

Dr. Paula Green at St. George's University in Grenada



Karuna Center Director Paula Green served as a Visiting Professor of Conflict Resolution for a week of consultation at St. George's University in Grenada.

Her program consisted of separate seminars on conflict management with each of the major stakeholders in the university community: faculty, administration, staff, students, and local residents. Following these sessions, dialogues were held between stakeholders on controversial structural and inter-personal issues facing the university community. Issues included power, status, race, class, perceived injustices, unmanaged conflicts, cultural differences, and promotion of harmony and respect. The 300 participants who attended over the 5 days expressed gratitude for the seminars and hope for significant change.

Following the seminars, a report was prepared for distribution, with specific recommendations submitted to senior administrators. Multi-sector representatives will advocate for campus-wide changes based on the recommendations and for a continuation of the seminars for the academic year 2008-09. Karuna Center was very pleased to be in partnership with St. George's University and the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services, which hosted the seminars. The Counseling Center and Karuna Center jointly recognize the need for further dialogue and advocacy for the campus, campus-community relations, and for issues impacting the community, including violence.

The week that Paula Green was leading the seminars, two murders took place in St. George, the capital city and home of the university. The headlines in the local newspaper, *Spice Island Review*, read: *More Murders, Too Little Conflict Resolution*. Hopefully Karuna Center and St. George's University will expand the program through the school system, civil society organizations, and local government to introduce conflict prevention and management throughout the island.



Participants in Dr. Paula Green's seminars at St. George's University, Grenada.