

THE 2014 MARTIN AND SYMA MENDELSON LECTURESHIP IN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PRESENTS:

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“JAMAICA AND ITS PLACE IN THE GLOBAL LANDSCAPE”

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
12:00 - 1:00 PM, GOLD ROOM, STUDENT CENTER
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE STATE LOUNGE, STUDENT CENTER

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Stephen Vasciannie is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Jamaica to the United States of America. He is also Jamaica's Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS), and has served in the capacity of Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States from July to September 2012.

Before entering the Jamaican Diplomatic Service as Ambassador, Dr. Vasciannie served as the Principal of the Norman Manley Law School, based at the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus (from 2008 to 2012). He also served as a part-time Lecturer in International Law at the UWI, Mona Campus, and in Human Rights Law for Masters level students at the UWI Cave Hill, St. Augustine and Mona Campuses.

For the five-year period leading up to his ambassadorial appointment, Dr. Vasciannie was also an active member of the United Nations International Law Commission, the U.N. body mandated to promote the codification and progressive development of International Law throughout the world. He also served as an Editor of the West Indian Law Journal, and as an Adjunct Professor at Stetson University, lecturing in Caribbean Human Rights Law.

He holds First Class Honours degrees from the University of Oxford and the UWI, a Starred First from Cambridge University and a Doctorate from Oxford. He has worked as a Research Fellow in Law at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, and as a lawyer at the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and at the Wall Street Law Firm of Sullivan and Cromwell.

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