MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Donate to the Travel Grant Fund

Hello CSA Members,

We have received 76 travel grant applications! However, we do NOT have enough money to fund all these worthy and needy people.

PLEASE take a moment to contribute to the travel fund to assist these applicants with their travel expenses to the CSA conference.

CLICK HERE to register

CSA Banquet

You’ll want to stay over Friday night (May 29th) to participate in our CSA Night banquet and dance to be held in a beautiful room with a glass wall overlooking the Mississippi River. Scrumptious Creole food will be served, prizes awarded, and the authentic sounds of Bruce “Sunpie” Barnes and the Louisiana Sunspots will be featured. Sunpie is currently on tour in Europe with Paul Simon and Sting. Advance tickets ($25 per person) will soon be for sale on the website.

Special CSA tours to Whitney Plantation

Special CSA tours to Whitney Plantation will be available on Saturday and Sunday before the conference. Whitney Plantation is a museum devoted to the history of slavery in the U.S. South that is preserved near Wallace, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. For more information see www.whitneyplantation.com. Tour cost will be approximately $35-40 per person. Advance tickets will soon be for sale on the website. (Photos show the field of angels, and the ceramic statues of slave children.)

For the first time in its 262-year history, the Whitney Plantation opened its doors to the public Dec. 8, 2014.

The latest addition to the African-American Heritage Trail in Louisiana, the plantation was built by African slaves for a German family. It has now been restored as a museum that takes a haunting look into the lives of enslaved men, women and children – telling their stories through exhibits, memorial artwork and hundreds of first-person narratives.
This receipt along with your completed registration must be given to the Secretariat for your registration to be completed. Kindly place the receipt and completed registration form in an envelope and drop it off at the Salises main office addressed as follows:

Caribbean Studies Association Secretariat
c/o Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES)
University of the West Indies
St. Augustine
Trinidad and Tobago

Nominations for Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominations are to be supported by a one-page, typed justification statement detailing the contributions of the candidate and why his/her work over a lifetime is to be considered outstanding (if possible, please attach the candidate’s CV). Selection of the award winner will be made on the basis of the candidate’s significant, fundamental contributions to Caribbean Studies, the outstanding and/or lasting impact of these contributions on the field; and the demonstration of a lifetime commitment to Caribbean Studies. Email the required materials by April 15th to Anton Allahar, Chair of the Selection Committee, at allahar@uwo.ca.

Conference Host Hotel Perks

Besides free WIFI in the guest rooms and a $10 food coupon each day, CSA members at the Hilton will have free access to the health club, comprised of over 100,000 square feet of world-class workout facilities.

- A newly renovated, comfortable, welcoming environment with trained, certified professionals to serve you
- Extensive variety of Precor Cardio, Weight Machines and Plate Loading Equipment, Mats, Exert balls, Resistance Bands, Kettle Bells are also available.
- Group exercise classes include Spinning, Pilates reformer and Mat, Zumba, Ab-Attack, yoga Mat and Stretch and Tone classes.
- Convenient downtown location
- New Orleans area’s only indoor tennis courts
- Racquetball, squash, volleyball and basketball

Share a Room

Interested in Sharing a Room at

Located along the great River Road between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, surrounded by other renowned plantations that attract tourists from around the world, Whitney Plantation offers an alternative perspective to what life was really like for the people who made the plantation owners wealthy.

New Orleans trial lawyer John Cummings bought the property in the 1990s and has spent over $7 million of his own money restoring and renovating it as a way to pay homage to all people who were enslaved.

The one-and-a-half hour walking tour takes visitors through the Creole and Greek Revival-style mansion, an overseer’s house, a blacksmith shop, the oldest kitchen in Louisiana, slave cabins, a latticed 1868 steel jail similar to the type used to restrain slaves, and a shingled African-American church.

The 250-acre property also features realistic ceramic statues of slave children in tattered clothing, along with a memorial in a former sugarcane field that takes the form of a maze of black granite walls engraved with the names of thousands of slaves.

Another emotionally stirring memorial is the “Field of Angels”, a circular courtyard listing the names of 2,200 slave babies in St. John Parish who died before their third birthdays.

The information above comes from the Whitney Plantation website, www.whitneyplantation.com

MESSAGE FROM PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

Karen Flynn
Keithley Woolward

Dear Members:

We are excited about the 40th CSA Conference in New Orleans, and hope that you are too! We are writing to remind you that the conference registration deadline is April 15th 2015. There are also a few other details we want to bring to your attention:

We have received a number of emails regarding the availability of the conference program. We want to assure you that a draft of the CSA 2015 Conference program will be available on the CSA website April 20th, 2015 as per your acceptance letter.

We have received a number of individual requests for special accommodations for the CSA 2015 Conference. Again, the Program Committee will do our best (understanding that we cannot offer any guarantees) to accommodate them.

Do contact the respective email addresses below, and we’d be happy to address your questions and concerns:
the CSA Conference?

This year, as in the past, we are offering the opportunity to reduce cost, meet new people, and make it easier to attend our conference. If you are interested in sharing a room for the Annual Conference, we ask you to complete and submit the form below.

Please note, that we do not make lodging arrangements. This service only connects people interested in sharing a room.

» Click Here for more info.

Partagez une chambre d'hôtel

Intéressé dans le partageant une chambre d'hôtel à la Conférence CSA?

Cette année, comme dans le passé, nous offrons l'opportunité de réduire le prix, rencontrer les nouveaux gens et rendre plus facile d'assister à notre conférence. Si vous vous intéressez à partager une chambre d'hôtel à la Conférence Annuelle, nous vous demandons d'accomplir et soumettre la forme ci-dessous.

Notez s'il vous plaît, que nous ne prenons pas de dispositions se logeant. Ce service raccorde seulement les gens intéressés dans le partageant d'une chambre.

» Click Here for more info.

Comparta un Cuarto

¿Interesado en compartir un cuarto en la Conferencia CSA?

Este año, como en el pasado, ofrecemos la oportunidad de reducir el coste, encontrar a la nueva gente, y hacer más fácil para asistir a nuestra conferencia. Si usted está interesado en compartir un cuarto para la Conferencia Anual, le pedimos completar y presentar la forma abajo.

Por favor note, que no hacemos arreglos que se alojan. Este servicio sólo une a la gente interesada en compartir un cuarto.

» Click Here for more info.

For information pertaining to the program email:
program.chair@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org

For Membership and Registration questions:
secretariat@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org

For Travel Grants: Marie-José Nzengou-Tayo: travel.grants@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org

For local (NOLA) information: Supriya Nair (LOC Chair): supriya@tulane.edu

Hotel:
www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/hotel-information

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Les escribimos para recordarles que la fecha límite de registro para la Conferencia es el día 15 de abril del 2015. Asimismo, hay algunos otros detalles que deseamos informarles oportunamente:

Hemos recibido varios emails en relación a la disponibilidad del programa de la Conferencia. Les aseguramos que el borrador del programa de la Conferencia CSA 2015 estará en la página web de la CSA el 20 de Abril del 2015, según hemos indicado en la correspondencia recibido por ustedes anteriormente.

También hemos recibido varias peticiones de ubicación especial en el programa de la Conferencia CSA 2015. El Comité del Programa hará lo posible para acomodarlas (tomando en cuenta que no podemos ofrecer ninguna garantía).

Por cualquier duda o inquietud, por favor pónganse en contacto con las siguientes personas, quienes con gusto les atenderán:

- Para información relacionada al programa: program.chair@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org
- Para preguntas acerca de membresía y registro: secretariat@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org
- Para Becas de Viaje con: Marie-José Nzengou-Tayo: travel.grants@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org
- Para información local (Nueva Orleans): Supriya Nair (presidente del comité local) supriya@tulane.edu
- Hôtel: www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/hotel-information

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NOTE: All presenters should pay membership first on the website, and then conference registration. If these fees are not paid by April 15th, presenters will be deleted from the conference program booklet.

GRADUATE STUDENT CORNER

Graduate Students I hope that the excitement is building for your trip to New Orleans and also for your participation in the CSA Conference. We have many historical and educational tours and other exciting NOLA activities for you! So please consider coming to New Orleans as early as Sunday, May 24th, to take advantage of these opportunities.

Breaking news!

The Caribbean Studies Association has decided to convert the George Priestley Award into a student travel scholarship. It’s not too late to apply. Graduate Students this is your opportunity to shine through your academic work and position yourself beyond graduation. Entry forms may be found on the website at http://caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/travelgrant (April 15 deadline).

All conference attendees please note: If you do not wish to register for the conference but wish to take advantage of the daily rate, please note that it is US$50.00 per day.

Graduate Student Fees for the CSA Conference are as follows: US$100 at the pre-registration rate but on site, it will be US$110. Membership remains the same (US$55) but registration increases to US$55 on site.

Meagan Sylvester, CSA Student Representative

RESERVE YOUR CONFERENCE HOTEL ROOMS NOW!

New Orleans hotel rooms are difficult to come by. Conference participants may make reservations online at https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode/welcome_qi_new&groupId=33653120, or by calling the in-house reservations office at 504-584-3959, Monday-Sunday, 7 am to 6 pm CST, and providing the group code, CSA. If you find that are not able to book rooms on certain dates online, make your reservation for any of the five nights for which we have contracted (Monday through Friday), and then call the hotel with your confirmation number. At that point, based on hotel availability, you may add any of these nights outside of our block: Friday, Saturday and Sunday May 22nd – 24th, and Saturday and Sunday May 30th – 31st. There are more rooms available the weekend before the conference than afterwards, and our special CSA Whitney Plantation Tours will take place the weekend before.

Haga su reserva ahora en el hotel Hilton, Riverside. Las reservaciones de hotel en la ciudad de Nuevo Orleans ofrecen dificultades. Los participantes a la Conferencia pueden hacer reservaciones en linea https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode/welcome_qi_new&groupId=33653120 o llamando a la oficina de
reservaciones del hotel al 504-584-3959 de lunes a sábado de 7 a.m. a 6 p.m. y dando el código de grupo de la AEC. En caso de no lograr la reservación en línea para determinada fecha, haga su reservación para cualquiera de las cinco noches que hemos contratado (de lunes a viernes) y luego llame al hotel para obtener su número de confirmación. En ese momento, de acuerdo a la disponibilidad hotelera, puede agregar cualquiera de esas noches fuera de nuestro bloque: viernes, sábado y domingo mayo 22 al 24, y sábado y domingo mayo 30 al 31. Hay mayor número de habitaciones disponibles el fin de semana previo a la conferencia que el posterior. El recorrido especial a la Plantación Whitney para los participantes a la Conferencia tendrá lugar el fin de semana previo a la misma.