

## **Short CV notice of Professor O Brillant Damus Ph.D, sociologist, educator, linguist**

Born in Petit-Goâve (Haiti), O Brillant DAMUS successfully completed his bachelor's degree at the State University of Haiti, Department of Applied Linguistics. He received a certificate of excellence from The Haitian Students Association for being the laureate of the admission contest organized by the fore mentioned department. It is this honor that allowed him to be the recipient of a four-year scholarship (2001-2005) sponsored by the French government.

In 2006, O Brillant received a grant from the French government to pursue his Master of Science degree at The University of the West Indies and Guiana (UAG). With the support of Pascal Saffache, the Dean of the college of Humanities and Social Sciences, O Brillant was able to secure a scholarship from the French Embassy in Haiti. This scholarship helped him complete his second Masters (M2) at the University of Paris 8. His MA thesis (Master's degree in Sciences of Education and Training, Specialty Education Throughout Life. Upheld with an Honors mention (grade : 18/20). State bursary) explored the subject of medical ethnology/anthropology and was prized by the organization Cancéropôle Île-de-France, recognizing O Brillant's accomplishments and his potential contributions to the scientific community.

In March 2008 the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF) awarded O Brillant a literary prize during the commemoration of the International Day of the Francophonie in the presence of his Excellency Mister Abdou Diouf, the secretary general of the Organization. The French president Nicolas Sarkozy also attended this commemoration.

In 2008-2011, he realized his PhD in Sociology (Subject: Solidarity and Cancer in Haïti. Thesis supported at the University of Paris 8, December 7th, 2011) upheld with a Very Honorable mention. He realized his Postdoctoral Study at the *Centre d'Étude sur l'Actuel et le Quotidien CEAQ*, Paris 5 Sorbonne under the coordination of Mr. Michel Maffesoli, professor of sociology at the Sorbonne.

Currently, O Brillant Damus is professor of education at the State University of Haïti (Assigned professor to the Institute of African Studies and Research of Haïti. Master of History Program, Memory and Heritage. Doctorate in Social Sciences Program, Co-Host for the General Doctoral Seminar. Permanent member of the laboratory LADIREP: "Langage, Discours, Représentations") and at the University Quisqueya (coordinator of education doctoral program). He is visiting professor at Laval University (Québec, Canada).

His research topics are : rituals of birth, solidarity, disability, nursing rituals, rape, local knowledge, ontological vulnerability, prostate cancer, culturally specific diseases, relationship between Creole and French, education for love and peace, breastfeeding practice, etc.