

### **Bio for Dr. Edmund Merem**

Dr. Edmund Merem completed his B.A. and M.E.S. at York University, Toronto and then his M.A. at Pontifical Lateran University, Vatican City. He began his doctoral education at the University of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada and graduated with a Ph.D. degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

Dr. Merem has many years of experience in global environmental planning and environmental accounting for oil and gas in Canada and the US, and hydro-politics of the Middle East and Africa as well as wind energy use in the US and alternative energy. Other areas include risk assessment and GIS, mining trends and water management in West Africa along with Black environmental history, bio-environmental ethics, and lead and mercury threats in African American Communities.

Edmund has written over 42 refereed papers that have been published in major academic journals coupled with over a hundred conference proceedings and presentations. He worked as an Environmental Analyst in the Environment Bureau of Agriculture and Agric-Food Canada and he also worked briefly at the Federal Ministry of National Planning in Lagos, Nigeria. He is very fluent in Italian and a number of European and African languages.

While Dr. Merem is currently a full Professor of Environment and Land Use, for years he worked as the founding PhD Program Coordinator in the Urban and Regional Planning Department at Jackson State University.