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SPEAKERS



Mario Gousse was born in Ayiti and is a science educator in the UK. He is currently setting up the Jan Jak Desalin Imperial Institute, in Ayiti. Mario is a long-standing member of the Haiti Support Group Executive Committee.



Patrick Sylvain is a Haitian-American poet, writer, photographer, social and literary critic who has published widely on Haitian, Haitian diaspora culture, politics, language, and religion. Sylvain is a lecturer at Brown University's Africana Studies and Brandeis University's AAAS. He is the Shirle Dorothy Robbins Creative Writing Prize Fellow at Brandeis University completing his PhD in English. His new bilingual poetry collection *Unfinished Dreams / Rèv San Bout* will be published in October 2021. He is the leading author of the forthcoming *Education Across Borders: Immigration, Race, and Identity in the Classroom* (February 2022).



Tamlynn Torchon is a 2018 University of North Florida's graduate, having earned a bachelor's degree in International Studies with a focus on International Relations and Politics. She currently resides in Petion-Ville (Haiti) and works at Malteser International [INGO]. She has contributed as a political commentator in print [UNF Spinnaker], radio [*Talk Up Yout Jamaica*] and internet [*Tenement Yaad Checkmate Podcast*]. Her interests are in a wide variety range, which includes international affairs through a leftist lens, post-colonialism, Haitian politics, cultural anthropology, history and secular analysis of religions.

MODERATORS



Matthew J. Smith is a Professor of Caribbean History and Director of the Centre for the Study of the Legacies of British Slave-Ownership at UCL. His research is pan-Caribbean in scope with special interest in the nineteenth- and twentieth-century histories of Haiti and Jamaica. His publications include *Liberty, Fraternity, Exile: Haiti and Jamaica After Emancipation* (2014) and *Red and Black in Haiti: Radicalism, Conflict and Political Change, 1934-1957* (2009).



Shodona Kettle is Chair of the Haiti Support Group and a PhD student at the Institute of the Americas, UCL. Her research focuses on demands for reparations among people of African descent in Latin America and the Caribbean, with Haiti being one of the cases. She has also lectured at the San Francisco University of Quito on Human Rights, African American Literature and Rhetoric.