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Retrospect and Reflections—Introducing Gender into the Academy: An Interview with Professor Elsa Leo-Rhynie

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Abstract

Elsa Leo-Rhynie was appointed Professor of Gender and Development Studies in 1992 and served as Regional Co-ordinator of the Centre for Gender and Development Studies (CGDS), University of the West Indies (UWI), from that appointment until July 1996 when she became Deputy Principal of the Mona Campus. She later created history at the University of the West Indies in February 2006, when she became the first woman to be appointed Principal of a UWI campus, the Mona campus. On Friday, April 4, 2008, having retired from the institution in September 2007, she looked back, in this interview with June Castello, on the progress the CGDS has made in institutionalising gender.