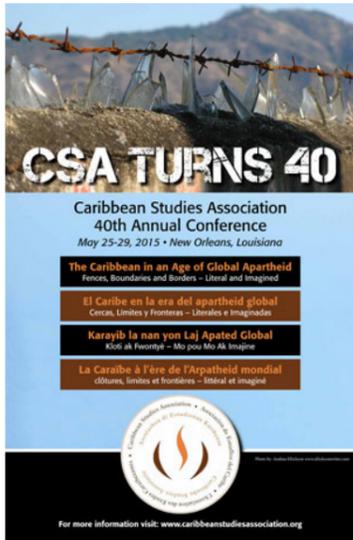




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Upcoming Events

Especially for CSA members from the New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Please join CSA if you are not a member or if you have not paid your dues for 2015. You may also make a donation to CSA - all donations go directly to our programs. » [JOIN TODAY](#) » [UPDATE MEMBER INFO.](#)

Upcoming Deadlines

Conference Call for Papers
Due: December 15, 2014

Programming inquiries should be directed to the [Program Committee Co-chairs.](#)



Karen Flynn
Program Co-chair



Keithley Woolward
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.

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CSA Celebrates 40!

Fittingly set in what is called the "northernmost Caribbean city," New Orleans will host this milestone conference, featuring five days of presentations based on the theme, "The Caribbean in an Age of Global Apartheid: Fences, Boundaries and Borders - Literal and Imagined."



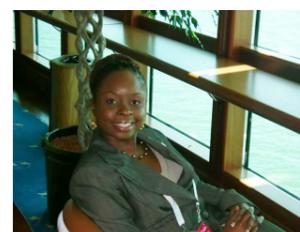
Are you ready for some dazzle? Where can you go to learn about life in the Caribbean past and present, submit papers to conferences, coordinate panels with other scholars, see engaging images, find jobs, apply for conference funding and generally get wowed by colorful design that works on your phone, tablet, computer and whatever else? Answer: our new, completely redesigned website. [Take a look.](#)



CSA executive council and local committee chair

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 AfRaKan 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 to be 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

to Michael Manley, Prime Minister of Jamaica. Coming from the perspective of the British New Left and Caribbean neo-Marxists, his academic works have spanned the areas of slavery and ethno-racial relations, the cultural sociology of poverty and underdevelopment and its impact on the Caribbean. He has written award-winning fiction, including two novels that have recently been reissued: *The Children of Sisyphus* (one of the first portrayals of Rastafari) and *An Absence of Ruins*. His latest effort is a soon-to-be-published book about disadvantaged African-American youth and poverty in America that aims to show the dynamic of how culture interacts with structure.

Graduate Student Corner



Meagan Sylvester is the current graduate student representative of CSA, having been elected at the Grenada meeting in 2013. She has been attending the Caribbean Studies Association Conference since 2000 and has been mentored through both her Masters of Philosophy degree and Ph.D. by the strong academic camaraderie which takes place in the Caribbean Studies Association. Ms. Sylvester is the recipient of a Bachelors of Science (B.Sc.) in Sociology and Government and a Post-Graduate Diploma in International Relations. She

also possesses a Masters of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Sociology of Development with a special emphasis in Research, Development and Political Economy of the Caribbean from The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine and Mona campuses, respectively. She is in the penultimate phase of her dissertation in fulfillment of her pursuit of a Ph.D. in Sociology at her alma mater at the St. Augustine Campus with special emphasis on Music and Identity in Trinidad and Tobago.

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 Merida, as described by writer Hernan Lara Zavala. Of course, Mérida offered a depth of histories and experiences that distracted from undefined or complemented undefined 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--
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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 Collí 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 FeetundefinedYucatecan Literature from the Coastal Areas** by Jesús González Dzul (Program in Latin American Literature)

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