



## UWIAA Florida Newsletter

### UWI Grad and Part-Time Lecturer, Alison Stone Roofe to Head the New Jamaican Mission in Brazil



Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Senator A.J. Nicholson, announced the appointment of Alison Stone Roofe as Jamaica's first Ambassador to Brazil. Mrs. Stone Roofe is currently the Director of the Caribbean & Americas (C&A) Department. Her appointment as Ambassador to Brazil represents a deepening of relations within the hemisphere, and in particular with Brazil – a member of what is globally accepted as the group of emerging economies including Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC). The opening up of a Mission in the capital Brasilia is part of the strategic vision of the Ministry, in a bid to encourage trade and investment opportunities and strengthen Jamaica's advocacy in the global arena.

A career diplomat, Mrs. Stone Roofe has over 20 years working experience in the Ministry, and serves as a Member of the CARICOM Inter-Governmental Task Force (IGTF) on the review of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas and a member of the CARICOM-appointed Evaluation Committee overseeing the reconstruction of the CARICOM Secretariat. Prior to her current role as Director of the C&A Department, the Ambassador Designate was Deputy Director of the Foreign Trade Department and Private Sector Liaison for the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM).

The career-diplomat and former Commonwealth Scholar, who attained an M.Phil in International Relations from the University of Oxford (1995); an MSc. in Social Sciences (with distinction) (1989) and a BSc. in International Relations (First Class Honours) from UWI (1988) is therefore an appropriate official to represent the interests of Jamaica while in Brazil, and to further both countries' friendly relations.

During her tenure at the Ministry, Mrs. Stone Roofe also received training in Supervisory Management and participated in the Programme of High Level Diplomatic Courses in Madrid, Spain. She has received Certificates in Public Administration from the University of Peking (Beijing) and Policy Analysis and Strategic Planning resulting from the Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. Mrs. Stone Roofe is also a Part-time Lecturer in International Relations in the Department of Government at UWI. Married to Michael Roofe, Alison is an avid reader who enjoys tennis and swimming. Mrs. Stone Roofe is expected to assume duties by April, 2012. *(JIS, January 30, 2012)*

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#### BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

##### JANUARY

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##### FEBRUARY

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### **Cave Hill Master of Science Among World's Best**

Several Masters programs delivered by Cave Hill's Department of Management Studies are adjudged to be in the top tier of those available from business schools around the world, according to an international survey. The stellar performer was the M.Sc Building and Construction which ranked among the 100 best programs delivered in any language in the Top 100 Best Masters in Real Estate Management category. The assessment was made by renowned academic ranking specialists, Eduniversal, which spent 18 months assessing 12,000 Masters programs in the 1,000 Best Business Schools in nine geographical regions.

Building on ten years' experience in ranking Master's programs in French universities, Eduniversal's international objective is to establish a global map of the 4,000 best postgraduate programs in 30 specializations in 153 countries and to highlight the expertise of the Best 1000 Academic Institutions. Four of Cave Hill's other graduate programs scored highly in the Eduniversal Ranking of the Best Masters and MBA Programs Worldwide in 2011:

1. M.Sc. Project Management & Evaluation - **Top 200 Best Masters in Engineering and Project Management**
2. M.Sc. Management in International Management - **Top 200 Best Masters in International Management**
3. M.Sc. Management in Human Resource Management - **Top 200 Best Masters in Human Resources Management**
4. M.Sc. Management - **Top 200 Best Masters in General Management**

In addition, the Department of Management Studies' M.Sc Investments and Wealth Management was ranked 22nd in Latin America while its M.Sc Management in Financial Management was ranked 24th in that same region.

News of the Department of Management Studies' achievement last year follows the previous year's outstanding accomplishment when the French company, in its independent survey, gave the department a rating of "excellent", placed it among the world's top 1,000 business schools and ranked it the best in the Caribbean. This after Eduniversal had conducted intensive research into business schools around the world using various criteria

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including international influence and reputation, and the quality of programs and teachers, among others.

The 2011 rankings were produced with the support of the Eduniversal International Scientific Committee and were based on three main criteria: the reputation of the program; the salary of the first employment/job of the graduates; and the satisfaction of the students. The latter criterion was the most important since it was the unique aspect of the rankings, with nearly 100,000 graduates answering the Eduniversal Masters Survey and evaluating their respective program.

“This is the first time any of UWI’s Management Masters programs have broken into the rankings. It’s a major achievement for the university. We’re actually surprised because we didn’t know our programs were being assessed,” noted Head of the Department of Management, Dr. Justin Robinson.

“It’s particularly significant because most of these programs were only launched within the last two years. This recognition will certainly help us in marketing our programs and in attracting more international students.” Robinson acknowledged that Cave Hill would now have “some pressure” to ensure it “maintains and improves upon these rankings” and to see whether more of the department’s programs can break into the top ranks this year.

In additional to having its program benchmarked favorably, DOMS performance provides a catalyst for the department to further expand its self-financing taught master’s offerings in support of the university’s efforts to generate additional income towards its strategic goal of achieve greater self sustainability. ***(Campus News January 23, 2012, Cave Hill)***

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**'We Should be Ashamed'**



*Professor Orlando Patterson (centre) speaks with Class of 1948 medical students Owen Minott (left) and Keith McKenzie (right), while Professor Gordon Shirley (second left), principal of the University of the West Indies (UWI); Professor Nigel Harris (second right), UWI vice chancellor; and Athelstan Gilbert Bellamy (standing at back), president of the UWI Alumni Association, look on during yesterday's UWI service for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of its transition from a college of the University of London to the University of the West Indies at the*

*University Chapel, Mona, in St Andrew yesterday. - (Rudolph Brown/Photographer)*

Internationally acclaimed author and educator, Professor Orlando Patterson, has added his voice to those expressing concern about the level of poverty across Jamaica. Patterson, the honoree at the University of the West Indies' 2012 Commemoration Celebrations, told The

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**"We Should Be Ashamed", (Cont'd from Page 3)**

Gleaner that poverty had become "a prevalent phenomenon in the country".

According to Patterson - who was honored by the University of the West Indies for his outstanding scholarship and international contribution to the dialogue on issues of culture, race and society - the country is lacking in several areas of development and has a far way to go to reach a satisfactory level. "We have been very successful in the cultural aspect - our music, athletics, our food - but on the other hand, we have been lacking in other areas of development, and that leaves a lot to be desired, and in some cases, we should be ashamed," said Patterson.

"The social aspect is lacking, crime and violence is of great concern, and the number of persons who are living in poverty is really appalling. I'm thinking that approaching our 50th anniversary, we would have been better off, but we have, in fact, been worse off," added Patterson.

In the meantime, the Reverend Paul Gardener, who spoke on the topic "It is in the Valley that We Must Live", said the Church has to play a more active role in helping to tackle some of the country's challenges.

**Campaign against crime and violence**

"The Church cannot take cover and escape the responsibilities we have as a country. Instead, we have to campaign against crime and violence that has taken root in our society," said Gardener

"There are persons who are only concerned with the mountain-top experience and not interested in the valley, but a life lived for Jesus is far from the mountain top. Silence and solitude are integral in any Christian's life, and we ought to take advantage of the valley experience. In the valley of life, we are constantly being transformed, minds have been opened. Having an encounter with Jesus leaves you dazzled, transformed, and refreshed. It is in the valley that we must live," Gardener declared. *(Daily Gleaner, February 20, 2012)*

**The American Foundation for The University of the West Indies  
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The American Foundation for The University of the West Indies is the principal link between the University of the West Indies, which is the leading educational institution in the Caribbean, and the many groups in the United States who value and support the University's work. The Foundation partners with the University Alumni, the Caribbean community in the United States, American Foundations and Corporations with Caribbean business interests or Caribbean markets to raise funds for projects, scholarships and academic programs on the University's three campuses and thirteen University Centers.

The American Foundation for the University of the West Indies (AFUWI) was established in 1956 to develop an endowment fund in the United States for The University of the West Indies (UWI), and over the past decades has provided scholarships and grants, and funded many special projects to foster the development of the University of the West Indies.

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