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DEPARTMENT/UNIT/SECTION

Decision Sciences & Information Systems/Computer-based Management Information Systems (CBMIS) Unit

FACULTY/DIVISION

Mona School of Business & Management

POSITION

CBMIS Final Projects Manager & Adjunct Lecturer

GENERAL AREA OF ACADEMIC SPECIALISATION

Management Information Systems & Software Development

QUALIFICATION & GRANTING INSTITUTION

Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) – MSBM - pending
MSc. in Computer-based Management Information Systems (distinction) - UWI

TEACHING AND RELATED EXPERIENCE**Undergraduate Level:**

- MGMT2004 – Computer Applications (Jan. 2016 – Present)
- MGMT3012 – Systems Analysis & Design (Sept. 2020 – Present)

Graduate Level:

- CS51Q – Introduction to Program Design (2012 – 2018)
- COMP6101 – Introduction to Programming, Database and Networks (2018 - Present)
- MGMT6031 – Final Project (2012 - Present)
- SBCO6730 – Management Information Systems (Jan. 2016 - Present)
- MGMT6100 – Management Information Systems (Jan. 2016 - Present)
- MISY6118 – IT Security (June 2019 – Present)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEPARTMENT

Final Projects Manager – MSc in CBMIS (2015 – Present)

An expansion of the initial supervisory role of final projects produced in satisfaction of the MSc degree to include streamlining pathways of viable prospects towards commercialization within our University's ecosystem.

Member – MSc in CBMIS Curriculum Revision Committee (2014 – 2019)

Member of team tasked with revising the current curriculum to ensure its alignment with industry expectations and disciplinary advancements.

Team Lead – Undergraduate CBMIS Revision Committee (2017)

Main driver of the process to re-evaluate and revise the existing CBMIS major.

MIS – Public Sector Intermediary

Brokered discussions between our department and various government entities with an aim of getting solutions developed within our programme deployed to areas of need. This has led to fruitful relationships with numerous local ministries such as National Security, Health and Science and Technology.

EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL UWI SERVICE

Board Member – Vincent HoSang Entrepreneurship Programme (2013 – Present)

The VHSEP focuses on encouraging entrepreneurial ventures of our students. This is done through a programme that comprises of competition, business development and mentorship. To date the programme has produced numerous successes in the form of early stage ventures and competition winners, both locally and internationally.

Member of Advisory Board & In-house Partner – Mona Entrepreneurial & Commercialization Centre (MECC) (2017 – Present)

The MECC provides incubator and commercialization services to the wider university community. As member of the advisory board, I provide strategic advice in my area of expertise, namely information systems and software development. As an in-house partner, I form part of the evaluation team for the selection of clients; as well as assist with needs assessment of new clients, coaching & mentorship of existing clients, general management, IT policies & procedures.

Member – Student Enrichment Committee (2015 – 2016)

The Student Enrichment Committee seeks to enrich the university experience on behalf of our students. The activities of this committee are wide-ranging and may encompass any activity that impacts student well-being.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Facilitator – Aspiring Principals Programme (2020-2021)

The Aspiring Principals Programme offered by National College for Educational Leadership (NCEL) is now considered a mandatory qualification for educators desirous of leading a public learning institution. I and two other colleagues led the Facilities Management module.

Head of the Swallowfield Chapel Boys' Club (2020)

The Swallowfield Chapel Boys' Club is an outreach arm of the church's Youth Ministry tasked with ministering to the at-risk, young boys and men within the church's immediate community.

Training Supervisor & Trainer – Caribbean Mobile Innovation Project (CMIP) (2015)

CMIP is a World Bank-funded project geared towards creating and nurturing technology entrepreneurs within the region. I was tasked to work along with the Training Manager to craft the programme's technical curriculum and administer said curriculum over a 9-week workshop.

Mentor – PitchIT Caribbean Innovation Competition (2015 & 2016)

Mentored a total of six regional teams across two cycles of the PitchIT Competition. Of the teams mentored, three received grant funding from the competition.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Director of Kree8 Hive Ltd. (2019 – Present)

Managing Director of Kree8 Hive Ltd., a boutique solution-oriented consultancy blending the disciplines of Information Technology and Marketing.

Director of Deviant X Ltd. (2008 – 2019)

Director of Deviant X Ltd., a boutique software development company that specializes in the development, deployment and maintenance of backend corporate solutions. Over the years we have created solutions for/with entities such as FLOW, International Game Technology, Mona Geoinformatics, Quik & EZ Bill Payment

Director of mBET Gaming Services Ltd. (2015 – Present)

mBET Gaming Services is an off-shoot entity from the aforementioned Deviant X Ltd. that provides mobile, lottery-based gaming solutions to their clients. This solution is created in partnership with FLOW and Grace Financial Services.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Digital Payment Adoption (2020)

The area being explored for research, in satisfaction of the requirements for the DBA, is "Digital Payment Adoption", with emphasis on the local environment.