

Mark DaCosta Alleyne



Originally from Barbados, Mark DaCosta Alleyne (1961-2009) was an Associate Professor of Communication at Georgia State University (GSU). He was on a study abroad trip to Guatemala with six Georgia State University students overseeing a Spanish language immersion course when he died unexpectedly from a cardiac arrest in Guatemala City after he fell ill with symptoms of pneumonia. His research was in the area of critical theory and International Relations, the political economy of international communication, press freedom, and postmodern critical theory relating to the ideological constructions of “race.” In 2005 Alleyne came to GSU from UCLA, where he was Associate Director of Research at the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies (*JPAS* editor Itibari M. Zulu was a colleague of Mark during his tenure at UCLA). Alleyne is the author of *Global Lies? Propaganda, the U.N. & World Order* (Palgrave 2003), *News Revolution: Political and Economic Decisions About Global Information* (St. Martin’s 1997), and *International Power and International Communication* (St. Antony’s/Macmillan 1995). His scholarly essays have appeared in *Media Development*, *The Journal of Communication*, *The Journal of Peace Research*, *Journalism Quarterly*, *SAIS Review*, and others. A Rhodes Scholar (D.Phil., Oxford University, 1992) via Howard University, Alleyne worked for Caribbean media and was a freelance broadcaster for the BBC World Service in London prior to entering the professorate. He was at work on a book tentatively entitled *Propaganda Against Hate*. At the Department of Political Science, University of Melbourne, Australia, he taught the 2005 graduate seminar on the United Nations. Dr. Alleyne was the leader of the Anti-Racist Discourses Project, a transnational research initiative that includes scholars from a number of universities across the world, including the University of Stirling, Scotland, the University of Wisconsin, Madison, the Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico, the University of Salzburg, Austria, and the University of Amsterdam, Holland.