

# **Curriculum Vitae of Her Excellency Dame Pearlette Louisy**

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**DATE OF BIRTH:** 8th June, 1946

**NATIONALITY:** Saint Lucian

**HOME ADDRESS:** Government House, The Morne, Castries, Saint Lucia, West Indies

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**Appointed GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF SAINT LUCIA** on 17th September, 1997

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:**

1994 PH.D.(Higher Education) University of Bristol, Bristol, UK

1975 M.A. (Linguistics) Universite Laval, Quebec, Canada

1969 B.A. (English and French) University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados.

1965 Cambridge G.C.E. "A" Levels French, Geography - St.Joseph's Convent, Castries

1963 Senior Cambridge Certificate St.Joseph's Convent, Castries (First Grade)

## **PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

1996 - 1997 Principal, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, Castries, St.Lucia

1994 - 1995 Vice Principal, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, Castries, St.Lucia.

1986 - 1994 Dean, Division of Arts, Science and General Studies, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College.

1981 - 1986 Principal, St.Lucia 'A' Level College, Castries, St.Lucia.

1980 - 1986 Tutor of French, OCODTeacher Training Summer Workshops, Dominica

1976 - 1981 Graduate Tutor, St.Lucia 'A' Level College, Castries, St.Lucia.

1975 - 1976 Graduate Teacher, St.Joseph's Convent Secondary School, Castries, St.Lucia.

1969 - 1972 Graduate Teacher, St.Joseph's Convent Secondary School, Castries, St.Lucia.

1965 - 1966 Non-Graduate Teacher, St.Joseph's Convent Secondary School, Castries, St.Lucia.

1958 - 1960 Pupil Teacher, Laborie Girls' Primary School

## **OTHER POSITIONS HELD:**

1996 - 1997 Secretary/Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Tertiary Institutions

1988 - 1991 Secretary, Independent Committee for OECS Unity, St.Lucia

1987 - 1991 Programme Co-ordinator, Organisation for Cooperation in Overseas Development Summer Workshops for Teachers, St.Lucia.

1981 - 1991 National Correspondent, Agence de Cooperation Culturelle et Technique

1981 - 1984 President, Mouvman Kweyol Sent Lisi

1983 Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, Folk Research Centre, St.Lucia

## **MAJOR PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINARS**

March 1998 "Harmonisation and Diversification of Tertiary Education in the Caribbean". Keynote address at Conference on the Americas, Washington, D.C. USA.

1997 "Dilemmas of Inside Research in a small-Country Setting: Tertiary Education in St.Lucia" in Qualitative Educational Research in Developing Countries: Current Perspectives. Michael Crossley and Graham Vulliamy, Eds. Garland Publishing Inc.

November 1993 "Tertiary education in St.Lucia. Implications for small island states" Ph.D. thesis, University of Bristol.

"Tertiary education in small states. An analysis of current trends,with specific reference to the OECS". Seminar conducted for M.Ed. students. University of Huddersfield. U.K.

September 1993 "The changing role of the small state in higher education. A comparison of national and regional initiatives in the Caribbean and the South Pacific" in Compare. Vol.

April 1993 "Tertiary education in small states: Scale, isolation and dependence revisited". Seminar presented to staff and students in partial Fulfilment of the requirement of Ph.D. University of Bristol, U.K.

March 1993 "The Ethics of Qualitative Research. Case study research in a Small-state setting". Seminar conducted for ED.D students, University of Bristol. U.K.

November 1991 "Scale, isolation and dependence: a critique". Seminar presented to M.Ed. Students of Comparative/International Education. University of Bristol. U.K.

April 1990 A First Course in Creole. Prepared for the United States Peace Corps Eastern Caribbean Language Training Programme.

April 1986 "Creole in the Caribbean: Implications for Education". Paper presented at a seminar for teacher trainers organised by the Organisation for Cooperation in Overseas Development, Winnipeg, Canada.

1985 A Guide to the Writing of Creole. Published by the National Research and Development Foundation.

1981 "Towards an Orthography for Antillean Creole". Paper presented at the International Conference on Creole Studies held in St.Lucia.

1975 "Interaction Analysis: Measuring Teacher/Student Behaviour in the Foreign Language Classroom". M.A. thesis. Universite Laval. Quebec. Canada.

### **MAJOR CONFERENCES ATTENDED:**

March 1998 Conference on the Americas - Observance of 50th Anniversary of The Organisation of American States, Washington, D.C. USA.

March 1997 The Management of Tertiary Institutions in Small States Organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat and UNESCO, Grenada.

May 1994 "The Imperative of Quality Assurance in Tertiary Education". NIHERST/OAS/ATTITT Regional Seminar, Trinidad and Tobago.

January 1994 "Aid in Education". Conference organised by the Centre for International Studies. University of Bristol, Bristol, U.K.

September 1993 International Conference on "The Changing Role of the State in Educational development". New College, Oxford University. Oxford. U.K.

1988 Pan-Commonwealth Conference on Post Secondary Colleges in the Small States of the Commonwealth. St.Lucia.

1987 Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Research. Agence de Co-operation Culturelle et Technique (ACCT). The Ivory Coast.

1985 Conference of Ministers of Communication (ACCT), Cairo, Egypt.

1981 - 1989 Biennial Conferences of the Agence de Co-operation Culturelle et Technique (ACCT): Gabon, Senegal, France, Canada, Niger.

1981 - 1983 Biennial Conferences of the International Committee on Creole Studies: St.Lucia (1981); Louisiana, U.S.A (1983).

## **CONSULTANCIES:**

February - June 1995 Member of a two man team commissioned by the Government of the British Virgin Islands and the EEC Delegation in the Caribbean to prepare a Strategic Plan for the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College.

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

1960 Javouhey Scholar, St.Joseph's Convent Secondary School.

1966 Canadian International Development Agency Scholarship, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados.

1968 Student of the Year. University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados.

1972 Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Award. Universite Laval, Quebec, Canada.

1991 Sir Arthur Lewis Community College Training Award. University of Bristol, United Kingdom.

1990 Long Service Award. Organisation for Co-operation in Overseas Development. Manitoba. Canada.

1996, Award for Outstanding Contribution. International Women's 1998 Day. Ministry of Legal Affairs and Women's Affairs.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

1996 Patron, Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

1997 Member, Commission of Inquiry into Prison Fires

1998: Patron, St.Lucia Red Cross Society Patron, St.Lucia Blind Welfare Association Patron, St.Lucia Ex-Servicemen's League Patron, St.Lucia Girl Guides Association Patron, St.Lucia Allergy and Asthma Foundation Patron, St.Lucia National Netball Association Patron, St.Lucia Junior Achievement Programme Patron, Education Trust Fund Patron, The Duke of Edinburgh National Award Scheme Chief Scout, St.Lucia Scout Association Commander-in-Chief, St.Lucia Cadet Corps Chancellor, Order of Saint Lucia. Patron, National Council of and for Persons with Disabilities

## **PAST MEMBERSHIP OF ORGANISATIONS:**

Member, International Committee on Creole Studies

Member/Representative for Non-Campus Territories on Mona Campus Council, University of the West Indies.

Member, Folk Research Centre

Member, Bel Canto Choral

Group Member, Caribbean Examinations Council

Member, Alliance Francaise de Ste. Lucie

**LANGUAGES SPOKEN:** English, French, Creole

**LANGUAGES STUDIED:** Latin, Spanish

**TRAVEL:** United States, Canada, United Kingdom, France, French West Africa, Egypt, Republic of China (Taiwan), The Caribbean, Columbia.

**HONOURS AND AWARDS:**

1997:- Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Lucia (GCSL)

1998:- International Woman of the Year.

1999:- Doctor of Laws (Honorary) University of Bristol

1999:- Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (GCMG)

2001:- Dame of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.