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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

New beginnings!

In this month's issue we place a focus on our new EC members and their goals and vision for the Caribbean Studies Association.



Our President

Our membership highlight column is all about our new President, Okama Ekpe-Brook. Get to know her. Learn of her background, scholarship, strategic alliances and her passion for partnerships of like-minded organizations like the CSA.



Meagan Sylvester



Our Program Chair

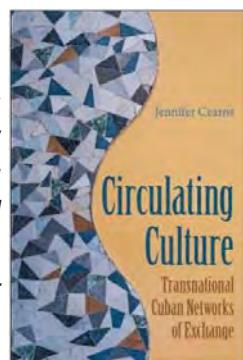
Guido Rojer who hails from Curacao in the Dutch Caribbean is our new Program Chair. Having been in this position before working with former CSA President, Keithley Woolward, Guido brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new role. Read his column to know more!

New Column – Membership News

Starting from this month we will have a new column which focuses on Member News. Here the intention is to inform and advise our CSA family about all matters related to strengthening our membership, past, present and future.

New Book

Writer Jennifer Cearns is our featured scribe for this month. We chose this text to highlight because *despite decades of diplomatic hostilities and economic sanctions, the border between Cuba and the United States—arguably one of the most politicized in the world—is in a state of constant flux. Tracing the flows of people, material items, and digital content between Havana and Miami, as well as between Cuba and Panama, Guyana, and Mexico, Circulating Culture explores how and why these circuits are a part of everyday life for millions of Cubans who negotiate extraordinary circumstances daily.*



Be sure to read more inside.

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Caribbean Scholarship
Conference Call for Papers

Caste, Class and Race; Reflections on the Life and Work of Oliver Cromwell Cox
April 26-27, 2024

Department of Behavioural Sciences
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FOCUS AND AREAS OF INTERROGATION : The work of Oliver Cromwell Cox, while not significantly represented within Caribbean scholarship and teaching, presents a critical framework through which we can re-engage some of the historical and contemporary issues that continue to impact global citizens.

Deadline for Abstract Submission: September 30, 2023
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Okama Ekpe Brook

Esteemed Members,

Happy Emancipation period! Congratulations to our members who recently observed celebrations of Juneteenth in the Americas/Virgin Islands, Junkanoo in the Bahamas, Dia de Bandera in Curacao, and those concluding Emancipation commemorations in various other Caribbean spaces like Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad &

Tobago, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Martin, St. Lucia, etc. and in the diaspora. In Canada, the biggest Caribbean celebrations are Caribana festival in Toronto, from August 5th and CariWest festival from August 7th in Edmonton. These events provide a mirror into the heartbeat of Caribbeanists and attract millions of visitors and investors. This has reignited conversations around Caribbean innovative and creative excellence and the importance of highlighting these stories from a multidisciplinary lens. The Caribbean is not a singular story and through these Emancipatory celebrations, one experiences the abundance, beauty, diversity, resilience, vibrancy, and transformative developments of Caribbean people. It is in this spirit that I reflect on the role of our esteemed organization on the cusp of its upcoming Fiftieth anniversary. Our vision, mission and core values are constant reminders of the promise to continue to study Caribbean issues and present culturally appropriate durable solutions from analytical research to evidence based policy making. Reimaging the potential economic boost of these festivities reinforces the need for critical thought around research and development on the creative sector. The availability of such data will support Caribbean governments efforts in policy making and development planning. Fellow Caribbean Studies Association Scholars, we are called to action. It is opportune to begin our Dialogue Series.

I am thankful to the Executive Council as well as those appointed into various positions to serve as Committees and Working Group Chairs. Noteworthy are our partners, who have consistently provided valuable support, enabling the effective and efficient services of the academy. We acknowledge the spaces that have hosted our Secretariat for the past 49 years. Our Secretariat has been hosted at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; Florida International University, Gainsville, United States; and the Sir Arthur

Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES), The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago. For the past eleven years, the Secretariat has been hosted in SALISES in Trinidad and Tobago, a multi-ethnic society that has been characterized as a melting pot of cultures. The new Executive Council of the Caribbean Studies Association has benefited enormously from this generosity and will continue to promote the ideals of peace and friendly cooperation that ought to be paramount in framing development agendas in the Caribbean Region, and indeed globally. Our Executive Council recognizes that the peoples of Trinidad and Tobago have lived harmoniously, adapting and transforming lands, water and atmospheric spaces for centuries. In this regard, I am humbled to appreciate the support of Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard, a past president, as he prepares for his retirement as Acting Director of the SALISES at the University of the West Indies. Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard is a mentor of several Caribbean Studies Association scholars and in his recent webinar series, he talks about his passion for the statistics in his spotlight presentation on Championing Development Statistics: A Vow That I Kept. Check out this ink: for the recording of his presentation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDob_op0o48Y and support his future works.



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The @CSA2024 Conference Programme Co-Chairs, Guido Rojer and Geneve Philip-Durham will be reaching out to you soon. Kindly show, yet again, your labour of love for our academy by volunteering in various capacities as we gear up for St. Lucia.

Yours in scholarship,

Okama Ekpe Brook
President CSA 2023-2024

Español

Estimados miembros,

¡Feliz período de Emancipación! Felicitaciones a nuestros miembros que recientemente observaron las celebraciones de Juneteenth en las Américas/Islas Vírgenes, Junkanoo en las Bahamas, Día de Bandera en Curazao y aquellos que concluyeron las conmemoraciones de Emancipación en varios otros espacios del Caribe como Granada, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad y Tobago, Saba , San Eustaquio, San Martín, Santa Lucía, etc. y en la diáspora. En Canadá, las mayores

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celebraciones caribeñas son el festival Caribana en Toronto, del 5 de agosto y el festival CariWest del 7 de agosto en Edmonton. Estos eventos brindan un espejo del latido del corazón de los caribeños y atraen a millones de visitantes e inversionistas. Esto ha reavivado conversaciones sobre la excelencia innovadora y creativa del Caribe y la importancia de resaltar estas historias desde una lente multidisciplinaria. El Caribe no es una historia singular y, a través de estas celebraciones de Emancipación, uno experimenta la abundancia, la belleza, la diversidad, la resiliencia, la vitalidad y los desarrollos transformadores de los caribeños. Es con este espíritu que reflexiono sobre el papel de nuestra estimada organización en la cúspide de su próximo cincuentenario. Nuestra visión, misión y valores fundamentales son recordatorios constantes de la promesa de continuar estudiando los problemas del Caribe y presentar soluciones duraderas culturalmente apropiadas desde la investigación analítica hasta la formulación de políticas basadas en evidencia. Reimaginar el potencial impulso económico de estas festividades refuerza la necesidad de un pensamiento crítico en torno a la investigación y el desarrollo en el sector creativo. La disponibilidad de dichos datos apoyará los esfuerzos de los gobiernos del Caribe en la formulación de políticas y la planificación del desarrollo. Compañeros académicos de la Asociación de Estudios del Caribe, estamos llamados a la acción. Es oportuno iniciar nuestra Serie de Diálogos.

Estoy agradecido con el Consejo Ejecutivo, así como con aquellos designados en varios puestos para servir como presidentes de comités y grupos de trabajo. Son dignos de mención nuestros socios, que constantemente han brindado un valioso apoyo, permitiendo los servicios efectivos y eficientes de la academia. Reconocemos los espacios que han albergado a nuestra Secretaría durante los últimos 49 años. Nuestro Secretariado ha estado alojado en la Universidad de Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; Universidad Internacional de Florida, Gainsville, Estados Unidos; y el Instituto Sir Arthur Lewis de Estudios Sociales y Económicos (SALISES), Universidad de las Indias Occidentales, Campus de St. Augustine, Trinidad y Tobago. Durante los últimos once años, la Secretaría se ha alojado en SALISES en Trinidad y Tobago, una sociedad multiétnica que se ha caracterizado por ser un crisol de culturas. El nuevo Consejo Ejecutivo de la Asociación de Estudios del Caribe se ha beneficiado enormemente de esta generosidad y continuará promoviendo los ideales de paz y cooperación amistosa que deberían ser primordiales en la elaboración de las agendas de desarrollo en la región del Caribe y, de hecho, a nivel mundial. Nuestro Consejo Ejecutivo reconoce que los pueblos de Trinidad y Tobago han vivido en armonía, adaptando y transformando las tierras, el agua y los es-

pacios atmosféricos durante siglos. En este sentido, me siento honrado de agradecer el apoyo del Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard, expresidente, mientras se prepara para su jubilación como director interino de SALISES en la Universidad de las Indias Occidentales. El Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard es mentor de varios académicos de la Asociación de Estudios del Caribe y en su reciente serie de seminarios web, habla sobre su pasión por las estadísticas en su presentación destacada sobre la defensa de las estadísticas de desarrollo: un voto que cumplí. Mira esta tinta: para la grabación de su presentación https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDob_op0o48Y y apoya sus futuros trabajos.

Los copresidentes del programa de la conferencia @CSA2024, Guido Rojer y Geneve Philip-Durham, se comunicarán con usted pronto. Muestre amablemente, una vez más, su trabajo de amor por nuestra academia ofreciéndose como voluntario en varias capacidades mientras nos preparamos para Santa Lucía.

Suyo en beca,

Okama Ekpe Brook

Presidenta de la CSA 2023-2024

Français

Chers membres,

Bonne période d'émancipation ! Félicitations à nos membres qui ont récemment observé les célébrations du 19 juin dans les Amériques/Iles Vierges, Junkanoo aux Bahamas, Dia de Bandera à Curaçao, et ceux qui ont conclu les commémorations de l'émancipation dans divers autres espaces des Caraïbes comme la Grenade, la Guyane, la Jamaïque, Trinité-et-Tobago, Saba , Saint-Eustache, Saint-Martin, Sainte-Lucie, etc. et dans la diaspora. Au Canada, les plus grandes fêtes caribéennes sont le festival Caribana à Toronto, à partir du 5 août et le festival CariWest à partir du 7 août à Edmonton. Ces événements reflètent le rythme cardiaque des caribéens et attirent des millions de visiteurs et d'investisseurs. Cela a relancé les conversations autour de l'excellence innovante et créative des Caraïbes et de l'importance de mettre en évidence ces histoires d'un point de vue multidisciplinaire. Les Caraïbes ne sont pas une histoire singulière et à travers ces célébrations émancipatrices, on fait l'expérience de l'abondance, de la beauté, de la diversité, de la résilience, du dynamisme et des développements transformateurs du peuple caribéen. C'est dans cet esprit que je réfléchis au rôle de notre estimée organisation à l'aube de son cinquantième anniversaire. Notre vision, notre mission et nos valeurs fondamentales sont

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des rappels constants de la promesse de continuer à étudier les problèmes des Caraïbes et de présenter des solutions durables culturellement appropriées, de la recherche analytique à l'élaboration de politiques fondées sur des preuves. Repenser le potentiel économique de ces festivités renforce la nécessité d'une réflexion critique autour de la recherche et du développement sur le secteur créatif. La disponibilité de ces données soutiendra les efforts des gouvernements des Caraïbes dans l'élaboration des politiques et la planification du développement. Chers boursiers de l'Association des études caribéennes, nous sommes appelés à l'action. Il est opportun de commencer notre série de dialogues.

Je suis reconnaissant au Conseil exécutif ainsi qu'aux personnes nommées à divers postes pour servir de présidents de comités et de groupes de travail. Il convient de noter nos partenaires, qui ont toujours fourni un soutien précieux, permettant les services efficaces et efficaces de l'académie. Nous reconnaissons les espaces qui ont accueilli notre Secrétariat au cours des 49 dernières années. Notre Secrétariat a été hébergé à l'Université de Porto Rico, Rio Piedras, Porto Rico ; Université internationale de Floride, Gainsville, États-Unis ; et l'Institut Sir Arthur Lewis d'études sociales et économiques (SALISES), Université des Antilles, Campus St. Augustine, Trinité-et-Tobago. Au cours des onze dernières années, le Secrétariat a été hébergé à SALISES à Trinité-et-Tobago, une société multiethnique caractérisée comme un creuset de cultures. Le nouveau Conseil exécutif de l'Association des études caribéennes a énormément bénéficié de cette générosité et continuera à promouvoir les idéaux de paix et de coopération amicale qui devraient être primordiaux dans l'élaboration des programmes de développement dans la région des Caraïbes, et même dans le monde. Notre Conseil exécutif reconnaît que les peuples de Trinité-et-Tobago ont vécu en harmonie, adaptant et transformant les terres, l'eau et les espaces atmosphériques pendant des siècles. À cet égard, je suis honoré d'apprécier le soutien du Dr Godfrey St. Bernard, ancien président, alors qu'il se prépare à prendre sa retraite en tant que directeur par intérim du SALISES à l'Université des Antilles. Le Dr Godfrey St. Bernard est le mentor de plusieurs universitaires de la Caribbean Studies Association et, dans sa récente série de webinaires, il parle de sa passion pour les statistiques dans sa présentation phare sur Championing Development Statistics: A Vow That I keep. Découvrez cette encre : pour l'enregistrement de sa présentation https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDob_op0o48Y et soutenez ses futurs travaux.

Les coprésidents du programme de la conférence @CSA2024, Guido Rojer et Geneve Philip-Durham, vous contacteront bientôt. Veuillez montrer, encore une fois, votre travail d'amour pour notre académie en faisant du bénévolat à divers titres alors que nous nous préparons pour Sainte-Lucie.

Votre bourse d'études,

Okama Ekpe Brook

Président de l'ASC 2023-2024

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



Rhoda Arrindell

CARICOM and African Union Construct United Voice on Reparative Justice

One SXM: Reparative Justice Must Include Independence
“We did not stumble into the present, and are not stumbling into our future.”
These were the words of Sir Prof. Hillary Beckles, vice-

chancellor, University of the West Indies and chair of the CARICOM Reparations Commission, as he addressed a session between the representatives of CARICOM and the African Union at the study tour on reparations and reparative justice, which took place in Barbados July 24 – 28.

The objective of the tour was to bring together different perspectives from the African diaspora on how to develop a unified front on reparations from historical crimes. One St. Martin President Dr. Rhoda Arrindell made a presentation sharing One SXM’s work, highlighting activities related to colonialism, reparations, and the response to the apology by the Netherlands’ Prime Minister and King for the Dutch involvement in Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, which they acknowledged as a crime against humanity.

In reference to the apology, Arrindell said, “we believe that the apology is incomplete as it does not contain a commitment to non-repetition, eradication of colonialism by the Dutch kingdom, or Reparations and other forms of reparatory justice.” The tour presented a number of legal perspectives, reminding participants that the Dutch apology was not a simplistic matter of “one and done.” The expected outcomes of the tour included identification of modalities for reparations, shifting the narrative on reparations, and elevating marginalized voices. It was made clear on behalf of One SXM that discussions about reparations and reparative justice must include discussions of independence for St. Martin and decolonization of the Caribbean region. This position was supported during the tour.

Among the other speakers and participants in the tour—in addition to the judges, jurists, diplomats, and academics—were Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade for the Republic of Barbados, the Hon. Kerrie Symonds; Sen. Dr. the Hon. Shantal Munro-

Knight, Minister of State; H. E. Youssouf Mondoha Assoumani, Permanent Representative of the Union of Comoros to the African Union and Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee of the African Union.

The group also had the privilege to meet with Vice President of Colombia Francia Marquez. Rounding off the daily meetings, the Rt. Honorable Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of the Republic of Barbados, hosted the group for two evenings of reception at the Residence of the Prime Minister and the Commemoration of National Day of Significance at the Golden Square Freedom Park. Barbados observes the Season of Emancipation from April 14 to late August.

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR



Guido Rojer, Jr.

The Caribbean comprises a wide range of countries, each with its unique historical, cultural, economic, and social contexts. To have an impact in this environment means to recognize these defining characteristics in our efforts to provide for impact.

Standardizing development based on a universal model may overlook these specific needs and challenges faced by individual Caribbean

nations. The region has varying levels of economic development, political systems, languages, and cultural practices, which demand tailored approaches to address their distinct circumstances effectively.

Having a one-size-fits-all development strategy may perpetuate existing inequalities. Some countries in the Caribbean have been historically marginalized, facing issues like limited access to resources and vulnerabilities to climate change. These unique challenges require tailored solutions that consider the local context.

Furthermore, the notion of development itself can be subjective and multifaceted. It's essential to recognize that development should not only focus on economic growth but also encompass social, environmental, and cultural dimensions to promote sustainable and inclusive progress in the Caribbean.

To address these concerns, development initiatives in the Caribbean should be participatory, taking into account the perspectives and aspirations of the local communities. Collaborating with regional organizations, governments, and international partners to design context-specific policies and programs can lead to more effective and equitable development outcomes.

This is a perfect opportunity for scholars to fill this gap, embracing the diversity within the Caribbean and acknowledging the complexities of development will allow for more meaningful progress and empower the region to address its unique challenges and opportunities effectively. To do so, we need to discuss the concept of development, the operations and moving parts, in order to command the space that provides us a home. This is why development

is at the core of our venture this year, and we hope to advance the conversation over the coming months. Don't hesitate to engage with us, even if it is by means of our social media outlets. Stay tuned for our upcoming monthly events that will engage with scholars and practitioners enroute to our 2024 conference.

*Guido Rojer, Jr.
CSA Program Chair 2023-2024*

Español

El Caribe comprende una amplia gama de países, cada uno con sus contextos históricos, culturales, económicos y sociales únicos. Tener un impacto en este entorno significa reconocer estas características definitorias en nuestros esfuerzos por generar impacto.

Estandarizar el desarrollo basado en un modelo universal puede pasar por alto estas necesidades y desafíos específicos que enfrentan las naciones caribeñas individuales. La región tiene diferentes niveles de desarrollo económico, sistemas políticos, idiomas y prácticas culturales, que exigen enfoques personalizados para abordar sus distintas circunstancias de manera efectiva.

Tener una estrategia de desarrollo única para todos puede perpetuar las desigualdades existentes. Algunos países del Caribe han sido históricamente marginados, enfrentando problemas como acceso limitado a recursos y vulnerabilidades al cambio climático. Estos desafíos únicos requieren soluciones personalizadas que tengan en cuenta el contexto local.

Además, la noción misma de desarrollo puede ser subjetiva y multifacética. Es esencial reconocer que el desarrollo no solo debe centrarse en el crecimiento económico, sino también abarcar las dimensiones sociales, ambientales y culturales para promover el progreso sostenible e inclusivo en el Caribe.

Para abordar estas preocupaciones, las iniciativas de desarrollo en el Caribe deben ser participativas, teniendo en cuenta las perspectivas y aspiraciones de las comunidades locales. La colaboración con organizaciones regionales, gobiernos y socios internacionales para diseñar políticas y programas específicos del contexto puede conducir a resultados de desarrollo más efectivos y equitativos.

Esta es una oportunidad perfecta para que los académicos llenen este vacío, aceptando la diversidad dentro del Caribe y reconociendo las complejidades del desarrollo permitirá un progreso más significativo y empoderará a la región para abordar sus desafíos y

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR cont'd

oportunidades únicas de manera efectiva. Para ello, necesitamos discutir sobre el concepto de desarrollo, las operaciones y partes móviles, para dominar el espacio que nos proporciona un hogar. Es por eso que el desarrollo es el núcleo de nuestra empresa este año, y esperamos avanzar en la conversación en los próximos meses. No dude en comunicarse con nosotros, incluso si es a través de nuestras redes sociales. Estén atentos a nuestros próximos eventos mensuales que involucrarán a académicos y profesionales en camino a nuestra conferencia de 2024.

*Guido Rojer, Jr.
Presidente del Programa CSA 2023-2024*

Français

Les Caraïbes comprennent un large éventail de pays, chacun avec ses contextes historiques, culturels, économiques et sociaux uniques. Avoir un impact dans cet environnement signifie reconnaître ces caractéristiques déterminantes dans nos efforts pour fournir un impact.

La normalisation du développement sur la base d'un modèle universel peut négliger ces besoins et défis spécifiques auxquels sont confrontées les nations caribéennes individuelles. La région a différents niveaux de développement économique, de systèmes politiques, de langues et de pratiques culturelles, qui exigent des approches sur mesure pour répondre efficacement à leurs circonstances particulières.

Avoir une stratégie de développement unique peut perpétuer les inégalités existantes. Certains pays des Caraïbes ont été historiquement marginalisés, confrontés à des problèmes tels que l'accès limité aux ressources et la vulnérabilité au changement climatique. Ces défis uniques nécessitent des solutions sur mesure qui tiennent compte du contexte local.

De plus, la notion de développement elle-même peut être subjective et multiforme. Il est essentiel de reconnaître que le développement ne doit pas seulement se concentrer sur la croissance économique, mais aussi englober les dimensions sociales, environnementales et culturelles pour promouvoir un progrès durable et inclusif dans les Caraïbes.

Pour répondre à ces préoccupations, les initiatives de développement dans les Caraïbes doivent être participatives, en tenant compte des perspectives et des aspirations des communautés locales. Collaborer avec des organisations régionales, des gouverne-

ments et des partenaires internationaux pour concevoir des politiques et des programmes spécifiques au contexte peut conduire à des résultats de développement plus efficaces et équitables.

C'est une occasion parfaite pour les universitaires de combler cette lacune, en embrassant la diversité au sein des Caraïbes et en reconnaissant les complexités du développement, cela permettra des progrès plus significatifs et permettra à la région de relever efficacement ses défis et opportunités uniques. Pour ce faire, nous devons discuter sur le concept de développement, les opérations et les pièces mobiles, afin de commander l'espace qui nous offre une maison. C'est pourquoi le développement est au cœur de notre aventure cette année, et nous espérons faire avancer la conversation au cours des prochains mois. N'hésitez pas à vous engager avec nous, même si c'est par le biais de nos réseaux sociaux. Restez à l'écoute de nos prochains événements mensuels qui engageront des universitaires et des praticiens en route vers notre conférence de 2024.

*Guido Rojer, Jr.
Président du programme ASC 2023-2024*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



L. Kaifa Roland

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CARIBBEAN SCHOLARSHIP

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CASTE, CLASS & RACE: REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE AND WORK OF OLIVER CROMWELL COX

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DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES, THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, ST AUGUSTINE, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



The image features a black and white portrait of Oliver Cromwell Cox, a man with glasses and a suit, set against a red and black striped background. To the left of the portrait is the logo of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Faculty of Social Sciences. Below the portrait, the text reads "DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES" and "CALL FOR ABSTRACTS". The main title "CASTE, CLASS & RACE: Reflections on the life and work of Oliver Cromwell Cox" is displayed in red. A blue vertical bar on the right contains the text "Deadline for submission of abstracts: September 30, 2023" and the email address "STA-Behavioural.Sciences@sta.uwi.edu.tt". Logos for Unesco, LC2S, University of the Americas, CIFFS, Johns Hopkins University, and Connected World are at the bottom.

Oliver Cromwell Cox was a Trinidad and Tobago born scholar, whose scholarly writings made significant contributions to mid - 20th Century sociological thought. Born on August 24, 1901, in Port of Spain, he attended Saint Thomas Boys' School before migrating to Chicago Illinois, in 1919. Despite his comprehensive colonial education, it was not accepted in the USA, and he completed a two-year high school diploma in 1923, a law degree from Northwestern University three years later and Masters in Economics from the University of Chicago in 1932. In 1929, he was stricken with polio, which confined him to a wheelchair for the rest of his life and thwarted his plans to study law and return to Trinidad and Tobago. His scholarly contributions deepened with the completion of a PhD in sociology at the University of Chicago in 1938, professorships in

economics (Wiley College) and in sociology (Lincoln University, Missouri and Wayne State University, Michigan). His professional contributions during this time extended to examinations of African Americans - the spatial and cultural facets of their work, marriage and family lives, and the broader connections to social and economic life in the United States. This body of work predated later analyses on sex roles and the intersections of race, class and gender which would become more popular in the 1970s and 1980s with the emergence of women's studies programmes.

As a sociologist his work challenged dominant thought and practices related to the social and economic organization of race relations within Western societies. His Marxist influences prompted the use of socio-historical and comparative analyses with more nuanced explorations of race and racial inequalities. His critique of the caste school of race relations, more specifically the classic publication of Gunnar Myrdal, *The American Dilemma*, argued for the treatment of caste and race as two distinct social systems, which could not be explained in terms of the other. In so doing, he became one of the first United States sociologists to disrupt the caste school of race relations and to situate experiences of racism within the class dynamics of capitalism, as a colonial and global system of power. Through his later work on Capitalism, he connected understandings of white supremacy, capitalism, racism, and intersectionality within the United States, to global concomitants and relationships that were developed and organized within existing world systems. Indeed, Cox's work preceded much of the later work on world systems theory as developed by Immanuel Wallerstein and others in the 1970s.

Cox's contribution to global sociology is therefore distinct. Some of his most recognized writings including the *Modern Caste School of Race* (1942), *Caste, Class, Race* (1948), *Foundations of Capitalism* (1959), *Capitalism and American Leadership* (1962), and *Capitalism as a System* (1964), have been published in many editions, languages and with ongoing reviews of his contributions to the field. Of these publications, his authoritative work *Class, Race and Caste* published by Doubleday in 1951, was sold out in six weeks and received the George Washington Carver Award. The caste explanation of US race relations emerged once again with the publication of Isabel Wilkerson's 2020 prizewinning book *CASTE*, which put forward similar arguments to Myrdal although perceived as original. This brought Cox's work once more to public attention.

CARIBBEAN SCHOLARSHIP cont'd

For most of his career however, Cox's work was deliberately marginalised and resisted. His famous work on Class, Race and Caste was mostly downplayed and removed from public discourse, which negatively impacted his career. To date, Oliver C. Cox is virtually unknown in his place of birth Trinidad and Tobago and indeed in the anglophone Caribbean, to ordinary citizens and sociologists alike.

FOCUS AND AREAS OF INTERROGATION

The work of Oliver Cromwell Cox, while not significantly represented within Caribbean scholarship and teaching, presents a critical framework through which we can re-engage some of the historical and contemporary issues that continue to impact global citizens. The proposed conference on Oliver Cox allows scholars to unpack and think through some of these contentions, while increasing the visibility and applicability of his work. These may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Oliver C. Cox – His Life, Upbringing and Work
- Race and Class in Contemporary Caribbean Social Thought
- Race and Caste
- Oliver C. Cox and Global Sociology
- Racial Capitalism, the Caribbean, and the World
- Radical traditions in the Caribbean
- Oliver C. Cox and his significance for United States Sociology
- Intersectionality, Feminist theory, and Caribbean Sociology
- World Systems Analysis and the Caribbean in the 21st Century
- Legacies of 'Caste' in the Caribbean
- Oliver C. Cox and The Sociology of Marriage and the Family
- Contemporary trends in the sociology of work and labour
- Critical Sociology and the contemporary regional and global context

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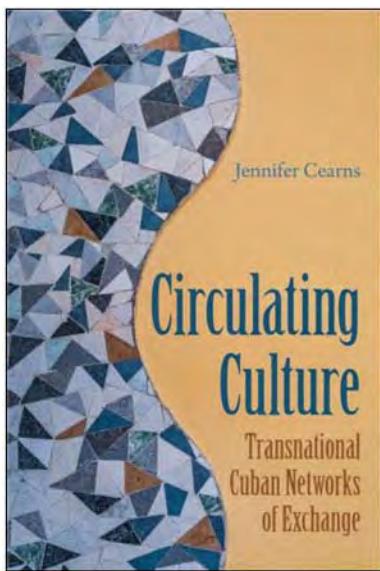
We invite the submission of 300–500-word abstracts for panels and roundtables on topics relevant to the theme, both in the sense of a specific geographic location or the wider conceptual argument. We also welcome proposals that are socio-historical, theoretical, or conceptual, empirical, and interdisciplinary. Proposals or queries should be submitted to STA-Behavioural.Sciences@sta.uwi.edu under the heading 'Oliver C. Cox Conference 2024'.

Timelines:

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MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS



Julien Merion

Français

LA CARICOM : 50 ANS ET APRES ?

La CARICOM vient de célébrer avec beaucoup de solennité son 50^{ème} anniversaire.

Si l'événement a eu un certain retentissement dans la région caraïbe, il n'a pas eu un grand écho en Guadeloupe et en Martinique et plus généralement dans la Caraïbe non-anglophone.

En effet, le 4 juillet 1973, Errol Barrow pour la Barbade, Forbes Burnham pour le Guyana, Michael Manley pour la Jamaïque et Eric Williams pour Trinidad and Tobago apposait leur signature à Chaguaramas (Trinidad) au bas du traité qui donnait naissance à la Communauté des Caraïbes.

De 4 à l'origine, les membres sont passés à 15 aujourd'hui. Un premier constat s'impose. Il n'y a qu'un pays francophone (Haïti) et aucun pays hispanophone.

Plusieurs raisons expliquent cette situation :

- La CARICOM est la suite de Fédération des West Indies et de la CARIFTA et va concerner en tout premier lieu les pays anglophones qui avaient pris l'option du fédéralisme dès 1958.
- S'agissant de la Guadeloupe et de la Martinique, leur statut de Département français, intégré à l'Europe constituait un réel obstacle dans ce concert de pays indépendants. Ainsi en mars 1946 à St-Thomas lors de la réunion de la Commission Caraïbe, l'ambassadeur de France dira à Rémy Nainsouta qui représentait la Guadeloupe : « Demain sortira une loi qui nous transforme en Département français, et un département français n'a rien à voir dans les affaires de la Caraïbe »
- Cuba, Haïti, la République dominicaine, bien qu'indépendants, n'ont pas été associés à l'initiative. Haïti rejoindra la CARICOM en 1999. En fait, c'est la division coloniale en aire linguistique et civilisationnelle qui va orienter le processus d'intégration régionale.

Les regards vont évoluer avec la chute du mur de Berlin et l'intérêt plus soutenu de Cuba pour la Caraïbe.

La création de l'Association des Etats de la Caraïbe en 1994 en est l'illustration.

Les territoires dépendant de la France vont eux aussi réviser leur positionnement et s'intéresser un peu plus à la vie caribéenne parce que la quête identitaire les pousse à un renforcement des liens avec leurs voisins. Dans le même temps la législation a été assouplie pour faciliter, sous le contrôle de l'Etat français, leur immersion régionale. Ils deviennent membres associés de l'AEC en 2014.

La Martinique va adhérer à l'OECS et 2015 et la Guadeloupe en 2019.

Pour ce qui est de la CARICOM, dès 2012, la demande d'adhésion est faite pour les 2 territoires. Elle a récemment été relancée pour la Martinique qui devrait bientôt devenir membre en même temps que Curaçao.

La CARICOM est-elle en train d'élargir sa base « civilisationnelle » ? Que peuvent apporter les territoires non-anglophones à un projet déjà bien lancé ?

Qu'en est-il de Cuba ? Peut-on envisager dans le contexte géopolitique de l'embargo américain son adhésion à la CARICOM ?

La CARICOM apparaît comme le modèle le plus abouti d'intégration régionale après l'Union Européenne.

Elle doit pouvoir se libérer de tous les héritages coloniaux pour donner sa pleine mesure.

MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd

English

CARICOM: 50 YEARS AND AFTER?

CARICOM has just celebrated its 50th anniversary with great solemnity.

If the event had a certain impact in the Caribbean region, it did not have a great echo in Guadeloupe and Martinique and more generally in the non-English-speaking Caribbean.

Indeed, on July 4, 1973, Errol Barrow for Barbados, Forbes Burnham for Guyana, Michael Manley for Jamaica and Eric Williams for Trinidad and Tobago affixed their signatures in Chaguaramas (Trinidad) at the bottom of the treaty which gave birth to the Community of the Caribbean.

From 4 originally, members have grown to 15 today.
A first observation is in order. There is only one French-speaking country (Haiti) and no Spanish-speaking country.

There are several reasons for this situation:

- CARICOM is the continuation of the West Indies Federation and CARIFTA and will primarily concern English-speaking countries which had opted for federalism in 1958.
- With regard to Guadeloupe and Martinique, their status as a French Department, integrated into Europe, constituted a real obstacle in this concert of independent countries. Thus in March 1946 in St-Thomas during the meeting of the Caribbean Commission, the French ambassador will say to Rémy Nainsouta who represented Guadeloupe: "Tomorrow will come out a law which transforms us into a French Department, and a French department has nothing to do with the affairs of the Caribbean"
- Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, although independent, were not associated with the initiative. Haiti will join CARICOM in 1999. In fact, it is the colonial division into linguistic and civilizational areas that will guide the process of regional integration.

Views will change with the fall of the Berlin Wall and Cuba's more sustained interest in the Caribbean.

The creation of the Association of Caribbean States in 1994 is an illustration of this.

The territories dependent on France will also revise their positioning and take a little more interest in Caribbean life because the quest for identity pushes them to strengthen ties with their neighbors. At the same time the legislation was relaxed to facilitate, under the control of the French State, their regional immersion. They became associate members of the AEC in 2014.

Martinique will join the OECS in 2015 and Guadeloupe in 2019.

As for CARICOM, from 2012, the application for membership is made for the 2 territories. It was recently relaunched for Martinique which should soon become a member at the same time as Curaçao. Is CARICOM expanding its "civilizational" base?

What can non-English speaking territories bring to an already well-launched project?

What about Cuba? Can we consider in the geopolitical context of the American embargo its membership in CARICOM?

CARICOM appears to be the most successful model of regional integration after the European Union.

It must be able to free itself from all colonial legacies to give its full potential.

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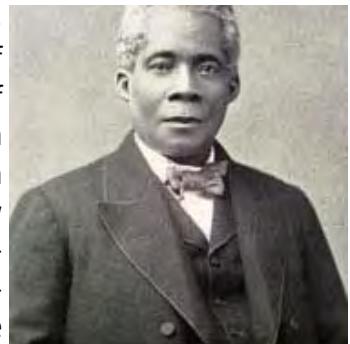
Greetings during the season of Caribbean Freedom, Independence, Revolution and Emancipation aka #CaribbeanFIRE! The 47th CSA Conference hosted in St. Croix, Virgin Islands for the first time in CSA's 49-year history, successfully contributed research, conversations, publications, and actionable deliverables to the theme of "*Transforming Our Caribbean*" with hundreds of academic presenters, dignitaries, university students, corporate supporters, and more exchanging interdisciplinary and transcultural informative resources on #AllThingsCaribbeanStudies.

Continued appreciation and thanks to sponsors and supporters who contributed above and beyond for CSA2023 hosted in St. Croix, Virgin Islands in June 2023. <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/2023-csa-conference-sponsors-supporters/> The CSA2023 Day 3 plenary session (June 7th.2023) entitled "175th VI Emancipation: Cultural Heritage Education & Decolonizing Narratives" featured scholars, dignitaries, thought leaders, community activists and more inclusive of: Senator Myron D. Jackson, Senator (Ret) Cultural Preservationist | Art Historian; Dr. Rhoda Arrindell, Scholar | Linguist | Governance Minister (Fmr) | One SXM; Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker, JD (Fmr) | VIYAC | UN Fellow | Human Rights Activist; Dr. Carlyle G. Corbin, International Advisor on Governance | Founder/Senior Analyst Global Dependency Studies Project (DSP); and Cardinal Mills, JD - Attorney | Educator. Viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDWOBOSUM9c&t=3s>

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Post-CSA2023, July 3rd.2023 marked the 175th Anniversary of the emancipation by demand of enslaved persons of Afrakan ancestry in the former Danish West Indies now known legally as the Virgin Islands of the United States (VI US). A host of commemorative observances have been and will continue to be



hosted and celebrated by VI US grassroots organizations in addition to activities sponsored with the Office of the VI Governor's appointed 175th Virgin Islands Emancipation Commemorative Committee. For more details, visit <https://vi175.com/>. The season of emancipation in the Caribbean extends into the month of August for liberation, unification, reparations, decolonization, independence and related observances, programs, celebrations and more within the region. August 3.2023 marks the 191st anniversary of the birth of the Honorable Statesman Reverend Dr. Edward Wilmot Blyden, respectfully known as the father/grandfather of Pan-Africanism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries- born in St. Thomas of the former Danish West Indies of Igbo/Nigeria free parents. <https://www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/people-global-african-history/edward-wilmot-blyden-1832-1912/> Extensive intellectual research and publications are available for expanding the knowledge base within Caribbean Studies programs internal and external to Caribbean institutions of higher education. *"The object of all education is to secure growth and efficiency, to make a man all that his natural gifts will allow him to become; to produce self-respect, a proper appreciation of our own powers and of the powers of other people; to beget a fitness for one's sphere of life and action and an ability to discharge the duties it imposes."* [Aims and Methods of a Liberal Education for Africans,1887] May our Virgin Islands, Caribbean Americas, Afraka and the world continue to respectfully remember and incorporate the pioneering work, ideals, scholarship, publications, ministerial services and sacrifices of the Honorable Rev. Dr. Edward Wilmot Blyden.

#GrandfatherOfAfricanEmancipation

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The Virgin Islands (US) resides geographically within the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean southeast of the Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (UK). The VI engages with community, academic, and humanitarian organizations/organizers teaching, researching, exchanging, collaborating and strengthening alliances with the

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Caribbean Community (CARICOM) <https://caricom.org/>, the African Union Commission/AU ECOSOCC <https://au.int/> <https://au.int/en/about/ecosoc>, United Nations Permanent Forum for People of African Descent (UN PFPAD) <https://www.ohchr.org/en/permanent-forum-people-african-descent>

, and other socio-political, economic, cultural, educational, and technological entities. This provides supportive and cooperative alliances with resilience, resistance, emancipation, liberation, freedom, self-determination, reparations, and more for/with/by people of Afrakan ancestry (descent) beyond the colonial enslavement narratives for the betterment of our shared humanity. The CARICOM mandate "promotes and supports a unified Caribbean Community that is inclusive, resilient, competitive; sharing in economic, social, and cultural prosperity." May the intellectual and grassroots organizational work highlighting sustainable, relevant, technological, entrepreneurial, environmental, and humanitarian aspects of Caribbean Studies continue to be in synergy and supported resourcefully for the greatest outcomes for all of us. #RemainInspired

Español

¡Saludos durante la temporada de Libertad, Independencia, Revolución y Emancipación del Caribe, también conocida como #CaribbeanFIRE! La 47.^a Conferencia CSA celebrada en St. Croix, Islas Vírgenes por primera vez en los 49 años de historia de CSA, contribuyó con éxito con investigaciones, conversaciones, publicaciones y entregables procesables al tema de "Transformar nuestro Caribe" con cientos de presentadores académicos, dignatarios, estudiantes universitarios, patrocinadores corporativos y más intercambiando recursos informativos interdisciplinarios y transculturales en #AllThingsCaribbeanStudies. Aprecio continuo y agradocimiento a los patrocinadores y simpatizantes que contribuyeron más allá de CSA2023 organizado en St. Croix, Islas Vírgenes en junio de 2023. <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/2023-csa-conference-sponsors-supporters/> The CSA2023 Day La sesión plenaria número 3 (7 de junio de 2023) titulada "Emancipación 175a VI: Educación del patrimonio cultural y narrativas de descolonización" contó con la participación de académicos, dignatarios, líderes de opinión, activistas comunitarios y más: Senador Myron D. Jackson, Senador (retirado) Conservacionista cultural | Historiador del arte; Dra. Rhoda Arrindell, Académica | Lingüista | Ministro de Gobernación (Fmr) | un SXM; Senadora Genevieve R. Whitaker, JD (Fmr) | VIYAC | Becario de la ONU | Activista de derechos humanos;

Dra. Carlyle G. Corbin, Asesora Internacional sobre Gobernanza | Fundador/Analista Senior del Proyecto de Estudios de Dependencia Global (DSP); y Cardinal Mills, JD- Abogado | Educador. Visible en <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDWOBOSUM9c&t=3s> <https://www.youtube.com/live/RDWOBOSUM9c?feature=share>

Después de CSA2023, el 3 de julio de 2023 marcó el 175 aniversario de la emancipación por demanda de las personas esclavizadas de ascendencia africana en las antiguas Indias Occidentales danesas ahora conocidas legalmente como las Islas Vírgenes de los Estados Unidos (VI EE. UU.). Las organizaciones de base de VI US han organizado y seguirán organizando y celebrando una gran cantidad de actos conmemorativos, además de actividades patrocinadas por el Comité Conmemorativo de Emancipación de las Islas Vírgenes número 175 designado por la Oficina del Gobernador de VI. Para obtener más detalles, visite <https://vi175.com/>. La temporada de emancipación en el Caribe se extiende hasta el mes de agosto para la liberación, unificación, reparaciones, descolonización, independencia y celebraciones, programas, celebraciones y más relacionados dentro de la región. El 3 de agosto de 2023 marca el 191 aniversario del nacimiento del Honorable Estadista Reverendo Dr. Edward Wilmot Blyden, conocido respetuosamente como el padre/abuelo del panafricanismo a fines del siglo XIX y principios del XX, nacido en St. Thomas, en el antiguo oeste danés. Indias de Igbo/Nigeria padres libres. <https://www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/people-global-african-history/edward-wilmot-blyden-1832-1912/> Se encuentran disponibles extensas investigaciones intelectuales y publicaciones para expandir la base de conocimientos dentro de los programas de Estudios del Caribe internos y externos a las instituciones caribeñas de educación superior. "El objeto de toda educación es asegurar el crecimiento y la eficiencia, hacer del hombre todo lo que sus dones naturales le permitan llegar a ser; producir respeto por sí mismo, una apreciación adecuada de nuestros propios poderes y de los poderes de otras personas; engendrar una idoneidad para la propia esfera de vida y acción y una habilidad para cumplir con los deberes que impone". [Objetivos y métodos de una educación liberal para africanos, 1887] Que nuestras Islas Vírgenes, las Américas del Caribe, Afraka y el mundo continúen recordando e incorporando respetuosamente el trabajo pionero, los ideales, la erudición, las publicaciones, los servicios ministeriales y los sacrificios del Honorable Rev. Dr. Edward Wilmot Blyden. #GrandfatherOfAfricanEmancipation Comparta sus investigaciones y actualizaciones informativas de #VICaribbeanAmericas.

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Las Islas Vírgenes (EE. UU.) residen geográficamente dentro del Mar Caribe y el Océano Atlántico al sureste de Puerto Rico y las Islas Vírgenes (Reino Unido). El VI se involucra con organizaciones/organizadores comunitarios, académicos y humanitarios que enseñan, investigan, intercambian, colaboran y fortalecen alianzas con la Comunidad del Caribe (CARICOM) <https://caricom.org/>, la Comisión de la Unión Africana/AU ECOSOCC <https://au.int/en/about/ecosoc>, Foro Permanente de las Naciones Unidas para los Afrodescendientes (UN PFPAD) <https://www.ohchr.org/en/permanent-forum-people-african-descendencia>, y otras entidades sociopolíticas, económicas, culturales, educativas y tecnológicas. El mandato de CARICOM "promueve y apoya una Comunidad Caribeña unificada que sea inclusiva, resiliente, competitiva; compartir la prosperidad económica, social y cultural". Que el trabajo intelectual y organizativo de base que destaca los aspectos sostenibles, relevantes, tecnológicos, empresariales, ambientales y humanitarios de los Estudios del Caribe continúe en sinergia y sea apoyado ingeniosamente para obtener los mejores resultados para todos nosotros. #SigueInspirándote

Français

Salutations pendant la saison de la liberté, de l'indépendance, de la révolution et de l'émancipation des Caraïbes alias #CaribbeanFIRE ! La 47e conférence de la CSA organisée à Sainte-Croix, dans les îles Vierges, pour la première fois en 49 ans d'histoire de la CSA, a contribué avec succès à la recherche, aux conversations, aux publications et aux livrables exploitables sur le thème "Transformer nos Caraïbes" avec des centaines de présentateurs universitaires, des dignitaires, étudiants universitaires, entreprises sympathisantes et bien d'autres encore échangent des ressources informatives interdisciplinaires et transculturelles sur #AllThingsCaribbeanStudies. Appréciation et remerciements continus aux sponsors et supporters qui ont contribué au-delà de CSA2023 organisé à Sainte-Croix, îles Vierges en juin 2023. <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/2023-csa-conference-sponsors-supporters/> La journée CSA2023 3 session plénière (7 juin 2023) intitulée « 175th VI Emancipation : Cultural Heritage Education & Decolonizing Narratives » a réuni des universitaires, des dignitaires, des leaders d'opinion, des militants communautaires et plus inclusif : le sénateur Myron D. Jackson, sénateur (retraité) | Préservation culturelle | Historien d'art; Dre Rhoda Arrindell, chercheuse | Linguiste | Ministre de la Gouvernance (Fmr) | Un SXM ; Sénatrice Geneviève R. Whitaker, JD (Fmr) | VIYAC | Boursier de l'ONU | Militant des droits de l'homme; Dr Carlyle G. Corbin, conseiller international en gouvernance | Fondateur/Analyste principal Global Dependency Studies Project (DSP) ; et Cardinal Mills, JD -

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Post-CSA2023, le 3 juillet 2023 a marqué le 175e anniversaire de l'émancipation à la demande des personnes asservies d'ascendance afrakan dans les anciennes Antilles danoises, désormais connues légalement sous le nom d'îles Vierges des États-Unis (VI US). Une foule d'observances commémoratives ont été et continueront d'être organisées et célébrées par des organisations de base américaines VI en plus des activités parrainées par le Bureau du VI gouverneur nommé 175e Comité commémoratif de l'émancipation des îles Vierges. Pour plus de détails, visitez <https://vi175.com/>. La saison de l'émancipation dans les Caraïbes s'étend jusqu'au mois d'août pour la libération, l'unification, les réparations, la décolonisation, l'indépendance et les célébrations, programmes, célébrations et plus encore dans la région. Le 3 août 2023 marque le 191e anniversaire de la naissance de l'Honorable Homme d'État, le révérend Dr. Edward Wilmot Blyden, respectueusement connu comme le père/grand-père du panafricanisme à la fin du 19e et au début du 20e siècle, né à Saint-Thomas de l'ancien Ouest danois. Indes des parents libres Igbo/Nigeria. <https://www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/people-global-african-history/edward-wilmot-blyden-1832-1912/> Des recherches et des publications intellectuelles approfondies sont disponibles pour élargir la base de connaissances des programmes d'études caribéennes internes et externes aux établissements d'enseignement supérieur des Caraïbes. "L'objet de toute éducation est d'assurer la croissance et l'efficacité, de faire d'un homme tout ce que ses dons naturels lui permettront de devenir ; de produire le respect de soi, une juste appréciation de nos propres pouvoirs et des pouvoirs des autres ; de engendrer une aptitude à sa sphère de vie et d'action et une capacité à s'acquitter des devoirs qu'elle impose." [Objectifs et méthodes d'une éducation libérale pour les Africains, 1887] Puissent nos îles Vierges, les Amériques des Caraïbes, l'Afraka et le monde continuer à se souvenir respectueusement et à intégrer le travail de pionnier, les idéaux, l'érudition, les publications, les services ministériels et les sacrifices de l'Honorable Rev. Dr Edward Wilmot Blyden. #GrandfatherOfAfricanEmancipation Partagez vos recherches et mises à jour informatives #VICaribbeanAmericas.

Les îles Vierges (États-Unis) résident géographiquement dans la mer des Caraïbes et l'océan Atlantique au sud-est de Porto Rico et des îles Vierges (Royaume-Uni). Le VI s'engage avec des organisations / organisateurs communautaires, universitaires et humanitaires enseignant, recherchant, échangeant, collaborant et

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renforçant les alliances avec la Communauté des Caraïbes (CARICOM) <https://caricom.org/>, la Commission de l'Union africaine/AU ECOSOCC <https://au.int/> <https://au.int/en/about/ecosocc>, Forum permanent des Nations Unies pour les personnes d'ascendance africaine (UN PFPAD) <https://www.ohchr.org/en/permanent-forum-people-african-ascendance>, et d'autres entités socio-politiques, économiques, culturelles, éducatives et technologiques. Cela fournit des alliances de soutien et de coopération avec la résilience, la résistance, l'émancipation, la libération, la liberté, l'autodétermination, les réparations, et plus encore pour/avec/par les personnes d'ascendance afrakane (ascendance) au-delà des récits d'esclavage colonial pour l'amélioration de notre humanité partagée. Le mandat de la CARICOM « promeut et soutient une communauté caribéenne unifiée qui est inclusive, résiliente et compétitive ; partage de la prospérité économique, sociale et culturelle. Puisse le travail organisationnel intellectuel et local mettant en évidence les aspects durables, pertinents, technologiques, entrepreneuriaux, environnementaux et humanitaires des études caribéennes continuer à être en synergie et soutenu de manière ingénieuse pour les meilleurs résultats pour nous tous.

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GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE



Maya I. Freeman

AUGUST 2023 – BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIPS

1. KNOWLEDGE IS POWER – Academia is a challenge for everyone, we must all do the work today in order to succeed tomorrow. The more you know the more you will succeed. Make it a point to know; counselors, instructors, academic policies, schedule, calendar dates for exams, vacations, and anything else of importance throughout the semester and academic year. Knowing what and who to speak to is critical for your academic goals and success.
2. ACADEMIC SCHEDULE – Create a routine for your academic semester, beginning with your class schedule and free time. Scheduling your time is an important step in accomplishing your academic goals.
3. ACADEMIC ADVISOR – Create a weekly/bi-weekly check-in email with your advisor, academic advisors are crucial to success in academia. If your advisor can understand your academic journey, they can assist you with speaking to – instructors, fellow scholars, and others about various academic opportunities and programs.

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- <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/caribbean-digital-scholarship-collective-micro-grant-program-2023-24/>
- <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/coming-in-with-the-rain-celebrating-circum-caribbean-dance-scholarship/>

CSA MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



Okama Ekpe-Brook

Okama is a conscious heartist, an International development expert, policy adviser, scholar, activist, entrepreneur, model, dancer, philanthropist, and author. She is the founder and president of the Africa Caribbean Heritage Alliance, ACHA, an international NGO based in Africa (Nigeria), Caribbean (Sint Maarten) and North America (Canada). She is a wife, mother of three beautiful children and speaker. She is a Nigerian/Canadian and available for consulting opportunities.

She is a scholar with an MA in Development Studies and Public Policy, and currently a Research Assistant at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She is also a member of the Caribbean Studies Association, and an Online Education Consultant for the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean & AsombrosoX.

Okama began her international development career in the 1996 working at the Alberta Research Station, Lacombe, Canada as a research assistant before landing development jobs in Thailand as gender adviser, in Lao PDR as CUSO Co-Operant Coordinator, in Sri Lanka as UNV Program Officer, in Curacao as UNDP Liaison Officer and Government Senior Economic Adviser and in Sint Maarten as Government Senior Policy Adviser on National Development planning and Charlotte Brookson Academy of the Performing Arts as Innovation & Communication Coordinator. In Nigeria, she was the Country Director for the ACHA/VOICE Innovation and Reconnection; and Now US Awards projects, both Oxfam in Nigeria and Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs supported initiatives. She volunteers as the Vice President/Global Liaison, VOME Magazine, a USA based magazine helping to transform Africa's economy through connections and public private partnerships between Africa, the Americas and the Caribbean through features, tourism and SDG initiatives.

She has traveled and has lived experiences in over 50 countries, having worked with the United Nations, International NGOs and governments in Asia, the Caribbean, North America and Africa. She authored several development publications including the CSA Annual Report 2016, Curacao and Sint Maarten MDG Report in 2011,

and Measuring Volunteerism in Lao PDR in 2001, etc. She has certifications as a leadership, governance and life coach, project management trainer & mentor, dance fitness coach, change management and humanitarian coach.

Okama is a sports enthusiast who played college soccer at Red Deer college, touch rugby, volleyball and swimming in Canada. She coached boys and girls soccer teams and was the technical coordinator of a youth soccer club in the Caribbean and currently manages the FOG U.15 Boys Volleyball Club in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Okama believes in equitable development and the enhancement of the full human potential and continues to give back professionally, academically and passionately and using as a baseline the deep-rooted questions surrounding the preservation and protection of the African cultural heritage and by defacto, the historical linkages and reconnections of people of African Descent, she is passionate about ACHA's role in strengthening economic development and image of Africa and Peoples of African Descent.

She is an Entrepreneur, and an Independent Contractor of Max International, the Glutathione company Ltd USA; Combined Insurance, a Chubb company of Canada/USA and a Vision Partner of Lifestyle Asset Hub, Nigerian/Pan African real estate and wealth creation company.

Okama is a Rotarian and was the past president of Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunrise, and past co-chair of the Caribbean Studies Association. She is a dancer, performer and transmits love and understanding through her passion for creativity. As a world changer, she believes in the power of harnessing people's emotional Intelligence in the pursuit for leadership and institutional strengthening.

Her breakthrough in the modeling industry came in 2019 while in Nigeria. She partnered with HopeZ Modeling Academy to implement the Africa Fashion for Peace.

Okama is known for her modeling appearances in the agency's several events and as brand ambassador/global face for several companies. She has been featured in several magazines I.e Vome edition 2021, HopeZ Magazine 2020, Voice Global magazine, CSA publication, etc.

She had dancing roles in Sri Lanka, Curacao, Canada, Sint Maarten and Nigeria and compere roles in Abuja, Nigeria at the Abuja Fashion Night (2019), Africa Fashion for Peace (2019 & 2020), Sri Lanka

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(2016-2017) and Sri Lanka (2008-2009) and several speaking, trainings, mentoring and coaching roles.

In 1997, Okama started activism for gender integration into development work as a gender analyst at an NGO in Thailand leading to a long career in gender activism for which she has received the Gender Champs and Cultural Ambassador award and currently links into the work of PACE/WAGE project at the Arts, Women and Gender Equality Department, University of Alberta to address intimate partner violence amongst the African community in Canada working with Prof. Philomina Okeke-Ijihera as a research coordinator. She is poised to continue to contribute towards developmental change globally through reawakening deeper cultural understanding for empowering youth and women and general development of Black people around the world.

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