



Curriculum vitae

Rose Mary Allen was born on December 25, 1950 in Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles. From 1965-1969 she visited the Maria Immaculata Lyceum in Curaçao, after which she studied sociology and afterwards cultural anthropology at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands. In 1977 she received her Master's degree in Cultural and Social Anthropology and returned to Curaçao. There she worked as a researcher and staff member at the Institute of Archeology and Anthropology of the Netherlands Antilles (AAINA) until the institute's demise in 1998.

As part of her research at AAINA, Rose Mary Allen conducted many interviews with descendants of enslaved Africans on several islands of the Netherlands Antilles in order to document their lives in the post-emancipation period. Meanwhile she started to work on her dissertation on Afro-Curaçaoan social life in post emancipation Curaçao. This dissertation draws largely on the collected oral histories of Afro-Curaçaoans.

Presently Rose Mary Allen is working as a consultant and lecturer at different institutes of higher learning on Curaçao. She has published several articles on the cultural and social history of Afro-Curaçao.

