

## Commissioner Rose-Marie Belle Antoine



Rose-Marie Belle Antoine has dual citizenship of Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. She was elected at the 41st OAS General Assembly in June 2011 for the standard four-year term, which began on January 1, 2012. She is a lawyer, Professor and Dean of the University of the West Indies, specializing in human rights, financial law, comparative law, administrative law, public service law, discrimination law and labor law. She has also lectured abroad, including in the United States.

Commissioner Antoine has substantial international consultancy experience. She has served as senior legal advisor to all of the governments of the Commonwealth Caribbean and to governments outside of the region, such as the UK, Venezuela, USA and Canada, and to several international and regional organizations. These include the European Union, UNICEF, UNIFEM, the ILO, the IADB, the World Bank, and the OAS, among others. She is an award-winning author who has written eleven books and numerous reports and articles and drafted laws on a wide range of topics, including discrimination, constitutional reform, public service reform, juvenile justice, mutual legal assistance, women's rights, health, sexual harassment, trafficking in persons, labor law, free movement of labor, HIV, financial law, anti-drug trafficking and anti-corruption. Commissioner Antoine is an Oxford Commonwealth Scholar and a Cambridge Pegasus Scholar, holding a doctorate from Oxford University, an LL.M. from Cambridge and an LL.B. from the University of the West Indies. Professor Antoine also holds diplomas and certificates in international human rights from the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.



## Rapporteurship on the Rights of People of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination

### LECTURE:

Racial Innocence in the Americas: a U.S. - Latin American Comparison

### SPEAKER:

Prof. Tanya K. Hernandez

**Wednesday, May 14, 2014 - 1:00 pm**

### OAS Main Building, Guerrero Salon

Corner of 17th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.,  
Washington DC, 20006



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## PROGRAM

- 1:00 - 1:10 pm** Opening remarks: Ambassador Bocchit Edmond, Interim Permanent Representative of Haiti to the Organization of American States
- 1:10 - 1:15 pm** Introductory remarks & introduction of speaker: Commissioner Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, Rapporteur on the Rights of People of African Descent and Against Racial Discrimination, Inter American Commission on Human Rights
- 1:15 - 1:55 pm** Lecture: Prof. Tanya K. Hernandez
- 1:55- 2:20 pm** Question and answer session: moderated by Commissioner Rose-Marie Belle Antoine
- 2:20 - 2:25 pm** Closing remarks: Elizabeth Abi-Mershed, Assistant Executive Secretary, Inter American Commission on Human Rights

## Tanya K. Hernandez



Tanya K. Hernandez, is a Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law, where she teaches Comparative Employment Discrimination, Critical Race Theory, The Science of Implicit Bias and the Law: New Pathways to Social Justice, and Trusts & Wills. She received her A.B. from Brown University, and her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she served as Note Topics Editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Professor Hernandez, was awarded a Non-resident Faculty Fellowship at the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality for 2011-2013. She has previously served as a Law and Public Policy Affairs Fellow at Princeton University, a Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Research on Women at Rutgers University; and as an Independent Scholar in Residence at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. In 2011, Professor Hernandez was named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and in 2009 she was elected to the American Law Institute. Hispanic Business Magazine selected her as one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics of 2007. Professor Hernandez serves on the editorial board of the Latino Studies Journal published by Palgrave-Macmillian Press.

Professor Hernandez's scholarly interest is in the study of comparative race relations and anti-discrimination law, and her work in that area has been published in the California Law Review, Cornell Law Review, Harvard Civil Rights Civil Liberties Law Review, the New York Times, and the Yale Law Journal amongst other publications. Her most recent publication is the book "Racial Subordination in Latin America: The Role of the State, Customary Law and the New Civil Rights Response," (Cambridge Univ. Press), and its Spanish translation, "La subordinación racial en Latinoamérica: El papel del Estado, el derecho consuetudinario y la nueva respuesta de los derechos civiles" (Siglo del Hombre Editores, Ediciones Uniandes, Colección Nuevo Pensamiento Jurídico, Bogotá Colombia, 2013).