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Patricia Anderson is currently an independent researcher, and previously held the position of Professor of Applied Sociology at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. Her doctoral training has been in Sociology and Demography at the University of Chicago, and her research interests include labour market analysis, education, fathering, masculinity and poverty. Since retirement, she has continued to collaborate with Social Science colleagues on joint research that includes masculinity, fathering, reproductive health and education. Her manuscript, *Masculinity and Fathering in Jamaica*, was published by UWIPress in March 2021

2. Professor Christopher Charles



Christopher A.D. Charles is a psychologist who taught at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, and at the King Graduate School, Monroe College in New York. Dr. Charles is currently a Professor (full) in Political and Social Psychology at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica and operates a psychology consultancy in Kingston

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3. Professor Camille Gibson



Camille Gibson, Ph.D., C.R.C. holds both a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and a Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. She went on to earn a Master of Philosophy in Criminal Justice and a Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice from the City University of New York where she studied at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice campus. She is a former Niederhoffer Memorial Fellowship recipient.

As a nationally certified rehabilitation counselor, C.R.C., she worked in various settings with juveniles in conflict with the law as the primary client. She has been a university faculty member for over 20 years – beginning at Brooklyn College for four and a half years in the Political Science Department and concurrently for three years at John Jay in the Public Administration Department. Since then, she has been at Prairie View A&M University, just outside of Houston, Texas for 19 years. She has chaired 11 dissertation committees to completion and served on over 50 such committees. She has several publications that include being author of

the book *Being Real: Student-Teacher Interactions and African American Male Delinquency* and co-author of *Juvenile Sex Offending: What the Public Needs to Know*. Her articles have addressed topics such as drug trafficking; gangs in schools; race and school suspensions, sexual abuse, sex trafficking, child abuse and juvenile violence. Her professional memberships include the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice.

Dr. Gibson is a past President of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice in which capacity she represented many criminal justice educators and researchers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Colorado. In 2018, she finished three years of elected service on the national board of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. She has offered advice internationally on juvenile justice. She is also the Communications Officer for the Caribbean Crime Study Group which meets biannually in the US. For this group, she is the editor of the *Caribbean Diaspora Crime Prevention Gazette*. In 2010-2011, she was part of a team of researchers that produced the Office of the Children's Advocate's *Profile of Children in Conflict with the Law* report in Jamaica.

Dr. Gibson was once a radio DJ of rap reggae and R&B. She hopes to resume engagement in dance when she finds free time.

4. Dr. Allister Hinds



Allister Hinds is a retired, former Director of Human Resources at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. He holds a PhD and Masters of Arts in History from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada and a Masters of Arts in Industrial Relations and Managing Human Resources from Warwick Business School, University of Warwick, UK.

As a historian he was a Senior Lecturer in African history at the said Campus. He is the author of 'Britain's *Sterling Colonial Policy and Decolonization 1939-1958* and has also published a number of articles and book chapters.

He is a certified workforce planner and HR practitioner with more than seventeen (17) years' experience in human resource management, Allister has, in his various capacities, assisted in the transformation of HR processes at the UWI Mona Campus and has served as a consultant on projects which led to process re-engineering and performance improvement.

He was also a trade union activist on the Mona Campus, UWI and as Vice President, West Indies Group of University Teachers (WIGUT) Jamaica, led several successful salary negotiating teams.

Among his hidden talents is that of pastry chef, a strawberry cheesecake specialist, and avid 'All Fours' player.

Allister is enjoying his retirement and can be contacted at ahind1@gmail.com

5. Dr. Ray Hitchins



Ray Hitchins was born 1958 in the United Kingdom with Jamaican/Irish parentage but has resided in Jamaica since 1981. Ray is seasoned music professional with a wide range of interests and expertise in music performance, production, and academia. He completed his doctoral studies at Leeds University in 2011 and the monograph titled *Vibe Merchants: The Sound Creators of Jamaican Popular Music*, was published in the Ashgate Popular Music series in 2014. Other publications include works for the *Ethnomusicology Journal* and the University of The West Indies Press. Ray has taught at the University of the West Indies since 2012 and is currently the coordinator of the Music and Performance Studies Programme at the Institute of Caribbean Studies.

Notable artistic works in the field of sound recording includes his performances on Stephen Marley's Grammy winning acoustic album 'Mind Control' (2009). Ray has also recorded and toured with Beres Hammond, Ziggy Marley, Dennis Brown, Monty Alexander, Toots Hibbert, Maxi Priest, Barrington Levy, Alton Ellis, John Holt, Marcia Griffiths, Freddie McGregor, Ken Booth and Richie Stevens. His work as a signed artist to EMI Electrola included work in Europe with producers such as Roger Bain, Frank Farian, Michael Cretu and Thomas Kucuck.

Ray's engineering/production credits include work with Toots Hibbert, Black Uhuru, Yellow Man, The Mighty Diamonds, Garnett Silk, Brian and Tony Gold, Richie Stevens and Della Manley. He was the JAMI award recipients for 'Best Produced Song' and 'Best Engineered Album' 1997. He also won a number of Advertising Association of Jamaica awards for his music productions for Red Stripe Beer, Pepsi, Heineken Beer, Smirnoff Vodka and Appleton Rum.

As an educator Ray has published a number of instructional books and video with Hal Leonard Corporation, USA and was Head of the Guitar Department at the Jamaica School of Music from 1981 - 1984. He continues to work as an author, educator and musician specializing in Jamaican popular music.

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Critical and creative writer and performer Rosamond S. King's book *Island Bodies: Transgressive Sexualities in the Caribbean Imagination* was named "Best Book" by the Caribbean Studies Association. Her poetry collections include *All the Rage* and the Lambda Award-winning *Rock | Salt | Stone*. King's essays have appeared in *LitHub*, the *Ms. Blog*, *Sargasso*, *The Progressive*, *The Caribbean Review of Gender Studies*, and elsewhere. She has performed at biennales, festivals, bookstores, and other venues around the world and in cyberspace. King is creative editor of *sx salon* and professor at Brooklyn College, part of the City University of New York.

The preferred areas of research are: Caribbean sexuality studies and performance studies. If there are individuals who maintain both a scholarly research agenda and a creative practice, I may also be of use to them. Follow links:

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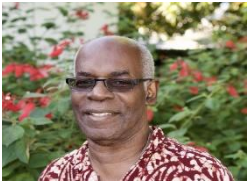
8. Professor Patsy Lewis



Patsy Lewis is Senior Fellow at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) at Brown University. She received her PhD and MPhil from Cambridge University (Trinity College) and BA from the University of the West Indies, Jamaica. She specializes in the political economy and development challenges of the Caribbean. Her published work has focused on the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), in particular the role of these regional integration arrangements in addressing the development challenges of Caribbean small states. Her publications include *Pan Caribbean Integration: Beyond CARICOM* co-edited with Terri-Ann Gilbert-Roberts and Jessica Byron (Routledge 2018); *Grenada: Revolution and Invasion* co-edited with Gary Williams and Peter Clegg (University of the West Indies Press 2015); and *Surviving Small Size: Regional Integration in Caribbean Ministates* (University of the West Indies Press 2002). She was previously Professor of Regional Integration and Small States Development at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica.

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9. Professor Rupert Lewis



Dr. Rupert Lewis is Professor Emeritus of Political Thought, Decolonising Political Theory and Comparative Politics in the Department of Government, University of the West Indies, Jamaica. He has earned an international reputation as a scholar of the Garvey movement and Caribbean radicalism in the twentieth century. In 2018 his biography of Marcus Garvey was published. He is author of the book *Walter Rodney's Intellectual and Political Thought* and has edited books on George Padmore, the Trinidadian-born Pan-Africanist and Richard Hart, the Jamaican Marxist. He is a member of Jamaica's National Council on Reparation.

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10. Professor Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel



Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel specializes in colonial, postcolonial Latin American and Caribbean literatures. She teaches courses on critical theory, comparative coloniality, gender and sexuality studies, and Latinx, Latin American and Caribbean studies. She has taught at Princeton University (1997-2000), Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey (2000-2003; 2008-2017) and the University of Pennsylvania (2003-2008). She recently co-edited two volumes: (with Michelle Stephens) *Contemporary Archipelagic Thinking: Towards New Comparative Methodologies and Disciplinary Formations* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2020) ([click here](#)) and (with Santa Arias), *The Routledge Companion to Colonial Latin American and Caribbean Studies* (Routledge 2021) ([click here](#)). She is currently working on her fifth book, “Archipiélagos de ultramar: Comparative Insular and Colonial Studies,” which uses comparative archipelagic studies as a historical and theoretical framework to propose a research agenda for the study of cultural productions in the Caribbean and other colonial archipelagoes between 1498 and 2010. She is co-editor of the book series on Critical Caribbean Studies at Rutgers University Press.

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11. Professor Brian Meeks



Brian Meeks is Professor and Chair of Africana Studies at Brown University. Until 2015, he served as Professor of Social and Political Change and Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies at the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. He has published twelve books and edited collections, including *Critical Interventions in Caribbean Politics and Theory*, *Caribbean Revolutions and Revolutionary Theory: an Assessment of Cuba, Nicaragua and Grenada*, *Narratives of Resistance: Jamaica, Trinidad, the Caribbean* and *Envisioning Caribbean Futures: Jamaican Perspectives*. His novel *Paint the Town Red* was published in 2003 and his volume of poems *The Coup Clock Clicks* was published in 2018. Follow the link: <https://vivo.brown.edu/display/bmeeks>

12. Professor Kathleen Monteith



Kathleen E. A. Monteith is Professor of Caribbean History, University of the West Indies Mona Campus

She is the author of ground-breaking publications in the field of Business and Economic History, namely [*Plantation Coffee in Jamaica, 1790-1848*](#) (2019) and, *Depression to Decolonization: Barclays Bank (DCO) in the West Indies, 1926-1962* (2008). Other publications include several journal articles published in the *Financial History Review*, *Slavery and Abolition*, *The Journal of Caribbean History* and *Plantation Societies in the Americas*, along with coedited volumes, *West Indian Business History: Enterprise and Entrepreneurship* (2010); *Jamaica in Slavery and Freedom: History, Heritage and Culture* (2002).

In addition to her position of Editor of the *Journal of Caribbean History*, which is published twice annually in June and December on behalf of the three departments of History in the University of the West Indies, Professor Monteith is Chair of a number of Campus committees.

She is an active member of the Association of Caribbean Historians, for which she has served on the Executive, chaired the Nominating Committee, and also the prestigious Elsa Goveia Memorial Book Prize committee.

Professor Monteith began her career in the University of the West Indies in 1995 as an Assistant Lecturer. She gained her Ph.D. Degree in 1997, Centre for International Business History, Department of Economics, the University of Reading, UK, which was facilitated by the award of a British Commonwealth Scholarship. She holds an M.Phil. Degree, (1992) and a B.A. (History) Degree, 1986, Second Class Honours Degree (Upper Division) from the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus.

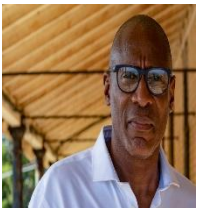
13. Dr. Natasha Mortley



Dr. Natasha Kay Mortley is a Lecturer and Research Specialist at the Institute for Gender and Development Studies, Regional Coordinating Office, UWI in Jamaica. Dr. Mortley is a Sociologist with extensive experience in the field of Gender and Development Studies. She has been engaged in a multi-disciplinary approach to key developmental challenges of particular relevance to the Caribbean region. Her research work has inter alia focused on: migration & diaspora studies; migration, health & development; medical tourism; diaspora tourism; sports tourism; gender & leadership; gender & entrepreneurship; gender & climate change; contemporary Caribbean masculinities and gender based violence. Her disciplinary focus over the past fifteen (15) years has been dedicated to integrating a gender perspective to Caribbean social development and policy issues. She considers herself an avid advocate for gender equality, gender justice and female empowerment.

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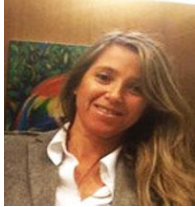
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Dr. Keith Nurse is the Principal/President of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College in Saint Lucia. He has recently worked as Senior Economist and Advisor on Structural Policies and Innovation at the OECD Development Centre in Paris. He has worked also at the University of the West Indies as the World Trade Organization Chair. He serves on the executive bureau of the UN Committee for Development Policy, a subsidiary body of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). He serves also as a member of Hemispheric Programme Advisory Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture. He is a former member of the Economic Development Advisory Board, Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Dr. Nurse has worked as a researcher and consultant to governments and international

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Verene A. Shepherd, graduate of the University of the West Indies (UWI) and the University of Cambridge, is Professor Emerita of Social History at The UWI. She is Director of the Centre for Reparation Research at the UWI, a published author of 7 books, a radio host and scholar activist, especially in the areas of women’s rights, human rights and reparatory justice. As a UN expert she has played a role in drafting the programme for the Decade for people of African descent and in the adoption of CERD General Recommendation 36 – “Preventing and Combatting Racial Profiling by Law Enforcement Officials. She has received several awards for her work in History, Human Rights and Gender.

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He completed his B.A. (Honors) in Psychology at St. Francis College, Brooklyn; a Master of Education in Comparative and International Education with a concentration in philosophy of education, and a Master of Arts and Doctor of Education in International Educational Development, with a concentration in peace education, at Teachers College, Columbia University. His research centers on school/structural violence, educational inequities, and youth and community empowerment. Follow the link: www.hakimwilliams.com

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