



Dr Robert K Lewis

Biography

Dr Robert K Lewis, an Educator/Teacher of Mathematics and Statistics by profession and training, graduated from the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand with a PhD in Mathematics Education in 2005. Prior to this achievement, Dr Lewis pursued studies in Teacher Education, Mathematics and School Management & Administration.

Hence, he also holds a Certificate in Teacher Education from the University of the West Indies, a BA (Hons) degree in Mathematics from Saint Mary's University of San Antonio, Texas, a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Mathematics Education from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, and a Post Graduate Executive Diploma in School Management and Administration from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad.

Dr Lewis began his teaching career in September 1984 as a classroom teacher at the Ciceron Combined School. In September 1991, Dr Lewis was assigned to St. Mary's College where he served as a Teacher of Mathematics. He also served as the Head of the Mathematics Department at St. Mary's College from September 1995 to July 1997. From September 1998 to July 2000 Dr Lewis served as vice principal of St. Mary's College, prior to embarking on his doctoral studies.

Upon his return to Saint Lucia in 2005, Dr Lewis joined the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College where he served as a Lecturer of Mathematics and Statistics within the Division of Teacher Education and Educational Administration. He held that position until August 2006 when he entered elective politics in Saint Lucia. In December 2006 he successfully contested the Castries South Constituency under a Saint Lucia Labour Party ticket. As Parliamentary Representative for Castries South in the House of Assembly and a member of the Opposition, Dr Lewis was appointed as the Saint Lucia Labour Party's spokesperson on Education, and Home Affairs and National Security.

Notwithstanding his position as Parliamentary Representative for Castries South, in 2007, Dr Lewis took up a position with Monroe College as Professor of Mathematics and Statistics. By 2008 Monroe College offered him the position of Director of the MBA Programme at the Saint Lucia Campus with special responsibility for overseeing the set up and operation of its new MBA Programme in Saint Lucia. In 2009 Dr Lewis then moved on to the Position of Academic Dean at Monroe College, Saint Lucia Campus, a position he held until December 1, 2011.

Dr Lewis successfully contested two General Elections in Saint Lucia. He served as Parliamentary Representative for Castries South from December 2006 to June 2016 in the Saint Lucian Parliament. After the General Elections of November 28, 2011, the Saint Lucia Labour Party formed the Government. Consequently, on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, Dr Lewis, the elected Parliamentary Representative for Castries South, was appointed a minister of government, to serve in the capacity as Minister with responsibility for Education, Human Resource Development and Labour.

Since demitting office as a Saint Lucian parliamentarian, Dr Lewis returned to serve, for a short stint, as a Lecturer of Mathematics and Statistics at Sir Arthur Lewis Community College in September 2016 until February 2017. In September 2018, he accepted a position as Lecturer of Mathematics and Statistics at the International School Saint Lucia.

Dr Lewis has had a good range of teaching and educational administration experience over the past three decades. In fact, he has taught at every level within the education sector and has worked in an administrative capacity at every stage. He has been involved with several programmes for teacher training and professional development in Saint Lucia and the wider English-speaking Caribbean. Moreover, his teaching and learning experience span the Caribbean, North America, the United Kingdom and New Zealand. These diverse interactions and experiences have equipped him to be a better, more tolerant and effective instructional leader and administrator.

He has also been an education consultant for the past 15 years, and continues to provide consultancy services upon request.

Dr Lewis is proud of his Christian heritage! He credits his successes in this life to the Mercies and Grace of God. He claims that outside of his Christian treasure, his best results are his two children – Saija and Ayani – with his wife Brenda.

Dr Lewis is a community activist and sports enthusiast.