

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **Professional Experience:**

Associate Professor of Political Science, Queens College, City University of New York  
September 2001-Present

Research interests include Citizen Participation, Urban, Comparative and Immigration Politics.  
Courses taught: American Politics, Black Political and Social Thought, International Organization (UN), Caribbean and Urban Politics, Model United Nations

Coordinator  
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program 2005-Present

Associate Director  
Taft Institute for Government 2002-Present

Consultant: Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens 2001-Present

Special Advisor to Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis  
Republic of Haiti; 2007-2008

PICO national consultant (2000-2006)

Director Community Action Project (CAP) Brooklyn, NY May 1993-September 2001  
Duties include 1) leadership development of church based groups through seminars, research, workshops and direct action on community issues. 2) Fundraising and strategic planning

Adjunct Lecturer, Dept. of Political Science, Brooklyn College Fall 1999-Spring 2000  
Taught Introduction to American Politics

Adjunct Lecturer, Dept of Political Science and Africana Studies  
Queens College, CUNY Fall 1997-2001  
Taught introduction to American Politics, Caribbean Politics, Black Political and Social Thought and African Civilization

Director  
Training and Research Institute on Migration (TRIM): October 1992 -April 1993 -networking

with immigrant community organizations

Director of Public Relations and Coordination:  
Ministry of Planning Government of President Jean Bertrand Aristide in Haiti  
May 1991-September 1991

Administrator Haiti-Progres 1984-1991  
Haitian newspaper published in New York and Haiti.

Director  
“La Maison des Travailleurs Haitiens” in Brooklyn, N.Y. 1980-1984  
A community center that provided assistance to Haitian workers and refugees on problems related to immigration, housing, jobs and health care.

**Education:**

City University of New York Graduate School, Ph.D. Political Science 2001  
City University Graduate School M.A. Political Science 1998  
Queens College CUNY BA 1994

**Honors and Awards:**

President Dissertation Award, CUNY Graduate School 1999  
Mellon Minority Fellowship Award 1999  
National Science Foundation Dissertation Award 1998  
Humana/Magnet Fellow 1996  
Golden Key National Honor Society 1994

**Grants and Research Awards:**

Rockefeller Brothers Fund 2002-2006  
Rockefeller Foundation 2004-2007  
Edward Hazen Foundation 2003-2004  
New York Community Trust 2003-2005  
PSC CUNY research grant 2003  
Capacity building and Citizen Participation  
Howard Samuels State Management and Policy Center  
City University of New York Graduate School 1994-2000  
Major research projects: The Federal Government Empowerment Zone Program, Community

**Publications:**

**Book:**

Haitians in New York City: Transnationalism and Hometown Associations  
2006 University Press of Florida, Gainesville, FL

**Book Chapter**

“Transnationalism, Social Capital and Citizen Participation: The Case of the Haitian Community

in New York City” Social Capital and Social Citizenship Sophie Body Gendrot and Marilyn Gittell, Editors 2003 Lexington Book. MA

### **Essays**

“Promoting Empowerment in Low Income, Minority, and New Immigrant Communities” with Michael Krasner Journal of Education and Urban Society (Forthcoming)

“The Prophet and Power” Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology April 2008, Vol. 13, No1 book review.

Long and short entries on race and ethnicity for the Encyclopedia on Race and Ethnicity edited by Pyong Gap Min; 2005 Greenwood Press, Westport CT

“Evolution of Haitian Immigrant Organizations & Community Development in New York City” with Tatiana Wah Journal of Haitian Studies fall 2004

Book review: Charting Caribbean Development by Anthony Payne and Paul Sutton for the Journal of Third World Studies, fall 2004

“Can Hometown Associations Foster Democratic Change in Haiti” Journal of Haitian Studies, fall 2002 Vol. 8, No.2

“Democracy, Civil Society and the Hometown Associations” Wadabagei Volume 6 Summer/Fall 2002

“The rhythm of the faithful” US Catholics August 2002

Desantralizasyon e Oganizasyon Rejyonal “Regional Organizations and Decentralization” La Semaine de La Diaspora: Actes des Colloques. 2000 Ministry of the Tenth Department, Government of Haiti, Port-au-Prince Haiti

### **Reports and Studies**

Empowerment Zones: An Opportunity Missed. A Six-City Comparative Study  
With Marilyn Gittell and Kathe Newman  
2001 The Howard Samuels State Management and Policy Center, CUNY, NY.

The Politics of Community Development: CDCs and Social Capital with Marilyn Gittell, Kathe Newman and Isolda Ortega-Bustamante February 1999, Howard Samuels State Management and Policy Center, CUNY

### **Panels and Presentations**

“Is the State Necessary: The transnational experiences of civil society organizations from the Diaspora with Haiti?” A roundtable discussion Annual meeting of the Haitian Studies Association, October 5-7, 2006, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA

“Promoting Empowerment in Low Income, Minority, and New Immigrant Communities: Can the University Strengthen Community Organizations?” with Michael Krasner, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31 to September 2, 2006

“Strengthening Community Organizations” with Michael Krasner, Urban Affairs Association, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, April 19-22, 2006

“Democracy, Elite and Coup d’Etat in Haiti” Haitian Studies Association Conference, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting—October-13-15, 2005, Boston, Mass

“Haiti: The Unending Transition to Democracy” 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, May 30-June 4, 2005 Santo Domingo, RD

“Haiti: 200 years of Independence – impact of Race, Class, Gender and Immigration” Caribbean Scholars Association of New York, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

“The Limits of the State in Promoting Hometown Associations:  
The Case of Haiti”

Paper presented at the Diaspora and Homeland Conference, Berkeley, CA April 13, 2004

“Forging a Haitian Transnationalism in the Global Economy”

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, Ill. November 23, 2003

“Forging an ethnic identity through homeland ties: The assimilation pattern of Haitian immigrants in New York City”

Paper presented at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association Belize City, Belize, May 26-31 2003

“Social Capital and Faith Based Organizing: A study of Inter Faith Action in Rochester, New York” with Paul Speer, Vanderbilt University

Paper presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Cleveland, Ohio -- March 26-29, 2003

“Ethnicity and Coalition Politics in New York City: A study of Coalition Building in the Caribbean Community” September 2002

Paper presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 29-September 1, 2002

“The Role of Immigrant Organizations in Fostering Urbanism:

The Haitian Immigrant Experience in New York City” March 2002

Paper presented with Tatiana Wah at the 32 Annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Boston, March 20-24, 2002

“Can Hometown Organizations Foster Democratic Change In Haiti?” October 2001  
Paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Haitian Studies Association, St Michael’s College, Colchester Vermont.

“Decentralization and Democracy in Haiti” paper presented at the International Conference on Democratic Decentralization May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Kerala, India May 2000

“Transnational Organizations and Citizen Participation: The Case of the Haitian Community in New York City” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Atlanta, GA  
September 4, 1999

“Decentralization and Transnational Organizations” August 21, 1999  
Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Conference sponsored by the Ministry of Haitians Living Abroad (MHAVE).

“Transnational Organizations and Citizen Participation” May 26, 1999  
Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Panama City, Panama

“Citizen Participation and Social Capital in the New York Haitian Community” April 11-15, 1999  
Rockefeller Institute, Bellagio, Italy

“Building Social Capital: The Urban Empowerment Zone” April 15-19, 1997  
Urban Affairs Association Meeting, Toronto, Canada

“Community Capacity and School Reform” April 15, 1996  
Seminar on Community Capacity Building and School Reform, Howard Samuels State Management and Policy Center, CUNY Graduate School, New York, NY

“An Overview of the Haitian Community of New York City” April 27, 1996  
Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn

### **Lectures and Conferences**

“Commemorating the Haitian Past, Understanding the Present, Preparing for the Future”  
Queens College, CUNY April 22, 2004

“The Impact of the Haitian Revolution on the Caribbean and the World”  
Long Island University, February 25, 2004

“The Federal Urban Empowerment Zone Program” May 1999  
Hunter College, CUNY New York, NY

“Labor-Community Coalition Building” April 1999  
David N. Dinkins Leadership and Public Policy Forum, Columbia University

“How can Haitians Immigrants contribute to Haiti Development” July 1998  
Haitian Club, Yale University, New Haven, Conn

“African-Americans and the Media” May 1998  
Black Student Alliance, Queens College, Flushing, NY

“Demographic and Political study of the Haitian Community in New York City” May 1998  
Haitian Club, St John’s University, Jamaica, NY

“The Federal Empowerment Zone” April 1997  
Columbia University, New York

**Affiliations:**

Secretary General: Parti Louvri Barye, (PLB) Haiti  
American Political Science Association (APSA)  
Haitian Studies Association (HSA)  
Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)