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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

### Conference Prep 2023 begins!

#### CSA Conference 2023 – Fully on-site conference

#### Extended deadline date for abstract submissions – January 31st

Reminder: The CSA 2023 conference which will be held in St. Croix, Virgin Islands of the US under the theme - *Transforming Our Caribbean: Sustainable Educational Research, Cultural Creatives, Sacred Traditions, Economic Development and Environmental Solutions*. **Dates - June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup> of 2023. Format - Face to face conference ONLY with select access to plenary presentations via digital and virtual media.**



Meagan Sylvester

### CSA Member Highlight

Obituary – We say farewell to Horace Henriques CSA member, supporter, stalwart and friend. Read about his indefatigable contribution to his students at the University of Toronto and the joy he brought through his camaraderie with his CSA family.



### Introducing our Local Organising Committee

Co-Chairs, Debra Benjamin and Stephanie Chalana Brown will be your point persons for all things St. Croix, USVI for the CSA Conference 2023. See more details in their column.



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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Chenzira Davis Kahina



Greetings to CSA Members, Elders, Graduate Students, Supporters, Potential Members and Friends:

Wishing each of you the best for New Year 2023 and beyond! Welcome to the continuation of the journey to the 47<sup>th</sup> CSA Conference the first face-to-face live gathering since June 2019- being hosted in the cultural capital of the Virgin Islands of the United States (VIUS) on the isle of St. Croix. <https://youtu.be/CnNmKLS0AV4> #StCroixAVibeLikeNoOther

CSA is pleased to share that beyond what may appear to be a challenging silence

surrounding CSA2023- congratulations and appreciation are extended to the CSA2023 Program Chair- Meagan Sylvester, the multi-tasked Administrative Assistant Jewel Nicome in collaboration with the St. Croix Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Co-Chairs- Debra Benjamin and Stephanie Chalana Brown along with a diverse and engaged team working behind the scenes to ensure the CSA2023 Conference is intellectually-engaging, productive, innovative, effectively organized, enjoyable and beyond. As positive momentum and excitement continue to increase for the CSA2023 Conference being hosted in St. Croix for the first time as CSA celebrates its' 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, CSA welcomes members, colleagues, and supporters to present, attend and contribute to this historic gathering of Caribbeanists in June on St. Croix!

CSA is pleased to announce the following:

- The CSA2023 Conference sessions will be hosted in the University of the Virgin Islands Medical Simulation Center (UVI MSC) on the beautiful Albert A. Sheen Campus and the UVI Research and Technology Park (across the road!). This has been made possible with gold and platinum sponsorship from the UVI MSC and UVI RT Park.
- The CSA2023 Conference hotel and registration site are The Company House Hotel and The Caravelle Hotel in Christiansted.

For reservations, please use groups code: CSA2023

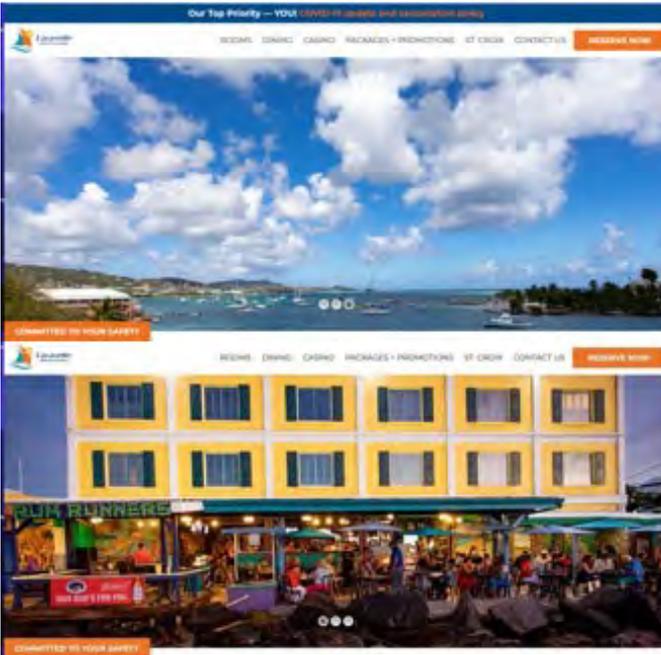
- View the virtual tour and visit the websites for reservations. <https://www.hotelcompanyhouse.com/>
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- 340-773-1377 Assistant Director of Hotel Operations Kimberly Bacchus [kimberly.bacchus@caravellehotelgroup.com](mailto:kimberly.bacchus@caravellehotelgroup.com)
- CSA2023 Cultural Night is being hosted on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts in Frederiksted <https://www.cmcarts.org/>



Supporters of the CSA2023 Conference providing hotel/accommodation group rates for CSA delegates using #CSA2023 are:

- Sugar Apple Bed and Breakfast <https://www.sugarapplebnb.com/>
- Feather Leaf Inn (Sister Hotel) <https://www.featherleafinn.com/book> (Frederiksted)
- Sandcastle on the Beach <https://sandcastleonthebeach.com/> (Frederiksted)
- Feel the Soul of the Caribbean in St. Croix <https://youtu.be/CnNmKLS0AV4>
- #StCroixAVibeLikeNoOther A special slice of life in the Caribbean
- <https://youtu.be/OxZdQSX3YvI> Romantic St. Croix
- <https://youtu.be/hFh14jgkiSc> Hidden Gem of the Caribbean

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St. Croix is an island treasure providing a special slice of life in the Caribbean within the political governance of America since 1917- a historic socio-economic reality that is a source of expanding research, education, cultural heritage, the arts and sciences, and much more. For the interested traveler, researcher, scholar or student, the website of the VI Department of Tourism provides an overview of all the isles that comprise the Virgin Islands of the United States- St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas, and Water Island. <https://www.visitusvi.com/st-croix> . CSA Delegates are encouraged to take time to learn more about the 84 square mile island of St. Croix aka Twin City with Christiansted town in the east and Frederiksted town in the west with 25-30 minutes to travel by vehicle between the towns. <https://virginislandsthisweek.com/st-croix/st-croix-land-activities/st-croix-island-road-map/>  
<https://www.gotostcroix.com/island-map/>

Experience a tour and learn more about the CSA2023 Conference meeting sites by visiting:

- <https://www.uvi.edu/msc/index.html>

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nmKKGf1nOM>
- <https://uvirtpark.net/>

Exceptional and professional group tours or related activities will be available and being organized based on interest from CSA2023 Delegates during CSA2023:

- [St. Croix Hiking Association](#)
- [Maroon Sanctuary Hike and Observances with Professor Olasee Davis](#)
- [St. Croix Landmarks Society](#)
- [CHANT](#)
- [Society of Virgin Islands Historians](#)
- [Lyric Sails \(Frederiksted\)](#)
- [Tan Tan Jeep Tours](#)
- [Big Beards Adventure Tours](#)
- [St. Croix Environmental Association](#)
- [Christiansted Historic Site- National Park Service](#)
- [Buck Island Reef National Monument- National Park Service](#)
- [Salt River National Heritage Ecological Preserve \(Visitor's Center Under Major Renovations\)](#)
- [Horseback Riding St. Croix Equus Rides](#)
- [Caribbean Sea Adventures](#)



More will be shared with CSA2023 Delegates upon completion of registration for the CSA2023 Conference when more detailed options for ground transport/taxis; restaurants; island tours/ cultural heritage excursions- most with special CSA2023 group rates.

CSA extends a special thanks and acknowledgements to the following CSA2023 sponsors who have responded favorably to requests for resources and contributions to ensure this year's 47<sup>th</sup> CSA2023 Conference shall be professionally organized and successfully implemented. Thank you and know we appreciate every one's intentional and resourceful support!

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- *The Company House Hotel and The Caravelle Hotel Group* <https://www.hotelcompanyhouse.com/>
- *Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts* <https://www.cmcarts.org/>
- *Research and Technology Park at UVI* <https://uvirtpark.net/>
- *UVI Medical Simulation Center* <https://www.uvi.edu/msc>
- *Sugar Apple Bed and Breakfast* <https://www.sugarapplebnb.com/>
- *Sandcastle on the Beach* <https://sandcastleonthebeach.com/>
- *St. Croix Foundation for Community Development* <https://www.stxfoundation.org/>
- & Growing!

### **Gentle Reminders for CSA2023 Conference Updates:**

- The Call for Papers and membership registration are available at: <https://www.eventsforce.net/csa/16/home> It would be marvelous for you to join us, present and experience #StCroixAVibeLikeNoOther #CSA2023 is from June 5-9, 2023 in St. Croix. Abstracts are due on or before Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 11:59pm EST. Anyone having issues causing delayed submissions are to email [program.chair@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:program.chair@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org).
- CSA Members and everyone are invited to complete this CSA Leadership Survey: [https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cACbaQGPduepfsq](https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cACbaQGPduepfsq)
- Corporate, institutional or individual sponsors or persons interested in supporting advertisements, book exhibitions, literary salons, community contributions to youth/educators of St. Croix, and other CSA2023 expenses are to email [president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org).
- Ready to become a more active scholarly leader in CSA? The CSA2023 Elections are forthcoming in May/June 2023 with current CSA Executive Council members being joined by a new slate of candidates elected by the CSA Membership ready to take CSA to the next positive level. Persons interested in CSA nominations and the elections are to email [vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org).

Currently, there are a tremendous number of transformative exchanges and engagements within the Caribbean Global community. Several include yet are not limited to: Increasing trade and economic developments and essential social investments among Caribbean, Afrakan, EurAsian and global investors, governments, private-public entrepreneurial businesses and entities worthy of research by Caribbeanists and global thought with action leaders; The ex-

pansion of the international campaigns by the *CARICOM Reparations Commission (CRC)* chaired by Dr. Hilary Beckles calling on increased actions by Heads of State to expeditiously secure resources that repair traumatic damages and injustices experienced by people of Afrakan descent/ascent and Indigenous persons <https://caricomreparations.org/>; *Haiti Independence Day* observed on January 1<sup>st</sup> with #FreeHaiti; *Haitian Studies Association* and others engaged in research, education and community activism to eradicate the internal violence in Haiti and security of authentic humanitarian resources absent of the terrorism being experienced and reparatory justice Haitians deserve globally <https://www.haitianstudies.org/>; *Errol Barrow Day* observed on January 21<sup>st</sup> in the newest Caribbean Republic of Barbados; and In CARICOM recent news PM Dr. Ralph Gonsalves of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has been elected President of the *Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)*. A special congratulations is respectfully extended to PM Dr. Gonsalves as this is the first time a CARICOM nation is serving as president of CELAC. Everyone interested in #AllThingsCSA and #TransformingOurCaribbean, are invited to share updates on Caribbean news, affairs, research, education, arts, sciences, economic development, environmental solutions, and more with CSA for future issues!

Many CSA members, retired elders, youth, leaders, and others are at the center of great work in the Caribbean, the Americas (south to north poles), and globally. Tune in and be active in sharing #AllThingsCaribbeanStudies collectively. The CSA2023 Conference is celebrating the 49th CSA Anniversary, excited about the 47th CSA Conference, and honored to be featuring the value, worth, sacred intentions, rich cultural heritage and harmony of St. Croix and the Virgin Islands (US) within this Caribbean region and internal to #AllThingsCaribbeanStudies #TransformingOurCaribbean #KeepCaribbeanStudiesAlive

Remain inspired

ChenziRa Davis Kahina,  
*President CSA 2022-2023*

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## Español

Saludos a los miembros de CSA, ancianos, estudiantes graduados, simpatizantes, miembros potenciales y amigos:

¡Les deseo a cada uno de ustedes lo mejor para el Año Nuevo 2023 y más allá! Bienvenidos a la continuación del viaje hacia la 47.ª Conferencia CSA, la primera reunión presencial en vivo desde junio de 2019, que se realizará en la capital cultural de las Islas Vírgenes de los Estados Unidos (VIUS) en la isla de St. Croix. <https://youtu.be/CnNmKLS0AV4> #StCroixAVibeLikeNoOther

CSA se complace en compartir que, más allá de lo que puede parecer un silencio desafiante en torno a CSA2023, se extienden felicitaciones y aprecio a la presidenta del programa CSA2023, Meagan Sylvester, a la asistente administrativa multitarea Jewel Nicome en colaboración con el Comité Organizador Local de St. Croix (LOC) Copresidentes: Debra Benjamin y Stephanie Chalana Brown junto con un equipo diverso y comprometido que trabaja detrás de escena para garantizar que la Conferencia CSA2023 sea intelectualmente atractiva, productiva, innovadora, organizada de manera efectiva, agradable y más allá. A medida que el impulso positivo y el entusiasmo continúan aumentando por la Conferencia CSA2023 que se realizará en St. Croix por primera vez mientras CSA celebra su 49.º aniversario, CSA da la bienvenida a los miembros, colegas y simpatizantes para presentar, asistir y contribuir a esta histórica reunión de caribeños. en junio en St. Croix!

CSA se complace en anunciar lo siguiente:

- Las sesiones de la Conferencia CSA2023 se llevarán a cabo en el Centro de Simulación Médica de la Universidad de las Islas Vírgenes (UVI MSC) en el hermoso campus Albert A. Sheen y el Parque de Investigación y Tecnología UVI (¡jal otro lado de la calle!). Esto ha sido posible gracias al patrocinio de oro y platino de UVI MSC y UVI RT Park.
- El hotel de la Conferencia CSA2023 y el sitio de registro son The Company House Hotel y The Caravelle Hotel en Christiansted. Para reservas, utilice el código de grupos: CSA2023
- Ver el recorrido virtual y visitar los sitios web para reservas. <https://www.hotelcompanyhouse.com/>
- Recorrido virtual: <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=btzKhh4REM3>
- Hotel Caravelle <https://www.hotelcaravelle.com/> 340-773-1377 Subdirectora de Operaciones Hoteleras Kimberly Bacchus [kimberly.bacchus@caravellehotelgroup.com](mailto:kimberly.bacchus@caravellehotelgroup.com)
- La Noche Cultural CSA2023 se llevará a cabo el miércoles 7 de junio en el Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts en Frederik-

sted <https://www.cmcarts.org/>

Los partidarios de la Conferencia CSA2023 que ofrecen tarifas grupales de hotel/alojamiento para los delegados de CSA que usan #CSA2023 son:

- Cama y desayuno Sugar Apple <https://www.sugarapplebnb.com/>
- Feather Leaf Inn (hotel hermano) <https://www.featherleafinn.com/book> (Frederiksted)
- Castillo de arena en la playa <https://sandcastleonthethebeach.com/> (Frederiksted)
- Siente el Alma del Caribe en St. Croix <https://youtu.be/CnNmKLS0AV4>
- #StCroixAVibeLikeNoOther Una parte especial de la vida en el Caribe
- <https://youtu.be/OxZdQ5X3YvI> Santa Cruz romántica
- <https://youtu.be/hFh14jgkiSc> Joya oculta del Caribe

St. Croix es un tesoro insular que proporciona una parte especial de la vida en el Caribe dentro del gobierno político de los Estados Unidos desde 1917, una realidad socioeconómica histórica que es una fuente de expansión de la investigación, la educación, el patrimonio cultural, las artes y las ciencias, y mucho más. Para el viajero interesado, investigador, erudito o estudiante, el sitio web del VI Departamento de Turismo ofrece una descripción general de todas las islas que componen las Islas Vírgenes de los Estados Unidos: St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas y Water. Isla. <https://www.visitusvi.com/st-croix>. Se alienta a los delegados de CSA a tomarse el tiempo para aprender más sobre la isla de 84 millas cuadradas de St. Croix, también conocida como Ciudad Gemela con la ciudad de Christiansted en el este y la ciudad de Frederiksted en el oeste con 25-30 minutos para viajar en vehículo entre las ciudades. <https://virginislandsthisweek.com/st-croix/st-croix-land-activities/st-croix-island-road-map/> <https://www.gotostcroix.com/island-map/>

Experimente un recorrido y obtenga más información sobre los lugares de reunión de la Conferencia CSA2023 visitando:

- <https://www.uvi.edu/msc/index.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nmKKGf1nOM>
- <https://uvirtpark.net/>

Excursiones grupales excepcionales y profesionales o actividades relacionadas estarán disponibles y se organizarán según el interés de los delegados de CSA2023 durante CSA2023:

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- Asociación de Senderismo de St. Croix <https://www.stcroixhiking.org/>
- Caminata y observancias del Santuario Cimarrón con el profesor Olasee Davis <https://youtu.be/Xlub815Cuwl>
- Sociedad de Monumentos Históricos de St. Croix <https://www.stcroixlandmarks.org/>
- CANTO <https://chantvi.org/>
- Sociedad de Historiadores de las Islas Vírgenes <https://vihistorians.net/>
- Servicio chárter de Llewellyn <https://llewellyns-charter-inc.business.site/>
- •Velas líricas (Frederiksted) <https://lyricsails.com/>
- Recorridos en jeep Tan Tan <https://stxtantantours.com/>
- Excursiones de aventura Big Beards <https://www.bigbeards.com/>
- Asociación Ambiental de St. Croix <https://www.stxenvironmental.org/>
- Sitio histórico de Christiansted - Servicio de Parques Nacionales <https://www.nps.gov/chri/index.htm>
- Monumento Nacional Buck Island Reef - Servicio de Parques Nacionales <https://www.nps.gov/buis/index.htm>
- Reserva ecológica del patrimonio nacional de Salt River <https://www.nps.gov/sari/index.htm> (Centro de visitantes bajo renovaciones importantes)
- Cabalgatas St. Croix Equus Rides <https://horsebackridingstcroix.com/>
- Aventuras en el Mar Caribe <https://caribbeanseadventures.com/>

Se compartirá más información con los delegados de CSA2023 una vez completada la inscripción para la Conferencia CSA2023 cuando se presenten opciones más detalladas para transporte terrestre/taxis; restaurantes; recorridos por la isla/ excursiones por el patrimonio cultural, la mayoría con tarifas especiales para grupos CSA2023.

CSA extiende un agradecimiento y reconocimiento especial a los siguientes patrocinadores de CSA2023 que han respondido favorablemente a las solicitudes de recursos y contribuciones para garantizar que la 47.ª Conferencia CSA2023 de este año se organice profesionalmente y se implemente con éxito. ¡Gracias y sepa que apreciamos el apoyo intencional e ingenioso de todos!

- The Company House Hotel y The Caravelle Hotel Group <https://www.hotelcompanyhouse.com/>
- Centro del Museo del Caribe para las Artes <https://www.cmcarts.org/>

- Parque de Investigación y Tecnología de la UVI <https://uivirtpark.net/>
- Centro de Simulación Médica UVI <https://www.uvi.edu/msc>
- Cama y desayuno Sugar Apple <https://www.sugarapplebnb.com/>
- Castillo de arena en la playa <https://sandcastleonthebeach.com/>
- Fundación St. Croix para el Desarrollo Comunitario <https://www.stxfoundation.org/> ¡Creciente!

Recordatorios suaves para las actualizaciones de la conferencia CSA2023:

- El Call for Papers y el registro de membresía están disponibles en: <https://www.eventsforce.net/csa/16/home>
- Sería maravilloso que nos acompañara, presente y experimente #StCroixAVibeLikeNother #CSA2023 es del 5 al 9 de junio de 2023 en St. Croix. Los resúmenes deben presentarse antes del martes 31 de enero de 2023 a las 11:59 p. m. EST. Cualquier persona que tenga problemas que causen envíos retrasados debe enviar un correo electrónico a [program.chair@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:program.chair@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org).
- Los miembros de CSA y todos están invitados a completar esta encuesta de liderazgo de CSA: [https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cACbaQGpduepfsq](https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cACbaQGpduepfsq)
- Los patrocinadores corporativos, institucionales o individuales o las personas interesadas en apoyar anuncios, exhibiciones de libros, salones literarios, contribuciones comunitarias para jóvenes/educadores de St. Croix y otros gastos de CSA2023 deben enviar un correo electrónico a [president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org).
- ¿Listo para convertirse en un líder académico más activo en CSA? Las elecciones de CSA2023 se realizarán en mayo/junio de 2023 y los miembros actuales del Consejo Ejecutivo de CSA se unirán a una nueva lista de candidatos elegidos por los miembros de CSA listos para llevar a CSA al siguiente nivel positivo. Las personas interesadas en las nominaciones de CSA y las elecciones deben enviar un correo electrónico a [vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org).

Actualmente, hay una gran cantidad de intercambios y compromisos transformadores dentro de la comunidad global del Caribe. Varios incluyen, pero no se limitan a: El aumento del desarrollo comercial y económico y las inversiones sociales esenciales entre los inversionistas caribeños, afrkaneses, euroasiáticos y globales, los gobiernos, las empresas empresariales públicas y privadas y las entidades dignas de ser investigadas por los caribeños y el

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pensamiento global con líderes de acción; La expansión de las campañas internacionales de la Comisión de Reparaciones de CARICOM (CRC, por sus siglas en inglés) presidida por la Dra. Hilary Beckles, que pide mayores acciones por parte de los Jefes de Estado para asegurar de manera expedita recursos que reparen los daños traumáticos y las injusticias experimentadas por las personas de ascendencia/descendencia de Afrakan y las personas indígenas <https://caricomreparations.org/>; Día de la Independencia de Haití observado el 1 de enero con #FreeHaiti; Asociación de Estudios Haitianos y otros involucrados en la investigación, la educación y el activismo comunitario para erradicar la violencia interna en Haití y la seguridad de los recursos humanitarios auténticos en ausencia del terrorismo experimentado y la justicia reparadora que los haitianos merecen a nivel mundial <https://www.haitianstudies.org/>; Día de Errol Barrow observado el 21 de enero en la más reciente República Caribeña de Barbados; y En CARICOM noticias recientes El PM Dr. Ralph Gonsalves de San Vicente y las Granadinas ha sido elegido Presidente de la Comunidad de Estados Latinoamericanos y Caribeños (CELAC). Se extiende respetuosamente una felicitación especial al PM Dr. Gonsalves ya que esta es la primera vez que una nación CARICOM se desempeña como presidente de la CELAC. ¡Todos los interesados en #AllThingsCSA y #TransformingOurCaribbean están invitados a compartir actualizaciones sobre noticias, asuntos, investigación, educación, artes, ciencias, desarrollo económico, soluciones ambientales y más del Caribe con CSA para ediciones futuras!

Muchos miembros de CSA, ancianos jubilados, jóvenes, líderes y otros están en el centro de un gran trabajo en el Caribe, las Américas (polos sur a norte) y globalmente. Sintónice y sea activo compartiendo #AllThingsCaribbeanStudies colectivamente. La Conferencia CSA2023 celebra el 49.º aniversario de la CSA, está entusiasmada con la 47.ª Conferencia de la CSA y se siente honrada de presentar el valor, las intenciones sagradas, el rico patrimonio cultural y la armonía de St. Croix y las Islas Vírgenes (EE. UU.) dentro de esta región del Caribe. e interno a #AllThingsCaribbeanStudies #TransformingOurCaribbean #KeepCaribbeanStudiesAlive

Mantente inspirado

ChenziRa Davis Kahina  
*Presidenta de la CSA 2022-2023*

### Français

Salutations aux membres de l'ASC, aux aînés, aux étudiants diplômés, aux sympathisants, aux membres potentiels et aux amis :

En vous souhaitant à chacun le meilleur pour le Nouvel An 2023 et au-delà ! Bienvenue dans la poursuite du voyage vers la 47e Conférence CSA, le premier rassemblement en direct depuis juin 2019, organisé dans la capitale culturelle des îles Vierges des États-Unis (VIUS) sur l'île de Sainte-Croix. <https://youtu.be/CnNmKLS0AV4> #StCroixAVibeLikeNoOther

L'ASC est heureuse de partager qu'au-delà de ce qui peut sembler être un silence difficile entourant CSA2023, des félicitations et des remerciements sont adressés à la présidente du programme CSA2023 - Meagan Sylvester, l'adjointe administrative multitâche Jewel Nicome en collaboration avec le comité d'organisation local de St. Croix (LOC) Coprésidents - Debra Benjamin et Stephanie Chailana Brown ainsi qu'une équipe diversifiée et engagée travaillant dans les coulisses pour s'assurer que la conférence CSA2023 est intellectuellement engageante, productive, innovante, efficacement organisée, agréable et au-delà. Alors que l'élan positif et l'enthousiasme continuent d'augmenter pour la conférence CSA2023 organisée à Sainte-Croix pour la première fois alors que la CSA célèbre son 49e anniversaire, la CSA invite les membres, collègues et sympathisants à présenter, assister et contribuer à ce rassemblement historique de caribéens. en juin sur Sainte-Croix !

L'ASC est heureuse d'annoncer ce qui suit :

- Les sessions de la conférence CSA2023 auront lieu au Centre de simulation médicale de l'Université des îles Vierges (UVI MSC) sur le magnifique campus Albert A. Sheen et le parc de recherche et de technologie UVI (de l'autre côté de la route !). Cela a été rendu possible grâce au parrainage or et platine de l'UVI MSC et de l'UVI RT Park.
- L'hôtel de la conférence CSA2023 et le site d'inscription sont The Company House Hotel et The Caravelle Hotel à Christiansted. Pour les réservations, veuillez utiliser le code de groupe : CSA2023
- Voir la visite virtuelle et visiter les sites Web pour les réservations. <https://www.hotelcompanyhouse.com/> • Visite virtuelle : <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=btzKhh4REM3>
- Hôtel Caravelle <https://www.hotelcaravelle.com/>
- 340-773-1377 Directrice adjointe des opérations hôtelières Kimberly Bacchus [kimberly.bacchus@caravellehotelgroup.com](mailto:kimberly.bacchus@caravellehotelgroup.com)
- La soirée culturelle CSA2023 est organisée le mercredi 7 juin au Caribbean Museum Center for the Arts à Frederiksted <https://www.cmcarts.org/>

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT cont'd

Les partisans de la conférence CSA2023 proposant des tarifs de groupe hôtel/hébergement pour les délégués de la CSA utilisant le #CSA2023 sont :

- Chambre d'hôtes Sugar Apple <https://www.sugarapplebnb.com/>
- Feather Leaf Inn (hôtel partenaire) <https://www.featherleafinn.com/book> (Frederiksted)
- Château de sable sur la plage <https://sandcastleonthebeach.com/> (Frederiksted)
- Ressentez l'âme des Caraïbes à Sainte-Croix <https://youtu.be/CnNmKLS0AV4>
- #StCroixAVibeLikeNoOther Une tranche de vie spéciale dans les Caraïbes
- <https://youtu.be/OxZdQSX3YvI> Romantique Sainte-Croix
- <https://youtu.be/hFh14jgkiSc> Joyau caché des Caraïbes

Sainte-Croix est un trésor insulaire offrant une tranche de vie spéciale dans les Caraïbes au sein de la gouvernance politique de l'Amérique depuis 1917 - une réalité socio-économique historique qui est une source d'expansion de la recherche, de l'éducation, du patrimoine culturel, des arts et des sciences, et beaucoup plus. Pour le voyageur, chercheur, universitaire ou étudiant intéressé, le site Web du VI Department of Tourism fournit un aperçu de toutes les îles qui composent les îles Vierges des États-Unis - Sainte-Croix, Saint-Jean, Saint-Thomas et Water Île. <https://www.visitusvi.com/st-croix>. Les délégués de l'ASC sont encouragés à prendre le temps d'en apprendre davantage sur l'île de 84 milles carrés de Sainte-Croix alias Twin City avec la ville de Christiansted à l'est et la ville de Frederiksted à l'ouest avec 25 à 30 minutes pour voyager en véhicule entre les villes. <https://virginislandsthisweek.com/st-croix/st-croix-land-activities/st-croix-island-road-map/>  
<https://www.gotostcroix.com/island-map/>

Vivez une visite et apprenez-en plus sur les sites de réunion de la conférence CSA2023 en visitant :

- <https://www.uvi.edu/msc/index.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nmKKGf1nOM>
- <https://uvirtpark.net/>

Des visites de groupe exceptionnelles et professionnelles ou des activités connexes seront disponibles et organisées en fonction de l'intérêt des délégués CSA2023 pendant CSA2023 :

- Association de randonnée de Sainte-Croix <https://www.stcroixhiking.org/>
- Randonnée et observances du sanctuaire marron avec le professeur Olasee Davis <https://youtu.be/Xlub8I5CuwI>

- Société des monuments de Sainte-Croix <https://www.stcroixlandmarks.org/>
- CHANTER <https://chantvi.org/>
- Société des historiens des îles Vierges <https://vihistorians.net/>
- Service d'affrètement de Llewellyn <https://llewellyns-charter-inc.business.site/>
- Voiles Lyriques (Frederiksted) <https://lyricsails.com/>
- Tan Tan Jeep Tours <https://stxtantantours.com/>
- Tours d'aventure Big Beards <https://www.bigbeards.com/>
- Association environnementale de Sainte-Croix <https://www.stxenvironmental.org/>
- Site historique de Christiansted - Service des parcs nationaux <https://www.nps.gov/chri/index.htm>
- Monument national de Buck Island Reef - Service des parcs nationaux <https://www.nps.gov/buis/index.htm>
- Réserve écologique du patrimoine national de Salt River <https://www.nps.gov/sari/index.htm> (centre d'accueil en cours de rénovations majeures)
- Équitation St. Croix Equus Rides <https://horsebackridingstcroix.com/>
- Aventures dans la mer des Caraïbes <https://caribbeanseaadventures.com/>

D'autres informations seront partagées avec les délégués CSA2023 une fois l'inscription terminée pour la conférence CSA2023 lorsque des options plus détaillées pour le transport terrestre/taxis ; Restaurants; visites de l'île / excursions du patrimoine culturel - la plupart avec des tarifs de groupe CSA2023 spéciaux.

L'ASC remercie et remercie tout particulièrement les commanditaires suivants de l'ASC2023 qui ont répondu favorablement aux demandes de ressources et de contributions pour s'assurer que la 47e conférence de l'ASC2023 de cette année sera organisée de manière professionnelle et mise en œuvre avec succès. Merci et sachez que nous apprécions le soutien intentionnel et ingénieux de chacun !

- The Company House Hotel et The Caravelle Hotel Group <https://www.hotelcompanyhouse.com/>
- Centre des musées des Caraïbes pour les arts <https://www.cmarts.org/>
- Parc de Recherche et de Technologie à l'UVI <https://uvirtpark.net/>
- Centre de simulation médicale UVI <https://www.uvi.edu/msc>
- Chambre d'hôtes Sugar Apple <https://www.sugarapplebnb.com/>

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT cont'd

- Château de sable sur la plage <https://sandcastleonthebeach.com/>
- Fondation Sainte-Croix pour le développement communautaire <https://www.stxfoundation.org/> & Grandir !

Petits rappels pour les mises à jour de la conférence CSA2023 :

- L'appel à contributions et l'inscription des membres sont disponibles sur : <https://www.eventsforce.net/csa/16/home>
- Ce serait merveilleux que vous nous rejoigniez, présentez et l'expérience #StCroixAVibeLikeNoOther #CSA2023 se déroule du 5 au 9 juin 2023 à Sainte-Croix. Les résumés doivent être soumis au plus tard le mardi 31 janvier 2023 à 23 h 59 HNE. Toute personne ayant des problèmes causant des retards de soumission doit envoyer un e-mail à [program.chair@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:program.chair@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org) .
- Les membres de l'ASC et tout le monde sont invités à répondre à cette enquête sur le leadership de l'ASC : [https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cACbaQGPduepfsq](https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cACbaQGPduepfsq)
- Les sponsors corporatifs, institutionnels ou individuels ou les personnes intéressées à soutenir les publicités, les expositions de livres, les salons littéraires, les contributions communautaires aux jeunes / éducateurs de Sainte-Croix et les autres dépenses de CSA2023 doivent envoyer un e-mail à [president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org) .
- Prêt à devenir un leader scientifique plus actif en ASC ? Les élections CSA2023 auront lieu en mai/juin 2023 et les membres actuels du Conseil exécutif de CSA seront rejoints par une nouvelle liste de candidats élus par les membres de CSA prêts à faire passer CSA au prochain niveau positif. Les personnes intéressées par les nominations à l'ASC et les élections doivent envoyer un courriel à [vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org) .

Actuellement, il existe un nombre considérable d'échanges et d'engagements transformateurs au sein de la communauté mondiale des Caraïbes. Plusieurs comprennent, mais ne se limitent pas à : Accroître les développements commerciaux et économiques et les investissements sociaux essentiels parmi les investisseurs caribéens, afrakans, eurasiatiques et mondiaux, les gouvernements, les entreprises privées et publiques et les entités dignes de la recherche par les caribéens et de la pensée mondiale avec des leaders d'action ; L'expansion des campagnes internationales de la Commission des réparations de la CARICOM (CRC) présidée par le Dr Hilary Beckles appelant à des actions accrues des chefs d'État pour sécuriser rapidement les ressources qui réparent les dommages traumatiques et les injustices subis par les personnes d'ascendance/

ascendance afrakane et les peuples autochtones <https://caricomreparations.org/> ; Fête de l'Indépendance d'Haïti célébrée le 1er janvier avec #FreeHaiti ; Association d'études haïtiennes et autres engagés dans la recherche, l'éducation et l'activisme communautaire pour éradiquer la violence interne en Haïti et la sécurité des ressources humanitaires authentiques en l'absence du terrorisme vécu et de la justice réparatrice que les Haïtiens méritent dans le monde <https://www.haitianstudies.org> ; Journée Errol Barrow observée le 21 janvier dans la toute nouvelle République caribéenne de la Barbade ; et Dans les dernières nouvelles de la CARICOM, le Premier ministre Ralph Gonsalves de Saint-Vincent-et-les Grenadines a été élu président de la Communauté des États d'Amérique latine et des Caraïbes (CELAC). Des félicitations particulières sont respectueusement adressées au Premier ministre, le Dr Gonsalves, car c'est la première fois qu'un pays de la CARICOM assume la présidence de la CELAC. Toutes les personnes intéressées par #AllThingsCSA et #TransformingOurCaribbean sont invitées à partager des mises à jour sur les actualités, les affaires, la recherche, l'éducation, les arts, les sciences, le développement économique, les solutions environnementales et plus encore avec CSA pour les prochains numéros!

De nombreux membres de l'ASC, des aînés à la retraite, des jeunes, des dirigeants et d'autres sont au centre d'un excellent travail dans les Caraïbes, les Amériques (pôles sud à nord) et dans le monde. Connectez-vous et partagez activement #AllThingsCaribbeanStudies collectivement. La conférence CSA2023 célèbre le 49e anniversaire de la CSA, enthousiasmée par la 47e conférence de la CSA et honorée de présenter la valeur, la valeur, les intentions sacrées, le riche patrimoine culturel et l'harmonie de Sainte-Croix et des îles Vierges (États-Unis) dans cette région des Caraïbes et interne à

#AllThingsCaribbeanStudies  
#TransformingOurCaribbean #KeepCaribbeanStudiesAlive

Restez Inspiré!

ChenziRa Davis Kahina  
Président de l'ASC 2022-2023

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



Okama Ekpe Brook

### Happy New Year 2023.

As a valued CSA member, you are invited to attend my VP Dialogue Series on February 9, 2023, at the zoom link below this message. Please plan to join us for a virtual networking, meet and mingle. Bring along your drinks, appetizers and notepad as we dialogue together to set the tone for co-creating the

kind of CSA that we want moving forward. The event is from 9-10AM EST (7AM MT).

### About the 2023 Dialogue Series

The theme of this year's Dialogue Series is my new noble purpose; Co-Creating Together Positive Actions for Sustainable Development of the Caribbean. This theme is important to me as your VP and upcoming President in June 2023. As the association emerges from the effect of the Covid pandemic, the global economic crisis caused by the war in Ukraine, the stagnation of the frameworks for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals; the Decade for People of African Descent; COP 27; 11th Economic Development Framework/Economic Partnership Agreement for Small Island Developing States, I feel that it is opportune for us to start this year's plan by dialoguing together. Our esteemed CSA turns 50 years old during my tenure and as such, it is critical that we celebrate the noble purpose of CSA to advance knowledge which is the foundation of who we are and what we do. As we dialogue together, we will learn more about successes of last year, preparations for CSA annual conference in St. Croix June 5-9 2023 and to start defining the next decade of operational effectiveness and technologies. We need to be intentional about the role we want for CSA's products and services and ultimately positioning to achieve maximum impact and improved member experience.

We will also be talking about and providing updates on the work that has begun to identify the ideal location for our CSA 2024 annual conference; evolving process for selection of the theme; preparations to elect new council members; and new partnerships to tape into (Humanity Pact Portugal, Island Innovation Academy, United Nations Forum USA, State of the African Diaspora Panama

and African Continental Free Trade Agreement Ghana). These amongst others are the issues that will drive the direction of the upcoming VP Dialogue Series 2023 taking wings on Thursday February 9 from 9:00 - 10:00AM EST. Please mark your diaries, register early so you do not forget. This is a session you would not want to miss.

Topic: CSA VP Dialogue Series 2023

Time: 9:00 -10:00AM EST

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84495876160?pwd=cXNHUnFFSDI3WjJlZmJMbJFGMHFqdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 9587 6160

Passcode: 971917

Okama Ekpe Brook

CSA Vice President 2022-2023

### Español

#### **Feliz año nuevo 2023.**

Como miembro valioso de CSA, está invitado a asistir a mi Serie de Diálogos de VP el 9 de febrero de 2023, en el enlace de zoom debajo de este mensaje. Planee unirse a nosotros para una red virtual, conocer y socializar. Traiga sus bebidas, aperitivos y bloc de notas mientras dialogamos juntos para establecer el tono para co-crear el tipo de CSA que queremos que avance. El evento es de 9 a 10 a. m. EST (7 a. m. MT).

#### **Acerca de la Serie de Diálogos 2023**

El tema de la Serie de Diálogos de este año es mi nuevo propósito noble; Co-Creando Juntos Acciones Positivas para el Desarrollo Sostenible del Caribe. Este tema es importante para mí como su VP y próximo presidente en junio de 2023. A medida que la asociación emerge del efecto de la pandemia de Covid, la crisis económica mundial provocada por la guerra en Ucrania, el estancamiento de los marcos para la implementación del Desarrollo Sostenible. Metas; el Decenio de los Afrodescendientes; CP 27; 11º Marco de Desarrollo Económico/Acuerdo de Asociación Económica para los Pequeños Estados Insulares en Desarrollo, creo que es oportuno que comencemos el plan de este año dialogando juntos. Nuestro estimado CSA cumple 50 años durante mi mandato y, como tal, es fundamental que celebremos el noble propósito de CSA de promover el conocimiento, que es la base de quiénes somos y qué hacemos.

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT cont'd

Mientras dialogamos juntos, aprenderemos más sobre los éxitos del año pasado, los preparativos para la conferencia anual de CSA en St. Croix del 5 al 9 de junio de 2023 y comenzaremos a definir la próxima década de efectividad operativa y tecnologías. Necesitamos ser intencionales sobre el papel que queremos para los productos y servicios de CSA y, en última instancia, el posicionamiento para lograr el máximo impacto y mejorar la experiencia de los miembros.

También hablaremos y brindaremos actualizaciones sobre el trabajo que ha comenzado para identificar la ubicación ideal para nuestra conferencia anual CSA 2024; proceso evolutivo para la selección del tema; preparativos para elegir nuevos miembros del consejo; y nuevas asociaciones a las que unirse (Humanity Pact Portugal, Island Innovation Academy, United Nations Forum USA, State of the African Diaspora Panama y African Continental Free Trade Agreement Ghana). Estos, entre otros, son los temas que impulsarán la dirección de la próxima Serie de Diálogos VP 2023 que comenzará el jueves 9 de febrero de 9:00 a. m. a 10:00 a. m. EST. Por favor marque sus diarios, regístrese temprano para que no lo olvide. Esta es una sesión que no te querrás perder.

Tema: CSA VP Dialogue Series 2023  
Hora: 9:00 -10:00 a.m. EST

Únase a la reunión de Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84495876160?pwd=cXNHUnFFSDI3WjIDZmJMbjFGMHFqdz09>

Identificación de la reunión: 844 9587 6160  
Código de acceso: 971917

Okama Ekpe Brook  
*Vicepresidenta de CSA 2022-2023*

### **Français**

#### **Bonne année 2023.**

En tant que membre estimé de l'ASC, vous êtes invité à assister à ma série de dialogues VP le 9 février 2023, sur le lien zoom sous ce message. Veuillez prévoir de nous rejoindre pour un réseautage virtuel, des rencontres et des échanges. Apportez vos boissons, vos apéritifs et votre bloc-notes pendant que nous dialoguons ensemble pour donner le ton pour co-créer le type de CSA que nous voulons faire avancer. L'événement a lieu de 9h à 10h HNE (7h MT).

#### **À propos de la série de dialogues 2023**

Le thème de la série de dialogues de cette année est mon nouveau noble objectif; Co-créer ensemble des actions positives pour le dé-

veloppement durable de la Caraïbe. Ce thème me tient à cœur en tant que votre VP et futur Président en juin 2023. Alors que l'association sort de l'effet de la pandémie de Covid, de la crise économique mondiale provoquée par la guerre en Ukraine, de la stagnation des cadres de mise en œuvre du Développement Durable Objectifs; la Décennie des personnes d'ascendance africaine; CdP 27 ; 11e Cadre de développement économique/Accord de partenariat économique pour les petits États insulaires en développement, je pense qu'il est opportun pour nous de commencer le plan de cette année en dialoguant ensemble. Notre estimé CSA fête ses 50 ans pendant mon mandat et, à ce titre, il est essentiel que nous célébrions le noble objectif de CSA de faire progresser les connaissances qui sont à la base de qui nous sommes et de ce que nous faisons. En dialoguant ensemble, nous en apprendrons davantage sur les succès de l'année dernière, les préparatifs de la conférence annuelle de l'ASC à Sainte-Croix du 5 au 9 juin 2023 et pour commencer à définir la prochaine décennie d'efficacité opérationnelle et de technologies. Nous devons être intentionnels quant au rôle que nous voulons pour les produits et services de CSA et, en fin de compte, nous positionner pour obtenir un impact maximal et une meilleure expérience des membres.

Nous parlerons également et fournirons des mises à jour sur le travail qui a commencé pour identifier l'emplacement idéal pour notre conférence annuelle CSA 2024 ; processus évolutif de sélection du thème; préparatifs pour élire les nouveaux membres du conseil ; et de nouveaux partenariats à nouer (Humanity Pact Portugal, Island Innovation Academy, United Nations Forum USA, State of the African Diaspora Panama et African Continental Free Trade Agreement Ghana). Ce sont, entre autres, les problèmes qui détermineront la direction de la prochaine série de dialogues VP 2023 qui prendra son envol le jeudi 9 février de 9h00 à 10h00 HNE. Veuillez marquer vos agendas, inscrivez-vous tôt pour ne pas oublier. C'est une session que vous ne voudriez pas manquer

Sujet : Série de dialogues des vice-présidents de l'ASC 2023  
Heure : 9 h 00 - 10 h 00 HNE

Rejoindre la réunion Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84495876160?pwd=cXNHUnFFSDI3WjIDZmJMbjFGMHFqdz09>

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Okama Ekpe Brook  
*Vice-président de l'ASC 2022-2023*

# MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR



Meagan Sylvester

## Call for Abstracts 47th Annual Conference, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)

“Transforming Our Caribbean: Sustainable Educational Research, Cultural Creatives, Sacred Traditions, Economic Development and Environmental Solutions”

St. Croix, Virgin Islands (US) | June 5th to 9th, 2023

**Submission Deadline: 31 January 2023 (midnight, EST).**

Transforming Our Caribbean through proactive exchanges grounded in society building efforts are essential. The Caribbean- Caribbean isles blended with Central and South America bordered by the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic/Pacific Oceans- continue to navigate life beyond global pandemics, social unrest, hurricanes, earthquakes, climate change, environmental terrorism, international wars, disaster capitalism and more. In many respects, the Caribbean has survived and continues to progressively thrive beyond the tremendous losses experienced during and within the on-going aftermath of the C19 pandemic. This is a time for the integration of interdisciplinary and transcultural frameworks for existing and developing educational programs promoting respectful, diverse, equitable and inclusive analyses of the Caribbean historical, social, economic, cultural, spiritual/religious, and sustainable civilization experiences. These are important parts of the Caribbean transformative experiences. Inclusivity of research, teaching, and production beyond the centuries of inaccurate narratives and institutional erasure via “colonialocracy” (Corbin: 2020) are essential. The practical traditions essential in contemporary times for incorporating life-centered liberating expressions central to the history, culture, heritage, and traditions of Caribbean civilization require increases in creative, innovative, futuristic, and holistic constructive critical theories balanced with practice for designing, implementing, and managing social frameworks for development of a more humane society within the Caribbean and the world.

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## Español

Convocatoria de conferencia CSA 2023 para artículos/resúmenes/presentaciones

47a Conferencia Anual, Asociación de Estudios del Caribe (CSA)

**Tema: Transformando Nuestro Caribe: Investigación Educativa Sostenible, Creativos Culturales, Tradiciones Sagradas, Desarrollo Económico y Soluciones Ambientales**

St. Croix, Islas Vírgenes (EE. UU.) | 5 al 9 de junio de 2023

**Fecha límite de envío: 31 de enero de 2023 (medianoche, EST).**

Transformar Nuestro Caribe a través de intercambios proactivos basados en los esfuerzos de construcción de la sociedad es esencial. El Caribe: las islas del Caribe combinadas con América Central y del Sur bordeadas por el Mar Caribe y los océanos Atlántico/Pacífico, continúan navegando por la vida más allá de las pandemias globales, los disturbios sociales, los huracanes, los terremotos, el cambio climático, el terrorismo ambiental, las guerras internacionales, el capitalismo de desastres y más. . En muchos aspectos, el Caribe ha sobrevivido y continúa prosperando progresivamente más allá de las tremendas pérdidas experimentadas durante y dentro de las secuelas de la pandemia C19. Este es un momento para la integración de marcos interdisciplinarios y transculturales para programas educativos existentes y en desarrollo que promuevan análisis respetuosos, diversos, equitativos e inclusivos de las experiencias de la civilización caribeña histórica, social, económica, cultural, espiritual/religiosa y sostenible. Estas son partes importantes de las experiencias transformadoras del Caribe. La inclusión de la investigación, la enseñanza y la producción más allá de los siglos de narrativas inexactas y el borrado institucional a través de la "colonialocracia" (Corbin: 2020) son esenciales. Las tradiciones prácticas esenciales en la época contemporánea para incorporar expresiones liberadoras centradas en la vida que son fundamentales para la historia, la cultura, el patrimonio y las tradiciones de la civilización caribeña requieren aumentos en teorías críticas constructivas creativas, innovadoras, futuristas y holísticas equilibradas con la práctica para diseñar, implementar, y gestionar marcos sociales para el desarrollo de una sociedad más humana en el Caribe y el mundo.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR cont'd

### Français

Conférence 2023 de la CSA pour les communications/  
résumés/présentations

47e Conférence annuelle, Association des études caribéennes (CSA)

Thème : Transformer nos Caraïbes : recherche en éducation durable, créations culturelles, traditions sacrées, développement économique et solutions environnementales

Sainte-Croix, Îles Vierges (États-Unis) | 5 au 9 juin 2023

**Date limite de soumission : 31 Janvier 2023 (minuit, HNE).**

Transformer nos Caraïbes grâce à des échanges proactifs fondés sur les efforts de construction de la société est essentiel. Les Caraïbes - îles des Caraïbes mélangées à l'Amérique centrale et du Sud bordées par la mer des Caraïbes et les océans Atlantique/Pacifique - continuent de naviguer au-delà des pandémies mondiales, des troubles sociaux, des ouragans, des tremblements de terre, du changement climatique, du terrorisme environnemental, des guerres internationales, du capitalisme des catastrophes et plus encore . À bien des égards, les Caraïbes ont survécu et continuent de prospérer progressivement au-delà des énormes pertes subies pendant et au lendemain de la pandémie C19. C'est le moment d'intégrer des cadres interdisciplinaires et transculturels pour les programmes éducatifs existants et en développement promouvant des analyses respectueuses, diverses, équitables et inclusives des expériences de civilisation historiques, sociales, économiques, culturelles, spirituelles/religieuses et durables des Caraïbes. Ce sont des éléments importants des expériences transformatrices des Caraïbes. L'inclusivité de la recherche, de l'enseignement et de la production au-delà des siècles de récits inexacts et d'effacement institutionnel via la « colonialocratie » (Corbin : 2020) est essentielle. Les traditions pratiques essentielles à l'époque contemporaine pour incorporer des expressions libératrices centrées sur la vie au cœur de l'histoire, de la culture, du patrimoine et des traditions de la civilisation caribéenne nécessitent une augmentation des théories critiques constructives créatives, innovantes, futuristes et holistiques équilibrées avec la pratique de la conception, de la mise en œuvre, et la gestion des cadres sociaux pour le développement d'une société plus humaine dans les Caraïbes et dans le monde.

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## LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

### **Debra Benjamin, Co-Chair**

Debra Benjamin is a self-described “uplifter”; her work as a community organizer, human rights activist and anti-violence advocate has continued for over 30 years. Debra serves as the communications coordinator for the Women’s Coalition of St. Croix (WCSC). She is the originator of their USVI Says NO MORE campaign against domestic and sexual violence, and the executive producer of their acclaimed radio serial on child sexual abuse, which was the first project in the Territory funded by RALIANCE, the national anti-sexual violence organization. She is also a co-producer of their monthly community radio shows.

Debra is a member of the Eastern Caribbean Alliance for Diversity and Equality, and the NGO Committee on the Status of Women NY. Debra served as a founding co-organizer of the Women’s March St. Croix, and an adult ally/PR coordinator for the Enough National Student Walkout St. Croix.



Debra was born in Trinidad & Tobago, and raised in the US. The island of St. Croix has been her home for over a decade. Debra is determined that her work and “good trouble” to benefit people and the communities they create will leave this planet better than she found it.

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### **Stephanie Chalana Brown, Co-Chair**

Stephanie Chalana Brown is a visual artist using the mediums of photography and cinematography. Chalana's work explores coloniality and identity in the Caribbean, especially in the Virgin Islands, where she was born and raised. Her first fine art collection entitled, *The Madras that Binds All Ah We*, inspired by the poem from Virgin Islands writer, Richard Schrader, received strong praise. The art series was used to advocate for Bill 33-0226 of the Virgin Islands legislature establishing an official Virgin Islands madras. As a documentarist, Chalana has produced several broadcast programs, including *Griot* and *Foodie Insider*, which currently air on local broadcast networks along with the *Virtual Crucian Cultural Cuisine* dialogues chronicling the Virgin Islands' traditional foodways. Chalana is presently working on a project exploring the evolution of Virgin Islands identity thru history, fashion, photography, and fabric entitled "*E<sup>3</sup>: Exploration, Evolution, and Effectuation*" as well as "*Claiming Spaces: A Re-discovery of Virgin Islands Historic Sugar Mills and Spaces*." Chalana is also the director of *Sanctuary Festival Troupe* which bridges the gap between traditional festival tradition and modernized costuming displaying the culture of the Virgin Islands.



## MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS



Vanesa Contreras Capó

### **Español**

#### **Nuevo año, mismos retos**

A comienzos de año es una costumbre importante pensar en proyectos y trazar planes de trabajo para los próximos 12 meses, tanto a nivel personal como colectivo. Si bien sabemos que no todos los planes se van a poder concretar, discutir y establecer una hoja de ruta

en colectivo es importante para poder encaminar nuestros esfuerzos y seguir apostando a los cambios que necesitamos en nuestros países. Sin embargo, en Puerto Rico en los últimos años nos hemos tenido que enfrentar a los mismos retos: la violencia machista, la junta de control fiscal, el racismo sistémico, la imposición del pago de una deuda ilegal, la privatización de la gran mayoría de los servicios públicos y el crimen ambiental y especista. En Puerto Rico, el 2023 nos enfrenta a lo mismo que venimos confrontando desde hace varios años, o incluso varias décadas, pero las organizaciones y grupos activistas hemos empezado a reunirnos para comenzar con los trabajos porque, aunque vivimos en un país donde las navidades terminan a mediados de enero, el receso navideño nos ha recargado las baterías para seguir confrontando el sistema colonial y colonizado en el que sobrevivimos. Porque si hay algo que cambia cada año, o quizás con mucha más frecuencia, es la capacidad del sistema capitalista neoliberal para seguir sacando provecho incluso en países quebrados, de hecho, ése se ha convertido en su mejor negocio.

A la crisis energética que se vive en todo el planeta en Puerto Rico se le suma el plan de pago de una deuda de 9 mil millones de dólares de la Autoridad de Energía Eléctrica (AEE), entidad gubernamental encargada de proveer el servicio eléctrico al país. El endeudamiento de esta compañía pública, junto con la falta de mantenimiento de la infraestructura y el paso de huracanes, fueron la combinación perfecta para impulsar la privatización de este servicio esencial. Es por eso, que en este último año nos impusieron la compañía LUMA Energy, compañía que ha demostrado su incapacidad para lidiar con el complejo sistema eléctrico del país. Compañía que ha causado accidentes en hogares, compañía que no tiene el personal necesario ni capacitado para mantener el sistema en Puerto Rico. A esto se le suma que es una compañía que no ha invertido nada y que está recibiendo fondos públicos para poder subsistir. Es

decir, que bajo el nuevo modelo de privatización que se está imponiendo en Puerto Rico, y en muchas otras partes del mundo, los servicios ya no se “venden” a las compañías privadas, los servicios se regalan a las compañías e incluso se le paga a estas con fondos públicos. Es muy probable que contrarrestar no solo la privatización sino esta forma de privatización sea uno de los grandes retos que tendremos que seguir afrontando en 2023 y en los próximos años.

Afortunadamente, y aunque la movilización social en Puerto Rico ha disminuido, hemos ido aprendiendo a organizarnos más allá de nuestras propias trincheras. En estos momentos, en la lucha en contra del plan de pago de la deuda de la AEE, no solo se encuentran los trabajadores de la AEE sino que nos juntamos feministas, ambientalistas, comunidades de fe, entre otros grupos, para apostar a una lucha más amplia y que tome en consideración la diversidad del país. Nos falta mucho camino por recorrer, mejorar nuestras convocatorias, ser más efectivos en nuestros discursos, pero tenemos todo un año por delante para seguir mejorando.

### **English**

#### **New year, same challenges**

At the beginning of each year there is an important habit to think about future projects and draw up work plans for the next 12 months, both personal and collective projects. Although we know that not all plans are going to materialize, it is important to discuss and establish a collective roadmap in order to direct our efforts and continue betting on the changes we need in our countries. However, in Puerto Rico in recent years we have had to face the same challenges: male violence, the fiscal board, systemic racism, the imposition of illegal debt payments, the privatization of the vast majority of public services, and environmental and speciesist crimes. In Puerto Rico, 2023 confronts us with the same things we have been confronting for several years, or even several decades, but organizations and activist groups have begun to meet to start working because, although we live in a country where Christmas ends in mid-January, the Christmas break has recharged our batteries to continue confronting the colonial and colonized system in which we survive. Because if there is something that changes every year, or perhaps much more frequently, it is the capacity of the neoliberal capitalist system to continue making profits even in bankrupt countries, in fact, that has become its best business.

In addition to the energy crisis that Puerto Rico is experiencing around the world, there is the plan to pay off the 9 billion dollar debt of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, the government

## MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd

entity in charge of providing electricity services to the country. The indebtedness of this public company, together with the lack of infrastructure maintenance and the passage of hurricanes, were the perfect combination to promote the privatization of this essential service. That is why, in this last year they imposed LUMA Energy, a company that has demonstrated its inability to deal with the complex electrical system of the country. A company that has caused accidents in homes, a company that does not have the necessary or trained personnel to maintain the system in Puerto Rico. In addition, it is a company that has not invested anything and is receiving public funds. In other words, under the new privatization model that is being imposed in Puerto Rico, and in many other parts of the world, services are no longer "sold" to private companies, services are given away to the companies and they are even getting paid

with public funds. It is very likely that confronting not only privatization but this form of privatization will be one of the great challenges that we will have to continue to face in 2023 and in the years to come.

Fortunately, and although social mobilization in Puerto Rico has diminished, we have been learning to organize beyond our own trenches. At this moment, in the struggle against the Electric Power Authority debt payment plan, not only the workers but also feminists, environmentalists, faith communities, among other groups, are joining together to bet on a broader struggle that takes into consideration the diversity of the country. We still have a long way to go, to be more effective in our speeches, but we have a whole year ahead of us to continue improving.

## MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd



Julien Merion

### **Français** **MOBILISATION GENERALE** **EN GUADELOUPE ET EN** **MARTINIQUE CONTRE LA** **DECISION DU TRIBUNAL** **DE PARIS SUR LA POLLU-** **TION AU CHLOREDECONE**

Bien que l'on s'en doutait, la décision de non-lieu prononcée le 02 janvier 2023 par le Tribunal de Paris sur la plainte des plusieurs associations et syndicats pour exiger réparation après l'empoisonnement au chlordécone entre 1972 et 1993 a fait l'effet d'une bombe en Guadeloupe et en Martinique.

Pendant plus de 20 ans, le Gouvernement a autorisé, sous la pression des lobbies de la banane, l'utilisation de ce pesticide que l'on savait dangereux, pour lutter le charençon du bananie). Pourtant dès 1979, l'OMS avait déclaré ce pesticide comme perturbateur endocrinien potentiellement cancérigène.

Les sols de Guadeloupe et de Martinique sont contaminées pour des siècles (jusqu'à 700 ans), car la molécule est très persistante dans l'environnement.

Les rivières, une partie du littoral marin, le bétail, les volailles, les poissons, les crustacés, les légumes-racines... et la population (Plus de 90%) elle-même se trouvent contaminés.

Ce 02 janvier 2023, le Tribunal de Paris a suivi le réquisitoire du Procureur qui estimait que le non-lieu s'imposait pour des questions de délais.

Il aura fallu attendre 16 ans, après que la plainte ait été déposée pour que le Tribunal se prononce.

Dès l'annonce de cette décision de non-lieu, les réactions ne se sont pas fait attendre.

En premier lieu l'avocat, Harry Durimel, maire écologiste de Pointe-à-Pitre a réagi pour dénoncer « une injure faite aux populations de Guadeloupe et de Martinique qui continuent de mourir de cancers de la prostate à cause de ce pesticide »

Ensuite ce sont les politiciens sont montés au créneau. Le Président de la Collectivité de Martinique, le Président du Conseil Régional de Guadeloupe, le Président du Conseil Départemental de Guadeloupe, les députés et les sénateurs des 2 îles ont fait connaître leur désapprobation.

Les associations ont, elles aussi, appelé à la mobilisation contre cette décision scandaleuse.

Face à la décision du Tribunal de Paris un certain nombre de pistes se dégagent.

1°) Un front commun Guadeloupe/Martinique pour apporter une riposte massive à cette décision choquante.

2°) Contestation en appel de la décision. Les avocats ont déposé un recours et entre temps la Région Guadeloupe et plusieurs associations en Guadeloupe, en Martinique et en France se sont portées partie civile.

3°) Ne pas se limiter à la simple démarche judiciaire en portant la question sur le terrain politique. Il s'agit ici, quelque soit la décision des tribunaux, d'obtenir du Gouvernement français une loi pour indemniser les victimes et réparer les dégâts..

4°) Mettre en place une task force scientifique avec l'Université des Antilles pour obtenir les financements nécessaires afin de poursuivre les travaux pour dépolluer les sols.

Ce combat rejoint celui mené par les habitants de la Polynésie qui avait subi les conséquences des essais nucléaires menés par la France dans le Pacifique entre 1966 et 1996 où une loi du 5 janvier 2010 encadre l'indemnisation par l'État du préjudice subi par certaines personnes atteintes de maladies radio-induites dues aux essais nucléaires français.



## MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd

### English

#### **GENERAL MOBILIZATION IN GUADELOUPE AND MARTINIQUE AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE PARIS TRIBUNAL ON CHLORDECONE POLLUTION**

Although we suspected it, the decision of dismissal pronounced on January 02, 2023 by the Court of Paris on the complaint of several associations and unions to demand compensation after poisoning with chlordecone between 1972 and 1993 made the effect of a bomb in Guadeloupe and Martinique.

For more than 20 years, the Government authorized, under pressure from banana lobbies, the use of this pesticide, which was known to be dangerous, to control the banana weevil). However, as early as 1979, the WHO had declared this pesticide as a potentially carcinogenic endocrine disruptor.

The soils of Guadeloupe and Martinique are contaminated for centuries (up to 700 years), because the molecule is very persistent in the environment.

Rivers, part of the sea coast, livestock, poultry, fish, shellfish, root vegetables... and the population (over 90%) itself are contaminated.

On January 2, 2023, the Court of Paris followed the indictment of the Prosecutor who considered that the dismissal was necessary for questions of time limits.

It took 16 years after the complaint was filed for the Tribunal to rule. As soon as this decision of dismissal was announced, the reactions were not long in coming.

First of all the lawyer, Harry Durimel, environmental mayor of Pointe-à-Pitre reacted to denounce "an insult made to the populations of Guadeloupe and Martinique who continue to die of prostate cancer because of this pesticide"

Then it was the politicians who stepped up. The President of the Collectivity of Martinique, the President of the Regional Council of Guadeloupe, the President of the Departmental Council of Guadeloupe, the deputies and senators of the 2 islands have expressed their disapproval.

The associations have also called for mobilization against this scandalous decision. Faced with the decision of the Paris Court, a certain number of avenues emerge.

1°) A joint Guadeloupe/Martinique front to bring a massive response to this shocking decision.

2°) Appeal against the decision. The lawyers have filed an appeal and in the meantime the Guadeloupe Region and several associations in Guadeloupe, Martinique and France have brought civil action.

3°) Do not limit yourself to the simple legal process by bringing the question to the political field. It is a question here, whatever the decision of the courts, to obtain from the French Government a law to compensate the victims and repair the damage.

4°) Set up a scientific task force with the University of the West Indies to obtain the necessary funding to continue the work to clean up the soil.

This fight joins that carried out by the inhabitants of Polynesia who had suffered the consequences of the nuclear tests carried out by France in the Pacific between 1966 and 1996 where a law of January 5, 2010 regulates the compensation by the State of the damage suffered by certain people suffering from radiation-induced diseases due to French nuclear tests.

## DUTCH CARIBBEAN REPORT

This month, students from across the region participated in new academic courses at the [University of St. Martin](#) (USM), as part of the Transatlantic Academic Platform. The new courses, Anthropologies of the Black Atlantic by Dr. [Francio Guadeloupe](#) and Urban Development Management in Uncertain Times by prof. dr. Ellen van Bueren ([TU Delft](#)), are offered in person and online by USM in partnership with the [University of the Virgin Islands](#), the [University of Amsterdam / Universiteit van Amsterdam](#). Technische Universiteit (TU) Delft, [Terramar Museum Bonaire](#), [NAAM - National Archaeological Anthropological Memory Management](#) in Curaçao and [KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies](#).

The classes consist of participants from across the Caribbean and Europe, who bring their expertise in policy, engineering, art, development, research, city planning, history, culture and education to fruitful and engaging group discussions from sustainable urban development, risk mitigation, construction and urban planning to anthropology, Caribbean identity and black politics. Participants meet twice a week to reflect critically on local and international case studies. The courses are part of a recurring series offered through the Transatlantic Academic Platform, a broad partnership initiated by the [Islanders at the Helm](#) research program. The next courses in this series are planned for later in 2023.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/islandersatthehelm>

## CSA MEMBER HIGHLIGHT - OBITUARY



### Horace Henriques

Folks, we have all lost a tremendous friend today. It was particularly sad seeing him in the last few days lose various things we take for granted-- the ability to eat food, swallow water, staying awake etc... This will ultimately happen to all of us in the end-- hard to think about our own future mortality eh!

As I think about Horace, he was always the guy who did not have the same confidence in himself that the rest of us might have had due to our social upbringing. As an orphan growing up in Guyana, Horace was the guy who was neglected by others, he was in the background, the kind of guy that others made fun of, or dismissed as irrelevant due to his perceived external advantages. This traumatic growing up experience I am convinced were the building blocks that made Horace into an outstanding super -mentor who helped hundreds of students of color and non-traditional students in the University of Toronto (TYP) program. His own personal growing up experience and socialization was the main reason he could do magic with the TYP students. Horace was their non-judgemental mentor who they could trust and show their vulnerabilities. Horace gave students countless hours of deep academic coaching, listening and counseling. He also gave his students the most important ingredient for future success --- unconditional love and empathy. In the corporate world that large scale academia has become this is totally unheard of! We Professors are just suppose to assume "everyone" is the same and not give anyone preferential advantages!

I will forever be grateful to Horace for modelling for me the empathy lesson-- being there for those non-high flying students who need a confidence boost or an opportunity to do better. Its really hard to be the professor who has empathy and willingness to give students the benefit of the doubt rather than just dismissing them

as lazy and not having the "desire" or acumen to finish the "degree." Our students have always had complicated lives that we often don't take the time to learn about-- due to our busy lives. Horace never did that!

Horace I will miss your singing, jokes, dancing, and always being the life of the party no matter what country we were visiting. You were the guy along with Allison who opened up your house in Toronto to friends and visitors to get together and socialize no matter what time of year it was.

Horace my friend you are in a better place now without the pain of Lewy body dementia. I am sure you are looking down and smiling on all of us with Selwin, Scrap Iron, Patricia and the many others from our CSA gang who have also left us. Fire a drink, get the music ready because we are all in the departure lounge now waiting for our own separate flight to be with you in the future.

Hugs to everyone  
Dwayne Plaza



# CARIBBEAN SCHOLARSHIP

## CARICOM's Evolving Foreign Policy Thinking on the Ukraine War

Situation Reports - January 19, 2023

By Dr. Nand C. Bardouille

Source: [Geopolitical Monitor](#)

Shortly following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, on February 24,



2022, the [Caribbean Community \(CARICOM\)](#) bloc unequivocally condemned the act, [underscoring](#), "The principles of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-interference in the internal affairs of another sovereign state, the prohibition on the threat or use of force, and the peaceful resolution of all disputes must be adhered to by all nations." This CARICOM foreign policy pronouncement was motivated to a great extent by security-related foreign policy thinking—understood as a typical feature of the foreign policy logic of [small states](#). It boils down to and mirrored CARICOM member states' own fears—as small states—of becoming the victims of [hard power](#) conflict.

This foreign policy posture also reflects how many understand international relations as: 1) dominated—at least on paper—by 'equal' [sovereign](#) states, whose [power](#) differentials are determinative of their [status](#) or standing in world politics; and 2) animated by the absence of a supranational global authority, impacting significantly on the behavior of states in the international system. (For this reason, like [other](#) United Nations (UN) member states, CARICOM member states want to [maximize](#) their security.) However, this perspective tells only part of the story. It reflects only one of two key dimensions in CARICOM member states' respective foreign policies, the security logic.

### ***A Framework for Analyzing CARICOM Bloc Foreign Policymaking***

At first glance, security considerations appear to have a ubiquitous influence in CARICOM member states' foreign policy thinking. However, at this stage of the conflict, such considerations should not be

overstated. To a significant degree, their foreign policies are held up by [economic development](#) considerations—[focusing](#) on "strengthening regional and global market integration of Caribbean economies."

To achieve that goal, CARICOM's diplomacy is geared towards advancing efforts on: [graduation](#), non-access to [concessional financing](#), [blacklisting](#), debt relief, [correspondent banking](#), the [unfair treatment](#) of middle-income countries by the international financial institutions, shortfalls in the [Green Climate Fund](#), and the '[loss and damage](#)' climate change issue, among others. These are core foreign policy priorities, coming up in CARICOM engagements with third countries regarding the bloc's advocacy for diplomatic backing and development aid in support of its membership's development challenges. Featured on the official [regional agenda](#), they are emblematic of an economic development-related foreign policy logic.

As the CARICOM foreign policymaking community sees it, there is no uniformity of views on whether one logic takes precedence over the other. In fact, these distinctive logics represent a particular foreign policy outlook on and normative assumptions about the conduct of international relations.

For the most part, these long-standing foreign policymaking logics have played out in the CARICOM bloc with the benefit of esprit de corps-filled moments of compromise. To many, this provides impetus to CARICOM member states' collective diplomatic voice on the international stage. Ultimately however, either collectively or individually, CARICOM member states seek to leverage each logic to their own advantage at a given time and on a given international issue.

### ***Shifting Trajectory of Foreign Policy Thinking***

A case in point is regional states' diplomatic state of play relative to the Ukraine war. A good barometer is the [recently adopted](#) UN General Assembly (UNGA) resolution calling for Russia to pay war-related reparations to Ukraine. [Thirteen](#) CARICOM member states abstained from voting, with one state absent. (Of the 193 UN members, 73 abstained, with just 94 voting in favor of the resolution and 14 against.)

While CARICOM member states have a record of voting-related abstentions in relation to some of the five Ukraine-related UNGA resolutions—with a view to telegraphing wider concerns—the

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virtual unanimity of CARICOM member states' position on this particular resolution signals a shift in the bloc's foreign policy thinking on the issue.

### ***Bringing Economic Considerations Back In***

To understand this diplomatic maneuvering, a focused discussion of the Ukraine war's economic repercussions regarding CARICOM member states is in order. Set against the backdrop of a war that is nearing its one-year anniversary and that is showing few signs of resolution, CARICOM member states' foreign policy goals vis-à-vis the conflict must increasingly account for economic considerations. This reflects their long-standing foreign policy prioritization of economic development as well as their deep concern that the bloc is paying a high economic price in relation to the wider effects of the conflict.

The economic repercussions of the Russia-Ukraine war are undermining the economic fortunes of these countries. They already face systemic [vulnerabilities](#), as well as myriad [crises](#), which the COVID-19-induced [economic slowdown](#) has compounded.

The pandemic became synonymous with [lockdowns and border-related closures](#) aimed at promoting public health imperatives. However, these same measures [spelled](#) economic ruin for the largely tourism-dependent economies of many CARICOM member states. Ensuing pandemic-related [supply chain issues](#) only added to recovery-related woes, given these small open economies' [high dependence on trade](#) and their [infrastructural constraints](#). Topping the list of these woes are the ongoing inflationary pressures facing the region. All told, the pandemic's knock-on effects have [brought about](#) a historically consequential economic contraction in CARICOM.

Viewed through this prism, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has exacerbated the Caribbean's dire economic situation. The global inflation crisis, which has brought about [price shocks](#), is a phenomenon that [national authorities](#) in the Caribbean link to the conflict. In the case of Jamaica, even though some [organizations](#) are upbeat about the country's economic recovery and performance—citing exogenous factors—they [warn](#) of a likely recession. They even [highlight](#) “risks to a sustained growth path [as being] elevated.” This narrative of high vulnerability is [not unique](#) to Jamaica. Even pre-pandemic, for example, many CARICOM member states—which rank as being among the most indebted countries in the world—were grappling with high levels of [public debt](#).

In this setting, Caribbean leaders are making [difficult](#) choices to support key policy reforms. For the moment, economic reform imperatives are an urgent priority and CARICOM leaders must weigh the attendant political risks of not keeping pace with stakeholders' expectations regarding a revival of their countries' flagging economies.

### ***Whither the Proverbial Foreign Policy-related Balance?***

In the circumstances, balancing the norms of nonintervention with economic necessity may pressure Caribbean governments to take a different tact on how they approach the Kremlin-orchestrated invasion. Indeed, some in CARICOM's foreign policymaking community see reason to review and change foreign policy orientations. They underscore that, through no fault of their own, CARICOM member states are being hemmed in economically by a global crisis that has arisen from the [“international fallout”](#) of Russia's full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine.

Yet, others have much to say about and have a clear sense of the security dimension of CARICOM member states' foreign policy thinking—expressing doubt that economic considerations trump sovereignty and territorial integrity issues and the use of force. It is not lost on them that what is at stake in this perilous moment is not just the European security order, but also their countries' security. After all, the latter hinges on the sanctity of core principles of the ‘rules of the (multilateral) game’. From that perspective, the [Statement of the Conference of CARICOM Heads of Government on the War and Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine](#) is just as relevant today as when it was issued in March 2022.

### ***Concluding Thoughts***

The CARICOM bloc's diplomatic response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine was built around security-related foreign policy thinking. Since then, however, the Russia-Ukraine war's economic repercussions have become a foreign policy priority for CARICOM—marking a return to another tenant of the bloc's foreign policy logic. Economic necessity is seemingly shaking up the initial foreign policy thinking of CARICOM's political and foreign affairs elites. Relatedly, these effects' macro-level consequences are a consideration for them. In short, at a time when the Russia-Ukraine war's far-reaching impacts are overshadowing global policymaking [discourse](#), it becomes that much harder for policymakers to move the needle on economic imperatives. That said, just because the bloc's Russia-Ukraine war-related foreign policy attention has taken on the characteristics of economic statecraft, security-related foreign policy thinking has not necessarily been lost.

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As the Russia-Ukraine war and its (in)direct impacts become increasingly salient in international relations, CARICOM member states will likely ratchet up calls for an end to the conflict. They should close ranks behind requisite foreign policy démarches, not least to set the tone of such a narrative. In the near-term, official pronouncements on this CARICOM foreign policy context may come from two upcoming high-level regional meetings. The CARICOM [Council for Foreign and Community Relations](#), which is scheduled to meet again in May 2023, could provide important clues about the further evolution of member states' foreign policy thinking. So, too, could a CARICOM summit that takes place early in 2023.

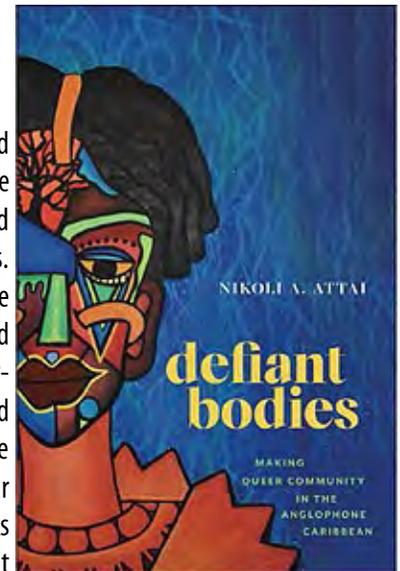
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## NEW BOOK

### **Defiant Bodies: Making Queer Community in the Anglophone Caribbean**

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In the Anglophone Caribbean, international queer human rights activists strategically located within and outside of the region have dominated many of the interventions seeking to address issues affecting people across the region; a trend that is premised on an idea that the Caribbean is extremely homophobic and transphobic, resulting in violence and death for people who defy dominant sexual and gender boundaries. Human rights activists continue to utilize international financial and political resources to influence these interventions and the region's engagement on issues of homophobia, transphobia, discrimination, and the HIV/AIDS epidemic. This focus, however, elides the deeply complex nature of queerness across different spaces and places, and fails to fully account for the nuances of queer sexual and gender politics and community making across the Caribbean. *Defiant Bodies: Making Queer Community in the Anglophone Caribbean* problematizes the neocolonial and homoimperial nature of queer human rights activism in four Anglophone Caribbean nations—Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago—and thinks critically about the limits of human rights as a tool for seeking queer liberation. It also offers critical insight into the ways that queer people negotiate, resist, and disrupt homophobia, transphobia, and discrimination by mobilizing “on the ground” and creating transgressive communities within the region.



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## Improving student engagement: Ten proposals for action

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### Abstract

Since the 1980s an extensive research literature has investigated how to improve student success in higher education focusing on student outcomes such as retention, completion and employability. A parallel research programme has focused on how students engage with their studies and what they, institutions and educators can do to enhance their engagement, and hence success. This article reports on two syntheses of research literature on student engagement and how this can be enhanced. It first synthesizes 93 research studies from ten countries to develop a conceptual organizer for student engagement that consists of four perspectives identified in the research: student motivation; transactions between teachers and students; institutional support; and engagement for active citizenship. Secondly, the article synthesizes findings from these perspectives as ten propositions for improving student engagement in higher education. It concludes by identifying some limitations with the conceptual organizer and one suggestion for developing a more integrated approach to student engagement.

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