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# “I left because...”: Caribbean High-Skilled Emigrants’ Reasons for Migrating

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The Caribbean region has the second highest rate of high-skilled emigration, the outward migration of people with tertiary education or extensive specialized work experience in a given field. This talk focuses on one particular subset of Caribbean emigrants, those working in higher education in the US, including professors and administrators. This talk will examine their justifications for outward migration from the Caribbean, as well as the factors that enable their migration to the U.S., with particular attention to emigrant’s aspirations for further education and family ties. These results have implications for educational policy making in the Caribbean by allowing us to examine the synergy between policies proposed to manage high skilled migration from the region and the factors impacting this migration phenomenon.

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Nigel O. M. Brissett, Ed.D., is an Assistant Professor of International Development and Social Change. His research focuses on how contemporary educational policies impact socio-economic opportunities in “developing” countries, particularly those of post-colonial Caribbean, as well as other states around the world. His current work analyzes the intersection of neo-liberal principles and post-colonial social welfare policies, and the results that ensue.



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