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ACADEMIC HISTORY


1978  MSc. (Government), University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. Thesis entitled: "The Development of the 1970 Revolution in Trinidad and Tobago".

1973  BSc. (Social Sciences), Upper Second Class Honours, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad.

POST DOCTORAL

1989-90  Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship, Centre of Latin American Studies, Cambridge University.

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS


Critical Interventions in Caribbean Politics and Theory, The University Press of Mississippi, Jackson, December 2014 (260 pages)

M.G. Smith: Social Theory and Anthropology in the Caribbean and Beyond
(ed.) Caribbean Reasonings Series, Ian Randle Publishers, Kingston and Miami, 2011 (341 pages)

_The Thought of New World: The Quest for Decolonisation_ (ed.) with Norman Girvan, Caribbean Reasonings Series, Ian Randle Publishers, Kingston and Miami, 2010 (344 pages)


_Envisioning Caribbean Futures: Jamaican Perspectives_, The University of the West Indies Press, 2007 (203 pages)


_New Caribbean Thought: A Reader_, (ed.) with Folke Lindahl, The University of the West Indies Press, 2001. (540 pages)

_Narratives of Resistance: Jamaica, Trinidad, the Caribbean_, The University of the West Indies Press, Mona, Jamaica, 2000. (256 pages)

_Radical Caribbean: From Black Power to Abu Bakr_, The Press, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica, 1996. (178 pages)

_Caribbean Revolutions and Revolutionary Theory: An Assessment of Cuba, Nicaragua and Grenada_, Warwick University, Macmillan, London and Basingstoke, 1993. (210 pages)

EDITED JOURNALS


NOVELS

COMPLETED MANUSCRIPTS

*Documents of the Grenada Revolution.* (Co-edited with Claremont Kirton). This manuscript is accepted for publication by the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (UWI). It is now being revised for early publication.

ARTICLES:


“Jamaica on the Cusp of Fifty: Whither Nationalism and Sovereignty?” in Linden Lewis (ed.) *Caribbean Sovereignty, Development and Democracy in an*

“Cuba from Due South: an Anglo-Caribbean Perspective”, *Caribbean Quarterly*, vol.58 no.1, March 2012, pp.87-98.


“Turtle in the Pond. Imagining the Future: Rethinking the Political in Jamaica”, *Trinidad and Tobago Review*, vol.29 no.1, January 2007, pp.18-21.


Preface: Clinton Hutton’s *The Logic and Historic Significance of the Haitian Revolution and Cosmological Roots of Haitian Freedom*, Arawak, Kingston pp. i-ii

“Caribbean Futures”, *The Integrationist*, vol.2 no.1, June 2004, pp. 54-65.


“Remembering Michael Manley: 1924-1997”, *Against the Current*, vol.12 no.4,


FORTHCOMING

“Jamaican Roads Not Taken, or a Big “What If” in Stuart Hall’s Life” Boundary 2, 2016.


**FUTURE PROJECTS**

*New World Quarterly (The Collection)*, Executive editors Anthony Bogues, Rupert Lewis and Brian Meeks.

**REPORTS**

2011 *Task Force on Achieving a More Regional University of the West Indies*, Executive Summary and compilation of Campus Reports and documents.


**SERIES EDITOR**

(With Anthony Bogues and Rupert Lewis) Caribbean Reasonings Series. Eight volumes published.
MAJOR CONFERENCES/LECTURES

2015

“Jamaican Roads not taken, or a Big “What If” in Stuart Hall’s Life”, Keynote address, Fifth annual Critical Caribbean Symposium Series, the College of the Bahamas, November 20.

“Education as an Emancipation Tool in a Hospitality-based Island”. Address to the Social and Economic Council, the University of St Maarten, November 10.

Beyond the End of Sovereignty: Recapturing Space for Humanity in the Caribbean”, Ninth Annual Dame Eugenia Charles Memorial Lecture, Roseau, Dominica, November 27.

Beyond the End of Sovereignty: Difficult Choices for the Caribbean”, Invited lecture, Department of Africana Studies, Brown University, November 10.

Conference Organizer (with Kate Quinn, UCL), “Beyond Westminster in the Caribbean: Critiques, Challenges and Reform”, UWI Regional Headquarters, Mona, September 11-12.

Whither Westminster; Whither Democracy?” Closing address “Beyond Westminster in the Caribbean: Critiques, Challenges and Reform”, UWI Regional Headquarters, Mona, September 11-12.


2013


Beyond Westminster: what does the Caribbean Experience teach about more democratic futures?” Closing Keynote, “Assessing Westminster in the Caribbean: Then and Now”, Institute of the Americas,
University College London, September 19-20. (Conference co-host)


2012

“Reflecting on Fifty-Fifty: Prospects for Independence and National Development in Jamaica and the Caribbean for the Next Half Century”, Universidad de la Habana, VI Conferencia Internacional “Cuba y el Caribe: 40 anos de Relaciones”, Habana Cuba, 5-7 December.

“Looking at the Future of the Relations between Cuba and the Caribbean”, participant in round table discussion, Universidad de la Habana, VI Conferencia Internacional, “Cuba y el Caribe: 40 anos de Relaciones”, Habana Cuba, 5-7 December.

“A Way Forward for Jamaica” Keynote address at the 38th Triennial Synod of the Anglican Church in the Province of the West Indies, Montego Bay, November 10.


The Fifty-Fifty Project: (2010-12) Led the conceptualising and organisation of the SALISES ‘Fifty-Fifty Project’. This consisted of some thirty two events, including lectures, seminars, round tables and conferences critically interrogating the meaning of fifty years of independence in the Commonwealth Caribbean and exploring the prospects for the next fifty. In addition to Jamaica, events were jointly sponsored in the United Kingdom (University of London), the USA (Florida International
University), the Cayman Islands (University College of the Cayman Islands) and Cuba (University of Havana/Casa de las Americas). Final event was the SALISES 13th annual conference, “Fifty- Fifty: Critical Reflections in a Time of Uncertainty”, (300 participants; 67 panels) Kingston, August 20-24, 2012.


2011


“The Twentieth Century: Revolution and Nationalism Revisited”: SEPHIS (South Exchange Programme on the History of Development) and IEC (Institute of Peruvian Studies), series of lectures, Lima Peru, April 17-24.


“The Dudus Events in Jamaica and the Future of Caribbean Politics”, The Fifth Patrick A.M. Emmanuel Memorial Lecture, the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, November 25.


“Selwyn Ryan in the Stream of his Contemporaries”: presentation at plenary in honour of Professor Selwyn Ryan, 11th Annual...
SALISES Conference, Port of Spain, March 24-26.

“The Legacies of Independence in Jamaica: Towards a Half-Century Assessment”, Keynote Speaker, Conference on Caribbean Literature, Culture and Identity, the University College of the Cayman Islands, March 11-12.


2009


“Rethinking Caribbean Futures beyond the 2008 Crisis of Capital”, on the panel ‘Capitalism: Reform, Crisis or Death?’ 34th Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Kingston, June 1-5.

“Re-visiting the Political in Grenada’s Revolution: Lessons for Caribbean Futures”, on the panel “30 Years later: The Regional legacy of the Grenada Revolution” 34th Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Kingston, June 1-5.

Chair of the panel “Learning Caribbean Studies from the Masters” 34th annual Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Kingston, June 1-5.


2008


“Pan-Caribbean Futures: 25 Years after Grenada”, Panel Discussion with Silvio Torres-Saillant, Syracuse University, University of Toronto, October 30.

“From the Congress of Black Writers to the Grenada Revolution and Beyond: West Indian Exile and the Caribbean Left”, Alfie Roberts Institute, Quebec Studies, CDAS and QPIRG, McGill University, October 28.
“Envisioning Caribbean Futures: Jamaican Perspectives”: Centre for Developing Area Studies, McGill University, October 28.


**Conference organizer** with Rupert Lewis, Anthony Bogues and Robert Hill, “M.G. Smith and the Emergence of Social Anthropology and Social Theory in the Caribbean and Beyond”, Centre for Caribbean Thought, UCLA and Brown University, UWI Mona, June 11-13.

“The Roots of Violence in Contemporary Jamaica”, presented at the seminar “Forty Years after the Urban Youth revolt from Kingston to Port of Spain, Caribbean Societies Descend into Crime and Violence”, Oilfield Workers Trade Union, San Fernando, Trinidad, April 21-22.

“Thinking about Caribbean Futures”, Anton de Kom, University of Surname, Paramaribo, February 25.

**Conference co-host** with Kate Quinn, Institute for the Study of the Americas, University of London, “Internationalising Black Power II’ UWI Mona, February 21-23.

2007


“Cuba from Due South: An Anglo-Caribbean Perspective”, Brown University, Centre for Latin American Studies, Inaugural Lecture, Cuba Lecture Series, September 18.

2006

“Iimagining the Future: Rethinking the Political in Jamaica”. Inaugural Professorial Lecture, Mona, November 28.

**Conference co-hosts** with Anthony Bogues, Brown University and Nick Shepherd, The University of Cape Town, “Workshop on African and African


Conference Organizer, with Anthony Bogues and Rupert Lewis, “Politics, Activism and History: The Life and Times of Richard Hart”, Centre for Caribbean Thought and Africana Studies, Brown University, UWI, Mona, June 8-10.

Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, May 29-June 2. “Beyond Life and Debt: Closures and Openings in Jamaica’s Political Future” on the panel “Life and Debt: Stephanie Black’s 2001 Documentary”.

Conference Organizer, with Anthony Bogues and Rupert Lewis, “The Thought of New World: The Quest for Decolonisation”, Centre for Caribbean Thought and Africana Studies, Brown University, June 16-18, UWI Mona.


Mona.


Caribbean Studies Association Conference, St. Kitts and Nevis. Round Table: “Towards an Encyclopaedia of Caribbean Thought” (Chair and lead presenter).

2003


Florida International University. Discussant on panel “Marley’s Life and Death: The Difficult Questions”. (February)

2002


Broward County Libraries Division. Forum: “From

**Conference organizer**, with Anthony Bogues and Paget Henry, Centre for Caribbean Thought, UWI Mona and Africana Studies, Brown University, “After Man, towards the Human: The Thought of Sylvia Wynter, the University of the West Indies, Mona, June 14-15.


2001


The University of the West Indies, St Augustine. September 20-23. “C.L.R. James at 100: Global Capitalism, Culture and the Politics of World Revolution”. Paper presented: “Arguments Within What’s Left of the Left: Toussaint, James and the Question of Method”.

**Organized and launched**, with Anthony Bogues and Rupert Lewis, the Centre of Caribbean Thought, UWI Mona, February 23.

**Organized and chaired**, with Bogues and Lewis, the seminar “Towards an Encyclopaedia of Caribbean Thought”, UWI Mona, February 24.
Institute for Research in African-American Studies

2000


Brown University, April 14-16. “C.L.R. James Scholarship: Old and New”, Paper presented: “James, the Caribbean and the Insurrectionary Break”.


St George’s University, St. George’s, Grenada, January 14. Discussant for Robert Pastor’s lecture: “A Century of US-Caribbean Relations: Looking Back and Forward”.

1999
Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Panama City, Panama. Paper presented: “The Harder Dragon: Modalities of Resistance in Lovelace’s Dragon Can’t Dance and Thelwell’s Harder They Come”.

1998

University of Hull, Department of Politics. Seminar on “Globalisation and Governance”. Paper presented: “Careening on the Edge of the Abyss...”

The University of the West Indies Mona. Fiftieth Anniversary Symposium: “The University of the West Indies: Celebrating the Past: Charting the Future”. Paper presented: “Saving the Soul of the University”.


1997


**Conference organizer/convener** (with Folke Lindahl) “New Currents in Caribbean Thought: Looking towards the Twenty-First Century”. This conference, involving some twenty leading Caribbean thinkers, was jointly hosted by James Madison College and the Center of Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Michigan State University.


1996

Michigan State University, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Conference "The Western Hemisphere and Regionalism: A Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block?” Paper presented: "Rethinking Caribbean Sovereignty”.


The University of California, Berkeley, Department of African American
Studies, special guest paper on "Caribbean Revolutions at the end of the Century".

1995


1994

Michigan State University, special guest lecturer at the Center of Latin American and Caribbean Studies and James Madison College. Delivered lectures on "Caribbean Revolutions" and "The Present Political Moment in Jamaica".

Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Merida, Mexico. Paper presented: "Re-reading the Black Jacobins: James, the Dialectic and the Revolutionary Conjuncture". (Panel Chair).


1993

Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Kingston and Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Paper presented: "The Imam, the Return of Napoleon and the End of History".


1992

Warwick University, U.K. Paper presented: "Reviewing the 1983 Crisis in the Grenada Revolution".

Caribbean Studies Association Conference, St. George's, Grenada. Paper presented: "Caribbean Insurrections".

1990

Cambridge University, U.K., Centre of Latin American Studies. Paper presented: "Some Notes Towards an Understanding of Caribbean Revolutions".
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY/VISITING APPOINTMENTS

2015 (August)  Professor and Chair, Africana Studies, Brown University
2013-2015  University Director, SALISES.
2008 (February-March)  Visiting Professor, Anton de Kom University of Suriname. Taught course ‘Philosophical Thought of the Caribbean’ for the Masters in Development Policy.
2007 (summer)  Visiting Scholar, Department of Africana Studies, Brown University
2003-2009  Professor of Social and Political Change, Department of Government, The University of the West Indies, Mona
2002 (fall)  Claudia Cumberbatch Jones Visiting Professor, African New World Studies, Florida International University
2001-present  Director, Centre for Caribbean Thought, UWI, Mona.
1999 (summer)  Tinker Visiting Professor, Center of Latin American Studies, Stanford University
1997-2002  Head, the Department of Government, the University of the West Indies, Mona
1995-7  Visiting Professor, James Madison College, Michigan State University. Courses taught include: "Introduction to the Study of Public Affairs" (team-taught), Radical Challenges to Liberal Democracy, African-American Political Thought, African American Politics, Comparative Revolutions (1997) and Caribbean Political Thought and Popular Culture (1997).
1995  Senior Lecturer, The Department of Government, the University of the West Indies, Mona.
1990-95  Tenured, (1991) Lecturer and course originator, Introduction to Political Philosophy, Theories of the State, Comparative Revolutions,
University of the West Indies, Mona.

1989-90

**Visiting Fellow, Centre of Latin American Studies and Associate Member, Hughes Hall, Cambridge University.** Examiner, M.Phil. International Relations, Cambridge University.

1986-89

**Lecturer,** Government and Politics in the West Indies; Introduction to Politics; and Comparative Politics II (Latin America and Africa), The University of the West Indies.

1983-86

**Assistant Lecturer,** Government and Politics in the West Indies, The University of the West Indies.

1981-83

Consultant on the electronic media with special emphasis on public affairs to the Government of Grenada; Managing Editor, the *Free West Indian,* Grenadian national newspaper.

1976-81


**AWARDS**


Research Institute for the Study of Man (RISM) and Reed Foundation grant to the Centre for Caribbean Thought to host seventh Caribbean Reasonings conference in honour of Gordon K. Lewis, held in September, 2010. US$30,000.00.

CIDA grant to the Centre for Caribbean Thought to assist in hosting the conference in honour of M.G. Smith, June, 2008.

With Rupert Lewis, Coca Cola Foundation Grant for the exchange of students between the University of the West Indies, Brown University and the University of Cape Town. Part of the Tri-lateral Reconnection Project. US$ 250,000.00, March 2008.

With Kate Quinn, Institute for the Study of the Americas, University of London, grant from the British Academy to host a two-site conference, “Internationalising Black Power” at the University of London, October, 2007 and the University of the West Indies, Mona, February 2008.
Mona Academic Research Fellowship, 2004-2006 to pursue a study entitled ‘Envisioning Caribbean Futures’.

With Rupert Lewis, UWI, Mona, CHASE Foundation grant to establish an Archive of Caribbean Thought, through the Centre for Caribbean Thought, UWI, Mona, 2005.

Claudia Cumberbatch Jones Visiting Professorship, Florida International University, 2002.

Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship, to pursue post doctoral research on Caribbean Revolutions at The Centre of Latin American Studies, Cambridge University. 1989-1990.

SPECIALIZATION
Theories of revolution; comparative Central American and Caribbean politics; Caribbean thinkers and political thought; Hegemony, democracy and the state in theory and practice; Jamaican politics; Government and politics in the Caribbean; Politics and Jamaican popular culture.

COMPETENCE
African American Politics; African American Political Thought; Comparative Third World Politics; Introduction to political philosophy; Contemporary theories of the state; Radical challenges to liberal democracy.

AFFILIATION
Member of the International Advisory Board of the European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies / Revista Europea de Estudios Latinoamericanos y del Caribe (ERLACS)

Member of the Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) and former Council member.

Member of the Editorial Board, The University of the West Indies Press.


Member of the Editorial Board of *Social and Economic Studies*, The University of the West Indies, 2000-2009.

Member of the Editorial Board of *Lexington Books*, Caribbean Series.

Contributing Editor, *WADABAGEI Journal*, Caribbean Research Center, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York.

Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the University College of the Cayman Islands.

Member, Academic Council, Institute of Caribbean and International Studies, St George’s University, Grenada.

Director, Centre for Caribbean Thought, UWI Mona.

Member of the Project Steering Group “Westminster in the Caribbean”, Collaboration with the Institute of the Americas, University College London.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Vice Chancellor’s nominee UWI Board for Graduate Studies and Research (2014-)

Chair of the Task Force on Achieving a more Regional University of the West Indies, (September 2010-April 2011).

The Public Orator, UWI Mona (2006-present) Seventy four Citations.

Member of UWI Finance and General Purposes Committee (2008-2011)

Member of UWI Mona Appointments Committee (2007-present)

Deputy Chair UWI Mona Fellowship Committee (2008-10)

Member of the Vice Chancellor Search Committee (1999-2000).

Principal’s Nominee to the University Senate, UWI (1998-2000).

Principal’s Nominee to the University Council, UWI (1997-8).

Vice Chancellor’s Nominee: Committee on the reform of governance at the University of the West Indies (1994-5).
Initiator and co-curator of the A.D. Scott Collection (of Caribbean Art) at the University of the West Indies (1994).

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

Member of the Government of Jamaica’s Legacy Committee appointed to identify the projects that would mark fifty years of Jamaican independence. (2012)

Member, Board of Directors, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ).


Member of three-man Review Panel appointed to review the differences between the Nurses Association of Jamaica and the Government of Jamaica with reference to the Health Sector Job Evaluation Exercise, Kingston, May-September 2009.

Chairman of the team requested to conduct an Appraisal of the People’s National Party’s performance in the 2007 Jamaican General Elections. (October-December, 2007).

Member of the Board, Jamaica College, 2005-2009.


Chairman, the Michael Manley Foundation, 1998-2003. Remain consultant member of the Foundation.


Guest member of the Jamaican current affairs talk show *The Breakfast Club* (1990s-2000s)

Member of the Editorial Advisory Committee the Jamaica Observer (1994-5).

OTHER INTERESTS

Poetry: works published in:


Jamaica Journal.

Jamaica Festival bronze medallist for poetry.

Swimming: represented Jamaica in international age group games in Mexico and Colombia.