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Welcome

PROFESSOR LLOYD WALLER

SALISES MONA DIRECTOR



SALISES welcomed Professor Lloyd Waller as the new Director of SALISES, Mona Campus, who assumed duty on September 2, 2024.

Professor Lloyd Waller is a distinguished academic and thought leader at The University of the West Indies (The UWI). He specialises in Digital Transformation Policy and Governance and conducts research in a wide range of areas, including governance, digital transformation, tourism resilience, and crisis management.

Over the past decade, Professor Waller has produced a substantial body of work with more than 100 publications, including books, peer-reviewed journal articles, and technical reports. His expertise spans advanced research methodologies, particularly in qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods research. He is widely recognised for his contributions to digital transformation, particularly in the Caribbean, where he advocates for integrating digital policies to enhance governance and public sector performance.

Professor Waller is best known for his pioneering work in the field of tourism resilience, particularly in his role at the Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC). He played a central role in the United Nations' declaration of Global Tourism Resilience Day, observed annually on February 17. This global recognition highlights the need to build resilient tourism sectors that can withstand crises such as pandemics, natural disasters, and other disruptions. His contributions have positioned both The UWI and Jamaica as global leaders in the conversation around sustainable tourism.

Professor Waller's dedication to his field has been recognised on multiple occasions. In 2023, he was awarded the Order of Distinction (Commander Class) on Jamaica's National Heroes Day for outstanding work in tourism resilience and governance. This national honour highlights his impact on the academic community, global governance, and public policy regarding tourism and crisis management.

Beyond academia, Professor Waller has taken on advisory roles, serving as a Senior Advisor to Jamaica's Minister of Tourism, Edmund Bartlett, and contributing to policy development to foster resilience in tourism. His forward-thinking approach to governance and crisis management influences regional and global strategies on how tourism industries can adapt to and recover from crises. Professor Lloyd Waller is a leading figure in the Caribbean for his innovative contributions to governance, digital transformation, and tourism resilience. His extensive research and advocacy continue to shape policies that affect global and regional responses to tourism and governance challenges.

As Director of SALISES, Mona, Professor Lloyd Waller plays a pivotal role in advancing the Institute's mission: "to shape academic, public, and policy debates by conducting research and delivering graduate education from a Caribbean perspective, within a multidisciplinary, small-state, and comparative framework." The SALISES community and the broader UWI network warmly welcome Professor Waller and wish him every success in his new leadership role. For Professor Waller's full welcome message, please visit the SALISES website at <https://www.uwi.edu/salises-mona/about/welcome-message>

Thank you

DR. PATRICIA NORTHOVER



The staff of SALISES, Mona, extend their sincere gratitude to Dr. Patricia Northover, Senior Fellow, for her exemplary leadership, guidance, and unwavering support during her tenure as Interim Director from June 1, 2024, to September 1, 2024. Her strategic oversight, encouragement, and commitment to fostering a collegial environment were instrumental in navigating this transition period, and all have deeply appreciated her contributions.

New Publications

Edited Books

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Mohan, Shiva S., and **Natalie Dietrich Jones**. 2023. "Navigating Data 'Silence(r)s': Researching Migration in the Caribbean." In *Routledge Companion to Applied Qualitative Research in the Caribbean*, edited by Corin Bailey, Roy McCree, Latoya Lazarus, and Natalie Dietrich Jones, 241-259. New York: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003263043-5>.

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Johnson, Stephen. 2024. "Exploring the Potential Impact of Blockchain Technologies in Health Canada's Cannabis Supply Chain." *International Journal of Blockchains and Cryptocurrencies* 5 (1): 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1504/IJBC.2024.140163>.

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Windeler, J. B., C. Urquhart, J. B. Thatcher, M. Carter, and **Arlene Bailey**. 2023. "Special Issue Introduction: JAIS Special Issue on Technology and Social Inclusion." *Journal of the Association for Information Systems* 24 (5): 1199–1203. <https://doi.org/10.17705/1jais.00841>.

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Presentations at Conferences/Seminars

Leslie, Dacia. 2024. "Unlocking the potential of PhD research for inclusive sustainable developmental and Beyond." Keynote Speaker, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission's PhD Conference, 31 May.

Leslie, Dacia. 2024. "What is Caribbean Criminology?" British Society of Criminology Conference, "Criminology in Times of Transition." University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, 10 July.

Leslie, Dacia. 2024. "Leveraging MEAL to facilitate effective reintegration in the Caribbean." Panellist at the Regional Dialogue Event, "Strengthening Effective Corrections Reforms to Reduce Prison Overcrowding and Recidivism in the Caribbean: Prioritising Opportunities for Action and Data-Driven Interventions." Caribbean Corrections Roadmap Initiative hosted by CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security in partnership with the Walsh School of Foreign Service Centre for Latin American Studies and the U.S. Department of State, 15 July (oral presentation).

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International Conferences and Workshops - SALISES Advocacy Engagement

UN-SIDS4 Conference, May 27-30, 2024.

The Fourth Small Islands Sustainable Development Conference was hosted in Antigua and Barbuda on May 27, 2024. Organised by the United Nations every decade, the SIDS4 conference brought together leaders from the 39 independent States, 18 Associate Members of United Nations regional commissions, and other world leaders, officials, and experts from the private sector, academia, and civil society, to address the unique challenges facing SIDS.

University Representatives from SALISES:

1. Dr. Natalie Dietrich Jones
2. Dr. Preeya Mohan
3. Dr. Patricia Northover
4. Dr. Sandra Sookram

Regional Forums and Workshops

Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance and Civil Society Regional Forum, Antigua, May 23-24, 2024



Civil Society Summit participants. Credit: EAG

Ahead of the United Nations Fourth International Small Island Developing States Conference in Antigua and Barbuda, a Caribbean Civil Society Summit was hosted, bringing together over forty civil society representatives from fourteen Caribbean states and overseas territories in Antigua and Barbuda on May 23-24, 2024. The University of the West Indies was represented by Dr. Patricia Northover, in her capacity as Principal Investigator of the Regional Disaster Capitalism project, and as a member of the Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance and the Stronger Caribbean Together Network, for food, land, and climate justice.

“The Summit offered a critical forum for shaping civil society’s discourse on the new ten-year sustainable development agenda, the ‘Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS’ (ABAS) at SIDS4. Co-hosted by the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) and the Environmental Awareness Group (EAG), the Summit provided participants the opportunity to crystallise civil society’s collective recommendations for sustainable development in the forthcoming decade” (Press Release CANARI: <https://canari.org/civil-society-and-governance/caribbean-civil-society-unites-for-bold-action-on-sustainable-development-at-sids4-launches-collective-ten-year-plan-of-action/>).

Disaster Capitalism in the Caribbean, Regional Workshop hosted by The UWI, SALISES, Jamaica, July 1-2, 2024



This workshop, hosted in Kingston, Jamaica, brought together civil society and indigenous organisations from over 10 countries in the region, legal partners from Ireland and the United States, and academic affiliates from the University of Antwerp and the National University of Colombia to explore the intersection of environmental change, economic exploitation, and community resilience, discuss the impact of disasters and disaster capitalism in the Caribbean and plan strategies for promoting climate justice. The workshop was hosted as part of the Disaster Capitalism in the Region project funded by the Open Society Foundations and led by Dr. Patricia Northover.

<https://strongercaribbeantgether.org/workshop>

Future of Work and Productivity Summit- Jamaica, June 19-21, 2024

SALISES' newest research cluster, *Frontiers of Technology and Development*, co-chaired by Dr. Arlene Bailey and Dr. Sandra Sookram, participated in the Jamaica Productivity Centre's Productivity and Innovation Research Seminar on June 19, 2024, as part of the National Summit on the Future of Work and Productivity in Jamaica. <https://www.fowpsummit.com/>

Presentations were made by:

Prof Dillon Alleyne and Samuel Indalmanie, *Education & Skills Development for Productivity Growth, Social Transformation and Sustainable Development*

Dr. Sandra Sookram, Peter Poon Chon and Andrew Hunte, *Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Navigating Challenges, Embracing Opportunities, and Shaping the Future*

Ms Paige Samuels (MPhil SALISES), *Agriculture's Digital Transformation in Jamaica: Adoption, Adaptation and Innovation*

Introduction to RBM: Monitoring and Evaluation for Professionals Workshop

The poster for the 'Introduction to RBM: Monitoring and Evaluation for Professionals' workshop features a blue and orange design. At the top, logos for The University of the West Indies, SALISES, Baastel, and Caribbean Evaluators International are displayed. The main title 'Introduction to RBM' is in large white font, followed by 'Monitoring and Evaluation for Professionals'. The dates are listed as Tuesday, June 18 - Thursday, June 20 (9:00am - 12:00pm Jamaica time) and Tuesday, June 25 - Thursday, June 27 (9:00am - 12:00pm Jamaica time). A 'Facilitators' section includes portraits and names of Dr. Lennise Baptiste, Curline Beckford, Evan Green, Dr. Dacia Leslie, Dr. Nadini Persaud, and Monica Torres. A 'Format' box specifies an online workshop with 6 synchronous sessions, each 3 hours long. Registration details show early bird individual at US\$300 and CEI members or groups of 5 at US\$250, with a deadline of May 24. A QR code and a URL (https://bit.ly/49coY6M) are provided for registration. The contact email is salises@uwimona.edu.jm.

The "Introduction to RBM: Monitoring and Evaluation for Professionals" online workshop was conducted via Zoom in partnership with Caribbean Evaluators International (CEI) and Le Groupe-conseil Baastel and co-coordinated by Dr. Arlene Bailey and Dr. Dacia Leslie. This workshop aimed to equip administrators, project managers, and other professionals with the essential skills and knowledge to effectively implement results-based management (RBM) in their respective fields.

The event attracted diverse participants from various sectors, including non-governmental organisations, government agencies, and multilateral organisations. Among the attendees were representatives from the Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), the Culture, Health, Arts, Sports & Education (CHASE) Fund, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Implementation Agency for Crime and Security, the Ministry of Health, and the Development Bank of Jamaica.

Dr. Patricia Northover, the then Acting Director of SALISES, Mona, formally launched the work-

shop with opening remarks, emphasising the importance of capacity building in monitoring and evaluation practices to strengthen the effectiveness of initiatives across the region.

Seminars/Webinars

Youth, Gender, Environment and Climate Justice in the Caribbean. Webinar and Roundtable. May 8, 2024.

Hosted by: Stronger Caribbean Together Network, SALISES, The UWI as part of the Disaster Capitalism in the Caribbean Project, 2022-24. Funded by the Open Society Foundation. Christine Samwaroo (The Breadfruit Collective), Sham Forbes Francis and Dennise McNeish (Raizal Youth Organization), Adrian Henriques (Caribbean Youth Environment Network), Dr. Patricia Northover and Prof Catalina Toro Perez (Moderators)

Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience: Insights from Rural Livelihoods in Ghana, a Developing Nation. Seminar – Hybrid. September 12, 2024. Dr. Harriet Potakey, Dr. Kevin Williams (Chair)

Empowering Social Growth – The Intersection of ESG, Social Impact and Sustainability in Developing Countries. Webinar. September 27, 2024. Therese Baptiste

Republicanism in the Commonwealth Caribbean. Webinar. October 11, 2024.

Cynthia Barrow-Giles, Pearson A. Broome, Henderson Carter, Derek O'Brien, Allison O. Ramsay, Rico J. Yearwood, Hamid Ghany (Chair and Moderator)

Beyond Borders: The U.S. Elections and its Implications for the Future of the Caribbean. Webinar. October 29, 2024. Jessica Byron-Reid, Jeffrey Bosworth, Mea Boykins, Emanuel Quashie, Natalie Dietrich-Jones (Moderator)

Questioning Disaster Capitalism in the Caribbean: What is it? Who does it hurt? How can we resist? Webinar. June 20, 2023.

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to two of our SALISES students
on being awarded
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Aleia Ahyoung
Programme - MPhil in Governance and Public Policy
Value - J\$1,000,000.00



Jamille Chin
Programme - MPhil in Economic Development Policy
Value - J\$1,000,000.00

SALISES Graduating Class of 2024



Online MSc in Development Studies 2024 Graduates

With Merit:

BROWNE, Justin Anthony
BRYCE, Si'Jaye Venessa De'vorea Maxine
CLAYTON, Patrice NajuWana Sammy-Jaye
MYRIE, Ashshelia Alicia
THOMPSON, Dwight Mark
WILLIS, Lori-Ann Bernadee


With Distinction:

DAVIS, Andwayne Isaiah
DELICE-MAYERS, Teyonna Sarai
HASSAN, Sheik Saaif
MC. DOOM, Tovan
ROCK, Jaliyah Shadae Crystene

Pass

BROWN, Lesley-Ann Dawn
BUFORD, Camille Stephene
BYNOE, Tajae T'Keyah
CARTER, Davia Tashana
DWYER, Jowanza Omari
JOHNSON, Alexandria Melvia
JOHNSON, Twana Damili
LOUIS, Tercel Kercharma
MCGREGOR, Shaqukala Ashley Paige
POLLOCK, Michelle Jeudianne
RHODEN, Sandre Ashauni
ROXBURGH, Ariane Celeste Racquel

Sir Arthur Lewis Distinguished Lecture



Sir Arthur Lewis Day 2024 – Keynote Lecture

"Economic Dualism, Employment and Development in the Era of Climate Change"

Small dualistic economies that still face the development challenge are now threatened by climate change. What are the constraints to coping with these multiple challenges, and how can they be overcome?

Professor Jayati Ghosh Jan. 23, 2024 @ 09:30 am (Bogota)

Department of Economics & Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts (Amherst).

Jayati Ghosh taught economics at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi for nearly 35 years, and has authored and/or edited 20 books and more than 200 scholarly articles. She has received several prizes, including the 2023 John Kenneth Galbraith award by the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, "in recognition of breakthrough discoveries in economics and outstanding contributions to humanity through leadership, research and service." Prof. Ghosh has advised governments in India and other countries, including as Chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh Commission on Farmers' Welfare (2004), and Member of the National Knowledge Commission of India (2005-09). In March 2022, she was appointed to the UN Secretary General's High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism, mandated to provide a vision for international cooperation to deal with current and future challenges.



Professor Jayati Ghosh delivered the Sir Arthur Lewis Distinguished Lecture (January 23, 2024) on the topic "Economic Dualism, Employment, and Development in the Era of Climate Change", addressing the intricate interplay between economic dualism and the broader challenges of employment and development within the context of a rapidly changing climate. Economic dualism, characterised by the coexistence of modern and traditional economic sectors, often entrenches inequalities, particularly in developing countries. This dualism manifests in segmented labour markets, widespread informal employment, and limited access to decent work, thus impeding comprehensive economic development.

Professor Ghosh highlighted how climate change compounds these challenges by disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations and sectors, especially those dependent on agriculture and other climate-sensitive industries. The adverse impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather events, shifts in agricultural productivity, and resource scarcity, exacerbate existing economic disparities, further entrenching the divide between modern and traditional sectors.

The lecture highlighted the necessity of a comprehensive approach to development that integrates climate resilience into economic frameworks. Professor Ghosh advocated for robust public policy interventions to foster inclusive growth, sustainable job creation, and equitable resource distribution. She emphasised the importance of strategic investments in green technologies and infrastructure that drive economic development and enhance environmental sustainability.

A critical component of her argument was the need for enhanced global cooperation to address climate change, mainly through mechanisms that support developing nations, such as technology transfer, financial assistance, and capacity building. Professor Ghosh stressed that efforts to reduce economic inequalities and achieve sustainable development would be severely constrained without substantive international support.

Professor Ghosh called for urgent policy reorientation to align economic strategies with environmental imperatives. She argued that the future of development in the climate change era hinges on reconciling economic growth with environmental stewardship and social equity principles. Her presentation illuminated the pressing need for transformative economic paradigms that prioritise sustainability and inclusivity as foundational elements of development strategies.

SALISES 25th Annual Conference

The 25th Annual Conference of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) at The University of the West Indies (The UWI) was a notable event, held May 1–3, 2024, at The UWI Regional Headquarters. This year's conference, themed "Translating Thought into Action: Towards Decolonial Equity and Justice in the Caribbean", brought together a diverse group of participants, including students, scholars, representatives from NGOs,



Section of the audience at the 25th SALISES Annual Conference

civil society organisations, and major international bodies from Jamaica, the wider Caribbean, North America, Europe, and Mexico. The conference served as a platform for in-depth discussions on pressing issues and potential solutions related to sustainable development.

The event was inaugurated with an opening ceremony featuring Dr. Peter Phillips as the guest speaker. Drawing on his extensive experience as a scholar and a public servant, Dr. Phillips highlighted Jamaica's progress over the years while also underscoring the ongoing challenges, particularly the need for a national consensus on key economic and social development aspects. A significant moment during the ceremony was the signing of two memorandums of understanding (MOU) between SALISES and the Institute of

Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex, reinforcing their collaborative efforts and established a new seven-year partnership with Universität Kassel in Germany, starting on December 19, 2023.

Throughout the conference, numerous breakout sessions addressed a range of topics such as decolonizing knowledge for development (DK4D), reparatory justice, the coloniality of gender, regional security, children's rights, food equity, justice and security, tourism, climate and energy, decolonizing states, crime and law, and postcolonial growth options. Two plenary sessions further delved into the central conference theme. The opening plenary on Reparations for Epistemic and Colonial Violence was co-hosted with the Center for Reparations Research. The active participation of international partners, including UNDP, UNICEF, the Caribbean Policy Consortium (CPC), and the MiFood Network, brought heightened global attention to the issues discussed, underscoring the role of SALISES and The UWI in shaping regional policy and practice.

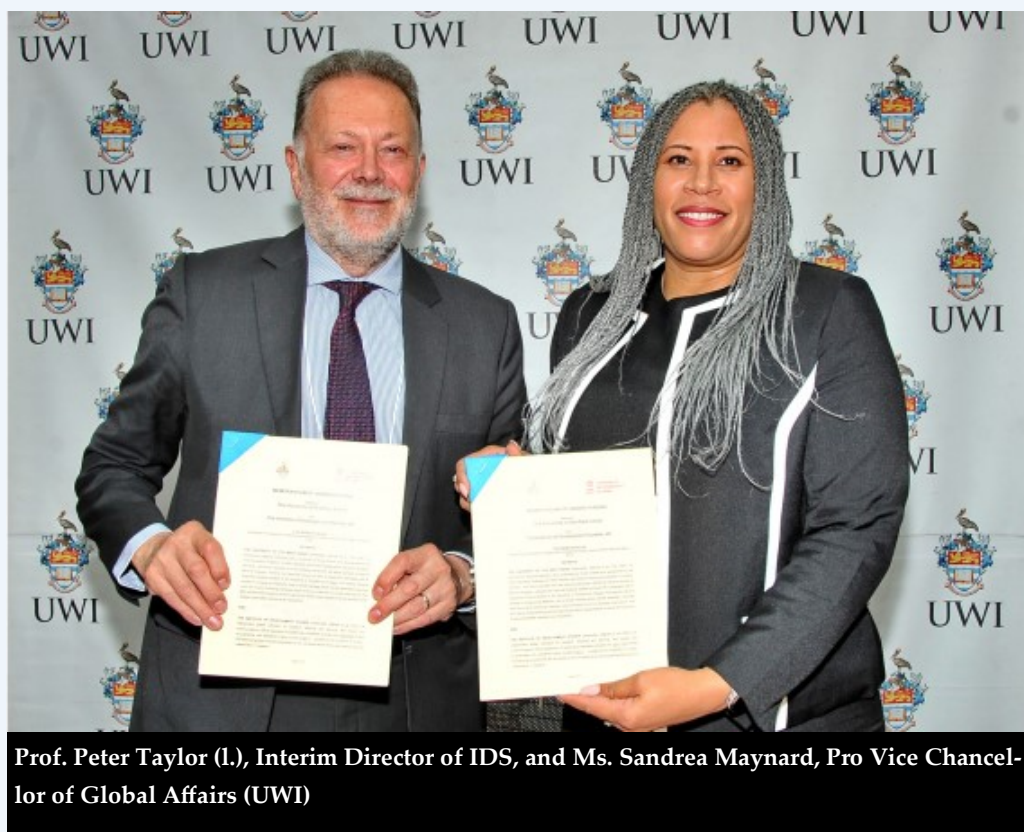
Dr. Holger Henke, the then Director of SALISES (Mona), emphasised the Institute's commitment to being the leading research institution in the English-speaking Caribbean, dedicated to critically assessing and offering pragmatic advice on sustainable development challenges. This sentiment was echoed by Kishan Khoday, UNDP's representative in Jamaica, who questioned whether development policies should continue as usual amid growing systemic risks or if there was a need to challenge existing paradigms.

The final day of the conference featured the recognition of a significant donation—the private library of the late Professor Ambassador Richard Bernal, honoured with a certificate presented to his wife, Margaret Bernal. Additionally, SALISES launched a fundraising initiative for the future "Richard L. Bernal Reading Room and Commons". This envisioned space within SALISES will be a versatile, multi-purpose facility equipped with modern technology to support meetings, teaching, creative projects, and community outreach.

Overall, the 25th Annual SALISES Conference successfully highlighted the Institute's critical role in advancing dialogue and action on decolonial equity and justice in the Caribbean, bringing together diverse voices to explore pathways towards sustainable development.

International Partnerships

At the 25th Annual Conference of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), a significant milestone was marked with the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). SALISES renewed its collaborative efforts with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex, formalising a new three-year agreement commencing on May 1, 2024. This agreement builds upon the institutions' longstanding partnership and aims to continue their joint initiatives in research and development. Additionally, SALISES established a new seven-year partnership with Universität Kassel in Germany, starting on December 19, 2023. These MOUs reflect SALISES's commitment to fostering international collaboration and enhancing research capacity to address critical social and economic challenges in the Caribbean and beyond.



Prof. Peter Taylor (l.), Interim Director of IDS, and Ms. Sandra Maynard, Pro Vice Chancellor of Global Affairs (UWI)

Joint Launch of the Law and Economics Discussion Series at The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus

The Faculty of Law, Department of Government, and the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) at The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus, in collaboration with the Institute of Law and Economics (ILE), jointly launched a new discussion series focused on exploring issues arising from the intersection of law and economics. This collaborative series will address pressing governance and constitutional challenges in the Caribbean, framed by current global, regional, and local crises that intensify human insecurity and widen the gap between development goals and the lived realities of Caribbean citizens.

The inaugural event took place on December 12, 2023, under the theme "Republic – A Public Matter: Legal and Economic Perspectives for Constitutional Change in Jamaica." The event examined Jamaica's road to become a Republic, which is taking place under the aegis of the recently established Ministry of Legal and Constitutional Affairs and the Constitutional Reform Committee, that have been given the mandate to lead and guide constitutional change for the nation. Prof. Rosalea Hamilton, founder of the ILE, was the featured speaker with Prof. Vanus James, an economist and consultant, acting as the discussant. The event was moderated by Dr. Leslie Kelly, from the Department of Government, creating a space for vibrant dialogue around the economic and legal implications of constitutional reform in Jamaica.

The concept for this launch was based on a project application for a UNESCO- UNOHCHR, Chair for a Human Rights Economy that was led by Dr. Ramona Biholar and Dr. Patricia Northover in September 2023. This initiative represents a significant step toward fostering critical discussions on constitutional change and development in the Caribbean, inviting varied perspectives from experts in politics, law, and economics. Through these sessions, UWI Mona, in collaboration with its partners, aims to provide a platform that encourages inclusive, well-informed dialogues essential for advancing the full decolonization of the State and a transformational rights based socio-economic and political governance in the Caribbean.

GPN- Global South-South Visiting Fellowship



Harriet M.D. Potakey

Dr. Harriet M.D. Potakey was appointed as a Visiting Research Fellow with SALISES Mona Campus for the period August 5, 2024 - September 30, 2024. Dr. Potakey is a Research Fellow with the Department of Environment, Governance and Sustainable Development at the School for Development Studies, University of Cape Coast, Ghana. Her research interests are in the areas of Environmental Management, Governance, and Sustainable Development, Environmental Behaviour – Environmental Citizenship, Environmentalism, Political Ecology, Environmental Sustainability, Climate change, Wetlands, Poverty and Livelihoods, Water and Sanitation, Socio-economic impacts of Oil and Gas Exploration, young people, women, and vulnerable groups.

Dr. Potakey's visit to the Institute is a result of the GPN South-South Visiting Fellowships programme under the Global Partnership Network. The Global Partnership Network (GPN) is an interdisciplinary and international network of excellence with the head office located at the University of Kassel (Germany) and partner universities in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. It cooperates closely with various partner NGOs in the respective countries. The GPN is funded by the programme "Exceed – Higher Education Excellence in Development Cooperation" launched by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Sir Arthur Lewis-GPN MSc Scholarship Awardees- 2024

- ◆ Mr. Andwayne Davis
- ◆ Ms. Ashelia Myrie

Congratulations to the 2024 scholarship awardees! Each scholarship is valued at US\$ 2250.

Citation of Honour – Dr. Erna Brodber



Dr. Patricia Northover (Left) and Dr. Erna Brodber (Right) shared a photo moment at the 25th Annual SALISES Conference

On May 1, 2024, at the 25th Annual SALISES Conference held at the Regional Headquarters of The University of the West Indies, Dr. Erna Brodber was presented with a prestigious Citation of Honour. This award recognises Dr. Brodber's significant contributions to interdisciplinary scholarship, literature, and the development of decolonial black poetics.

Dr. Brodber's distinguished work has provided a profound platform for engaging with Jamaica's social history, black culture, and life stories. Her scholarship has addressed complex social issues and offered pathways to repair for people of African descent. Through her academic endeavors, Dr. Brodber has highlighted the richness of the African diasporic experience, integrating historical and cultural narratives that have shaped and influenced the Jamaican identity.

The citation also acknowledges Dr. Brodber's dedicated service to SALISES and its predecessor, the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER). Over the years, she has contributed significantly to the Institute's intellectual and community-oriented activities, strengthening its mission and impact in the Caribbean and beyond.

Beyond her academic work, Dr. Brodber has made an indelible mark as a community activist. Her ongoing work in advancing "Black Space" initiatives in the Woodside community of St. Mary, Jamaica, underscores her commitment to social justice and the empowerment of African diasporic peoples. As a social historian, Dr. Brodber has consistently advocated for recognising and celebrating black culture and the narratives that shape its evolution.

This Citation of Honour celebrates Dr. Brodber's scholarly excellence, dedication to community activism, and unwavering commitment to the decolonial project. SALISES is proud to honour her significant contributions, which continue to influence academic thought and inspire transformative change within and beyond the Caribbean region.

Book Donation from the Family of the Late Professor Richard L. Bernal



Dr. Holger Henke (Left) presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs. Margaret Bernal (Right) at the 25th Annual SALISES Conference

On May 3, 2024, at the 25th Annual SALISES Conference, Dr. Holger Henke, the then SALISES Director, announced the generous donation of over 1,800 books to the Institute's Documentation Centre. The collection, donated by the family of the late Professor, the Honourable Ambassador Richard L. Bernal, OJ, consists of works that supported his

extensive research in fields such as economics, trade, international finance, the world economy, the emerging influence of China, and international relations. This valuable resource will serve current and future students and scholars, as the collection is currently being catalogued.

During the conference, Mrs. Margaret Bernal, the late professor's wife, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of this meaningful contribution. Dr. Henke expressed the Institute's gratitude, stating, "With this donation, Dr. Bernal will have an ongoing presence at the Institute he worked at, but also to remind us how much we miss his experience and sage advice."

In tribute to Professor Bernal's legacy, SALISES, in collaboration with the Bernal family, has envisioned the creation of the Richard L. Bernal Reading Room and Commons. This dedicated space will be a multi-purpose room featuring advanced technology, such as touch-tables and video-conferencing equipment, designed to support various activities, including teaching, creative projects, community outreach, and academic meetings. An animated rendering of this innovative space is available for viewing through a walkthrough video, offering a glimpse into how the room could look.

The creation of the Richard L. Bernal Reading Room and Commons will honour Professor Bernal's lifetime of achievements and his commitment to scholarship, mentorship, and public service. The Institute is currently seeking to raise funds to bring this vision to life, ensuring that Professor Bernal's impact continues to be felt within the institution that he cherished.

SALISES Fellows Recognised for Excellence in University Teaching at UWI/CETL Faculty Award

We are delighted to announce that two members of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) Mona community were recognised at The University of the West Indies Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) Faculty Award for Excellence in University Teaching. The ceremony was held on June 26, 2024, in the Multifunctional Room of the Main Library. This prestigious accolade celebrates educators who scored 4.5 or above on the Qualtrics-supported student evaluation of teaching for the academic year 2022–2023.

Dr. Kevin Williams is a Senior Research Fellow at SALISES, Mona, and an eminent scholar in Development and Applied Economics. He coordinates SALI6020 Microeconomic Policy Analysis and is the 2022/23 Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) Excellence in Teaching Awardee. Dr. Dacia Leslie is also a Senior Research Fellow at SALISES, Mona, with expertise in criminology and monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL). She coordinates SALI6023 Monitoring and Evaluation and was The UWI Mona/Guardian Life Premium Teaching Awardee 2022. Both scholars joined 22 other FSS faculty who were also honoured at the ceremony.



Dr. Dacia Leslie (Left); Dr. Kevin Williams

Dr. Michelle McLeod, Senior Lecturer in the Mona School of Business and Management, copped the Beryl Allen Teaching Award for Innovative Teaching. Dr. Nekeisha Spencer, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics, and Dr. Omar Thomas, Deputy Dean, Outreach, Internationalisation & Marketing in the Faculty of Engineering, emerged as runners-up. The Beryl Allen Teaching Award for Innovative Teaching is a competitive annual award that seeks to recognise faculty who provide and contribute to an inspirational student learning experience by utilising various innovative pedagogical approaches to advance learning. SALISES congratulates all the award recipients.

The UWI/CETL Faculty Award for Excellence in University Teaching highlights the exceptional achievements of Dr. Kevin Williams and Dr. Dacia Leslie and underscores SALISES's commitment to fostering a vibrant academic environment that encourages innovation, scholarship, and teaching excellence. As we celebrate their achievements, we also

recognise and salute the invaluable contributions of all our Fellows who continue to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders in Development Studies.

SALISES Research Fellows Honoured at Mona Library Celebration of Books 2024

The Mona Library Open Week and Celebration of Books 2024 took place on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Multifunctional Room of the Main Library. This signature event, an annual highlight at The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus, celebrated the outstanding scholarly achievements of UWI Mona staff who published books over the past year, from August 2023 to August 2024.

This year's event prominently featured two esteemed SALISES Research Fellows: Dr. Dacia Leslie and Dr. Natalie Dietrich-Jones. Dr. Leslie, a distinguished scholar in Caribbean criminology and social policy, was showcased for her academic contributions and served as the Guest Speaker. Her address highlighted the value of Caribbean-based research and the importance of scholarship in addressing the region's unique social and economic challenges.

The event highlighted the Mona Library's mission to foster academic excellence and celebrate the contributions of UWI staff to the region's body of knowledge. Attendees were able to view a display of publications and engage with the authors on their research journey, the significance of their work, and their impact on the Caribbean academic and policy landscape.

The event can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/g23oxEn4mXw?si=lBblVtzjfxOK9gYI>



Dr. Dacia Leslie, Guest Speaker at Mona Library Celebration of Books 2024



Left to Right: Dr. Natalie Dietrich Jones, Mrs. Nadine Newman and Dr. Dacia Leslie

SALISES Engages in Historic Inter-American Court of Human Rights Hearing on Climate Emergency

On April 23, 2024, Dr. Natalie Dietrich Jones, Research Fellow at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), participated in a landmark Public Hearing of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR). The hearing at the Business School of the Cave Hill Campus from April 23 to 25, 2024, addressed the request for Advisory Opinion OC-32, “Climate Emergency and Human Rights”, submitted by Colombia and Chile.

Dr. Dietrich Jones’s involvement represents the culmination of collaborative work initiated in 2023, during which she contributed to a Working Group focusing on internal and cross-border displacement linked to climate change. This group, comprising academics and activists from institutions including the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS), the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), and the Global Center for Legal Environmental Studies (GCELS) at Pace University’s Elisabeth Haub School of Law, among others, submitted an amicus curiae to the IACtHR in December 2023.

Dr. Dietrich Jones, Camila Bustos (GCELS), Felipe Navarro Lux (CGRS), and Jose Miranda (IRAP) represented the delegation at the Court. The delegation’s presentation was part of a satellite project funded and technically supported by IRAP to develop a Legal Action Agenda on Climate Displacement in the Americas. At the hearing, Dr. Dietrich Jones called on the Court to consider “the distinctive human rights settings which shape the jurisdictions which will receive the opinion, in particular, Small Island Developing States (SIDS).”

The delegation’s contribution followed an earlier session led by the Cave Hill Faculty of Law, the One Ocean Hub, and other collaborators, which focused on the law of the sea. The Court is reviewing the submissions and will issue its advisory opinion based on the input received.

Dr. Dacia Leslie Advocates for CARICOM MEAL Framework in Corrections Reform

Dr. Dacia Leslie, Senior Research Fellow at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), called for a coordinated CARICOM Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) framework during her address at the regional dialogue event for the Caribbean Corrections Roadmap Initiative on July 15, 2024. The event, which focused on enhancing corrections reforms to address overcrowding and recidivism in the Caribbean, marked the launch of the 2024 Caribbean Corrections Data Survey.

The initiative, supported by Georgetown University and the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, aims to implement effective correctional systems across CARICOM States. Dr. Leslie emphasised the need for improved correctional data infrastructure to support evidence-based decision-making and enhance the efficiency of correctional services.

The dialogue brought together experts from the corrections sector, donor representatives, and officials to discuss strategies for mitigating challenges within the Caribbean correctional systems. Dr. Leslie highlighted the critical role of capacity development training provided by The UWI and urged partners to focus on strengthening MEAL systems to foster a learning environment that informs future correction strategies.

The discussions and insights from this event informed the 12th Annual Conference of The Association of Caribbean Heads of Corrections and Prison Services in The Bahamas, held on September 9–12, 2024, under the theme “From Theory to Reality: Shaping the Future of Corrections and Prisons in the Caribbean”.

SALISES Faculty and Students Join in JaVOPE's 10th Anniversary



JaVope's 10th Anniversary Meet & Greet held at the United Nations Development Programme Jamaica's Conference Room, 1-3 Lady Musgrave Road, Kingston 5

On June 22, 2024, staff and students from the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), Mona, participated in the Meet and Greet event commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Jamaica Voluntary Organisation of Professional Evaluators (JaVOPE). Established in December 2014 as the inaugural Caribbean Evaluators International (CEI) Charter Voluntary Organisation of Professional Evaluators, JaVOPE aims to advance the field of evaluation within Jamaica. The organisation also strives to elevate standards, methodologies, and the professional development of evaluators across various disciplines. It also provides platforms for collaboration among evaluators, facilitating the exchange of knowledge and supporting evidence-based decision-making processes nationwide.

JaVOPE plays a vital role in enhancing capacity development and nurturing a community of practice among evaluators in Jamaica, aiming to uphold ethical standards and promote excellence in evaluation. Several members of the organisation were instrumental in supporting the launch of the professional development workshop titled "Introduction to RBM: Monitoring and Evaluation for Professionals" in June 2024. Mrs. Valerie Gordon, President/Chair of the Board of Directors, CEI, spearheaded the mobilisation efforts for the workshop, and Richard Leach, SALISES Mona, provided IT support.

Top Child Researcher from the 18th Annual Child Research Conference cops Mayeltha and Gwendolyn Scholarship



Left to Right: Mr. Damion Forbes, brother/guardian of scholarship recipient; Professor Aldrie Henry-Lee, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Graduate Studies & Research, UWI; Miss Abigay Dunkley, Mayeltha and Gwendolyn Scholarship Recipient; Mrs. Debbie Hope, daughter of Mayeltha, Representative for the Mayeltha and Gwendolyn Scholarship; Ms. Opal Angus, Guidance Counsellor, William Knibb Memorial High School; and Simone Forbes, sister/guardian of scholarship recipient.

The 18th Annual Child Research Conference was hosted on November 29–30, 2023, by the School for Graduate Studies and Research, The University of the West Indies (The UWI) in partnership with the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the United Nations Children's Fund. The conference was held under the theme, "A Safer Planet for Every Child: Striving for a World Where Children's Rights are Respected and their Voices Heard", at the Five Islands Campus of The UWI in Antigua and Barbuda. This was the first time the conference was hosted outside

of Jamaica, with 29 research paper submissions from across the Caribbean region.

Ms. Abigay Dunkley from William Knibb Memorial High School located in Trelawny, Jamaica, came out as a top researcher, and was also the recipient of the Mayeltha and Gwendolyn Scholarship of J\$100,000. The annual scholarship is open to the top ten child researchers (below 18 years of age) who are Caribbean nationals living in difficult circumstances.

Children living in difficult circumstances face a myriad of challenges, but the protective role that emotional and moral support as well as mentorship plays to help lift them from where they are to a better future should not be underestimated. For Abigay Dunkley, this support came from her guardians – brother, Damion Forbes, and sister, Simone Forbes – and her Guidance Counsellor at school. Always remember that if we can each play a positive role in the life of a child/children living in difficult circumstances, we contribute to addressing their protective needs and help them counter the many risks they face on a daily basis.

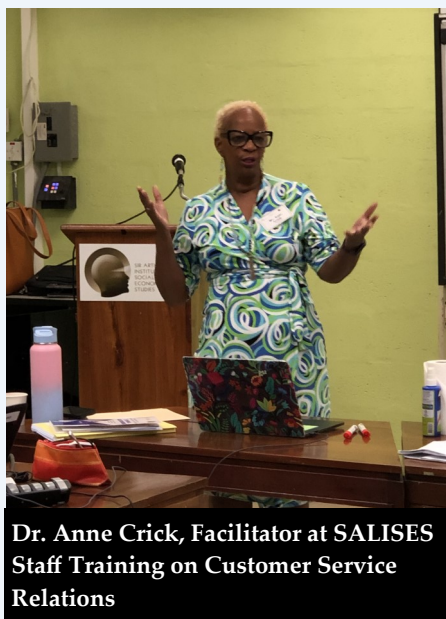
(Contributed by Mrs. Debbie Hope, Associate Counselling Psychologist & Judge, Mayeltha and Gwendolyn Scholarship Awards Committee.)

SALISES Staff Training

Customer Service Relations Workshop – September 3, 2024

The Customer Service Relations Workshop, facilitated by Dr. Anne Crick, Senior Lecturer at the Mona School of Business and Management, was an engaging and highly participatory session held on September 3, 2024, at the SALISES Conference Room. The workshop started with a warm welcome and an energising ice breaker that set a positive tone for the day. Dr. Crick guided the staff through a series of insightful activities, including discussions on the RATER Model, the seven rules of personalised customer service, and effective service recovery techniques.

Staff members were actively involved throughout the workshop, demonstrating a keen interest in improving customer service standards. The team-building session, aptly titled “TEAM – Together Everyone Advances Mission”, was a highlight, reinforcing the importance of collaboration and shared goals in achieving exceptional service. The workshop concluded with the introduction of the SALISES Customer Service Charter and a commitment from all participants to uphold its principles. Overall, the workshop was not only informative but also inspiring, leaving attendees motivated to implement the best practices discussed. Dr. Crick’s dynamic facilitation style and the interactive format made the event both enjoyable and beneficial for all involved.



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REPUBLICANISM IN THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN



As the issue of republicanism regains traction in the Commonwealth Caribbean after a hiatus of forty-three years between the termination of the associated statehood of Dominica in 1978 and the termination of the monarchical status of Barbados in 2021, this special issue, guest-edited by Hamid Ghany, is dedicated to the topic of **Republicanism in the Commonwealth Caribbean**.

Of the twelve independent countries of the Commonwealth Caribbean, there are four republics: Guyana (1970), Trinidad and Tobago (1976), Dominica (1978), and Barbados (2021). In many respects, there was a lull in the movement for republicanism between the 1970s and the present day. Will republicanism regain its momentum in the Commonwealth Caribbean in the aftermath of Barbados or is there more political talk than action?

The collection of articles in this special issue highlights some key areas of the republican movement in the Commonwealth Caribbean: from quasi-ceremonial presidencies to hybrid presidential-parliamentary republicanism, the movement to republicanism in Barbados, an analysis of the constitutional moment that the transition to republicanism in Barbados has presented to the Commonwealth Caribbean, and an examination of the exercise of presidential powers after the replacement of the Governor General.

Republicanism has some distance to travel as it must surmount parliamentary divisions and public consciousness issues across the region in those eight countries that are yet to become republics.

This special issue delves into these questions and provides a useful analysis of the road travelled and the challenges ahead.

Monarchism to Republicanism in the Commonwealth Caribbean: Pathways, Progress, and Pitfalls by Cynthia Barrow-Giles and Rico J. Yearwood

The Road to Republicanism in the English-Speaking Caribbean by Derek O'Brien

Fifty-Five Years in the "Doldrums": Barbados's Protracted Move to Republicanism by Henderson Carter

Constitutional Interpretation and Presidential Powers: The Case of Trinidad and Tobago by Hamid Ghany

From "Little England" to a Republic: The Journey of Barbados by Allison O. Ramsay

Constitutional Reform for the Digital Era by Pearson A. Broome

Revitalising the Rental Market in New Providence, The Bahamas: A Preliminary Exploration into Affordable Rental Housing by Abigail D. Knowles and Randy T. Hield

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***Social and Economic Studies'* Webinar on Republicanism in the Commonwealth Caribbean**

On October 11, 2024, *Social and Economic Studies* held a virtual webinar on “Republicanism in the Commonwealth Caribbean”. It featured a panel of distinguished scholars who contributed to the recently published special issue of the same title (Volume 72, Nos. 1&2):

- Professor Cynthia Barrow-Giles from The University of the West Indies (The UWI), Cave Hill, specialising in Constitutional Governance and Politics.
- Dr. Pearson A. Broome, Lecturer in Political Science, also from The UWI, Cave Hill.
- Dr. Henderson Carter, Senior Lecturer in History at The UWI, Cave Hill.
- Professor Hamid Ghany, Honorary Professor, SALISES, The UWI, St. Augustine, specialises in Constitutional Affairs and Parliamentary Studies.
- Dr. Derek O'Brien, Reader in Public Law, Oxford Brookes University, England.
- Dr. Allison O. Ramsay, Lecturer in Cultural/Heritage Studies, The UWI, St. Augustine.
- Mr. Rico J. Yearwood, Adjunct Lecturer in Law at The UWI, Cave Hill.

The recorded webinar is available on SALISES Mona's YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/Mv130xy4MRk>), and the corresponding issue of *Social and Economic Studies* can be accessed at <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/ses/node/252>.

***Review of Social and Economic Studies'* Webinar on Republicanism in the Commonwealth Caribbean on Mornin' Barbados**

On October 14, 2024, three of the authors of the recently published *Social and Economic Studies* (SES) special issue on Republicanism in the Commonwealth Caribbean were interviewed on the live TV morning show, Mornin' Barbados, on CBC TV 8, Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation. It was a review of a webinar held by SES under the same theme on October 11, 2024 and continued the discussion of the multi-faceted republicanism issues arising from the webinar, further promoting SES to a wider audience and creating an impact of the journal beyond academia.

The three interviewed guests were:

- Dr. Henderson Carter, Senior Lecturer in History, Department of History and Philosophy, The UWI, Cave Hill, Barbados;
- Dr. Derek O'Brien, Reader in Public Law, Oxford Brookes University, England; and
- Professor Hamid Ghany, Professor of Constitutional Affairs and Parliamentary Studies & Honorary Professor at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, The UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.

A recording of the interview is available at <https://youtu.be/LnvJoguRRdQ>.

SALISES Bids Farewell to Dr. Holger Henke

The Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) recently bid farewell to its Director, Dr. Holger Henke, who served from February 6, 2023, to May 31, 2024. A farewell function was held on May 17, 2024, bringing together staff and other stakeholders to mark the conclusion of his tenure.

During his time at SALISES, Dr. Henke contributed to several key initiatives and helped advance the Institute's mission of promoting research excellence in social and economic studies. The SALISES team extends its thanks to Dr. Henke for his efforts and leadership and wishes him success in his future endeavours.

Farewell Highlights for Dr. Holger Henke:



Dr. Heather Ricketts presented a gift to Dr. Henke



Ms. Sammara Reynolds presented a token of appreciation to Dr. Henke while host of the event, Dr. Dietrich Jones (at lectern) and invited guest Professor Boxill looked on.



SALISES staff at the farewell function for Dr. Holger Henke

Retirement Party Highlights: A Memorable Farewell for Ms Thelma White



Dr. Northover (Right) presented a gift to Ms. Thelma White

We are delighted to share that Ms Thelma White's retirement party, held on August 30, 2024 at 10 a.m. in SALISES Conference Room, was a wonderful celebration of her remarkable career and contributions to our team. The intimate gathering was a fitting tribute to Ms White's 18 years of dedicated service to The UWI, 14 of which were with SALISES, Mona.

The morning was filled with heartfelt speeches, including touching tributes from colleagues, such as Pauline Nicholas, Campus Librarian at the Sidney Martin Library at The UWI, Cave Hill Campus; Mrs Karren Tyrell, Librarian III from the Main Library at The UWI, Mona Campus; and Mrs Nadine Newman, SALISES Head Librarian. All three colleagues shared personal anecdotes and highlighted Ms Thelma White's numerous accomplishments. Ms. White was recognised for her cataloguing and research skills, general mentorship, and unwavering commitment to prayer, which, for many, have left an indelible mark.

Attendees enjoyed the crossword puzzle, light refreshments carefully selected by Ms. Kerry-Coy Virtue, and a special item from Mr. Richard McTaggart, who made his very first appearance as a gospel artiste in honour of Ms. White. The highlight of the morning was the presentation of two personalised gifts by the then Acting Director Dr. Patricia Northover and the cutting of the retirement party cake by Ms. White and Mr. Robert Fisher. We thank Ms. Kara Harris and Mrs. Nadine Newman for selecting the gifts and Mr. Richard Leach for the photographs.

Moderated by Dr. Dacia Leslie, the event provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together as a T.E.A.M. to celebrate Ms. Thelma White's achievements and wish her well in this new chapter of her life. She was truly touched by the outpouring of support and warm wishes from all who attended in person and online.

SALISES extends our deepest gratitude to all staff members and everyone who participated and helped make this hybrid celebration a success. Ms Thelma White will be greatly missed, but her legacy will continue to inspire us. Here's to Ms Thelma White—may your retirement be filled with joy, relaxation, and new adventures including cruise ship excursions!



Mrs Nadine Newman (Right) presented a gift to Ms. Thelma White



SALISES Staff at the retirement party for Ms. Thelma White

Thelma White (Librarian III) Citation

Thelma White has had a notable career at The University of the West Indies (The UWI), where she worked for 18 years, 14 of which were richly shared with us at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies. Thelma's career at The UWI began in 2006 at the West Indies and Special Collections of the University Main Library, where she played a pivotal part in the growth and maintenance of the West Indian database. Her work involved indexing thousands of records, significantly expanding the database, and enhancing access to West Indian resources. Thelma's meticulous cataloguing and classification of documents, done with exceptional care and attention to detail, provided reference services that made the collection more accessible to researchers and the general public. Her contributions to various exhibitions, through research and the provision of materials with West Indian content, were instrumental in preserving and showcasing the region's rich heritage.

After her tenure at the UWI Main Library, Thelma transitioned to SALISES in 2010, where she continued to make significant contributions. As a Librarian at the Documentation Centre, she managed the internal database, ensuring its growth and standardisation. Her responsibilities included supervising the abstraction and indexing of articles from journals and conference papers, which led to the expansion of critical bibliographic databases. Thelma's role in this expansion significantly enhanced the research environment. She also oversaw the creation of a collection that documented SALISES's 50/50 series of events, which included papers, photographs, and multimedia resources. She was deeply involved in organising and archiving these materials, ensuring their preservation for future generations.

In addition to her technical skills, Thelma assisted with staff supervision and guiding students in research and citation methods. Her ability to conceptualise and prepare regular displays highlighted her creative approach to library services. Throughout her career at SALISES, Thelma was known for her dedication to enhancing the research environment and her unwavering commitment to the preservation of Caribbean knowledge and culture, a commitment that inspired those around her. Thelma was also a member of the SALISES Crime Prevention and Offender Management Research Cluster, led by Dr. Dacia Leslie, Senior Research Fellow, where she contributed to the vibrant research life of our Institute. She has published nine articles, further cementing her role as a significant contributor to Caribbean research.

Thelma is a fun-loving and animated individual who can bring life and laughter wherever she goes. Her quick wit and infectious sense of humour make her the heart of any gathering. Always ready with a joke or a light-hearted comment that never fails to lift the spirits of those around her, Thelma's lively and energetic nature is complemented by her deep commitment to her faith, which is central to her life. She attends church services with unwavering regularity, finding strength and solace in her religious practices.

In her professional life, Thelma is equally dedicated and passionate. Her enthusiasm for her work is palpable, and it has earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues. Whether tackling a challenging project or mentoring a junior staff member, Thelma approaches every task with the same vigour and positivity that defines her personality. Her ability to balance her work with her deep-rooted faith and active community involvement is truly inspiring. This unique blend of humour, dedication, and faith makes Thelma a cherished colleague and a beloved friend to many. Her presence is a source of joy, comfort, and inspiration, making her an indispensable part of any circle she is a part of, professionally and personally.

As Thelma retires, she closes a significant chapter in her career at The UWI and SALISES. Those she had worked with appreciated her steady commitment to her work and her contributions to preserving Caribbean knowledge. Thelma's presence will be missed by her colleagues, who have come to value her dedication and lively personality. As she moves into retirement, she does so with our grateful acknowledgment of her contributions and the best wishes of all those who have worked alongside her. May her retirement bring her well-deserved rest and the opportunity to enjoy the next phase of her life.

Derek Gordon Databank

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Dr. Khadijah Williams: JAS Phenomenal Woman Awardee



Dr. Khadijah Williams, Honorary Consultant at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), The University of the West Indies (The UWI), Mona, has been honoured with the Jamaica Agricultural Society's Phenomenal Women in Agriculture 2024 Award. Dr. Williams was selected among 19 influential women for her exceptional contributions to agriculture and rural development in Jamaica.

With a career spanning over three decades, Dr. Williams has combined her expertise in social work, psychology, and human resource management with a hands-on approach to agriculture. Trained at The UWI, St. Augustine, and Lancaster University in the UK, she has taught courses on rural social work and community development across The UWI St. Augustine and Mona campuses and currently serves as a Visiting Professor at the University of Guyana.

Dr. Williams is a prominent figure in rural development, serving as Chairperson of the Education, Research, and Policy Committee for the Jamaica Network of Rural Women Producers and as a Board Member for the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) in St. Ann, Jamaica. Her influence extends beyond Jamaica, with her work resonating across the Caribbean, the USA, and the UK.

She has pioneered the use of agriculture as a tool for behaviour change and mental health promotion, focusing on the production of indigenous foods to prevent conditions such as dementia and depression. Her commitment to food security and sovereignty is reflected in her active community outreach, educating local farmers through seminars. Dr. Williams also co-founded Village Academy International, a residential post-secondary school for marginalised

youth, which supports young people transitioning from state care and those facing educational challenges, preparing them for careers in agriculture.

A leader in Afro-Caribbean integration, Dr. Williams' work promotes collaboration and the preservation of indigenous knowledge. She co-led the first International Black Youth Food Sovereignty Forum in 2022, connecting youth from the Caribbean, North America, and Africa to discuss sustainable food systems. Dr. Williams' dedication to agriculture, mental health, and youth development has established her as a thought leader and a true champion for rural communities in the Caribbean and beyond.

Passing of Professor Patricia Anderson, CD



Professor Patricia Anderson CD

SALISES deeply mourns the loss of our esteemed former colleague, Professor Patricia Anderson, CD, who passed away on Sunday, October 13, 2024. Professor Anderson began her distinguished career at The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, in 1982 as a Research Fellow at the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), now SALISES. Her dedication and expertise led her to advance to the positions of Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Head, before joining the Department of Sociology and Social Work in September 1992 as a Senior Lecturer. She served as Head of the Department from 2000 to 2003, leaving an indelible mark through her exemplary leadership.

In 2007, Professor Anderson was honoured with the National Order of Distinction, Commander Class, in recognition of her significant research contributions to public policy development. She retired in 2010, concluding an illustrious career as a scholar, teacher, mentor, administrator, and social policy specialist. Her

legacy of dedication and service to academia and public policy will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing her. She will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by the entire UWI community.