## Dominican Gerald La Touche Presents Thesis at UWI Open Campus, Dominica



Gerald La Touche presented his graduate thesis in a public lecture on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at the University of the West Indies (UWI) Open Campus Dominica. The topic of the thesis presentation was "CSME in Global Perspective: Going for growth & development through deeper regional integration in a globalized world."

La Touche at Thesis Presentation

La Touche graduated from the Saint

Mary's Academy in 1986 and the Clifton Dupigny Community College in 1989. He served as President of the Dominica Writer's Guild in the 1990s. During that time, he had two international publications and a 1994 Derek Walcott Fellowship to the University of Miami, Caribbean Writers Institute.

With an illustrious career in the British Civil Service, La Touche honed in his skills in 'Policy Development' across four government departments between 2002 and 2011. Trained at institutions such as the National School of Government, Kings College Cambridge, APMG-International, the Open University and the Institute of Risk Management, to name a few, La Touche quickly moved up ranks in the Civil Service. Gerald was appointed Regional Economic Strategy Manager for the West Midlands Region in 2003 and later served as the Senior Corporate Planning and Performance Advisor. In 2004 he became Justice of the Peace for the West Midlands Commission area.

La Touche has deep interest in Caribbean political economy - a passion expressed by his regular commentary on several media outlets such as the BBC Caribbean Magazine.

In December, 2011, La Touche was awarded the degree of Masters of Arts in International Studies (Globalisation and Governance) with merit by the University of Birmingham.