

PRESENTERS' BIOS

Mr. Joel Alleyne – Chairman, Crucible Inc.



As a consultant, researcher, entrepreneur and manager, Joel Alleyne has worked with organizations in North America, Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. As a Barbadian and Canadian, he is actively involved in commerce in both locations.

He is an active independent researcher and contributor with several global affiliations, including the Open European network for Enterprise Innovation. He is an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Information, University of Toronto.

Joel has worked with several industries, including finance and insurance. He is a recognized expert in electronic commerce and new media, information technology and knowledge management. He has led/managed a number of organizations over the last 30 years.

He is actively involved in research in Information Technology and Organizational Change, Digital Transformation, New Media and Electronic Commerce. In 2003, Joel was appointed to the Entovation 100 Global Knowledge Leadership Map, which includes a select group of global thought leaders and practitioners, who play a role in shaping the new knowledge-based economy.

Dr. Colin Depradine – Senior Lecturer and Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus (Barbados)



Dr. Colin Depradine received the B.Eng. (Electronic Engineering) in 1991, with First Class Honours, from University College London. Immediately after, he completed the MSc. in Computing Science, with Distinction, from Imperial College London in 1992. He returned to Barbados, where he worked in the private sector as a programmer and an IT consultant for groupware, database management and networking software. In 1998, he took up the post of lecturer in Computer Science at the Cave Hill Campus, The University of the

West Indies. He received the Ph.D. in Computer Science, with High Commendation, from The University of the West Indies, in 1999.

In 2005, he won the first UWI (Cave Hill Campus)/Guardian General Insurance Premium Teaching Award. He then won the Vice Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2008 and the Campus' first Teaching and Learning Champion Award in 2013.

Dr. Depradine is currently a Senior Lecturer of Computer Science at the University of the West Indies (Barbados) and the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology. He teaches courses in advanced programming and human-computer interaction. He is also the Faculty Advisor for the UWI Cave Hill Association for Persons with Disabilities. His primary area of research is the use of Human Computer Interaction and Artificial Intelligence to improve accessibility to digital services and information, with a special emphasis on users with disabilities. He also has interest in the use of technology in art and culture.

Dr. Depradine is an advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities. He uses his technology-based skills and experience in the pursuit of increased access to education and digital services through policy and technology advances for persons with disabilities.

Philip Lewis – Managing Partner, Innovation & Transformation, LCI Consulting Inc.



Philip Lewis is the Managing Partner and lead consultant for Innovation & Transformation at LCI Consulting Inc., a management consultancy firm providing services across the Caribbean. Philip uses his 20+ years of corporate expertise to provide business advisory services in strategy, organizational design & transformation, business development, governance and regulation, talent management, workforce optimization, information technology, digital transformation and change management. Sectors worked in are finance, energy, water, telecommunications, education, as well as public sector agencies and government ministries. Philip currently sits on the Digital Society Committee of the Barbados Chamber of Commerce & Industry and is a member and Past-President of the Barbados ICT Professionals Association.

He holds a Master's degree in Electrical & Electronic Engineering and started his career in engineering, implementing and operating telecommunication networks spanning the Caribbean region. On attaining his MBA (with distinction) from Durham Business School, Philip transitioned to commercial roles such as Vice-President, Business Development with responsibility for programme managing new technology development, and Vice-President, Strategy responsible for mergers and acquisitions. Philip also led the start-up of several business ventures including Northpoint Consulting Inc, a technology service provider delivering a wide range of digital and IT services to private and public sector clients.

Philip spent his early years in the British Territorial Army and the Barbados Defence Force (reserves) as an army officer, commissioned at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, UK. He is a past course writer and lecturer in Telecommunications Regulation & Policy at the University of The West Indies. As a Chartered Director, Philip has sat on several boards including as Deputy Chair of the Barbados Water Authority and as a Director of the Barbados Coalition of Service Industries.