

**Where did you grow up?**

I was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica and lived there until I started graduate school at the University of South Florida in Tampa at 22.

Tell us about your best childhood memory.

My parents were good friends with a family who had 3 sons and a daughter. The eldest son was 3 years older than me, the next son was a year older than me and the youngest son was a year younger than me. The daughter was basically my younger sister's age. I guess looking back on my childhood my best memories were times spent with our families and sometimes their extended family and friends taking weekend trips together or trips to the beach and sleepovers at their house.

What do you do for fun?

I have very little free time and so mostly make due with trying interesting sounding quick meal ideas, catching up on TV shows or watching an occasional movie. However I love being hands on and crafty. I use my kids' birthdays as an opportunity to practice my cake decorating and baking skills. I would love to get the chance to refinish an old side table I got years ago just for that purpose or go to one of those paint night classes.

When did you join UNTHSC?

I started at the HSC on March 25, 2013.

What do you do for the Research Division?

My official Job Title is Laboratory Manager within the Office of Research Development & Commercialization. I manage the [Discovery Centers](#) which are two labs on campus that provide bench space and research equipment to the HSC community free of charge. I also help to manage our office's [Acceleration Lab](#) program which aims to help small companies succeed by providing them affordable access to dedicated lab space, equipment and expert resources.