

JERVIS ANDERSON

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PERSONAL BIO

Jervis Anderson was born in Jamaica, then a British colony, on Oct. 1, 1932. He attended the Kingston Technical School at Kingston's University of the West Indies. Jervis later worked as a reporter for The Daily Gleaner, the island's leading newspaper, and as a young man became part of the circle around the independence leader Michael Manley. He wrote frequently for Public Opinion, a weekly magazine edited by Manley's father, N. W. Manley. Jervis moved to New York in 1958 to attend New York University, where he studied with the philosopher Sidney Hook. In 1968, he became a staff writer for The New Yorker, where he remained until his retirement in 1998. For most of that time, he was the magazine's only black staff writer. Jervis's last book before his death in 2000 was Bayard Rustin: Troubles I've Seen, a biography of the civil rights advocate who played a leading role in organizing the 1963 March on Washington.

Impact Location

North America
United States

Organization Structure

Other