



Florida Chapter - Alumni Association

The University of the West Indies

Oriens Ex Occidente Lux – A Light Rising from the West

Dear Members of the Florida Chapter:

Best wishes for 2016 and the years to come. May your life experiences be more rewarding, and your relationships and interactions with those you meet this year and beyond, be mutually satisfying.

Let's work together this year to help current students at our wonderful UWI achieve their educational goals.

Although we did not meet often this past year, it does not mean that our bonds are broken. It simply means that we have been getting ready for an outburst of activities in 2016. AND WE WILL!! As usual, we plan with you in mind and we would love to see you at these events.



On February 13, 2016, your chapter will be partnering with READINGPAYSMORE Inc, and Florida Atlantic University's College of Business to present a public lecture by Dr. Orlando Patterson from Harvard University (See Events Page and Flyer on Page 3).

If you like to travel, you can be a part of the American Foundation of the University of the West Indies 19th Annual Gala in New York on February 24, 2016 (See Events Page).

On March 12, 2016 The Florida Chapter will be hosting a reception for the Presidents from UWI Chapters around the world, and other dignitaries from the University of the West Indies at JEPA's Place on Oakland Park Boulevard, Lauderhill, Florida (See Events Page). The Chapter presidents will be having their annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale at the Hampton Hotel in Plantation on March 11-12, 2016. This will also be our first big social get together in a while so please come and enjoy the fun, food, and chit-chat.

Sandra Schrouder (Public Relations)



EVENTS PAGE

1. PUBLIC LECTURE BY DR. ORLANDO PATTERSON (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)

"Institutions, Culture and Economic Performance in Jamaica: A Comparison with Barbados"

Saturday, February 13, 2016; 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
(Reception at 4:00 PM and Lecture at 5:00 PM)

**Florida Atlantic University
Liberal Arts Building - Room 120
3200 College Avenue, Davie, Florida 33314**

Please see the flyer on page 3

2. AMERICAN FOUNDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

19th Annual Awards Gala – The Legacy Continues.

February 24, 2016

Pierre Hotel, New York

For further information, visit: <http://www.afuwievents.org/afuwi/>

3. A “RE-CONNECT” SOCIAL & RECEPTION

Reception for UWI Alumni Chapter Presidents

Saturday, March 12, 2016

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

JEPA’S PLACE

7153 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Lauderhill





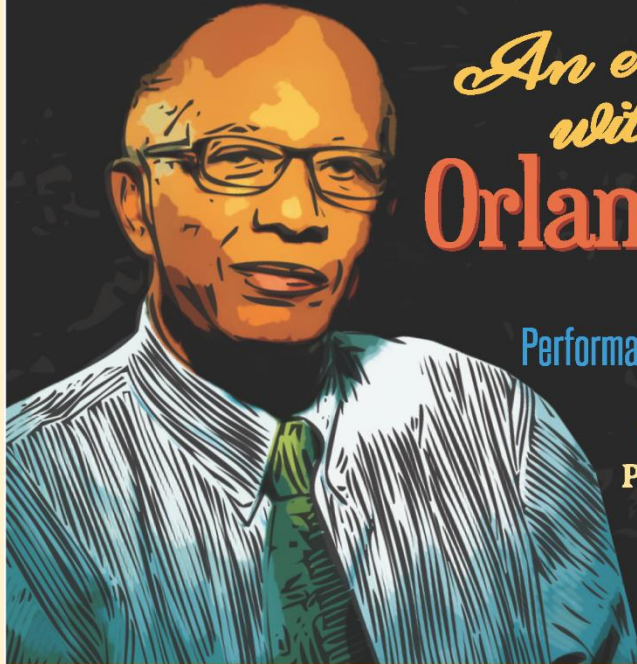
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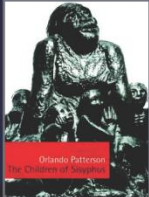


An evening with
Orlando Patterson, Ph.D.

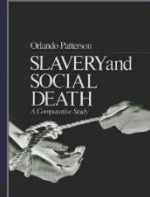
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Doors Open At 4pm

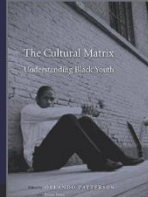
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UWI PERSONS IN THE NEWS

UWI SURGEON AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS ACS FELLOWSHIP

Source: UWI Marketing, Recruitment and Communications Office, December 2015



Senior lecturer in the Department of Surgery, Radiology, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care at The University of the West Indies,(UWI) Mona and consultant general surgeon at the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI) Dr. Joseph Plummer, has been selected as one of twelve International Guest Scholars for 2016 by the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons(ACS).

The scholarship attracts worldwide applicants and is awarded to “early career surgeons” who have demonstrated a strong commitment to teaching and/or research. Successful applicants participate in the College’s Annual Clinical Congress at which time scholarship awardees are publicly recognized. A stipend of \$10,000 US is granted to support attendance at the Congress as well as visits to selected North American medical centres and clinics. This is the second time in its 47 year history that this award comes to the Department of Surgery at The UWI, Mona. Cuban Surgeons in 1998 and 2003 have been the other Caribbean awardees.

Joseph Plummer was appointed Consultant Surgeon at the University Hospital of the West Indies, Mona, in 2003. He is a respected academic whose research interest has been on colonic surgery, particularly minimal access procedures. His publications on the removal of the gallbladder using minimally invasive surgery (laparoscopic cholecystectomy) in sickle cell disease, has opened eyes to the challenges of laparoscopic surgery in these high risk patients.

Dr. Plummer’s received the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons fellowship in 2010 and visited the Mayo and Cleveland Clinics. He is the recipient of The UWI, Mona Principal’s Research Initiative Award for 2009 which was used to set up an island wide colon cancer registry, now in use for three years.

Dr. Plummer intends to use the ACS Guest Scholarship award to improve his expertise in diagnostic and therapeutic gastrointestinal endoscopy- a procedure that allows a doctor to look at the inside lining of the esophagus , stomach, and the first part of the small intestine (duodenum) using a thin, flexible viewing tool called an endoscope.



CAVE HILL'S FIFTH PRINCIPAL APPOINTED

PROF. EUDINE BARRITEAU APPOINTED UWI CAVE HILL'S FIFTH PRINCIPAL

*Regional Headquarters, Jamaica
December 16, 2015*

The fifth principal of The University of the West Indies (The UWI) Cave Hill campus, Professor Eudine Barriteau, was formally inducted on December 12, 2015, during a ceremony presided over by UWI Chancellor Sir George Alleyne. The induction was held at the campus' Roy Marshall Teaching Complex before a wide cross-section of government, diplomatic and clerical dignitaries, leaders of civil society, Universities colleagues, family, friends and well-wishers from across the Caribbean and beyond.

Dr. the Right Honorable Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada, who shares the same birthplace as Professor Barriteau, headed the list of dignitaries. Other dignitaries included Chief Justice of Barbados, the Honorable Sir Marston Gibson, Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce and Small Business Development, the Honorable Donville Inniss, Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Senator the Honorable Patrick Todd, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Senator Irene Sandiford-Garner, UWI Vice Chancellor Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, UWI Cave Hill Campus Council chair, Dr. Paul Altman and numerous other UWI representatives.

Professor Barriteau took up her current post on May 1, 2015, succeeding Sir Hilary who spent nearly 13 years at the helm of Cave Hill, before moving to the Vice-Chancellery. It is her second role as a UWI principal, having served as Principal at the Open campus for nine months. Prior to her appointment at UWI Open Campus, she served six years as Deputy Principal of Cave Hill from 2008-2014. All told, Professor Barriteau has spent over 30 years at The UWI and has served in various roles including Head of the Institute for Gender and Development Studies, Nita Barrow Unit and Coordinator for Graduate Studies and Research.

Speaking on behalf of the Government of Barbados, Minister Inniss praised Professor Barriteau for her academic work which he noted has not only helped to inform public policy but also to dispense many antiquated views about women. Sir George observed that Professor Barriteau was "well seized in the intricacies of academia; [and] well versed in the administration" to undertake her new role.

"...I would wish that you may be granted the health and strength and the wisdom that you may guide aright the affairs of this campus so that it continues to be a leaven in the dough of Caribbean human development, to the benefit not only of yourself, to the benefit not only of those who work with you but to the benefit to the world on a whole." he added.

In presenting his successor to the Chancellor, Sir Hilary said, "When the Cave Hill campus reached its 50th anniversary two years ago, its moment of maturity, its tipping point, it had not produced a principal who had emerged from its alumni, who had risen from the ranks home-grown. This alignment of institutional maturity and confidence in self is displayed before us today, not as a phenomenon but as a legitimate celebrated expectation." He added, "Principal Barriteau has been



a long and distinguished scholar with a brilliant career that has been globally recognised... This proven record speaks to her performance with distinction in the engagement with all our external stakeholders ...It speaks to a demonstrated dedication to place our students at the core of her consciousness and policy actions.”

Principal of the Open campus Dr. Luz Longworth, who offered remarks, noted that in her roles as Deputy Principal and Principal, Professor Barriteau “has shown her dedication to the students of the campuses, taking a deeply compassionate and open approach to those with whom she came into contact. “This compassion is often wrapped in a pragmatic and solutions-oriented focus which prompts her colleagues in the Open Campus, whom she led for a brief period, to describe her as straightforward, fair and balanced in her judgements.”

Deputy Principal of the St. Augustine campus, Professor Rhoda Reddock, who brought well wishes on behalf of Principal Clement Sankat and the staff, suggested that Professor Barriteau’s “vast experience, track record as a scholar and work as an advocate” made her ideally suited for her new role.

Offering remarks on behalf of Principal of Mona campus and its staff, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Graduate Studies and Research Professor Dale Webber, lauded Professor Barriteau for her “vision and integrity, dedication and determination” adding that she is caring and compassionate about her staff of whom she defended the rights of all categories.

University Director of the Institute for Gender and Development Professor Verene Shepherd, praised the new principal for her independence and trail-blazing traits. “Clearly, though restricted by certain barriers, some women still manage to blaze their own paths, Professor Shepherd said, You are one such woman: doing so with passion, flair and nuff pizzaz, all the while skillfully balanced on heels that are integral to your style and representation.”

In her response, Professor Barriteau reaffirmed the campus’ commitment to improving Caribbean societies and economies in spite of its current financial challenges. She pledged that Cave Hill would serve as an academic beacon even as it focused on fostering a culture of student centredness, returning the campus to financial solvency, pursuing research to benefit the region and providing the Faculty of Science and Technology with an infrastructural renewal befitting of its 21st century endeavours.

She said: “In spite of the turbulent currents and the current turbulence, the Cave Hill Campus does not and will not represent or tolerate intellectual darkness, isolation or retreat from engagement with the issues confronting our societies and region. “Our Campus is an indelible and intrinsic part of the educational infrastructure of Barbados and particularly, the Eastern Caribbean. Not only are we here to stay, we are here to offer increasingly vital strategies and solutions in the ongoing improvement of life and societal well-being within Barbadian and Caribbean societies.”

See more at: http://www1.cavehill.uwi.edu/News-Events/News/?release_id=582#sthash.HMTxfk0z.dpuf