# Hon. Jacqui C.Quinn-Leandro, Ph.D.

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Dependents: Two: girl and boy(Siobhan Angelica Leandro (12yrs) Jaden Denis Leandro (8yrs)

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Date of Birth: November 20, 1965
Pace of Birth: Antigua

#### Education

McGill University

1999-July 2003

Montreal, Canada

Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Concentration: Communications & Gender)

Cambridge University

1996-1997

Cambridge, United Kingdom

Master of Philosophy Degree (Concentration: Latin American & Caribbean Studies)

University of the West Indies

1990-1993

Mona, Kingston, Jamaica

Bachelor of Arts Degree (Mass Communication & Social Sciences)

(First Class Honours)

Caribbean Institute of Media & Communication

1989-1990

Diploma in Mass Communication (Distinction)

University of the West Indies,

Mona, Kingston, Jamaica

Diploma in Journalism (Distinction)

International Institute of Journalism

June 25-Sept15, 1987

West Berlin, Germany

Diploma in Advanced Journalism (Distinction)

Commonwealth Journalists Association

June-July, 1986

UWI Cavehill, Barbados

Diploma in News reporting (Distinction)

Antigua State College

1983-1985

St. John's Antigua

A' Levels (English Language and General Paper, College Diploma)

Antigua Girls' High School

1979-1983

St. John's, Antigua

O' Levels (English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Spanish, Food & Nutrition)

\* Presenting the nightly newscast and interviews of topical nature

## Press Officer and Media Coordinator

1991-1993

# **Ministry of Information**

St. John's Antigua

- \* Producing government information programmes, features and documentaries
- \* presenting the nightly newscast
- \* Conducting local interviews with government officials
- \* Promoting the work of government ministries, departments and projects

# News & Current Affairs Officer

1985-1991

# Antigua Broadcasting Service

St. John's, Antigua

- \* Writing and reading the Television and radio news
- \* producing features for the news and local programmes
- \* hosting interviews
- \* General reporting

During period at ABS television, initiated, produced and hosted the following popular and Highly successful Television programmes: "Feedback", "What's Happening", "Justice" and "One-on-One"

# Part Time employment/ Consultancies:

#### Caribbean Broadcasting Union

News Reporter for CARICOM Heads of Government Summit:

Antigua 1988,

Grenada 1989

Jamaica 1990

St. Kitts 1991

CBU Correspondent for Summit of the Americas: Miami, 1994

#### Antigua Barbuda Investment Bank

June 2000-August 2000

St. John's, Antigua

\* Working with PR firm on "Synergy"- the merger of Antigua Barbuda Investment Bank and Swiss American National Bank

#### Antigua Commercial Bank

June 2001-August 2001

St. John's, Antigua

\* Preparing, Writing and producing Corporate Communication Strategy

# **Hadeed Group of Companies**

June 2001-August 2001

St. John's Antigua

\* Project Coordinator/Editor/Producer for Hadeed Corporate Profile

## Work Experience:

Minister of Labour, Public Administration & Empowerment,

Janauray 2005- present

Minister of State, responsible for Information, Broadcasting and Public Administration

March 2004- January 2005

# Human Resource & Marketing Officer

Jan, 1999-Sept. 1999

# Antigua Barbuda Investment Bank, St. John's Antigua

- \* Marketing, human Resources, Public relationship
- \* Developing 5-yr. marketing plans
- \* Designing all advertising- TV, Radio and newspaper ads
- \* Organizing publicity, writing press releases and bulletins for media
- \* Handling P.R for special bank events and bank sponsored projects.

#### Communication Consultant

November 1997-December 1998

## Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation, CFPA, St. John's, Antigua

- \* Designing health education materials for 12 Caribbean countries under whose purview the CFPA presides.
- \* Facilitating workshops/seminars on STDs, AIDS, teen pregnancy, adolescent health, Women's health
- \* Preparing, designing and scripting Annual Reports
- \* Writing, producing TV, Radio and Newspaper ads for regional media
- \* Assisting in developing in-house bulletins on family planning and sexual and reproductive health.

#### Head of News & Current Affairs

1991-Nov. 14th 1997

## Antigua Broadcasting Service, St. John's Antigua

- \* Head up department and overseeing administrative functions
- \* Supervising News reporters and Current Affairs Officers
- Writing, producing and editing news, TV programmes, features and documentaries
- \* hosting and producing TV programmes, documentaries and features
- \* sitting on management meetings and advising on plans, policies and programmes for the department

#### **Director of Current Affairs**

April 1994-Sept. 1995

#### Antigua Broadcasting Service

St. John's, Antigua

- \* Providing administrative and intellectual support for Current Affairs department
- \* Producing news items, features, documentaries and programmes
- \* hosting local programmes

# Antigua Commercial Bank

June 2002-August 2002

St. John's, Antigua

\* Designing Information and Media Awareness Programme for Capital Market Instruments

#### McGill University

Faculty of Management

Assistant Head Invigilator

- \* Supervising a core of invigilators for Management BA and MBA Examinations
- \* Overseeing the smooth running of Mid-term and Final exams in the Faculty
- \* Invigilating exams in the department

#### Awards

- \* Dean's Award for Excellence, UWI, Mona, Jamaica, 1990-1991
- \* Dean's Award for Excellence-scholarship to outstanding students for academic excellence University of the West Indies, 1992
- \* Award of Distinction and Merit-Best Speaker-Debating Society, Taylor Hall, University of the West Indies, 1990
- \* Fellow of the Organization of American States- for academic excellence- scholarship, OAS, 1990
- \* Fellow of Cambridge Commonwealth Trust- for academic excellence- scholarship, Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, 1996
- \* Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship-full four year scholarship for Ph.D. Studies,
  International Council for Canadian Studies, Canadian
  Commonwealth scholarship and fellowship Program, 1999-2003
- Margaret Gillett Graduate Research Award- for research on women and gender, Centre for

Research and Teaching on Women, McGill University, 2002

#### Achievements

- \* First woman in Antigua and Barbuda to be inducted into the Rotary Club
- \* First woman in Antigua and Barbuda to be elected to the House of Representatives
- \* First woman in Antigua and Barbuda to act as Prime Minister (January 20-22, 2005)
- \* Serves on the Cabinet Sub-Committee for Economic Delevelopment & Infrastructure (SCEDI) March 2004-present

#### Special Skills

Languages: English (fluent-spoken and written) French (basic), Spanish (basic)

Technical: Electronic editing in U-matic, VHS and Beta formats

Computer: Adobe, Clarisworks, desktop publishing, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Word for Windows,

Powerpoint for Microsoft, Windows' 95, 98, Wordperfect for MAC, SPSS, Internet-savvy.

#### Miscellaneous

\* Head Girl, Antigua Girls' High School