax Compliance Costs and Tax Incidence of Tax Withholding Entities (TWEs).

December 13, 2019

#### Natalie Reinhart (Visiting PhD student)

Incendiary in Nature: Agency, Testimony, and Uncontrollable Girls in Jamaica.

February 13, 2020

#### **Natalie Dietrich Jones**

Between a "Kingdom" and a Hard Place: The Dutch Caribbean and the Venezuelan Migration Crisis.

## **Staff Publications**

## **Books**

**Henry-Lee, A.** (2020). Transformative Childhood. In Endangered and Transformative Childhood in Caribbean Small Island Developing States. Palgrave Macmillan.

## **Chapters in Books**

Baptiste, L., Iese, V., Gordon, V., **Bailey**, **A.**, Persaud, N., Nicholson, C., Deam, A., Wairiu, M., Navunicagi, O. and Tarai, J. (2019) *The transformative agenda for evaluation in Small Island Developing States: The Caribbean and the Pacific*. (In Eds. Van den Berg, R. Magro, C. and Salinas Mulder, S.) Evaluation for Transformational Change.

Henry-Lee, A. (2020). Social growth and social transformation: Experiences from the Caribbean in The Politics of Social Inclusion Bridging Knowledge and Policies Towards Social Change. Edited by Gabriele Koehler, Alberto D. Cimadamore, Fadia Kiwan, and Pedro Manuel Monreal Gonzalez.

## **Journal Articles**

Henry-Lee, A. and Johnson-Coke, Y. (2019), "The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the Global Developmental Agenda and Children in Small Island Developing States (SIDs)", Human Rights for Children and Youth. Sociological Studies of Children and Youth, Vol. 24, pp. 35-58

## **Refereed Conference Proceedings**

Pschetz, L., Dixon, B., Pothong, K., **Bailey**, A., Glean, A., Soares, L. and Enright, J. (2020) Designing Distributed Ledger Technologies for Social Change: The Case of Caricrop, CHI 2020: The ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, April 25 - 30, 2020, Hawaii.

Robaey, Z., **Bailey, A.**, & Asveld, L. (2019) Towards an inclusive bioeconomy – capitals of farming communities and their dimensions, EurSafe 2019 – Sustainable governance and management of food systems; ethical perspectives, September 18 – 21, 2019, Finland.

## **Conference Presentations**

Gordon, V. and **Bailey**, **A.** (2019) Evaluation in the Caribbean: An Overview of M&E Ecosystems, Stakeholders and Activities towards Transformative Change in the Region, International Development Evaluation Association, September 30 – October 4, 2019, Prague, Czech Republic.

**Henry-Lee, A.** 2020. Child Protection in Private and Public Spaces in Jamaica and St. Lucia. International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) 2020 International Congress, Grand Hyatt, Doha, Qatar. February 14-17, 2020

**Henry-Lee, A.** 2019. The CRC and Bullying in St. Lucia: What is the story? Child Research Conference. November 2019

**Leslie, D.** "The protection needs of children of 'prisoners' in Jamaica," A public lecture which formed part of the Island Lecture Series hosted by the Institute of Island Studies, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada, 10th December 2019.

**Leslie, D.** (Moderator), "Future of ADR and Technology," The National Conference on Technology in the Justice Sector, AC Kingston Hotel, Saturday, February 29, 2020

**Northover, P.** ""Plantations, plots and a "Billion Black Anthropocenes or None": The problem of blackness in the moral economy of climate change". Symposium on Climate, History and Responsibility: Climate Justice in the Caribbean, Regional Headquarters, UWI Mona, January 30, 2020.

**Northover, P.** "Food systems in crisis: Contradictions and Vital Imperatives". Canada Caribbean Research Symposium, University of the West Indies and Brock University, UWI Mona, Vice Chancellor Headquarters, February 18, 2020.

# **Grants/Projects - Commissioned to SALISES**

## Horizon Scanning & Foresighting Study for Jamaica's Third City

Funder: Urban Development Corporation (UDC)
Partner: Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD)

**Duration: Six Months** 

Research Team: Professor Anthony Clayton (ISD), Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee, Dr. Arlene Bailey, Dr. Natalie Dietrich Jones, Dr. Kevin Williams, Ms. Yhanore Johnson -Coke, Ms. Rushana Mighty, Ms. Michelle Williams

# TIP Office 2018 International Programs to Combat Child Trafficking in Jamaica

Funder: US Department of State

Partner: Institute for Gender & Development Studies

(IGDS)

Sub-Award: Winrock International

**Duration: Three Years** 

Research Team: Dr. Leith Dunn (IGDS), Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee, Dr. Dacia Leslie, Dr. Natalie Dietrich Jones, Ms. Michelle Williams, Mr. Richard Leach, Ms. Kara Harris, and Ms. Neva South-bourne

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 Chal-

lenges 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 -

University of the West Indies

## The Conduct of Disability Assessments in Borrowing Member Countries

Funder: Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)

Partner: UWI Centre for Disabilities Studies (UWICDS)

**Duration: Two Years** 

Research Team: Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee, Dr. Jacqueline Huggins, Dr. Arlene Bailey, Dr. Leith Dunn, Prof Maureen Samms-Vaughn, Dr. Warren Benfield, Dr. Floyd Morris, Dr. Dacia Leslie, Mrs. Yhanore Johnson-Coke, and Mr. Richard Leach

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

**Duration: Four Years** 

The Principal Investigator is Prof Aram Ziai, University of Kassel, and it includes 10 countries and 12 universities. Co-Investigators: Dr Patricia Northover - University of the West Indies among others.

See link: <a href="https://www.uni-kassel.de/forschung/global-partnership-network/home">https://www.uni-kassel.de/forschung/global-partnership-network/home</a>

This project is featured in the University World News: <a href="https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?">https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?</a> story=2019121910232634

# Celebrating W. Arthur Lewis Day | January 23, 2020

## The Vice-Chancellor's Forum | Sir Arthur Lewis Distinguished Lecture

"The Equal Opportunity and Competitiveness Nexus: Why this Matters for Inclusive Development" delivered by **Dr. Justin Ram** (Director of Economics, Caribbean Development Bank)



Ambassador Dr. Richard Bernal, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Office of Global Affairs, The UWI



Dr. Justin Ram



H.E. Janet Omoleegho Olisa, Nigeria High Commissioner to Jamaica



Mr. Chetwyn Ryce, MSc. Development Studies Student proposing ideas during the Q&A



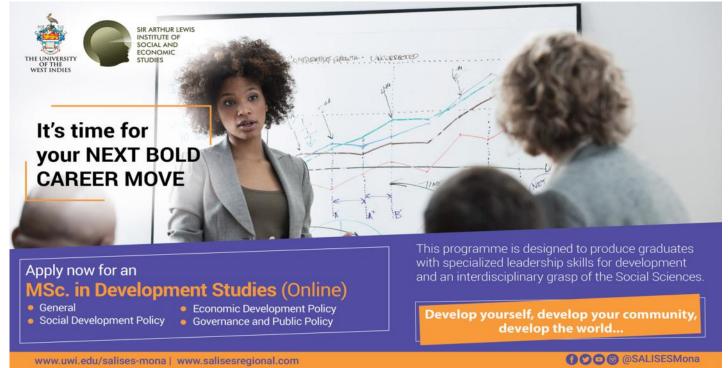
Dr. David McBean—Executive Director of Mona School of Business and Management asking a question



Professor Henry-Lee, Professor Ian Boxill—Deputy Principal, Dr. Ram, Ambassador Bernal



Some St. Lucians who were in attendance



## **Publications Unit**

## **New World Soundings Blog**

SALISES is pleased to announce the launch of <u>NEW</u> <u>WORLD SOUNDINGS</u>: <u>SALISES blog</u> in the time of COVID 19

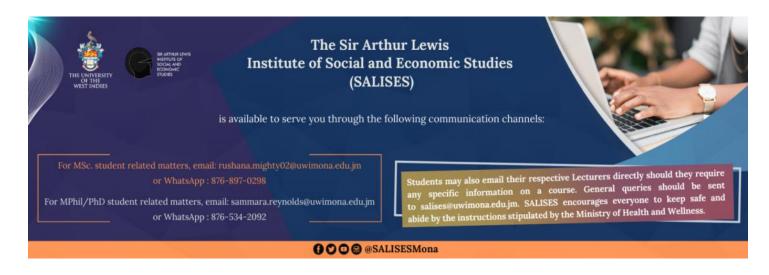
The New World Soundings blog wishes to advance the New World critical tradition of civic engagement and scholarly activism in search of just and sustainable futures by focusing on the far-reaching impacts and projected long term effects of the 2020 novel coronavirus global pandemic on society, state and economy. Full or partial lockdowns to curb the spread of COVID-19 (because it erupted in Wuhan China in 2019) are having crippling effects on workers, families, communities, governments' budgets and businesses across the Caribbean and the world. In the context of these,

Though death tolls from the COVID 19 pandemic in the Caribbean region, and especially in its island states, are relatively low in comparison to developed economies such as the USA and Europe, the region will face probably the most severe systemic disruption to their growth

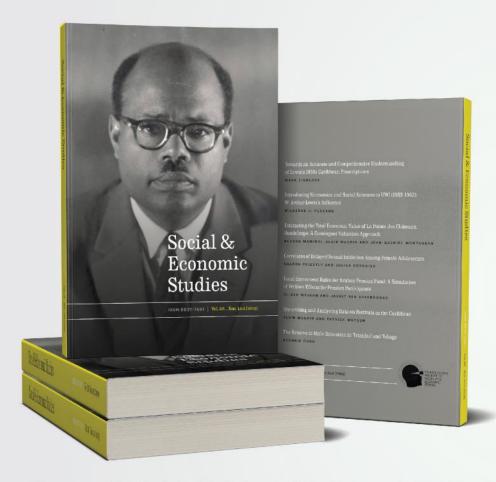
trajectories ever seen because of this pandemic. The depth of this COVID 19 shock derives from the region's generally high levels of food import, tourism, migrant remittance, foreign capital and debt dependencies that are intertwined with already high levels of climate change vulnerability. The Caribbean's form of vulnerable and dependent development -marked by comparatively lower and volatile growth rates and characterized by a myriad of social and economic inequalities - has thus acted as an unstable foundation for the survival of households, communities, economies and polities. The COVID 19 global pandemic has therefore once again sharply forced into question the sustainability of the developmental models in the region. It is our hope that this blog will bring together a new generation of voices in resistance to the legacies of structural violence and persistent poverty in the region and the current underdevelopment of our human, social, political, economic and ecological systems.

## **Policy Commentary Series**

Fostering A Culture of Arbitration in the Caribbean – The Story So Far by The Hon. Justice C Dennis Morrison is the latest in the <u>Policy Commentary Series</u>



# Social and Economic Studies Vol 68: 1&2



Volume 68 of Social and Economic Studies sports a smart new cover design featuring Sir Arthur Lewis. As the introduction to this issue which contains two articles on Lewis notes, "There has been a considerable lack of clarity regarding the essential elements of Lewis's 1950s proposals and the extent to which they were implemented in the Caribbean. In the context where the Caribbean continues to achieve limited success in terms of is political economic development, the carefully documented elaboration of Lewis's proposals, provided by Figueroa, is as timely as his exploration of the approach which Lewis adopted and his suggestions as to where Lewis's methodology may still be of value in the contemporary context. Figueroa draws on over

thirty years of Lewis scholarship during which time he has studied Lewis's writings, tracked down Lewis materials in over 15 archives and special library collections, and interacted with other Lewis scholars, persons who knew Lewis and with Lewis himself.

"Persaud's presentation on Lewis's influence at the UCWI/UWI stands in juxtaposition. Lewis's intimate involvement with respect to the introduction of the social sciences and the determination as to how economics was to be taught, is detailed by Persaud in a manner which demonstrates the definitive role which he played with respect to the resulting outcomes."

In addition this issue contains the following articles: Estimating the Total Economic Value of *La Pointe des Châteaux*, Guadeloupe: A Contingent Valuation Approach by **Nlandu Mamingi**, **Alain Maurin and Jean-Gabriel Montauban**; Correlates of Delayed Sexual Initiation among Female Adolescents by **Sharon Priestley** and **Julian Devonish**; Local Investment Rules for Aruban Pension Fund: A Simulation of Welfare Effects for Pension Participants by **Oliver Wojahn** and **Jorrit van Spaendonck**; Unearthing and Analyzing Data on Festivals in the Caribbean by **Alain Maurin** and **Patrick Watson** and The Returns to Male Education in Trinidad and Tobago Roshnie Doon.

Available in print from the SALISES Publications Unit and online at <a href="https://www.mona.uwi.edu/ses/">https://www.mona.uwi.edu/ses/</a>

## **Derek Gordon Databank**

The UNICEF Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) for Caribbean countries are available through the Databank to facilitate academic research and teaching. This household survey examines a variety of topics focusing mainly on issues that directly affect the lives of children and women. The MICS is a major data source for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda to measure Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators.

Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)

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

For information on how to access the MICS and other data sets in our repository, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.uwi.edu/salises-mona/section/databank">https://www.uwi.edu/salises-mona/section/databank</a>

## **Norman Girvan Documentation Centre**

#### Information Literacy at the Library

The librarians at the Norman Girvan Documentation Centre coordinate all the instruction/teaching in the Library. Information Literacy competencies have the potential to assist individuals to become critical thinkers and lifelong learners. The staff therefore collaborates with faculty, librarians and administrators to ensure that students receive the requisite training, to develop these competencies and ultimately produce better research papers. These competencies are based on international standards. The training empowers students to:

- Locate academic/scholarly resources efficiently
- Acquire/improve research skills
- Improve the quality of academic assignment
- Reference work correctly to avoid plagiarism

Faculty may request customizable and collaborative information literacy workshops on a variety of topics including searching effectively and strategically, locating peer-reviewed literature, and critically evaluating information sources. Librarians can also provide advice on research assignments and recommend course-specific resources - contact a librarian to learn more.

# **SALISES Regional Team**

The SALISES Regional TEAM continues to meet virtually on a bi-annual basis to discuss the Regional Strategic Plan and Operational Plan that will be used to guide SALISES for the next five years. The first meeting for

2020 was held on January 14, 2020. Work on the new SALISES Regional website is ongoing. Visit for more <a href="http://salisesregional.com/">http://salisesregional.com/</a>





## **Farewell**

During the September 2019 to March 2020 period, SALISES bid farewell to Kevin Fraser, Jennifer Jones and Nicoda Shan.



Kevin flashing his smile for the photo!



1,2,3... Jennifer and Nicoda cutting their cake.

# **Congratulations!**



Congratulations to Dr Natalie Dietrich Jones on the birth of her baby girl. Welcome Joanna Elise to our SALISES family.

## Welcome

Justice Okeugo – Research Assistant Andri Williams - Information Technologist Jennelle Jones – Temporary Accounting Clerk Terri-Ann Gilbert- Roberts - Research Fellow (returning from leave)

# **Employee of the Semester**

Ms. Sammara Reynolds

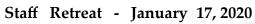
Employee of the Semester for Semester one of the academic year 2019 -2020.



# **SALISES Team Building**

Pink Tuesday — October 15, 2019







Christmas Party "Loose Cannon" – December 18, 2019

