

Obituaries

Leon Ferdinand Lewis, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Trinidad, West Indies



Dr Lewis, one of the most distinguished psychiatrists in the West Indies, died earlier this year. He was educated at St Mary's College, St Lucia, WI, before coming to England to study medicine. This he did at the universities of London (University College), Manchester and Edinburgh. He qualified MRCS, LRCP, in 1934 and took the MRCP(Edin) in 1947, proceeding to the Fellowship in 1972. Having decided on a career in psychiatry he studied at the Maudsley and gained the DPM (RCP&S) in 1946 and the MRCPsych in 1972, and was elevated to the Fellowship in 1973. In 1946 he worked at the British Postgraduate Hospital, Hammersmith, and was Honorary Clinical Research Fellow in the University of Manchester from 1951–52.

After his return to the West Indies he was appointed as a specialist to St Ann's Hospital where he served with distinction until 1969, in addition to which he served as Honorary Associate Lecturer in Psychiatry in the University of the West Indies.

Dr Lewis' services to medicine and psychiatry were rewarded by his appointment to the presidency of the Trinidad and Tobago branch of the BMA (1956–57) and the Caribbean Federation for Mental Health (1959–61), and in 1971 he was awarded the

Chaconia Gold Medal by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

Among his publications was a chapter 'A Short History of the Development of Psychiatric Services in Trinidad and Tobago up to 1971' which was published in John Howells' *World History of Psychiatry*.

Dr Lewis' daughter, Sylvia, is a medical practitioner in Bedford.

Daniel X. Freedman, formerly Professor, Executive Vice-Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, California, USA

Daniel Freedman, who died earlier this year, was a psychiatrist of international repute and one of the most renowned Fellows of the American Psychiatric Association of which he served as President from 1981–2.

Dr Freedman, a Mid-Westerner by birth, graduated at Harvard in Social Relations before studying medicine at Yale where, only 13 years after qualification, he was appointed Professor of Psychiatry.

Although a practising psychoanalyst, Freedman was in addition a foremost authority on neurotransmitters, amine metabolism, hallucinogenic drugs and substance abuse. He was in addition a prolific writer and a distinguished editor; he was, for example, Chief Editor of the *Archives of General Psychiatry* and of the series of Year Books of psychiatry and applied mental health.

In his lifetime Dr Freedman was the recipient of many honours, including the Honorary Fellowship of the American Association of Psychoanalytic Physicians and the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists which was bestowed on him in 1985.