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Harris-Stowe's Humanities Professor Receives Book Publishing Deal

ST. LOUIS, MO (May 22, 2013) – Harris-Stowe State University Humanities Professor Reynaldo Anderson, Ph.D., recently signed a book publishing deal with Lexington Books to produce an original manuscript on the lives of three remarkable women. The book, entitled, “Black Atlantic Heretics of Empire: The Caribbean Radicalism of Amy Jacques, Elma Francios and Claudia Jones,” represents several years of scholarship and research.

Inspired by a trip Dr. Anderson took to Trinidad, home of Jacques and Jones, this narrative is framed around historical events from World War I through the early 1960s. It interprets how Jacques, Francios and Jones set the stage for the women’s rights movement of the 1970s. Most importantly, how they cut across race, class and gender barriers during this time.

As Anderson explained, “This book illustrates the political contributions of three historic women of African Caribbean decent whose legacies have been largely underappreciated.”

Due to be released in 2014, Dr. Anderson hopes to expand the understanding of how important the three women were to the development of particular social movements.

“This is a story that needed to be told,” said Dr. Anderson. “Taking on this challenge provided me with the opportunity to travel and see where and how these women lived. They occupied their own unique space and promoted important ideas of the day that had a lasting impact not only on their region in regards to colonialism, racism, sexism and labor rights, but globally.”

Future endeavors for Dr. Anderson include serving as a visiting lecturer this summer at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration for two weeks, and he is currently working on two additional books, one of which he is a co-author. His areas of research include Africana studies, social media and rhetoric.

As Dr. Anderson continues to grow personally and professionally, he is looking forward to highlighting his research and experiences through his writings and sharing it with his students. “I have learned through this experience that to write a good book, it takes time and patience,” he said.

As former chair of the Black Caucus of the National Communication Association, Dr. Anderson’s many roles include past membership on the board of Saint Louis Prison Performing Arts. He is an executive member of the Missouri Arts Council, an appointment given by former Missouri Governor Matt Blunt.

Dr. Anderson earned a doctor of philosophy in Communication Studies from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a master of arts degree in Speech Communications from Oklahoma State University and his bachelor of arts degree from Jackson State University.

He is married to Dr. Denise Hooks-Anderson, assistant professor at Saint Louis University School of Medicine and medical accuracy editor for *The St. Louis American*. They have two daughters, Zari and Lauryn.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a four-year institution that offers 15 degree programs in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Mathematics, Educational Studies, Middle School Education, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Affairs. Ranked by *U.S. News* as one of America's Best Colleges in the Midwest, the university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the metropolitan area.

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