

White, Michael, "Alex Curling Delisser: Agent of Change. A case study of the life of the Padre de la Igualdad Jurídica entre los Costarricenses." Advisor: Quince Duncan. Amherst College. 2009. 45pp.

This project wishes to show the agency that the Afro-Antillean population had in integrating themselves into the Costa Rican national society. In order to illustrate the agency of the community, the author uses a case study of the life of Alex Curling Delisser, the first Afro-Costa Rican elected to the Legislative Assembly. Also examined in the report is the current state of the process of integration of the Afro-Costa Rican community, as viewed by Afro-Costa Rican citizens. My research showed that don Alex indeed made huge contributions to open legal channels, allowing the Afro-Antillean population to begin the integration process. However, through my interviews, I learned that despite acquiring citizenship, the Afro-Costa Rican community still is not fully incorporated into the national society due to the continuation of discrimination and racism.