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**Upcoming Deadlines**

**Conference Call for Papers**  
**Due:** December 15, 2014

Programming inquiries should be directed to the Program Committee Co-chairs.

Karen Flynn  
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Program Co-chair

**Volunteers Needed**

If you are interested in serving on the newsletter committee, please contact us. A volunteer is also needed to coordinate the visual arts component of the Film & Visual Arts Committee.

**FROM THE EDITOR**

As editor of our brand-new CSA News, I am grateful for the efforts of CSA members and supporters as we continue to build, grow and expand our organization. To ensure more direct access to our membership, we have moved from a PDF version to a shorter, online version. We are introducing the Graduate Student Corner to allow for more visibility of our graduate students, their research interests and career development and enhancement. I would like to extend a warm “thank you” to our former newsletter editor, Angela Roe and team, for all of their work in the past.

- Meagan Sylvester  
University of the West Indies  
St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad & Tobago

**Orlando Patterson to keynote**

CSA is pleased to announce that Orlando Patterson, Harvard historical and cultural sociologist, will be the keynote speaker for the 40th Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. This Jamaican-born scholar has held faculty positions at his alma mater, the University of the West Indies, and the London School of Economics and from 1972 to 1979 was special advisor.
Featured Video
CSA member Dr. Chenzira Davis Kahina’s presentation at the 39th annual conference in Merida, Mexico, May 2014, “Ay Ay: Diasporan Indigenous Afrikan Heritage in the Caribbean” (15 min.)
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CSA Lifetime Achievement Award
The deadline to submit nominations for CSA’s Lifetime Achievement Award is December 15th. Submit to the CSA President a one-page justification statement detailing the contributions of the candidate and why her/his work over a lifetime is considered outstanding (as well as the candidate’s CV). For more information, CLICK HERE.

CSA Elections 2015-2016
The deadline to submit nominations for CSA 2015-2016 executive council and vice president (to become president in 2017) is December 30th. Voting will take place on-line before the conference and at the conference itself (New Orleans, May 25-29, 2015). Send head-shots and short bios for nominees to ceb278@cornell.edu and copy CSA Secretariat.
- Carole Boyce Davies, Vice President

Remembering the 39th Annual CSA Conference
By: Maggie Shrimpton, Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, Local Organizing Committee

During the last week of May of this year, Mérida, México was the proud host of the 39th annual CSA conference. It was an intense week while over 320 participants enjoyed not only an ample program of academic, cultural and artistic events but also the “never-ending” city of Mérida, as described by writer Hernan Lara Zavala. Of course, Mérida offered a depth of histories and experiences that distracted from undefined or complemented the activities held within the conference.

The local organizing committee extends its most sincere thanks to the State Government of Yucatan, the Autonomous University of Yucatan, the Faculty of Anthropological Sciences and the Campus of Social Sciences, Economics, Administration and the Humanities, the Peninsular Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CEPHCIS-UNAM), CIESAS-Peninsular, CINVESTAV, the Alianza Francesa, University at Buffalo (SUNY), University of the West Indies, the State Government of Yucatan, Motores Marinos Mercury and Motores Marinos Yamaha, Turitrans Mérida and, of course, to all the staff and management at the Conference Hotel, Fiesta American Merida, for all the support that enabled us to carry out this conference successfully.

For more sections of the report—on the Youth Presence in CSA, a View from the Caribbean Mainland, Local and International Interactions, and Linguistic Diversity—CLICK HERE

Poster Session at 39th Annual CSA Conference (Merida)
By: Maggie Shrimpton, Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán

One of the most exciting events of this year’s annual conference in Mérida was the undergraduate student poster session. Suggested by Dwaine Plaza and coordinated by Dr. Celia Rosado Avilés, the poster session offered our students an important space to display their work and talk about it with CSA members from a wide variety of different institutions and countries.
Designed by 38 students from the degree programs in Tourism, Education and Latin American Literature, 17 posters were on display during the conference week. Congratulations to the prize winners:

- **1st:** A Comparison of Public Policies in Costa Rica and Mexico: Blue Flag Ecological Programa and Clean Beaches by Mariam Abril Brito Argáez, Cecilia Paloma López Solís, Maureny Anahí Montalvo Colli y Jorge Alejandro Bojórquez (Program in Tourism)
- **2nd:** Stress Amongst Teaching Faculty in the School of Education, UADY by José Rodrigo Alvarado Chi y Paulina Tamara Orozco Segoviano (Licenciatura en Educacion, UADY)
- **3rd:** Sunshine, Shells and the Caribbean Waves that Splash across our Yucatecan Literature from the Coastal Areas by Jesús González Dzul (Program in Latin American Literature)

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