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Tivia Collins, PhD in
Interdisciplinary Gender Studies

The Institute for Gender and Development Studies
invites the Campus community to the upcoming

Graduate Research Seminar

for

Tivia Collins

PhD in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies

Monday 15 May 2017, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

IGDS Seminar Room, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

Borders, Belonging, and Citizenship: Interrogating Guyanese Women Migrants experiences in Trinidad and Tobago

This research sheds light on the lived experiences of Guyanese migrant women within Trinidad and Tobago, focusing on how Guyanese women are monitored and regulated by the state due to their nationality, gender, class, race, and ethnicities. It explores how migrant women construct home and foster a sense of belonging for themselves within Trinidad and Tobago. It also seeks to analyse how Guyanese women navigate exclusionary, patriarchal, and hierarchical borders and definitions of citizenship, which function as systems of oppression used by the state to surveil and control its subjects, within Trinidad and Tobago.

This seminar discusses the aims, objectives, and rationale for a feminist project of this nature. I will address the conceptual and theoretical frameworks for this research, which are grounded in Feminist Standpoint Theory and Postcolonial Feminism, and I will conduct a review of the literature that informs this study. The relationships between migration, gender, and the state will be highlighted throughout this seminar, as I justify why the study of the lived experiences of Guyanese women migrants within Trinidad and Tobago is important for the understanding and challenging of the system that governs and dictates how intra-regional migration occurs within the Anglophone Caribbean.

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