

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

NOTIFICATION

**IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED** that, I, **ANTHONY THOMAS AQUINAS CARMONA, O.R.T.T., S.C.**, President, after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in accordance with section 122 (3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, as amended by Act No. 6 of 2006, nominate **DR. MARIA THERESE GOMES**, a person who is qualified and experienced in the disciplines of sociology and management, to be appointed as a member and Chairman of the Police Service Commission, with immediate effect.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

*Anthony Thomas Aquinas Carmona O.R.T.T.-S.C.*  
**President**

## **Maria Therese Gomes**

### *Curriculum Vitae*

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## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Degrees:**

**Ph.D.** Social Work. Howard University. Washington, DC. (2010)

**MSW** (Summa Cum Laude), Howard University. Washington, DC. (2004)

**MSc.** Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries. London School of Economics & Political Science. The University of London. UK (1999)

**BSc.** Social Work (Upper Second Class Honors), University of the West Indies. St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago (1995)

#### **Certificates:**

**Distance Learning Certification**, Howard University, Washington, DC. (2012)

**Blackboard Certification**, Howard University, Washington, DC. (2012)

**International Studies**, Howard University, Washington, DC. (2010)

**Drama & Theatre in Education**, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago (1997)

**Gender Studies** (Distinction), University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados (1996)

**PH.D. DISSERTATION:** *Detention to Reintegration in the Context of the 1996 U.S. Immigration Reform Act: Life Experiences of Immigrant Women Deported to Trinidad and Tobago*

**MSc. THESIS:** *Cultural Manifestations and Development in Trinidad and Tobago (Referenced in National Youth Policy, Republic of Trinidad & Tobago (2004)*

### **HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **Grants:**

**Silberman Grant Application for Community based research** (2013)

*The Charged Economic Environment: Its Role and Impact on Parental Psychological Distress and the Development of Children and Adolescents*

**Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science (GHUCCTS) Community Engagement and Research Partnership Stimulation Mini Grant** (2012)

*Immigrant and Refugee Data on Torture and Trauma: A University and Community Agency Research Partnership*

**Fellowship:**

**Preparing Future Faculty Fellow.** School of Social Work.  
Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis (2009- 2010)

**Award:**

**US/ India- Howard- Jadavpur Research Initiative Award.**  
Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India (2007)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

Knowledge and experience with SPSS and Atlas *t* statistical programs. Participatory Action Research, Focus Groups, Asset Mapping and Program Evaluation

**Co-Investigator (2012-2013)**

**Howard University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences & Dartmouth College, Psychiatric Research Center**  
*Pathways and Barriers to Recovery among Black Immigrants: Examining the Role of Mental Health Services*

**Co-PI (2012-2013)**

**Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science (GHUCCTS) Community Engagement and Research Partnership Stimulation Mini Grant (2012-2013)**  
*Immigrant and Refugee Data on Torture and Trauma: A University and Community Agency Research Partnership*

**Research Consultant (2011- 2012)**

Prison Fellowship International, CARICOM, & The Association of Caribbean Heads of Corrections & Prison Services (ACHCPS)  
Research Commission on Repatriation and Reintegration of Involuntary Migrants to CARICOM States (Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica & Guyana)

**Research Assistant (2000-2007)**

US/ India- Howard- Jadavpur Research Initiative  
Qualitative Research Project in Kolkata, India.  
Networking the Indian Diaspora in the Americas.  
Howard University, Washington, DC

Elderly Muslim and Mental Health in U.S.  
Howard University, Washington, DC.

National Alliance Multi-Ethnic Behavioral Health Associations (NAMBHA)

Council on Social Work Education, Virginia.  
NADD-CSWE KAKI: International Social Work Initiative

Participatory Action Research Coordinator.  
Comparative Analysis of Culture in the Curriculum in Two Elementary Schools  
Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs  
Trinidad & Tobago

Asset Mapping Project. Trinidad & Tobago Association of Social Workers  
University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

Berry Edwards, J., Gomes, M., & Major, M. (2013). The Charged Economic Environment: Its Role in Parental Psychological Distress and Development of Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults. *Journal of Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Volume 23, Issue 2, 2013*

Ross-Sheriff, F., Foy, R., Kaiser, E., & Gomes, M. (2012). Refugee Women: Mental Health and Well Being pp.109- 132. In U.A. Segal and D. Elliot (Eds.), *Refugee Worldwide, vol 3. Mental Health CA, U.S.A: Praeger*

Gomes, M.T. (2012) Reframing Reentry: Considerations for Immigrant Ex-offenders Facing Deportation. *Corrections Today April/May 2012 vol.74,2: pp. 90-91*

Gomes, M.T. (2012). Review of the book (*Working with Female Offenders: A Gender-Sensitive Approach* by Katherine van Wormer. *Affilia February 2012 vol. 27, 1 pp.116-117*  
doi: 10.1177/0886109912437475

Gomes, M.T. & Ross-Sheriff, F. (2011). The Impact of the Unintended Consequences of the 1996 Immigration Reform Act on Women. *Affilia, May 2011; vol. 26, 2: pp. 117-124*

## **TEACHING & WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Adjunct Professor (Online), Howard University,  
Washington, DC. (January 2014-present)

Adjunct Lecturer, College of Science,  
Technology, & Applied Arts of Trinidad & Tobago  
(COSTAATT). ((January, 2014-present)

Assistant Camp Coordinator, The Nature Nurture Project Boys Camp  
The Trauma Center of Trinidad & Tobago (2014)

Clinical Supervisor, Retreat for St. Jude's Homes for Girls.  
Dolly & Associates Ltd., Trinidad & Tobago (2014)

Assistant Professor, Howard University,  
School of Social Work, Washington, DC. (2011-2013)

Teaching Assistant, Howard University,  
School of Social Work, Washington, DC. (2010)

Teaching Fellow, School of Social Work,  
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (2009-2010)

Teaching Assistant, Howard University  
School of Social Work, Washington, DC (2006-2009)

Graduate Assistantship, Howard University,  
School of Social Work, Washington, DC (2005)  
Statistics & Data Analysis

Graduate Assistant, Office of Admissions  
Howard University, School of Social Work,  
Washington, DC (2004)

Social Worker, Adoption Division,  
Ministry of Social Development,  
Trinidad & Tobago (2001-2002)

Social Welfare Supervisor,  
Ministry of Social Development,  
Trinidad & Tobago (2000-2001)

Social Worker II: Community, Family Life,  
National Family Services Division,  
Trinidad & Tobago (1995-2000)

Social Welfare Advisor, Ministry of Community  
Development & Social Services,  
Trinidad & Tobago (1977-1992)

#### **COURSES FACILITATED:**

Social Work Advocacy, Social Work Theories & Application, Social Work with Children & Families, Introduction to Social Work (2014), Human Behavior and the Social Environment I & II (2011-2013); International Service Learning/ Alternative Spring Break (2012); Displaced Populations I : Homelessness, Adoption, Foster Care & Displaced Populations, Displaced Populations II: Migration, Immigrants, Refugees (2011); Communities & Organizations (2010).

#### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS:**

*Embracing Social Justice and Equality Locally and Globally: Immigration Reform and Human Trafficking.* (Invited Speaker) **Howard University, Faculty Senate Retreat (2013)**

*Addressing Manifest and Latent Functions of Deportation: Domestic Violence and Gender Inequality.* (Invited Speaker) **Caribbean Domestic Violence and Gender Equality Conference Tobago (2013)**

*Economic Realities: The Impact of Parental Psychological Distress on Children & Young Adults.* **CSWE APM. Washington, DC (2012)**

*Transnational Social Work: Addressing the Trauma of Families Fractured through Deportation.* **CSWE APM. Washington, DC (2012)**

*What exactly are Feminist Theories?*  
*Applying Intersectionality to deported Caribbean immigrant women*  
Guest Lecturer. **Certificate in Women Studies. Howard University, Graduate School, Washington, DC (2011)**

*Strangers in their homeland: Closer examination of the reintegration of foreign offenders.* **American Corrections Association, 141<sup>st</sup> Congress. Kissimmee, Florida (2011)**

*Living on the Edge: Families Fractured by the 1996 Immigration Reform Act*  
(Invited Speaker) **International Society of Family Law, Caribbean Regional Conference Nassau, The Bahamas (2011)**

*Detention to Reintegration in the Context of the 1996 U.S. Immigration Reform Act: Life Experiences of Immigrant Women Deported to Trinidad and Tobago.*  
**Repatriation Study Commission on Involuntary Migration University of Trinidad and Tobago (2011)**

*Living on the Edge: Addressing the Realities of Deportation to the Caribbean through a Multi-Modal Community Approach.* **18<sup>th</sup>. Annual Conference Global Awareness Society International. Washington, DC (2009)**

*Deportation: Realities for Immigrants in America after the 1996 Immigration Reform Act.* **Annual Research Symposium Day and Honors Howard University. Washington, DC. (2009)**

*Ethics in Social Work Research. Responsible Conduct of Research*  
**Graduate School, Howard University, Washington, DC (2009)**

*The Relevance of the Black Perspective and Displaced Populations*  
**Seminar, Howard University, School of Social Work, Washington, DC (2008)**

*Networking the Indian Diaspora in the Americas:*  
*Highlighting socio-cultural connections between North America. India & Caribbean*  
**Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India (2007)**

*Addressing Involuntary Return Migration through Multi-Modal  
Community Interventions*

**8<sup>th</sup>. Biennial Conference of Caribbean and International Social Work Educators,  
Trinidad & Tobago (2007)**

*Conceptualizing the Indian Diaspora for Caribbean Social Development:  
Highlighting the Case of Trinidad & Tobago*

**Annual Graduate Research Symposium  
Howard University. Washington, DC (2006)**

*Conceptualizing Development through the Caribbean Diaspora: Utilizing Socio-Cultural  
Connections with India*

**52<sup>nd</sup>. Annual Program Meeting, Council in Social Work Education,  
Chicago, Illinois (2006)**

*Cultural Manifestations and Development in Trinidad and Tobago*

**Trinidad & Tobago Association of Social Workers,  
Symposium, Trinidad & Tobago (1999)**

*Developmental Social Work: An Analysis of Methodology used for Community  
Organizations and Community Development in an Inner City*

**3<sup>rd</sup>. Biennial Conference of Caribbean and International Social Work Educators  
Trinidad & Tobago (1997)**

**SERVICE:**

Secretary, Board of Education. Diego Martin Regional Life Center (Servol). 2014

Humming Bird Summer Camp. *Victory Over Violence*. (Invited Speaker). 2014

Ministry of Education. Student Support Services Pre-Career Sensitization Lecture Series.  
*Daring to Dream in the Midst of Madness*. (Invited Speaker), (2014)

Vision on Mission, Radio Program FM I 95: *Challenges of Female Offenders and  
Ex Offenders in the Caribbean Region and Beyond*, (Invited Speaker), (2014)

Board Member. Human Development Foundation (2014)

HUSSW Open House Chair- Admissions Committee (2012-2013)

Lead Facilitator. Campus wide Educational Workshop on Human Trafficking, Howard  
University (2013)

Faculty Facilitator, International Service Learning/Alternative Spring Break. Cape Town, South Africa (2012)

Volunteer Conference Facilitator & Researcher team member Prison Fellowship International & Research Commission on Repatriation & Reintegration of Involuntary Migrants to CARICOM States: Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, & Guyana (2011-2012).

Howard University Newman Club Executive Committee member & representative on Religious Fellowship Council.

Howard University, Washington, DC (2006-2009)

Voluntary Coordinator, Enrichment Day Activities  
DC Youth Works Organization, Washington, DC (2004-2005)

Workshop Facilitator, Leadership Development in Rural Communities  
Ministry of Community Development Trinidad & Tobago (2000-2002)

Volunteer, Women Off Welfare, Women Working for Social Progress  
Trinidad & Tobago (2000-2002)

Volunteer, Evergreen Singing Senior Citizens.  
Trinidad & Tobago (1999-2001)

Secretary, Trinidad & Tobago Association of Social Workers (1996-1998)

#### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

Council for Social Work Education  
National Association of Social Workers  
Society for Social Work Research  
Society for Spirituality and Social Work