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## **TSU professor earns medal of merit from native country**



Dr. **Humphrey A. Regis**, professor in the School of Communication and the former dean of the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College, was presented with the Medal of Merit from the island nation of Saint Lucia, located in the Eastern Caribbean.

Regis was bestowed with the honor - one of the country's most prestigious national awards - from the Office of the Governor General as part Independence Day 2017 for his "long and meritorious service" in education and journalism. The award recognizes Regis' nearly 50 years of service as a teacher, more than 45 years in print and broadcast media, and more than 30 years of research and scholarship on journalism and mass communication, including one recognized contribution he made in collaboration with TSU colleagues.

Dr. Regis started as teacher at an elementary school, completing his early studies at Saint Lucia Teachers College. He went on to earn bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in journalism and mass communication while serving as news director of *Caribbeana*, broadcast on the public service station WPFW-FM in the Washington, DC area. Dr. Regis helmed a project – *World African Community* – introducing history to secondary-school and adult-education students, and the general public.

Dr. Regis posted more than 30 years of research and publications on the relationship between mass communication and areas such as cultural continuance, change and domination. He collaborated with Dr. Andrea Shelton (College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) in July 2016 and initiated the Study Abroad program for health education and health services in Saint Lucia.