

Professor Margaret Rouse-Jones

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Professor Margaret Deanne Rouse-Jones delivered the 7th Dame Eugenia Charles Memorial Distinguished Lecture in Dominica on November 29, 2012.



She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in French and Sociology from UWI St. Augustine in 1971. She obtained her Masters of Arts degree in 1974 and her PhD in 1977 in History from the Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, USA. In 1981, she graduated with a diploma in Library & Information Studies from University College in London, U.K.

Professor Rouse-Jones has worked as an information professional since 1966. Much of her career was spent working with West Indiana Special Collections and other heritage materials at UWI St Augustine Campus Libraries. In 1997, she was appointed Campus Librarian at UWI St. Augustine. In 2004, she became UWI's University Librarian. In

that same year, she was honoured with the UWI Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in the "Service to the University Community" category and the Award for Excellence in Research & Publications in the Information Field in the Caribbean from the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL). In 2008, she was awarded the Caribbean Information Professional of the Year by ACURIL.

She has assisted many organizations and committees. Among these, she serves as a member of the Selection Committee for the Fulbright Foreign Student Fellowship Programme and was the First Chairman of the Board of the National Library & Information Systems Authority of Trinidad & Tobago. She is past Chairperson of the Trinidad & Tobago's National Committee for UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme and past Vice President of the Regional Committee for Latin America & the Caribbean for UNESCO Memory of the World Programme.

Professor Rouse-Jones is a much sought after public speaker. She has delivered numerous addresses throughout the region based on her experience as both historian and librarian. She is committed to the development of Caribbean people through literacy and access to information and innovation. She has published in the area of history, historiography and Caribbean bibliography.

Professor Rouse-Jones is from Belmont in Trinidad. She and her husband Rupert have been married for 36 years and they have one daughter.