

2013 FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM (IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES)

Nailah Clinton

Nailah will be pursuing a Master's in Educational Psychology at the College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY. She graduated with a BSc in Psychology from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, in 2010. On her return, Nailah would like to focus on teenagers and young adults with learning disabilities and also on program and project evaluation which is greatly lacking in Trinidad and Tobago. Nailah is also a certified ADD coach and has also been involved in HIV/AIDS peer counseling.

Roma Johnny

Roma will be pursuing a Master's degree program in Counseling Psychology at Western Michigan University. She graduated from the University of the West Indies in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. On her return, she hopes to "work in the mental health and education fields as a Child and Adolescent Psychologist where I can directly use the knowledge and skills I receive in the MA Counseling Psychology Program. Alongside this, I wish to conduct further research in my country that can give rise to new data, intervention and policies to improve mental care and educational services in Trinidad and Tobago."

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rhonda Jaipaul-O'Garro

Rhonda will be pursuing a 10-month non-degree fellowship program in Communications/Journalism at Arizona State University – Walter Cronkite School. In 2000 she graduated with a BSc in Management Studies (Marketing) from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, and a MA in Public Communication & PR from the University of Westminster, UK. She is currently employed at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, as Manager, University Marketing & Communications. Her program interest is "the use of integrated digital media platforms to enhance access to higher education. Digital technologies and social media platforms can make education more accessible. I believe a program focused on digital media integration can make a valuable contribution to the development of Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean."

LASPAU FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Stasha Balkissoon

Stasha will be pursuing a Master's degree in Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Stasha is a part-time demonstrator at the University of the West Indies, St.

Augustine Campus. Stasha graduated from the University of the West Indies in 2000 with a BSc in Physics, and an MPhil in Physics (Soil Erosion) in 2012.

On her return she hopes to contribute to the “development of a revised effective soil loss assessment for Trinidad and Tobago. This will be a beneficial tool in the mitigation of natural disasters such as flooding and landslides that occur annually. In addition, established research soil physics laboratories would aid in the creation of soil erosion courses for Faculty Development.”

Richard Ramsawak

Richard will be pursuing a Ph.D. program in Economics at Clark University, Worcester, MA. He is currently a Program Director at the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus. He intends to “complete research at the doctoral level on the topic: ‘Economic Development and Transformation of Small Island States (SIS)’. For this study SIS are countries with population levels below 3 million. The study will seek to identify and analyze key factors (economic, social and political) which can be considered most relevant for the development of SIS.”

In 2001 Richard was awarded a Distinction, Master of Sciences in Economics, University of the West Indies. He was the “Overall Winner” Research Awards, at the Arthur Lok Jack School of Business, UWI, in 2007.

On his return he would like to “provide policy advice for the development of Small Island States (SIS) such as those located in the Caribbean, African and Pacific Islands. Additionally, I want to conduct further research on key economic development topics relevant to SIS, such as competitiveness, the role of institutions, political systems, international trade and health, and education. Finally, I will work to further the publication of case studies, which can be used for lectures.”