



Presenter Profiles



Professor Stephan Gift

In 1973, Professor Stephan Gift was the winner of an AMOCO scholarship to study Electrical Engineering at UWI. He graduated with First-Class Honours, and placed second in his class, overall. He was awarded a UWI postgraduate scholarship and completed his doctoral degree in Electrical Engineering at age 24, the youngest PhD graduate in the Faculty's history.

Professor Gift later became Head of Research and Development at TSTT where he directed the development of advanced electronic systems and holds one international patent. He currently conducts research in science and engineering in the Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering and has published over 50 papers in international peer-reviewed journals. He has developed several new electronic



systems and in a series of papers has challenged Einstein's theory of relativity. He is also the first person in his department to be promoted to the rank of Professor.

Professor Gift has received many awards including the Young Innovator's Award in 1986, the UWI Guild of Graduates Pelican Award for Excellence in Science and Technology in 1993, the Prime Minister's Special Award of Merit for Innovation in the Field of Electronics in 2002 and Friends of the Tobago Library Committee Individual of the Year Award for 2006 in recognition of outstanding contribution in Science. He is presently the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Graduate Studies and Research, at The University of the West Indies (The UWI).



Professor Donna Mertens

Donna Mertens is Professor Emeritus at Gallaudet University with a specialization in research and evaluation methodologies designed to support social transformation.



She has authored, co-authored or edited many books related to evaluation methods and human rights, most recently Program Evaluation Theory and Practice, 2nd ed; Mixed Methods Design in Evaluation; Research and Evaluation in Education and Psychology: Integrating Diversity with Quantitative, Qualitative, and Mixed Methods, 5th ed.; Indigenous Pathways into Social Research; and Transformative Research and Evaluation. She focuses on intersection of evaluation with social justice and human rights within the philosophical assumptions of the transformative paradigm.

Mertens served as the editor for the Journal of Mixed Methods Research from 2010 to 2014. She was the president of the American Evaluation Association in 1998 and served on the Board from 1997 to 2002; she was a founding board member of the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation and the Mixed Methods International Research Association.



Professor Tony J. Onwuegbuzie

Anthony J. Onwuegbuzie, PhD currently part of the Faculty of Education at the University of Cambridge. His areas of specializations include disadvantaged and under-served populations; educational achievement ; qualitative, quantitative and mixed methodologies, program evaluation, teacher education, educational



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psychology, social psychology. He was also professor in the Department of Educational Leadership at *Sam Houston State University*, where he teaches doctoral-level courses in qualitative, quantitative, and mixed research. Further, he is Distinguished Visiting Professor at the *University of Johannesburg*. His research areas primarily involve social and behavioral science topics, including disadvantaged and under-served populations such as minorities, children living in war zones, students with special needs, and juvenile delinquents. Additionally, he writes extensively on an array of qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methodological topics. With a current h-index of 71, Professor Onwuegbuzie has secured the publication of more than 400 works, including more than 300 journal articles, 50 book chapters, and 5 books. Additionally, he has delivered more than 850 presentations and 200 methodological workshops worldwide and more than 40 keynote addresses across six continents. He has received numerous outstanding paper awards.

Professor Onwuegbuzie is former editor of *Educational Researcher (ER)*, being part of the Editor team (2006-2010) that secured a first impact factor of 3.774. Currently, he is editor-in-chief of the mixed methods journal, *International Journal of Multiple Research Approaches*, and a co-editor of *Research in the Schools*. Further, Professor Onwuegbuzie has received national and international recognition for his teaching. **Also**, over the last decade, he has secured more than 30 grant awards. Many of Professor Onwuegbuzie's articles have been extensively read and cited. For example, his mixed research article published in *ER* not only has been the most read for the past 10 years, and currently is the most cited *ER* article ever. Also, one of his mixed research articles published in the *Journal of Mixed Methods Research (JMMR)* is the most cited *JMMR* article ever. He is also the current president of the *Mixed Methods Research International Association*. His overall goal is to be a role model for beginning researchers and students worldwide



Courtney Campbell, MBA (Distinction), ACIB, BSc, JP

Courtney Campbell is President and Chief Executive Officer of Victoria Mutual (VM), a leading Jamaican Financial Group with operations that extend to major financial districts in North America and the United Kingdom.

Courtney assumed this position in April 2016, and immediately went about igniting a transformation of the organisation, which includes an ambitious digital strategy that has led to new products and services being delivered in modern, convenient ways. Courtney has leveraged the organisation's cultural beliefs and core values to kindle the VM Team's passion for uplifting Jamaicans. He is a strident advocate for greater financial inclusion, which is the founding purpose of VM and a significant motivator behind the work that he does.



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Before joining VM, Courtney had already established an enviable record of success in several senior executive roles including that of CEO of GraceKennedy Financial Group. He also spent over 23 years with the National Commercial Bank, serving in various management positions, including Head of the Retail Banking Division and other roles instrumental to the bank's success.

He holds a BSc in Management Studies from The University of the West Indies, and an MBA in Finance (Distinction) jointly awarded by the University of Wales & Manchester Business School. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, London.

Courtney is a director of Victoria Mutual Building Society and all its subsidiaries as well as associate company British Caribbean Insurance Company. He is also Chairman of the VM Foundation and the United Church Mission Enterprise.

Courtney is a Corporate Champion for the UWI STAT, Mona Campus and serves on the Governor-General Jamaica Trust and the Investment Committee of the Council of World Missions. He is a former Chairman of the National Education Trust (NET).

A Justice of the Peace, Courtney is an Advisory Board Member of the Governor-General's Programme for Excellence and an 'I Believe Initiative' Ambassador.

He is married to Pauline and they have two sons.



Ander Etxeberria-Otadui

Ander Etxeberria-Otadui has been the head of Mondragon's cooperative outreach program for the last five years. Annually, he serves approximately two thousand people who want to become acquainted with the Mondragon Cooperative Experience. He also lectures in universities and other fora around the world.

Prior to assuming his current post, Etxeberria-Otadui worked as Personnel Manager for eleven years at the Ikerlan Technology Center, another cooperative of the Mondragon Corporation. Before that, he worked in a training position for seven years at the Mondragon Corporate Center. He studied Technical Engineering at Mondragon



University (Arrasate/Mondragón) and Sociology at Deusto University (Bilbao).