

You are cordially invited to attend the IGDS Public Lecture in collaboration with the Faculty of Medical Sciences by

Sir George Alleyne
Chancellor
The University of the West Indies

Health Degendered is Health Denied

Tuesday, October 25th 2011
5.00 p.m.
Amphitheatre A
Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex
Guests are to be seated by 4.30 p.m.



Gender is one of the structural determinants of health and therefore cannot be ignored in any consideration of the health of men and women. To remove gender from consideration as an important social category is inimical to the health of both women and men. Health therefore cannot and must not be degendered. Examples of the differences between the sexes are given that are the result of gender bias. Gender considerations are also important in the genesis and treatment of some of the more important diseases. There can be change, as gender mediated differences are not immutable.

Sir George Alleyne, OCC, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.A.C.P. (Hon), DSc (Hon), a native of Barbados, became Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB), Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) on 1 February 1995 and completed a second four-year term on 31 January 2003. In 2003 he was elected Director Emeritus of the PASB. From February 2003 until December 2010 he was the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. In October 2003 he was appointed Chancellor of the University of the West Indies. He currently holds an Adjunct professorship on the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Alleyne has received numerous awards in recognition of his work, including prestigious decorations and national honors from many countries of the Americas. In 1990, he was made Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for his services to Medicine. In 2001, he was awarded the Order of the Caribbean Community, the highest honor that can be conferred on a Caribbean national.

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