

Bernard Headley
(Chair Emeritus)



Dr. Bernard Headley is a lifelong academic. He was for many years tenured professor of Justice Studies and Sociology at Northeastern University in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

A twice-awarded Senior Fulbright Scholar, he returned home to Jamaica in 2000 to take a position as Professor of Criminology in the department of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology and Social Work at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus.

Based on his research, Professor Headley has long taken an oppositionist stance against varying official pronouncements that “deportees” are disproportionately responsible for Jamaica’s high violent crime rate. This conclusion led him and a select number of New York “deportees” to found in 2009 the aspirational National Organisation of Deported Migrants.

Although challenged since 2015 with progressive ALS, otherwise known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, which has slowed down considerably his mobility, Professor Headley continues to support with his intellect and other resources the mission of NODM.