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## **MSc Development Studies Online**



Screenshot from online orientation

COVID-19 has greatly disrupted personal and professional lives. SALISES staff rose to the challenge and continued to perform their tasks and fulfill the SALISES strategic plan directed by UWI's Triple A goals of Access, Alignment and Agility and governed by SALISES' strategic principles of transformation, excellence, accountability and mission-driven activities (TEAM).

Throughout the period preparations continued for the conversion of the MSc in Development Studies programme from face-to-face delivery mode to an online delivery platform. Staff undertook training sessions

facilitated by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and received significant guidance from the Office of Online Learning (OOL).

On September 14, 2020, SALISES began the delivery of the new online MSc Programme with thirty-six new and six returning students. We look forward to providing an excellent programme with outstanding lecturers and dedicated support staff. In spite of the challenges presented by the pandemic, SALISES continues to strive to be successful.



# **SALISES Seminars/Webinars**

### **April-September 2020**

















April 7, 2020

Aldrie Henry-Lee (Presenter)

COVID-19 & the Caribbean: Social Fallout and Response

A panel discussion held by the Caribbean Sociological Association (CASA) in conjunction with SALISES and the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work. Panelists included Dr Heather Ricketts, Dr Orville Taylor, Dr Dennis Edwards, and Dean, FMS – Dr Tomlin Paul.

May 1, 2020

Patricia Northover

Hunger, Covid-19, Resistance and farmer-based solutions

Regional webinar facilitated through the project on "Food insecurity in the time of climate change in the Greater Caribbean region".

May 12, 2020

**Terri-Ann Gilbert-Roberts** 

Reinventing Governance after COVID-19

made at the Hack Covid-19 Workshop on Governance and Rule of Law, Reinvent Hacks Hackathon

May 15, 2020

Aldrie Henry-Lee (Moderator)

COVID-19: Social Impact, Recovery and Resilience in the Caribbean

Done in collaboration with the Caribbean Sociological Association (CASA) and the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work. Panelists included Prof. Ian Boxill, Dr Doreen Gordon, Dr Paulette Henry, University of Guyana and Dr Grace-Ann Cornwall, OECS Commission.

May 24, 2020

Patricia Northover

Caribbean Women for Food Land and Climate Justice

Regional webinar facilitated through the project on "Food insecurity in the time of climate change in the Greater Caribbean region."

May 28, 2020

**Kevin Williams** 

COVID-19 and Fiscal Sustainability -- Debt, Balance of Payments and Financing for Development

SALISES Regional Seminar. Panelists included Dr Don Marshall, Dr Andre Haughton, Dr Preeya Mohan (moderator).

June 4, 2020

Patricia Northover

¿Qué Mundos Pos COVID-19? -- What post-Covid-19 worlds? Territories and Indigenous Peoples resisting and surviving inequality, violence and destruction





### **April-September 2020 cont'd**

July 30 & 31, 2020

Dacia Leslie

Gender Dimensions of Violence Prevention

Seminar participation and edited book contribution. A partnership between MonaLaw and CPOM with support provided by the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Graduate Studies & Research. (Co-convenor & co-editor Dr Ramona Biholar).

# **Caribbean Sociological Association (CASA)**

March 5th, 2020, marked a momentous occasion for Sociologists in the Caribbean region. The Caribbean Sociological Association (CASA) was officially launched at The University of the West Indies Regional Headquarters at Mona, Jamaica. CASA seeks to contribute meaningfully to social change and development in the Caribbean through the active use of sociology in the production and dissemination of knowledge grounded in truth, justice, equality, respect for human differences and the environment.

As Caribbean countries grapple with the threat of COVID-19 to their sustainable development, CASA hosted two virtual public forums. The first forum titled "Covid-19 & the Caribbean: Social Fallout and Response" in conjunction with SALISES and the Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, UWI, Mona took place on Tuesday 7th April 2020. The forum brought together the expertise of sociologists Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee specialist in Children/Child Rights and Social Policy; Dr Orville Taylor, Labour and Employment Rights specialist; Dr Roy McCree, Community Development & Youth specialist; Dr Dennis Edwards, Psychologist and Disaster Management and Response specialist and Dr Tomlin Paul, Medical Doctor and Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Mona. The discussion explored the conflicts between Caribbean cultural practices and public health measures that have been recommended and implemented.

The second virtual forum titled "COVID-19: Social Impact, Recovery and Resilience in the Caribbean," was held in conjunction with SALISES and the Department of Sociol-

ogy, Psychology and Social Work, UWI, Mona on Friday, May 15th, 2020. The forum was moderated by Prof. Aldrie Henry-Lee with presentations from Dr Paulette Henry, University of Guyana, Dr Roy McCree, SALISES, St Augustine, Dr Corin Bailey, SALISES, Cave Hill, Dr Grace Cornwall, OECS Commission, and Dr Doreen Gordon, socio-cultural, social inequality and social justice specialist, Mona. The forum discussed how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected social institutions and disrupted social processes and cultural practices. The discussions highlighted how social life has changed and how social inequalities have been amplified; however, it was noted that the Caribbean people were beginning to show signs of recovery and resilience.

Please view the forums at the following links:

#### **CaSA COVID-19 Forum**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4g3Q2 JG9k

### COVID-19: Social Impact, Recovery and Resilience in the Caribbean

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qiqohix93ig

# **New Publications (April-September 2020)**

#### **Books**

**Paul, A.** 2020. *Stuart Hall* (Caribbean Biography Series). Kingston: UWI Press. 152 pages.

### **Chapters in Books**

**Dietrich Jones**, N. 2020. "The Venezuela-Trinidad and Tobago Migration Corridor." In *Routledge Handbook of Migration and Development*, edited by Tanja Bastia and Ronald Skeldon, 492-500. London: Routledge.

**Leslie, D.**, & Centifanti, L. 2020. "Child protection in Jamaica-Insights from the lived experiences of offenders." In W. Wallace (Ed.) *Caribbean Perspectives on Criminology and Criminal Justice: Volume II*. Washington, D.C.: Westphalia Press.

**Paul, A.** July 2020. "Gift Economies and the Ocean." Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary: *The Commissions Book*. Edited by Daniela Zyman and Eva Ebersberger. Berlin: Sternberg Press. Pp. 795–800. 1,336 pages. ISBN 978 3 95679 555 8

### **Journal Articles**

**Dietrich Jones**, N. 2020. "Between a "Kingdom" and a hard place: The Dutch Caribbean and the Venezuelan migration crisis. *Migration and Development* 10 (2) (published online September 2020).

**Dietrich Jones, N**. 2020. "Critical Reflections on the Process of Undertaking Qualitative Research on Forced Migration in Small Island Developing States." Emerging Scholars and Practitioners on Migration Issues (ESPMI) *Refugee Review*, Vol IV: 32-52.

**Leslie, D.** 2020. Reassessing Conditions of "Prison" in Jamaica. *International Criminal Justice Review*. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/1057567720922283">https://doi.org/10.1177/1057567720922283</a>

### **Conference Presentations**

**Leslie**, **D**. 2020. "Towards an Integrated Strategic Plan for Witness Care in Jamaica," presented at the Witness

Care Strategic Planning E-Workshop which was commissioned by the Justice Undertakings for Social Transformation (JUST) Project and implemented by the SALISES, Crime Prevention and Offender Management (CPOM) Research Cluster, 9th June, 99 pages.

**Northover, P. (2020).** "Unsettling Neoliberal Philosophies of Development for New Economy Pathways in the Time of COVID-19." Power point presentation, delivered for *SALISES, WEBINAR series*, New Economy Models, Post COVID-19 Policies for Productivity Health and Social Wealth, June 5th, 2020.

Northover, P. (2020) "Rethinking with Lewis the issue of Reparations: Race, Primitive Accumulation and the Character of Reparatory Justice." Paper (10 Pages), presented for, Webinar Symposium on Sir William Arthur Lewis: Founder of Reparations for Caribbean Economic Development. Organized by the CARICOM Reparations Commission, St Lucia National Reparations Committee and the Nobel Laureates Festival Committee, June 15, 2020.

#### **Conferences Attended**

Dietrich Jones, N. Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action Scoping Workshop on Migration and Climate Change, held 10 July 2020 (participated as expert on migration thematic to discuss drafting of a call for proposals on Migration and Climate Change)

**Dietrich Jones, N**. Human Displacement in the Caribbean during COVID19, organized by the Regional Coordinator of Economic and Social Research (CRIES/Argentina) and the Stanley Center for Peace and Security (United States), held 4 May 2020

**Bailey, A.** 2020 International Conference on Information Resources Management (Conf-IRM 2020) Track Co-Chair -- Digital Information Systems for Development and Inclusion, May 28 -- 29, 2020 Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS) Track Co-Chair -- ICTs and Global Development, August 10 -- 14, 2020.

### **Awards**

**Paul, A.** December 2019: recipient of Shuttleworth Foundation flash grant in the amount of US\$5000, given to

support/reward/encourage change agents in their work for social good.

# **Commissioned Grants/Projects**

# 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 John-

son -Coke, Ms. Rushana Mighty

# 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,

Mr. Richard Leach, Ms. Kara Harris

# 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, Mr. Richard Leach

#### 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 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: https://www.uni-kassel.de/forschung/globalpartnershipnetwork/home

#### Socio-economic impact of Carnival in Jamaica

Funder: Tourism Enhancement Fund, Jamaica

Partner: Department of Economics (DoE), Mona, UWI

Duration: 6 months

Research Team: Dr Christine Clarke (DoE), Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee, (SALISES), Yhanore Johnson-Coke

(SALISES), Staciann Williams-Dyer (SALISES)

# United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Project – Socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in Jamaica

Funder: UNDP Partner: CAPRI Duration: 6 months

Research Team: Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee (SALISES), Dr Damien King (CAPRI), Arlene Bailey (SALISES), Justice Okeugo (SALISES), Shane Bennett (CAPRI),

Monique Graham (CAPRI)

## University of Edinburgh- Rapid Grant Responding to COVID-19

Funder: Scottish Funding Council (SFC) / Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)

Partners: University of Edinburgh / SALISES / Mona GeoInformatics / University of Glasgow Research Team: Dr. Larissa Pschetz, Dr. Marisa Wilson, Michaela Hubmann (University of Edinburgh), Dr. Jessica Enright (University of Glasgow), Dr. Arlene Bailey, Yhanore Johnson-Coke (SALISES), Dr. Parris Lyew-Ayee, Luke Buchanan (Mona GeoInformatics), Sandra Latibeaudiere (Dept of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work), and supporting project team members

## **Commissioned Grants/Projects**

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Canada / SALISES Tracking-Progress of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Funder: IISD Canada

Partners: IISD Canada / SALISES Mona / SALISES Cave Hill Project Team: Dr. Arlene Bailey, Richard Leach, Andri Williams (SALISES Mona); Dr. Don Marshall, Melanie Callender-Forde, Kenisha Chase (SALISES Cave Hill) and IISD Canada team - Stefan Jungcurt, Dr. Beth Timmers, Kyle Wiebe, Matthew TenBruggencate

## **Congratulations**

#### Vice Chancellor's Award for All-Round Excellence



Heartiest Congratulations to our University Director, Prof. Aldrie Henry-Lee on receiving the Vice Chancellor's Award for all-round excellence in two or more areas for the academic year 2019/2020! We are proud of your accomplishments Prof, and this well-deserved recognition!

#### Ms Sugga

Ms Sugga film series was part of the Ministry of Education Youth and Information COVID-19 educational outreach on the television stations of ReadyTV, Public Broadcasting Corporation of Jamaica and Television Jamaica, March 2020.

Ms Sugga was also listed in the 2020 selection of best in children's TV (films/series) worldwide by the international film festival in Germany, Prix Jeunesse (see <a href="https://prixjeunesse.de/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PRIX-JEUNESSE-2020-Festival-Catalogue.pdf">https://prixjeunesse.de/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PRIX-JEUNESSE-2020-Festival-Catalogue.pdf</a>. June 2020.



MS SUGGA, is a new, exciting animated series for children ages 7-12 yrs. She's a mystical guardian of the sugar cane plant who takes us through a journey to experience its turbulent history that sets the stage for an incredible future in Jamaica.

#### Faculty of Social Science (FSS) Vision Morning

Congratulations to the staff who represented SALISES at the Faculty of Social Science (FSS) Vision Morning 2020 on August 31, 2020

Staci-Ann Williams Dyer - Best Dressed in the FSS

Richard McTaggart/Nadine Newman – FSS COVID-19 Song/Poetry Competition Winner



Welcome to our 36 new and 7 returning MSc students and 7 new MPhil/PhD students for the academic year 2020-2021. This incoming class at SALISES comes from a wide variety of backgrounds and brings a broad range of experience to the classroom. You – the 36 new MSc students – represent 8 different countries. The exchange of ideas, the fostering of understanding across geographical and cultural divides is therefore of the essence.

You often hear that SALISES is a special place, and it is! Its depth of character, traditions, diversity, commitment to academic excellence, as well as its beautiful natural surroundings contribute to making SALISES such an exemplary academic environment. We want you to enjoy the experience and take full advantage of everything SALISES offers. We pledge to be your partners in your quest to reach your academic and personal goals.

### **New Students' Orientation**



Andria D. Whyte Walters (Jamaica)

"I choose to pursue graduate studies in development studies because I believe that good policies, based on sound research, can really positively impact communities ... I believe having carefully researched the options, that this master's programme is unique, and so beneficial to anybody that would want to impact positively".



Jeanine Bernard (Trinidad and Tobago)

"Having the online version of the MSc is pretty welcoming for me. I was looking for a way to zone in on what is development and development specifically to our regions. So, when I saw this masters programme, I really was excited...I look forward to learning as much as I can so that I can impact my community, not just in Trinidad and Tobago, but regionally as well".



Albertha Daniel (St. Lucia)

"I always was interested in development studies, but it was never available online. So, I was very happy when the opportunity presented itself. Just here to basically make an impact. I don't know what that is but I know I'd like to be able to affect people's lives positively the same way that my public service affected mine positively".

# **Student Highlight**



Chetwyn Ryce –
MSc Development Studies
Chetwyn Ryce, a Barbadian
national, has been an International Development Professional for the past 6 years. He
holds a bachelor's degree in
Political Science and Law
from the University of the

West Indies Cave Hill Campus and is also a Communication for Development Specialist who heads the Communication Development Unit of the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC). He is also one of the Managing Directors of RG Development Consultancy which, is a Caribbean-based Consultancy Development firm, that has been contracted by International Donor Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations to manage and implement various Regional and National Developmental projects across the Caribbean.

## Rationale for Entering the SALISES MSc Development Studies Programme

Chetwyn always wanted to attain a comprehensive theoretical understanding of the multifaceted and at times, elusive, definition of the term sustainable development. He relentlessly searched for a degree programme which would provide him with a comprehensive understanding of development, an in-depth understanding of the development challenges faced by Caribbean states and innovative solutions to combat these challenges. The SALISES MSc in Development Studies fulfilled these three (3) main requirements he was searching for in a master's degree programme and more.

#### **Future Endeavors**

The SALISES MSc in Development Studies programme gave Chetwyn a new perspective on what is sustainable development. Going forward, he intends to ensure that target beneficiaries, especially marginalized groups, have a say in projects and programmes which his team conceptualizes to aid in the development of the Caribbean

In terms of future endeavors, he will soon commence a consultancy with the Government of Barbados to establish a UN Sustainable Development Goals Implementation Unit. The unit will seek to achieve the following objectives:

- Provision of internship opportunities for Barbadian nationals who have retained development type degrees that can aid in the sustainable development of Barbados
- Creation of a sustainable development think tank where young development specialists can propose solutions to the development challenges facing Barbados
- Submission of project proposals to international donor organizations for funding support to implement projects and programmes, which were conceptualized by young Barbadian development specialists

The SALISES MSc in Development Studies programme has empowered Chetwyn to become the kind of development specialist the Caribbean needs to navigate the global challenges thrown up during these uncertain times.

### The Derek Gordon Databank

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

Guyana Labour Force Survey 2017, 2018, 2019 – Guyana's Bureau of Statistics

Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) for Jamaica (national and individual levels) 2011, 2015 UTECH

Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) for Global (national and individual levels) 2011, 2015 – UTECH

Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)UNICEF

Guyana 2000, 2006-7, 2014 Cuba 2006, 2011, 2014

Please visit our website (<a href="https://uwi.edu/salises-mona/section/databank">https://uwi.edu/salises-mona/section/databank</a>) for more details on how to access these and other data sets presently housed in the Databank.

### **SALISES Publications Unit**

### Social and Economic Studies, Volume 68: 3&4 ---Special Issue on Reparations



The Reparation Movement: Greatest Political Tide of the Twenty-First Century

#### Hilary McD. Beckles

Women, Slavery and the Reparation Movement in the Caribbean

#### Verene A. Shepherd and Ahmed Reid

Rastafari Repatriation as Part of the Caribbean Reparations Movement

#### **Michael Barnett**

The Psychological Trauma of Slavery: The Jamaican Case Study

### Samantha Longman-Mills, Carole Mitchell and Wendel Abel

An International Law Deconstruction of the Hegemonic Denial of the Right to Reparations

#### Nora Wittmann

British Universities and Caribbean Slavery Nicholas Draper

How Long Are the Chains of Slavery in the United States? Estimates of the Intergenerational Effects for Black Males Between 1880-1930

Gregory N. Price

# The Scandal of the Slavery Abolition Act Loan **Kris Manjapra**

Can Reparations Buy Growth? The Impact of Reparations Payments on Growth and Sustainable Development:

#### Stefan Richards

**BOOK REVIEWS** 

Brophy, Alfred L. *Reparations: Pro and Con* **Michael Barnett** 

Ka'Bu Ma'at Kheru. Making Kenke from Memory: A Sankofic Journey

#### Verene Shepherd

Ana Lucia Araujo. Reparations for Slavery and the Slave Trade: A Transnational and Comparative History

#### Jahlaani Niaah

#### **Appendices**

How the Indigenous Peoples of Arima Lost Their Lands: Notes from Primary and Other Historical Sources, 1802-1880

#### Maximilian C. Forte

Reparations and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Development: The Silence is Broken and We Speak to the World!

#### Kenny Anthony

A Faith based Response to the Ten Point Action Plan of the CARICOM Reparatory Justice Programme

#### Bonnie E.B.W. Smith

Reparation: An Opportunity for Direct Foreign Investment in The Region

#### Dorbrene O'Marde

Key Legal Aspects of the Claim for Reparation **Anthony Gifford** 

Available in print from the SALISES Publications Unit and online at https://www.mona.uwi.edu/ses/

### **Norman Girvan Documentation Centre**

# Handover of the Human Trafficking Collection – Rev. Dr Margaret Fowler















A collection of books on sex trafficking and human trafficking was handed over to the National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons (NATFATIP). The collection is from the library of the late Rev. Dr Margaret Fowler, who served as Chairman of the Protection subcommittee of NATFATIP between 2015 and 2019. A virtual ceremony was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, to hand over the collection to NATFATIP at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), where it will be housed.

The donation is a fulfilment of Rev. Fowler's last wishes for her collection on human trafficking to be made available to students, researchers and human rights advocates and used to enhance the work of NATFATIP. The handover of the collection was organised by family and friends of the late social justice advocate to mark the first anniversary of her passing, which occurred on August 26, 2019.

A minister of religion by profession, her last assignment being at the Hope United Church, Rev. Dr Fowler dedicated much of her time to fighting for the safety and well -being of young women. Rev. Dr Fowler, a Scottish-Jamaican theologian and social justice advocate, founded the Theodora Project in Negril in 2004, to rescue, shelter, educate and support victims of trafficking and abuse. She also spearheaded the development of a Child Protection Policy for the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands to eradicate child abuse.



# 15th ANNUAL CARIBBEAN CHILD RESEARCH CONFERENCE (e-Conference)



#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Theme:

# PANDEMICS AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS (UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD)

November 25-26, 2020

# Paper submissions are invited for the 15th annual Caribbean Child Research Conference.

The conference will be held virtually. The theme of the conference: "Pandemics and Children's Rights (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child)" The conference is being hosted by the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), University of the West Indies (UWI), in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Eastern Caribbean



#### ONLY abstracts pertinent to the theme will be considered.

- Abstracts must be accompanied by a brief biography of no more than 95 words and can be sent via email to the following address: childconferenceresearch@gmail.com. Email submissions should be headed CALL FOR PAPERS.
- Abstracts should be based on research that has been completed within the last three years. Abstracts should provide information on the: main aim of the research research questions methodologies main findings policy recommendations.
   Please ensure that papers focus on Child Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ABSTRACTS SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 150 WORDS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPERS - November 13, 2020





### **Farewell**

In July 2020 SALISES bid farewell to:

Mr. Dowell Robinson - Groundsman Miss Simone Truman - Receptionist Miss Michelle Williams – Grants Writer Dr Terri-Ann Gilbert-Roberts – Research Fellow

We wish them well in their future endeavours!



### **Citation Dowell Robinson Retirement**

Mr. Dowell Robinson joined the staff of SALISES as a full-time member in March 2001 after having worked as a temporary Groundsman for almost 12 years with the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER). During more than 30 years of service to ISER/SALISES combined, Dowell has demonstrated his dedication and determination in undertaking his work.

Dowell is considered to be hardworking, helpful and always willing to go the extra mile when called upon. He took great pride in ensuring that the lawns of SALIS-ES were always in pristine condition sometimes so much so that as the leaves fell, he immediately raked them up. His love for his job was obvious as he hardly missed a day of work and consistently came to work on time so that if we didn't see him, we knew something was wrong.

Dowell is known for his quiet, humble and unassuming mannerisms, always respectful as he responds to every greeting in a pleasant and dutiful manner. A man of few words, he prefers to get directly to the point when he speaks. But don't be fooled by his quiet disposition as he would crack jokes and hold a lengthy conversation if he felt comfortable. Only recently, he came out of his shell, through encouragement from the younger staff members, and became an active participant in many of the Institute's team events.

His love for farming was evident as many times we benefited from the bananas and other produce he brought to sell at the office. He also had a love for Red Stripe and would request a 'cold one' as a token for any extra jobs he performed...off duty of course! As we speak of food,



it would be amiss to not mention the regular lunchtime jests about Dowell's huge lunch container, always packed to the brim and usually with at least six dumplings and other food or nuff rice and peas!

Dowell, you may see it as gardening, but you were doing so much more. You were beautifying and creating a place for people to feel at harmony and at peace each and every day as we stepped into the work environment. While you will be missed by your SALISES family, you certainly deserve your retirement.

### **Outreach**



SALISES continued to assist the Kintyre Basic School with the donation of sanitization supplies for the reopening of school. The Principal, Ms. Desrene Mitchell welcomed a team from SALISES to the school on August 19, 2020. She noted that she was extremely grateful for the

support from SALISES in helping to fill the gap during these trying times and help equip the school with the critical supplies needed.

