



The Official Newsletter of the Caribbean Studies Association - January 2024 Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year 2024, Esteemed Members!

Welcome to another year of continued and deepened dialogue on Caribbean Development Sustainability. My hope is for more work together, utilizing meaningful partnerships, contributing to more peaceful conflict resolution, strengthening planetary measures and innovating in economic prosperity. As we mark our 50th anniversary this year, it is timely to reflect on the past, current and future role of the academy. I invite you to remain fully engaged in celebrating Caribbean vibrant cultures, rich history, lived experiences, and knowledge garnered over the decades. Help us to redefine interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary projects and programs that prioritize people, planet, peace, partnerships and prosperity. Imagine how what you are doing now could contribute to the conference and future of Caribbean developments. The program committee has extended the abstract submission deadline to January 31st to facilitate more registrations.



Okama Ekpe Brook

In the lead off to our conference, we are reconvening the virtual dialogue series. The first one will be on January 29th with a Question & Answer Session on the conference. Other calendar of events that you may want to participate are listed below:

- Saint Lucia commemoration of the Nobel Laurette festivities happening throughout January. You can view and participate in the activities highlighted in the Local Organizing Committee column.
- Black History Month programs in Canada and the USA in February
- International Women's Day activities in March
- Permanent Forum for People of African Descent 3rd Session in Geneva, April 16-19, 2024. The High level Session will decide the fate of the Decade for People of African Descent which ends this year.

CSA joins the several Civil Society Organizations, The Caribbean Repercussions Commission, The African Union, and African Union 6th Region Global Diaspora networks and calls on the United Nations General Assembly for a full commitment on the renewal of the Decade and allocation of financial resources and technical expertise for the development, justice and recognition for People of African Descent.

United Nations Small Island Developing States and COP 28 conference taking place in Antigua & Barbuda from May 27-30, 2024. Specific focus on island nations sustainability and implications for the Caribbean and the interlinkages between environment & culture – <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/sids2024>

CONTENTS

Message from the President	1
Message from the Editor	5
Message from the Vice President	7
CSA Conference 2024 - Call for Papers	11
Local Organising Committee	13
Membership	14
Caribbean Scholarship	15
New Book	17
Message from the Language Sub-Editors	18
Spanish	18
French	20
St. Maarten News	22
Virgin Islander Report	23
Graduate Student Representative	24
CSA Member Highlight	27
Special Announcements	28

STAY CONNECTED



CaribbeanStudiesAssociation



@CaribbeanSAssoc

Website: CaribbeanStudiesAssociation.org

CSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2023-2024

President: Okama Ekpe Brook
Africa Caribbean Heritage Alliance

Vice President: Rhoda Arrindell
Howard University

Immediate Past CSA President:
Chenzira Davis Kahina
The University of the Virgin Islands

Program Co-Chairs:
Geneve Phillip-Durham
University College of the Cayman Islands

Guido Rojer
University of Curacao

Treasurer: Dwaine Plaza
Oregon State University

Secretary: Mala Jokhan
Ministry of Health, Trinidad and Tobago

Editor, Newsletter: Meagan Sylvester
Queens College, CUNY

Graduate Student Representative:
Maya Freeman
Goddard Graduate Institute

Executive Council

- Nicholas Faraclas
- Kristina Hinds
- Rita Keresztesi
- L. Kaifa Roland
- Geneve Phillip-Durham

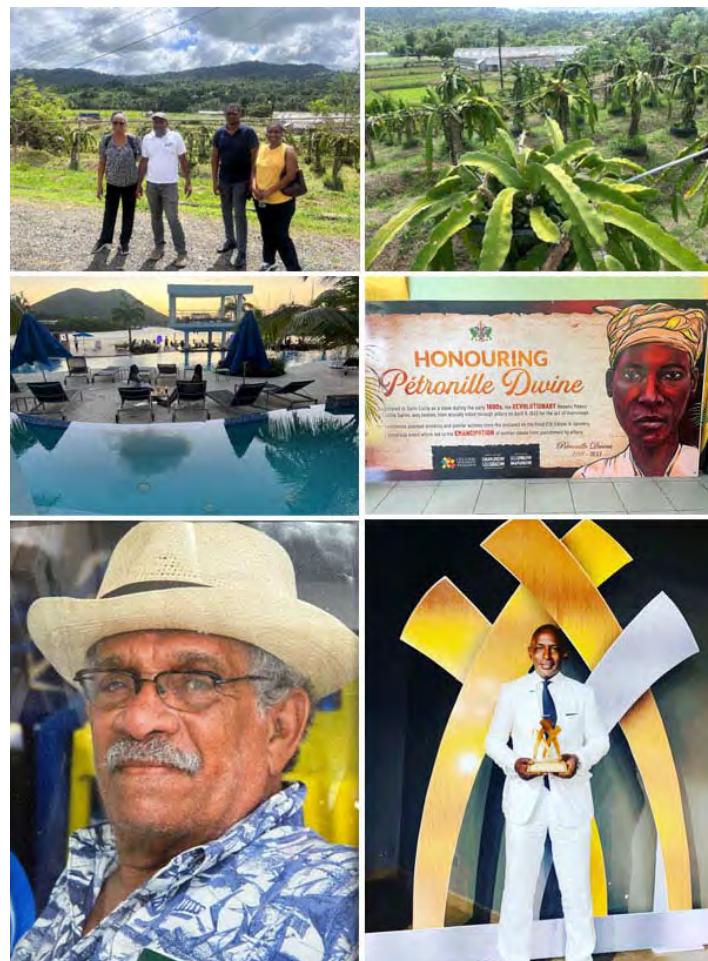
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT cont'd

With Saint Lucia as our host country, did you know that there are so many things to do and see on the island such as the Folk Research Center in Castries, a rich resource for ethnocultural research on herbs and indigenous knowledge; the Sulphur Springs in Soufriere to take a healing hot bath; the sugar beach to see the towering twin pitons and indulge in the elegance of the hotel and sandy beaches; And visit Orlando Restaurant and Bar to enjoy Caribbean culinary excellence served directly by the owner Chef Orlando, an Expert Choice award winner and author of With Salt & Pepper: The Origins of Caribbean and Amazonian Cuisine which will be celebrated during our conference. You can also visit the agriculture research farm of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College that integrates innovative technologies for food security. The crops and livestock produced there is used at the college hospitality kitchen and the program served by the students. Saint Lucia is full of marvels and the people are hospital and creative. Come relax and experience the resplendent fusion of intellect, playwright, arts, melodies, foods, customs, nature and vibrant tapestry of cultures of Saint Lucia. While at it, here is the link to explore Saint Lucia: <https://www.stlucia.org/en/>

Submit your abstracts, book your flights and book your accommodations at the Harbor Club Hotel. I look forward to welcoming you to Saint Lucia at CSA 48th Annual Conference and 50th Golden Jubilee anniversary June 3-7, 2024.

Yours in scholarship,

Okama Ekpe Brook
President CSA 2023-2024



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT cont'd

Español

¡Feliz año nuevo 2024, estimados miembros!

Bienvenidos a otro año de diálogo continuo y profundizado sobre la sostenibilidad del desarrollo del Caribe. Mi esperanza es trabajar más juntos, utilizando asociaciones significativas, contribuyendo a una resolución más pacífica de los conflictos, fortaleciendo las medidas planetarias e innovando en la prosperidad económica. Al conmemorar nuestro 50 aniversario este año, es oportuno reflexionar sobre el papel pasado, actual y futuro de la academia. Los invito a seguir plenamente comprometidos con la celebración de las vibrantes culturas caribeñas, su rica historia, sus experiencias vividas y sus conocimientos adquiridos a lo largo de décadas. de su quincuagésimo. Ayúdanos a redefinir proyectos y programas interdisciplinarios y multidisciplinarios que prioricen a las personas, el planeta, la paz, las alianzas y la prosperidad. Imagínense cómo lo que están haciendo ahora podría contribuir a la conferencia y al futuro de los desarrollos del Caribe. El comité de programa ha ampliado el plazo de envío de resúmenes hasta el 31 de enero para facilitar más inscripciones.

Antes de nuestra conferencia, volvemos a convocar la serie de diálogos virtuales. El primero será el 29 de enero con una sesión de preguntas y respuestas sobre la conferencia. A continuación se enumeran otros calendarios de eventos en los que quizás desee participar:

- Conmemoración en Santa Lucía de las festividades de la Premio Nobel que se desarrollan a lo largo de enero. Puede ver y participar en las actividades destacadas en la columna del Comité Organizador Local.
- Programas del Mes de la Historia Afroamericana en Canadá y Estados Unidos en febrero
- Actividades del Día Internacional de la Mujer en marzo
- Tercera sesión del Foro Permanente para los Afrodescendientes en Ginebra, del 16 al 19 de abril de 2024. La Sesión de Alto Nivel decidirá el destino del Decenio de los Afrodescendientes que finaliza este año.

CSA se une a las redes de varias organizaciones de la sociedad civil, la Comisión de Repercusiones del Caribe, la Unión Africana y la Diáspora Global de la Sexta Región de la Unión Africana y pide a la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas un compromiso total sobre la renovación del Decenio y la asignación de recursos financieros y técnicos. experticia para el desarrollo, la justicia y el reconocimiento de los Afrodescendientes.

La conferencia de las Naciones Unidas para los Pequeños Estados Insulares en Desarrollo y la COP 28 se llevará a cabo en Antigua y Barbuda del 27 al 30 de mayo de 2024. Enfoque específico en la sostenibilidad de las naciones insulares y sus implicaciones para el Caribe y las interrelaciones entre el medio ambiente y la cultura – <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/sids2024>

Con Santa Lucía como nuestro país anfitrión, ¿sabías que hay tantas cosas que hacer y ver en la isla, como el Centro de Investigación Folclórica en Castries, un rico recurso para la investigación etnográfica sobre hierbas y conocimientos indígenas; los Manantiales de Sulphur en Soufriere para tomar un baño caliente curativo; la playa de azúcar para ver los imponentes pitones gemelos y disfrutar de la elegancia del hotel y las playas de arena; Y visite Orlando Restaurant and Bar para disfrutar de la excelencia culinaria caribeña servida directamente por el propietario, Chef Orlando, ganador del premio Expert Choice y autor de With Salt & Pepper: The Origins of Caribbean and Amazonian Cuisine, que se celebrará durante nuestra conferencia. También puede visitar la granja de investigación agrícola del Sir Arthur Lewis Community College que integra tecnologías innovadoras para la seguridad alimentaria. Los cultivos y el ganado que se producen allí se utilizan en la cocina de hospitalidad de la universidad y en el programa atendido por los estudiantes. Santa Lucía está llena de maravillas y la gente es hospitalaria y creativa. Venga a relajarse y experimente la resplandeciente fusión de intelecto, dramaturgia, artes, melodías, comidas, costumbres, naturaleza y vibrante tapiz de culturas de Santa Lucía. Mientras tanto, aquí está el enlace para explorar Santa Lucía.

<https://www.stlucia.org/es/>

Envíe sus resúmenes, reserve sus vuelos y reserve su alojamiento en el Harbour Club Hotel. Espero darle la bienvenida a Santa Lucía en la 48.^a Conferencia Anual de CSA y el 50.^º Aniversario del Jubileo de Oro del 3 al 7 de junio de 2024.

Tuyo en beca,

Okama Ekpe Brook

Presidenta de la CSA 2023-2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT cont'd

Français

Bonne année 2024, chers membres !

Bienvenue dans une nouvelle année de dialogue continu et approfondi sur la durabilité du développement des Caraïbes. Mon espoir est de travailler davantage ensemble, en utilisant des partenariats significatifs, en contribuant à une résolution plus pacifique des conflits, en renforçant les mesures planétaires et en innovant dans la prospérité économique. Alors que nous célébrons notre 50e anniversaire cette année, il est temps de réfléchir au rôle passé, actuel et futur de l'académie. Je vous invite à rester pleinement engagés dans la célébration des cultures dynamiques des Caraïbes, de leur riche histoire, de leurs expériences vécues et de leurs connaissances acquises au fil des décennies. de son 50ème. Aidez-nous à redéfinir des projets et programmes interdisciplinaires et multidisciplinaires qui donnent la priorité aux personnes, à la planète, à la paix, aux partenariats et à la prospérité. Imaginez comment ce que vous faites maintenant pourrait contribuer à la conférence et au développement futur des Caraïbes. Le comité du programme a prolongé la date limite de soumission des résumés jusqu'au 31 janvier afin de faciliter davantage d'inscriptions.

En prévision de notre conférence, nous reprenons la série de dialogues virtuels. La première aura lieu le 29 janvier avec une session de questions/réponses sur la conférence. D'autres calendriers d'événements auxquels vous souhaiterez peut-être participer sont répertoriés ci-dessous :

- Sainte-Lucie commémore les festivités de la Laurette Nobel qui se déroulent tout au long du mois de janvier. Vous pouvez voir et participer aux activités mises en évidence dans la colonne Comité d'organisation local.
- Programmes du Mois de l'histoire des Noirs au Canada et aux États-Unis en février
- Activités de la Journée internationale de la femme en mars 3e session du Forum permanent pour les personnes d'ascendance africaine à Genève, du 16 au 19 avril 2024. La session de haut niveau décidera du sort de la Décennie des personnes d'ascendance africaine qui se termine cette année.

L'ASC rejoint plusieurs organisations de la société civile, la Commission des répercussions des Caraïbes, l'Union africaine et les réseaux de la diaspora mondiale de la 6e région de l'Union africaine et appelle l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies à s'engager pleinement sur le renouvellement de la Décennie et l'allocation de

ressources financières et techniques. expertise pour le développement, la justice et la reconnaissance des personnes d'ascendance africaine.

Conférence des Nations Unies sur les petits États insulaires en développement et COP 28 qui se dérouleront à Antigua-et-Barbuda du 27 au 30 mai 2024. Accent particulier sur la durabilité des nations insulaires et les implications pour les Caraïbes et les liens entre l'environnement et la culture – <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/sids2024>

Avec Sainte-Lucie comme pays hôte, saviez-vous qu'il y a tant de choses à faire et à voir sur l'île, comme le Centre de recherche folklorique de Castries, une riche ressource pour la recherche ethnoculturelle sur les herbes et les savoirs autochtones ; les sources de soufre à Soufrière pour prendre un bain chaud et curatif ; la plage de sucre pour admirer les imposants pitons jumeaux et profiter de l'élégance de l'hôtel et des plages de sable fin ; Et visitez le restaurant et bar Orlando pour profiter de l'excellence culinaire caribéenne servie directement par le chef propriétaire Orlando, lauréat du prix Expert Choice et auteur de With Salt & Pepper: The Origins of Caribbean and Amazonian Cuisine qui sera célébré lors de notre conférence. Vous pouvez également visiter la ferme de recherche agricole du Sir Arthur Lewis Community College qui intègre des technologies innovantes pour la sécurité alimentaire. Les cultures et le bétail qui y sont produits sont utilisés dans la cuisine d'accueil du collège et dans le programme proposé par les étudiants. Sainte Lucie regorge de merveilles et les gens sont hospitaliers et créatifs. Venez vous détendre et découvrir la fusion resplendissante de l'intellect, du dramaturge, des arts, des mélodies, de la nourriture, des coutumes, de la nature et de la tapisserie vibrante des cultures de Sainte-Lucie. Pendant que vous y êtes, voici le lien pour explorer Sainte-Lucie <https://www.stlucia.org/fr/>

Soumettez vos résumés, réservez vos vols et réservez votre hébergement au Harbour Club Hotel. J'ai hâte de vous accueillir à Sainte-Lucie à l'occasion de la 48e conférence annuelle de l'ASC et du 50e anniversaire de son jubilé d'or, du 3 au 7 juin 2024.

Bien à vous en bourse,

Okama Ekpe Brook
Président de l'ASC 2023-2024

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Meagan Sylvester

FAQ CSA Conference 2024, St. Lucia

Getting to St. Lucia

BY AIR

Hewanorra International Airport (UVF) in Vieux Fort is located 40 miles south of Castries, the capital city. The majority of international flights arrive at the UVF Airport, while most inter-island flights arrive at George F.L. Charles Airport just outside Castries.

From North America, direct service to Saint Lucia is available on American Airlines from Miami; Charlotte and Philadelphia; on JetBlue from New York and Boston; on Delta from Atlanta; and on United Airlines from New Jersey and Chicago.

Air Canada and WestJet also fly direct from Toronto year-round, while direct service from Montreal is available at peak times of the year on Air Canada and some chartered services.

Inter-island travel is well-serviced by several airlines including LIAT, Air Caraibes, Air Antilles and Caribbean Airlines. Check with your travel agent or direct with the airlines for specific dates and availability.

- US: American Airlines, Delta Airlines, JetBlue and United Airlines
- Canada: Air Canada, Sunwing Airlines and WestJet
- UK: British Airways, Virgin Atlantic and TUI
- Germany: British Airways and Virgin Atlantic (Connections via London Gatwick year-round or London Heathrow during the winter)
- France: Air France, Corsair and Air Caraibes
- Caribbean: Air Caraibes, Air Antilles, Caribbean Airlines, interCaribbean Airways and LIAT

BY SEA

Those who prefer to do much of their traveling on the water will find that Saint Lucia is well-serviced by ferries, making it easy to include Saint Lucia in any island-hopping tour. Visit www.express-des-iles.com which operates a ferry service between Saint Lucia and Martinique.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Foreign nationals visiting or entering Saint Lucia are required to have a valid passport from their country. A visitor to Saint Lucia shall be permitted entry as long as his/her passport is valid for the duration of the stay in Saint Lucia and he/she has proof of a confirmed onward journey. Visas are not required where the visitor is a US, UK or Canadian citizen, or where there is an agreement for exemption between home country and Saint Lucia. Some countries do require visas (see <http://www.govt.lc/media.govt.lc/www/resources/publications/saint-lucia-visa-requirements-updated.docx> for list). All travellers arriving by air are strongly encouraged to complete the new [Online Immigration Form](#) prior to arrival to avoid delays on arrival. The form should be submitted no more than 3 days before travel.

Getting to and from the Airport and Around the Island

TAXIS

Some of the major taxi services on the island include Saint Lucia Taxi Service, Saint Lucia Airport Transfers, Saint Lucia Executive, Saint Lucia Airport Shuttle, Real Saint Lucia Tours, and many more. Taxis are easily available at the airport; taxi stands or by telephone. All authorized taxis have a light blue number plate with a TX prefix. Fares vary by destination, the number of people, amount of luggage and the company. Before you hire a taxi, confirm the fare.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

CAR RENTAL

Cars, four-wheel drive vehicles and scooters can be booked in advance through your travel agent or at the airports, hotels or car rental offices. A temporary driving license is required for visitors and may be obtained with a valid driving license upon arrival at the airport, at the police station in Castries or at the car rental offices. Remember to drive on the left side of the road!

Accommodation options

The Official CSA2024 Conference Hotel is the Harbour Club Hotel. For reservations please use the group code <https://bit.ly/JuneCSA>

Accommodation options (pending group rates)

- Bay Garden Beach Resort [Bay Gardens Beach Resort & Spa - Bay Gardens Resorts](#)
- Mystique Hotel [Mystique by Royalton \(mystiqueresorts.com\)](#)
- Soco House [The Soco Hotels | Hotels in Barbados](#)
- Harmony Marina Suites [www.harmonysuites.com](#)
- Coco Palm Resorts [Coco Palm Resort – Coco Palm Resort | Three Star Resorts in St. Lucia | Book Now! \(coco-resorts.com\)](#)
- Airbnb options St. Lucia [Saint Lucia Vacation Rentals | Villa and House Rentals | Airbnb](#)

For more details on your St. Lucia Travel, please check out the Official Tourism Website- [Saint Lucia Caribbean Island | Official Tourism Website | Let Her Inspire You \(stlucia.org\)](#)

CSA Communications - You can find us at:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CaribbeanStudiesAssociation/](#)

Website: [www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](#)

Archived copies of our Newsletters at: [www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/e-newsletter-archive/](#)

Share your feedback at: newseditor@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



Rhoda Arrindell

CSA at Howard University

As a new faculty member at Howard University, I wanted to start the fall 2023 semester getting to know my colleagues, students, and the lay of the land as a way of settling in before things got too hectic. So,

one Saturday, I decided to take a stroll to campus to see who or what I would run into.

As I sat on a bench engrossed in my customary people-watching, a small group of students walked nearby, and I saw a few Caribbean flags. I ran up to them, introduced myself, and asked where they were from. They were students from Jamaica, Barbados, St. Kitts, and The Bahamas, and they had just come out of a meeting to prepare for the first meeting of the Howard University Caribbean Students Association (HUCSA, aka CSA) the following week, and I was invited.

When I got to the venue, I was stunned by the number of students already present at what turned out to be a standing-room-only meeting. I looked on as board members entertained the membership with anecdotes and ice-breakers, while imparting information on services, events, and activities catering to students. After a brief introduction of myself and my interest in working the Caribbean students at Howard, I left the youngsters and pledged to get to know and share more about their organization.

According to their website, CSA is one the largest organizations on campus, providing "a haven for those Caribbean born members venturing into a foreign environment while introducing them to the unique nuances of the American way of life." The president of CSA is Jamaican Alrick Davis, a senior with a major in chemical engineering and a dual minor in political science and mathematics, who had arrived at Howard on a merit-based scholarship.

I subsequently sat with a few of the CSA members under the Caribbean Tree (a real place with a plaque and all), where they shared some of their experiences at "The Mecca." In addition to Alrick, those who shared their experience included Nikolas Buckle from Jamaica (junior, computer science); Kaliq Bennett from Jamaica

(senior, mechanical engineering); Nile Bernal from Jamaica (junior, TV and film); Jelani Pierre from Trinidad & Tobago (senior, economics); Kristen Auld from Jamaica (senior, finance); Christian Swaby from Jamaica (sophomore, psychology); Imani DeBoulet, from Trinidad & Tobago (freshman, health management); Mahaylia Griffith from Trinidad & Tobago (sophomore, musical theater); Gabriel Moore from Trinidad & Tobago (sophomore, computer science); and Joshua Wood from Barbados (sophomore, economics). All students at Howard are required to declare a minor in addition to their major.

While most of the students had arrived directly from the Caribbean, others had spent some time in high school in the USA prior to coming to Howard. For example, Nile attended a boarding school in Florida for three years. All had interesting stories about scholarship applications and the visa process back in their home countries. Others shared experiences of culture shock, like having people walk right past them and not make eye contact, even in elevators.

For Alrick, "as an engineer not taught much by people who identify as Black, I find that there's an empathy gap at times. The theory is often good, but the application is not there" in many instances. In Nile's words, "maybe because of America's geopolitics, there is little need to understand others and vice versa."

When it comes to administrative matters, "don't apply logic to Howard" is a popular saying, said another student, and others agreed. Some felt that Howard University seemed to show more interest in profit than in students' welfare. They claimed that instructors were "awesome," but the students questioned things like an impractical curriculum and sequencing of courses, obliging them to take courses not related to their majors and with little practical opportunities. They also opined that some professors considered their tenureship and research more important than the students. "We are taught by some of the best professors, but sometimes the resources and equipment are lacking," said Nile. Jelanie added, "just reading from slides does not make you a good professor. A lot of professors are very smart but can't pass on information." Some people have simply "accepted how things are," chimed in another student.

For Nile, one of the good things at HU is the exposure and interaction with others, especially people from Africa and the southern states, as there are many similarities. "School is what you make it," he concludes. All of the students in this conversation said they

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT cont'd

hoped to return and make a difference back home, even as some spoke of the need to first become financially stable in the USA.

Rhoda Arrindell

Vice President, CSA 2023-2024

Español

CSA en Howard Universidad

Como nuevo miembro del cuerpo docente de la Universidad de Howard, quería comenzar el semestre de otoño de 2023 conociendo a mis colegas, estudiantes y el terreno como una forma de instalarme antes de que las cosas se pusieran demasiado agitadas. Entonces, un sábado decidí dar un paseo por el campus para ver con quién o qué me encontraría.

Mientras estaba sentado en un banco absorto en mi habitual observación de la gente, un pequeño grupo de estudiantes caminaba cerca y vi algunas banderas caribeñas. Corré hacia ellos, me presenté y les pregunté de dónde eran. Eran estudiantes de Jamaica, Barbados, St. Kitts y Las Bahamas, y acababan de salir de una reunión para prepararse para la primera reunión de la Asociación de Estudiantes del Caribe de la Universidad Howard (HUCSA, también conocida como CSA) la semana siguiente, y yo fue invitado. Cuando llegué al lugar, me sorprendió la cantidad de estudiantes que ya estaban presentes en lo que resultó ser una reunión en la que solo se podía estar de pie. Observé cómo los miembros de la junta entretenían a los miembros con anécdotas y actividades para romper el hielo, mientras impartían información sobre servicios, eventos y actividades dirigidas a los estudiantes. Después de una breve presentación de mí y de mi interés en trabajar con los estudiantes caribeños en Howard, dejé a los jóvenes y me comprometí a conocer y compartir más sobre su organización.

Según su sitio web, CSA es una de las organizaciones más grandes del campus y brinda "un refugio para aquellos miembros nacidos en el Caribe que se aventuran en un entorno extranjero mientras les presenta los matices únicos del estilo de vida estadounidense". El presidente de CSA es el jamaicano Alrick Davis, estudiante de último año con especialización en ingeniería química y doble especialización en ciencias políticas y matemáticas, que había llegado a Howard con una beca basada en el mérito.

Posteriormente me senté con algunos de los miembros de CSA bajo el Árbol del Caribe (un lugar real con una placa y todo), donde compartieron algunas de sus experiencias en "La Meca". Además de Alrick, quienes compartieron su experiencia incluyeron a Nikolas

Buckle de Jamaica (junior, ciencias de la computación); Kaliq Bennett de Jamaica (senior, ingeniería mecánica); Nile Bernal de Jamaica (junior, TV y cine); Jelani Pierre de Trinidad y Tobago (senior, economía); Kristen Auld de Jamaica (senior, finanzas); Christian Swaby de Jamaica (estudiante de segundo año, psicología); Imani DeBoulet, de Trinidad y Tobago (estudiante de primer año, gestión de salud); Mahaylia Griffith de Trinidad y Tobago (estudiante de segundo año, teatro musical); Gabriel Moore de Trinidad y Tobago (estudiante de segundo año, ciencias de la computación); y Joshua Wood de Barbados (estudiante de segundo año, economía). Todos los estudiantes de Howard deben declarar una especialidad menor además de su especialidad.

Si bien la mayoría de los estudiantes habían llegado directamente desde el Caribe, otros habían pasado algún tiempo en la escuela secundaria en los EE. UU. antes de venir a Howard. Por ejemplo, Nile asistió a un internado en Florida durante tres años. Todos tenían historias interesantes sobre las solicitudes de becas y el proceso de visa en sus países de origen. Otros compartieron experiencias de choque cultural, como que la gente pasara junto a ellos y no estableciera contacto visual, ni siquiera en los ascensores. Para Alrick, "como ingeniero al que no le enseñan mucho las personas que se identifican como negras, encuentro que a veces hay una brecha de empatía. La teoría suele ser buena, pero la aplicación no existe" en muchos casos. En palabras de Nile, "tal vez debido a la geopolítica de Estados Unidos, hay poca necesidad de entender a los demás y viceversa".

Cuando se trata de asuntos administrativos, "no le apliques la lógica a Howard" es un dicho popular, dijo otro estudiante, y otros estuvieron de acuerdo. Algunos sintieron que la Universidad de Howard parecía mostrar más interés en las ganancias que en el bienestar de los estudiantes. Afirman que los instructores eran "increíbles", pero los estudiantes cuestionaron cosas como un plan de estudios poco práctico y una secuencia de cursos que los obligaba a tomar cursos no relacionados con sus especialidades y con pocas oportunidades prácticas. También opinaron que algunos profesores consideraban su titularidad e investigación más importantes que los estudiantes. "Nos enseñan algunos de los mejores profesores, pero a veces faltan los recursos y el equipo", afirmó Nile. Jelanie añadió: "El simple hecho de leer diapositivas no te convierte en un buen profesor. Muchos profesores son muy inteligentes pero no pueden transmitir información". Algunas personas simplemente han "aceptado cómo son las cosas", intervino otro estudiante.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT cont'd

Para Nile, una de las cosas buenas de HU es la exposición y la interacción con otros, especialmente con personas de África y los estados del sur, ya que existen muchas similitudes. "La escuela es lo que haces de ella", concluye. Todos los estudiantes en esta conversación dijeron que esperaban regresar y marcar una diferencia en casa, incluso cuando algunos hablaron de la necesidad de volverse financieramente estables primero en los EE. UU.

Rhoda Arrindell
Vicepresidenta, CSA 2023-2024

Français **CSA chez Howard Université**

En tant que nouveau membre du corps professoral de l'Université Howard, je voulais commencer le semestre d'automne 2023 en apprenant à connaître mes collègues, mes étudiants et le terrain afin de m'installer avant que les choses ne deviennent trop mouvementées. Alors, un samedi, j'ai décidé de me promener sur le campus pour voir qui ou quoi j'allais rencontrer.

Alors que j'étais assis sur un banc, absorbé par mon observation habituelle des gens, un petit groupe d'étudiants marchait à proximité et j'ai vu quelques drapeaux des Caraïbes. J'ai couru vers eux, je me suis présenté et je leur ai demandé d'où ils venaient. C'étaient des étudiants de la Jamaïque, de la Barbade, de Saint-Kitts et des Bahamas, et ils venaient tout juste de sortir d'une réunion pour préparer la première réunion de l'Association des étudiants caribéens de l'Université Howard (HUCSA, alias CSA) la semaine suivante, et je était invité.

Quand je suis arrivé sur place, j'ai été stupéfait par le nombre d'étudiants déjà présents à ce qui s'est avéré être une réunion debout. J'ai regardé les membres du conseil divertir les membres avec des anecdotes et des activités pour briser la glace, tout en transmettant des informations sur les services, les événements et les activités destinés aux étudiants. Après une brève présentation de moi-même et de mon intérêt à travailler avec les étudiants caribéens à Howard, j'ai quitté les jeunes et je me suis engagé à mieux connaître et à partager davantage sur leur organisation. Selon son site Internet, la CSA est l'une des plus grandes organisations du campus, offrant « un refuge aux membres nés dans les Caraïbes qui s'aventurent dans un environnement étranger tout en leur faisant découvrir les nuances uniques du mode de vie américain ». Le président du CSA est le Jamaïcain Alrick Davis, un senior avec une majeure en génie chimique et une double mineure en

sciences politiques et en mathématiques, arrivé à Howard grâce à une bourse d'études fondée sur le mérite.

Je me suis ensuite assis avec quelques membres du CSA sous l'arbre des Caraïbes (un véritable endroit avec une plaque et tout), où ils ont partagé certaines de leurs expériences à « La Mecque ». Outre Alrick, parmi ceux qui ont partagé leur expérience figuraient Nikolas Buckle de Jamaïque (junior, informatique) ; Kaliq Bennett de Jamaïque (senior, génie mécanique) ; Nile Bernal de Jamaïque (junior, télévision et cinéma) ; Jelani Pierre de Trinité-et-Tobago (senior, économie) ; Kristen Auld de la Jamaïque (senior, finances) ; Christian Swaby de Jamaïque (étudiant en deuxième année, psychologie) ; Imani DeBoulet, de Trinité-et-Tobago (étudiante de première année en gestion de la santé) ; Mahaylia Griffith de Trinité-et-Tobago (étudiante en deuxième année, théâtre musical) ; Gabriel Moore de Trinité-et-Tobago (étudiant en deuxième année, informatique) ; et Joshua Wood de la Barbade (étudiant en deuxième année en économie). Tous les étudiants de Howard sont tenus de déclarer une mineure en plus de leur majeure.

Alors que la plupart des étudiants étaient arrivés directement des Caraïbes, d'autres avaient passé du temps au lycée aux États-Unis avant de venir à Howard. Par exemple, Nile a fréquenté un internat en Floride pendant trois ans. Tous ont eu des histoires intéressantes sur les demandes de bourses et le processus de visa dans leur pays d'origine. D'autres ont partagé des expériences de choc culturel, comme le fait de voir des gens passer devant eux sans établir de contact visuel, même dans les ascenseurs.

Pour Alrick, « en tant qu'ingénieur peu formé par des personnes qui s'identifient comme noires, je trouve qu'il y a parfois un manque d'empathie. La théorie est souvent bonne, mais l'application n'est pas là » dans de nombreux cas. Selon les mots de Nile, « peut-être à cause de la géopolitique américaine, il n'est guère nécessaire de comprendre les autres et vice versa ».

Lorsqu'il s'agit de questions administratives, « n'appliquez pas la logique à Howard » est un dicton populaire, a déclaré un autre étudiant, et d'autres étaient d'accord. Certains pensaient que l'Université Howard semblait s'intéresser davantage au profit qu'au bien-être des étudiants. Ils ont affirmé que les instructeurs étaient « géniaux », mais les étudiants ont remis en question des éléments tels que le programme d'études peu pratique et l'enchaînement des cours, les obligeant à suivre des cours sans rapport avec leur spécialisation et avec peu d'opportunités pratiques. Ils ont également estimé que certains professeurs considéraient leur

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT cont'd

titularisation et leurs recherches plus importantes que les étudiants. « Nous recevons certains des meilleurs professeurs, mais parfois les ressources et l'équipement font défaut », a déclaré Nile. Jelanie a ajouté : « Le simple fait de lire des diapositives ne fait pas de vous un bon professeur. Beaucoup de professeurs sont très intelligents mais ne peuvent pas transmettre d'informations. Certaines personnes ont simplement « accepté la façon dont les choses se passent », a ajouté un autre étudiant.

Pour Nile, l'une des bonnes choses à HU est l'exposition et l'interaction avec les autres, en particulier avec les gens d'Afrique et des États du Sud, car il existe de nombreuses similitudes. « L'école, c'est ce qu'on en fait », conclut-il. Tous les étudiants participant à cette conversation ont déclaré qu'ils espéraient revenir et faire une différence chez eux, même si certains ont évoqué la nécessité de devenir d'abord financièrement stable aux États-Unis.

Rhoda Arrindell
Vice-président, CSA 2023-2024

CSA CONFERENCE 2024 - CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for Abstracts

48th Annual Conference, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)

"CSA at 50: Caribbean Development Sustainability- The Convergence of Technology, People, Planet, Peace, Prosperity & Partnerships"

Saint Lucia | June 3rd to 7th, 2024

Submission Deadline: 31 December 2023 (midnight, EST)

Based on current global developments, the positioning of governments post Covid-19, stagnation of economies, implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, reemergence of conflicts (war in Ukraine, Niger, Gaza) and in furtherance of the conversation around the Decade for People of African Descent, it is timely to expand the CSA's influence in Caribbean policy dialogue. It is now seven years to the closure of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 Agenda. This presents an opportunity for CSA to consolidate, position and utilize its members' expertise for Participatory Action Research on the various development issues that confront the Caribbean region and to propose evidence-based data to regional governments for policy making, legislation, intervention planning, wealth creation, monitoring and evaluation.

Caribbean Development is shaped by the region's unique history, geography, and political economy. The Caribbean has a complex colonial legacy, marked by centuries of slavery and exploitation, which has had lasting effects on the region's social and economic structures. Therefore, scholars and practitioners alike, must take into account the region's historical and structural realities, as well as the need for inclusive and sustainable growth that promotes the well-being of all citizens, including marginalized and vulnerable communities.

Furthermore, it is envisaged that one of the overarching outcomes of the conference will be the formation of working group/s that will cooperate with CARICOM, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Organization of American States, United Nations Agencies, the African Union 6th Region Global Diaspora Caucus, and relevant hemispheric organizations, which represent the interests of small island developing states (SIDS) and sub-national island jurisdictions (SNIJs), as well as key bilateral, other multilateral organizations and the private and Civil Society sectors. This will open up avenues for multidimensional partnerships, resources mobilization, networking and exchange opportunities for CSA Scholars and local stakeholders.

Indicators such as economic growth, poverty reduction, increased access to education and healthcare, and improved environmental sustainability are often assessed to record progress of the region. Development in the Caribbean is closely linked to heterodox economics. Heterodox economics refers to alternative economic theories and approaches that challenge mainstream neoclassical economic assumptions that have dominated mainstream economic theory and policy, and instead emphasizes the importance of historical and social context, power relations, and institutional structures in shaping economic outcomes. In the Caribbean context, this means recognizing the region's colonial legacy, structural constraints, and power imbalances, and developing appropriate policies and strategies that address these issues.

Against this backdrop, CSA invites scholars and practitioners to submit abstracts for panels, papers, workshops, round tables, film screenings, poster presentations, and related creative research presentations that explore the theme; *CSA at 50: Caribbean Development Sustainability- The Convergence of Technology, People, Planet, Peace, Prosperity and Partnerships*. As a **multidisciplinary** and **multilingual** Association, we welcome proposals in any regional language, that span the coverage of disciplines *inter alia*, science, economics, humanities, environment, international relations, culture, arts, history and geography, based on the following sub-themes:

- **Technology:** The enabling environment and interconnectedness which technology has the potential to foster, can accelerate progress and development in the Caribbean. With the onset of globalization, technology has facilitated innovations, creativity, inventions and access that have aided in overcoming and maneuvering traditional barriers which have had implications for the political economy of development.
- **People:** Development in the Caribbean context must prioritize the well-being and empowerment of all citizens and residents, regardless of their socio-economic status, gender, race, ethnicity, identity and abilities. This includes access to quality education, healthcare, housing, food, and other basic needs, as well as the ability to participate in the decision-making processes that affect their lives. Inclusive development of the Caribbean people regardless of their abilities or disabilities will ensure that no one is left behind.
- **Prosperity:** Economic growth is an important component of development, but prosperity also means inclusive and sustainable growth that benefits all citizens. This includes creating opportunities for decent work and entrepreneurship, reducing poverty and inequality, and promoting economic diversification and innovation.

CSA CONFERENCE 2024 - CALL FOR PAPERS cont'd

- Planet: The Caribbean region is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation, which threaten the long-term sustainability of the region's development. Therefore, development in the Caribbean must also prioritize environmental sustainability, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting ecosystems, and promoting renewable energy.
- Peace: Development in the Caribbean context must also prioritize peace and security, including reducing violence, promoting social cohesion, and addressing the root causes of conflict. This includes addressing issues such as inequality, discrimination, and exclusion, which can contribute to social unrest and violence.
- Partnership: Finally, development in the Caribbean must also involve partnerships and collaboration, both within the region and with external partners. This includes promoting regional integration, building partnerships with civil society organizations and other stakeholders, and engaging with international organizations and donors to support development efforts in the region.
- Collective proposals include fully constituted panels (3-4 presenters and presentation titles needed for each presenter), workshops (1 or more facilitators), poster presentation (1-2 presenters), film screening (1-2 presenters), or round tables (3-4 presenters inclusive of presentation titles). Those proposals of participation that are collective must select ONE PERSON to act as coordinator and representative of the proposal (preferably the chair/moderator). This person will submit the ENTIRE collective proposal indicating the panel/workshop/round table title, the abstract and the names and information of all its members.
- Proposal titles and summaries must be submitted in at least two languages (English, Spanish, French, Dutch, Creole, Papiamento, and others). Multilingual summaries/abstracts will be published in the online version of the program.
- CSA welcomes presentations in the Author Celebration and Literary Salon. Please submit those proposals through the Submissions Portal on the CSA Website – and follow the Call for Submissions for Author Celebration and Literary Salon on the CSA website.

Further to the aforementioned sub-themes, with St. Lucia as our host country for CSA 2024 and the home country of renowned Nobel Laureates, Sir Arthur Lewis and Sir Derek Walcott, we especially welcome proposals which are able to explore their works and contributions, based on the Conference theme. Also, given our host country's historical backdrop as Helen of the West Indies, to the present-day Saint Lucia, which gained sovereignty after 14 times tussles over the island by colonialists, we invite panels and round tables that explore the role of women in peace and sustaining Saint Lucia's development.

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

CSA Members are to submit **all proposals online** via the CSA's website <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org> (no emails). **The abstract submission deadline for CSA 2024 is Sunday, 31st December 2023.** Accepted presenters will be notified by **Wednesday, 31st January 2024.**

- Proposals should be no more than 250 words and should clearly state the research question, methodology, and significance of the proposed paper or panel. Proposals should include the names, affiliations, and email addresses of all authors.
- All proposals of participation, both individual and collective, must be related to one of the major themes/topics of the Conference. You MUST select the theme/topic of your choice to start the submission process.

NOTE: Please note that the 48th CSA Conference is guided by the policies governing the payment of membership dues and conference registration fees which are non-refundable and non-transferable. Please view the registration webpage for the payment guidelines and stay tuned to updates on the CSA website: <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org>. To present at the conference, you are reminded that you must pay both membership and registration fees as the CSA website allows for renewing and new members to pay both membership and registration payments using one payment portal.

For more information about the 2024 CSA Conference visit:
<https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/annual-conference-2024>

[[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT](#)]

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE



Lesley Crane-Mitchell



Madgerie Jameson-Charles

The Caribbean Studies Association says - Let's explore St. Lucia together!



Equal parts beauty and mystique, Saint Lucia captivates anyone who sets foot on her coastline. Always evocative, she welcomes visitors with her soothing waves, warm beaches, and hospitable people. The only sovereign nation to be named for a woman, the island personifies adventure and inspiration. Her visitors invariably find themselves reluctant to leave and eager to return.

[[CLICK HERE](#)]

MEMBERSHIP



L. Kaifa Roland

THE CARIBBEAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION IS 50 ESTABLISHED 1974-2024
2024 CSA GOLDEN JUBILEE, THE 50TH YEAR – IS ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!
MEMBERSHIP OPEN NOW!



Join the CARIBBEAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION for connections in the academy and beyond!

Our members have access to expertise on abundant international educational opportunities within the African/Indigenous Diaspora found throughout the Caribbean and the broader Americas.

UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE STUDENTS – \$75/YEAR

CARIBBEAN RESIDENTS – \$110/YEAR

NON-CARIBBEAN RESIDENTS – \$195/YEAR

ELDERS (RETIRED ONLY) – \$75/YEAR

Join today for access to regular events, call for abstracts, submit to the newsletter and this year's 2024 conference in St. Lucia.

*****SAVE THE DATES & GET YOUR PASSPORTS READY*****

ANNUAL CSA CONFERENCE, JUNE 3-7TH, 2024 IN ST. LUCIA – GOLDEN JUBILEE, THE 50TH YEAR OF CSA!

Please email maya.freeman@goddard.edu or lroland@clemson.edu re Membership

MAYA I. FREEMAN and L. KAIFA ROLAND

CSA Executive Council Members

CARIBBEAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Saint Lucia Nobel Laureate Festival 2024 "Celebrating Excellence: Inspiring our Collective Imagination, Fostering National Pride"

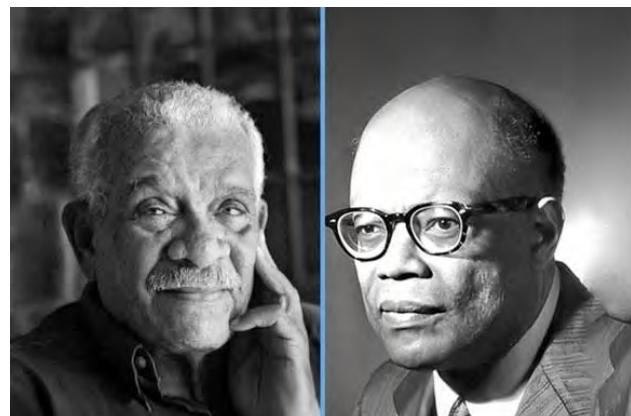
When you think of Saint Lucia, you probably imagine coral reefs, sun-soaked beaches and luxury hotels <https://www.slucia.org/en/>. But Saint Lucia is much more than just a holiday destination. Did you know that this small 238 sq. mile Caribbean nation with a population of approximately 180,000 residents can boast of having not one, but two Nobel prize winners?

Consequently, an annual event held under the esteemed leadership of H.E. Dame Pearlette Louisy, Governor General Emerita of Saint Lucia, is the Saint Lucia Nobel Laureate Festival. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the event and Saint Lucia is set to once again honor the profound contributions of Nobel Laureates Sir William Arthur Lewis and Sir Derek Alton Walcott, whose works can be found housed at the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (SALCC) Derek Walcott Library located on historic Morne Fortune.

<https://www.slucia.com/visions/sights.html>



Themed "Celebrating Excellence: Inspiring our Collective Imagination, Fostering National Pride," this series of cultural events is a celebration deeply ingrained within our national calendar.



Sir Derek Alton Walcott

Sir William Arthur Lewis

Sir William Arthur Lewis (1915-1991) who received the Nobel prize in Economics in 1979, is buried, in the grounds of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, named in his honour: <https://commonwealthwalkway.info/place/sir-arthur-lewis-burial-site>

Thirteen years later in 1992, **Sir Derek Alton Walcott**, renowned Saint Lucian poet, artist, and playwright, would also receive a Nobel Prize - for Literature. He too was laid to rest on Morne Fortune at the foot of the historic Inniskilling Monument. <https://youtu.be/Q500ly38CqA>

A solemn wreath laying ceremony paying homage to their enduring legacies takes place annually at their gravesites situated within the Morne Fortune heritage area. This is just one of a series of events which over the years has evolved from a single day of celebrations, into a month-long calendar of events put on in their honour.

[The Launch of the 2024 Nobel Laureate Festival \(Jan. 4, 2024\)](#)

Scheduled activities begin from January 7th through to February 9th, 2024 inclusive of:

- A Church Service and Breakfast
- Two Memorial Lectures
- An Exhibition by the National Archives Authority of Saint Lucia
- The Nobel Laureates Wreath-Laying Ceremony
- A "Celebrating Excellence" Video Series
- The 2023 Queen's Commonwealth Essay Writers Awards
- "An Ti Pawòl Kwéyòl"
- The St. Mary's College's "Tribute to the Laureates"
- Labowi Promotions' Activities

Also participating in the events will be the current co-chairs of the CSA's Local Organising Committee, The Sir Arthur Lewis Community College and The UWI Global Campus Saint Lucia.

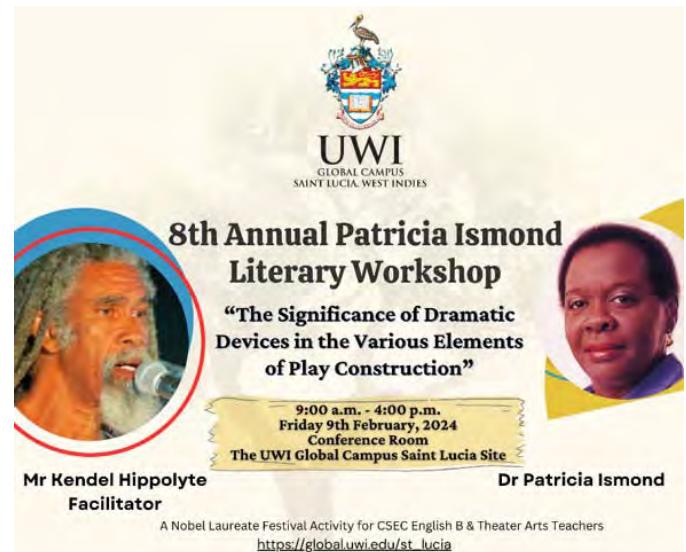
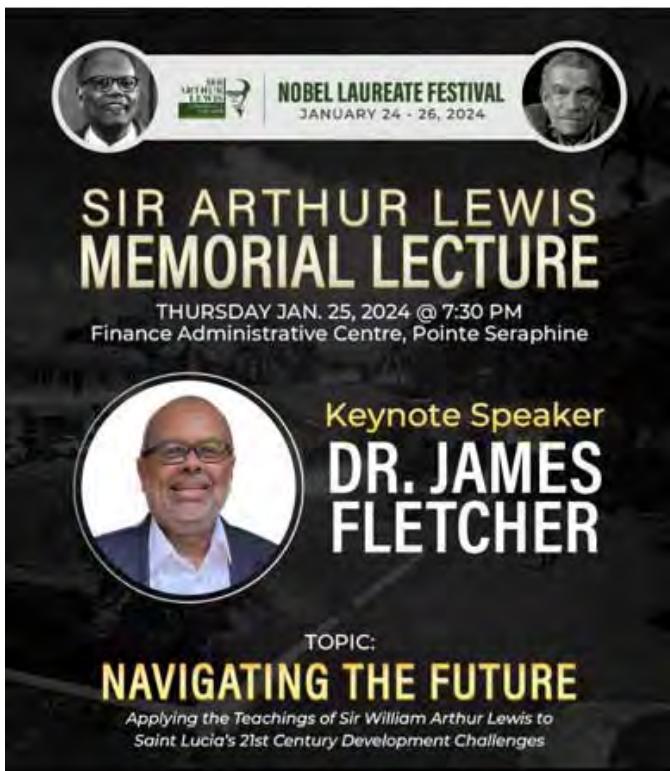
Sir Arthur Lewis Community College's Key Events for 2024: <https://salcc.edu.lc/nobel-laureate-festival/>

CARIBBEAN SCHOLARSHIP cont'd

The UWI Global Campus Saint Lucia's Event for 2024:

For more information on Saint Lucia's Nobel Laureates or the Morne Fortune Historic Area see:

- <https://www.facebook.com/NobelLaureateFestivalSaintLucia/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuOVzRNak24>
- <https://www.peepaltreepress.com/blog/guest-bloggers/legacy-derek-walcott-remembrance>
- <https://www.viator.com/St-Lucia-attractions/Morne-Fortune/d38-a22434>

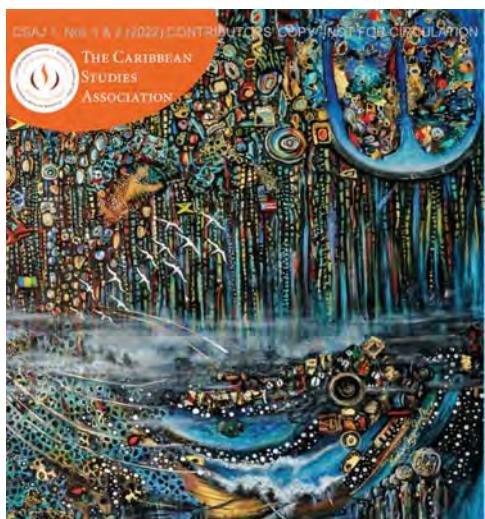


NEW BOOK

CARIBBEAN CONJUNCTURES, Volume 1, Numbers 1-2:

Caribbean Conjunctures: The Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) Journal aims to promote the field of Caribbean Studies from multilingual, multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and multicultural perspectives. It seeks to disseminate the works of scholars and practitioners that reflect the Greater Caribbean region—including Central America and the Caribbean coasts of Mexico and South America and extending to Northeast Brazil. The journal seeks to collaborate and support research and analysis which document the importance of the Caribbean's connection to the African continent and to the Caribbean people throughout the Diaspora, especially in United States, Canada, and Europe.

The journal publishes research articles, book reviews, reviews of visual art exhibitions, and scholarly commentaries—after a double-blind peer review for research articles and a single-blind process in the case of the rest. Submissions are welcome from the Humanities, the Social Sciences, and the Visual & Performing Arts in five languages—Papiamento, Dutch, French, Spanish, and English (both US and UK English). The CSA journal is leveraging the longstanding trajectory of the association as a premier annual convergence point for the global Caribbean Studies community of scholars. It is tapping into the association's significant body of knowledge producers and intends to be a permanent repository of scholarship.



SPECIAL INAUGURAL ISSUE:

COVID-19 Epidemic: The Caribbean Charting a Response Strategy

- **Publication Date:** December 2022
- [CLICK HERE to view the Table of Contents](#)
- **Purchase a Digital Copy:** [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Purchase a Hard Copy:** [CLICK HERE](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS



Gabriela Quijano

Español

Estimadas(os) colegas,

¡Reciban un cordial saludo de mi parte! Mi nombre es Gabriela Quijano, y con esta columna me uno al equipo de sub-editoras(es) del boletín mensual de CSA. Dado que este es mi primer escrito como sub-editora, quería tomar la oportunidad para compartir con ustedes un poco de quién soy y qué

hago. Como antropóloga, una parte importante de mi producción de conocimiento en este momento se corresponde con tópicos de desastre y de economías diversas gestándose en el Caribe, cuestiones que seguiré explorando en otras columnas.

Nací y me crié en Puerto Rico, pero en lo que ya parece otro momento de la historia. Recuerdo que, en los años noventa, las calles de Ponce —la ciudad del sur más importante— estaban llenas de vida, la temperatura se mantenía caliente todo el año y mi futuro se sentía un poco más predeterminado. Dejé las islas a los veinte años para irme a estudiar afuera, primero en Buenos Aires y luego en Massachusetts, y regresé a los treinta para realizar mi trabajo de campo, siguiendo experiencias de recuperación económica después del huracán María.

Es cierto que, en esta vuelta, Puerto Rico a veces se siente igual. Por ejemplo, la relación con los Estados Unidos que, a 125 años de la invasión estadounidense, sigue manifestando una condenable relación colonial. A la vez, otras experiencias me generan gran confusión e incertidumbre, tales como los pueblos medios abandonados, las costas erosionadas y mi dificultad para imaginar una vida en Puerto Rico pasados los dos años.

No obstante, pienso en mi propia dificultad para imaginar el futuro en Puerto Rico de la mano de las experiencias de recuperación gestándose en el archipiélago. En 2017, dos grandes huracanes azotaron a Puerto Rico. En ese momento, las comunidades se convirtieron en las primeras en responder al desastre. El estado de emergencia dejado por estos huracanes desató una nueva fase de organización colectiva desde la que se han gestado nuevos modelos de resiliencia. Si bien todavía estos modelos están pensando la adaptabilidad a futuros eventos atmosféricos, ya han comenzado a tomar control de las comunidades de formas significativas y ha resignificar

la experiencia de vulnerabilidad. Para mí, estos son indicadores de la capacidad ilimitada que poseen las personas que viven en Puerto Rico para imaginar y poner en práctica formas de vida alternativas y sustentables frente a un estado de crisis profunda.

Para observar críticamente estas formas de recuperación económica manifestándose actualmente en Puerto Rico, retomo la perspectiva de las economías diversas. Esta perspectiva se preocupa y ocupa por descubrir y excavar las muchas posibilidades económicas de nuestros mundos, un punto de vista analítico que considero decolonial. A lo largo de mis columnas, adoptaré esta perspectiva como un compromiso para mostrar que otros mundos existen y son posibles, y que la historia y las experiencias vividas por los pueblos del Caribe pueden iluminar el camino hacia la creación de los mundos habitables que hoy necesitamos. ¡Hasta la próxima!

English

Dear colleagues,

It is with immense joy that I extend my warmest greetings to you! My name is Gabriela Quijano, and I just recently joined the CSA Newsletter team as the new Spanish Language Sub-editor. Since this is my first column in this role, I wanted to introduce myself and share with you a bit about my scholarly work. As a Puerto Rican scholar, trained in anthropology, most of my current research speaks about the intricate relationship between disasters and diverse economies unfolding in the Caribbean, a topic that I look forward to exploring in future columns.

I was born and raised in the Puerto Rican archipelago at what it feels like another time. Growing up in the 1990s, I remember the streets of Ponce —the most important city on the southern coast of the main island— being full of people and things to do, the temperature settling around a high but manageable warmth sensation, and the future being at bit more predictable. I left Puerto Rico in my early twenties to study abroad, first in Buenos Aires and then in Massachusetts, and came back in my thirties to carry out fieldwork on topics of disaster and recovery.

Being back, I have found places, relationships, and moments where Puerto Rico looks and feels the same. For example, our fraught relationship with the United States which, even after 125 years of the US invasion, still manifests as a condemnable form of colonialism. And other experiences that estrange me, such as the ghostly towns, the eroded coasts, and my hardship to imagine life here past two years.

MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd

Yet, I think about my own struggle to imagine a sustainable future in dialogue with the experiences of recovery currently emerging in the archipelago's (post)disaster context. In 2017, two major hurricanes struck Puerto Rico. At that time, people and communities became the first responders to the disaster. The state of emergency left by these hurricanes lead to a new phase of social organizing, shaping models of resiliency that—even though may still need to refine in order to become truly adaptable to future hazards—, have empowered more people to take back their communities and to re-signify vulnerability. These experiences speak about the unlimited capacity of people in Puerto Rico to imagine, create and reshape alternative and sustainable ways of living in a long-standing and multilayered state of crisis.

Looking at these forms of disaster recovery and, specifically, economic recovery after the hurricanes, I align myself with the ontological reframing of the diverse economies' perspective. This reframing is concerned with uncovering and excavating the many economic possibilities of our worlds, an analytical point of view that I value as decolonial. Throughout my columns, I will embrace such perspective as a commitment to show that other worlds exist and are possible, and that the rich history and lived experiences of the people of the Caribbean can enlighten the path to the *making of livable worlds*. Until next time!

MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd



Julien Merion

Français

LA LOI FRANCAISE SUR L'IMMIGRATION NE CONSTITUE-T-ELLE PAS UN OBSTACLE A L'INSERTION DES TERRITOIRES FRANÇAIS DANS L'ESPACE CARAÏBE ?

La présente période est marquée par une montée en puissance des idées ultranationalistes portées par des mouvements d'extrême-droite.

En Italie, cette tendance dirige l'actuel gouvernement et on assiste à des poussées importantes dans plusieurs pays européens. C'est le cas en Allemagne, en Espagne, aux Pays-Bas....avec des mouvements populistes qui ont souvent en commun le thème de la lutte contre l'immigration.

Ces mouvements gagnent d'autres régions comme L'Amérique du Sud avec hier Jair Bolsonaro (Brésil) et surtout Javier Milei qui a remporté assez largement les élections présidentielles en Argentine.

En France, le Rassemblement National de Marine Le Pen progresse à chaque élection et ses idées impactent aujourd'hui une grande partie de la classe politique.

La Loi immigration votée le 20 décembre 2023 illustre parfaitement cette place prise par l'ultranationalisme et son discours xénophobe contre les immigrés.

- 1) Certains principes sont remis en cause comme le Droit du sol qui permettait aux enfants nés en France de parents étrangers d'acquérir automatiquement la nationalité française à l'âge de 18 ans. Dorénavant, il devra manifester la volonté de devenir français et engager une démarche pour ce faire entre 16 et 18 ans.
- 2) Le regroupement familial pour les étrangers vivant en France de manière régulière a été durci.
- 3) L'accès à certaines prestations sociales dont peut bénéficier toute personne qui travaille et vit sur le territoire français, même sans avoir jamais cotisé à la Sécurité sociale, sera conditionné pour les étrangers qui ne sont pas ressortissants de l'Union Européenne.

- 4) La loi introduit l'obligation d'une caution pour les étrangers poursuivant leurs études en France. Le montant sera fixé par décret, et leur donnera accès à un premier titre de séjour leur permettant d'étudier en France.

Cette loi a été fortement critiquée par les partis de gauche, par les organisations syndicales et par les organisations des droits de l'homme. Le monde universitaire a affiché son mécontentement. Les territoires sous administration française de la Caraïbe seront soumis à cette législation.

Guadeloupe, Guyane, Martinique, St-Barthelemy et St-Martin devront appliquer ces nouvelles règles dans un contexte bien différent.

Comment renforcer la coopération régionale quand des obstacles juridiques majeurs sont érigés en ce qui concerne la mobilité des personnes ?

Les originaires de la Dominique, d'Haïti, de Ste-Lucie et des autres voisins seront-ils pourchassés ?

Les familles devront-elles éternellement vivre séparées ne pouvant satisfaire aux exigences du regroupement ?

Alors que l'ambition affichée est d'ouvrir les Universités des Antilles et de la Guyane aux étudiants de l'Amérique du Sud et de la Caraïbe, comment y parvenir avec des obligations aussi drastiques ?

La Martinique a adhéré à l'OECS et à la CARICOM, tandis que la Guadeloupe est elle aussi à l'OECS. Comment rendre compatible des politiques d'intégration régionale avec une législation française sur l'immigration qui stigmatise les autres populations caribéennes ?

Ce sont des défis que doivent relever les collectivités de Guadeloupe, Guyane, Martinique et St-Martin mais aussi la société civile.

Les projets d'évolution statutaire qui se préparent pourront difficilement faire l'impasse sur cette question.

MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd

English

DOES NOT THE FRENCH LAW ON IMMIGRATION CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE TO THE INSERTION OF FRENCH TERRITORIES INTO THE CARIBBEAN AREA?

The current period is marked by a rise in power of ultranationalist ideas carried by far-right movements.

In Italy, this trend leads the current government and we are witnessing significant surges in several European countries. This is the case in Germany, Spain, the Netherlands....with populist movements which often have in common the theme of the fight against immigration.

These movements are spreading to other regions such as South America with Jair Bolsonaro (Brazil) yesterday and especially Javier Milei who won the presidential elections in Argentina by a large margin.

In France, Marine Le Pen's National Rally makes progress with each election and its ideas today impact a large part of the political class. The Immigration Law passed on December 20, 2023 perfectly illustrates this place taken by ultranationalism and its xenophobic discourse against immigrants.

- 1) Certain principles are being called into question, such as the Soil Law which allowed children born in France to foreign parents to automatically acquire French nationality at the age of 18. From now on, he will have to demonstrate the desire to become French and take steps to do so between the ages of 16 and 18.
- 2) Family reunification for foreigners living in France on a regular basis has been tightened.
- 3) Access to certain social benefits from which any person who works and lives on French territory can benefit, even without having ever contributed to Social Security, will be conditional on foreigners who are not nationals of the European Union.
- 4) The law introduces the obligation of a deposit for foreigners pursuing their studies in France. The amount will be set by decree, and will give them access to a first residence permit allowing them to study in France.

This law was strongly criticized by left-wing parties, by trade union organizations and by human rights organizations. The academic world has expressed its dissatisfaction.

Territories under French administration in the Caribbean will be subject to this legislation.

Guadeloupe, Guyana, Martinique, St-Barthelemy and St-Martin will have to apply these new rules in a very different context. How can we strengthen regional cooperation when major legal obstacles are erected regarding the mobility of people? Will people from Dominica, Haiti, St. Lucia and other neighbors be hunted down?

Will families have to live forever apart because they cannot meet the requirements of reunification?

While the stated ambition is to open the Universities of the Antilles and Guyana to students from South America and the Caribbean, how can this be achieved with such drastic obligations? Martinique has joined the OECS and CARICOM, while Guadeloupe is also a member of the OECS. How can regional integration policies be made compatible with French legislation on immigration which stigmatizes other Caribbean populations?

These are challenges that must be met by the communities of Guadeloupe, Guyana, Martinique and St-Martin but also by civil society.

The statutory development projects which are being prepared will find it difficult to ignore this question.

ST. MAARTEN NEWS

USM Celebrates 35 Years of Excellence!

Source: <https://www.usm.sx>

USM's 35th anniversary is not just a milestone, it's a testament to the collective effort of our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the broader community. It's a celebration of shared accomplishments, cherished memories, and the promise of an even brighter future.



As we embark on this celebratory year, we invite you to join us in commemorating this significant milestone. Stay tuned for a series of events, initiatives, and special programs designed to honor our history, recognize our achievements, and embrace the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

For over three decades, USM has remained a beacon of knowledge, innovation, and academic excellence in the heart of our community. As we proudly celebrate our 35th anniversary, we reflect on a remarkable journey dedicated to shaping minds and fostering growth.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our success story. Together, let's continue to inspire and empower the leaders of tomorrow as we embark on the next chapter of our journey.

Here's to 35 years of excellence, growth, and the transformative power of education at the University of St. Martin!



Chenzira Davis-Kahina

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Happy New Year 2024! January 2024 has commenced with a cornucopia of societal developments blended with creative expressions, global transformative experiences, revolutionary uprisings within sociopolitical affairs challenging peace, liberty, freedom, and sustainability of life for humanity. Intergenerational and intersectional Caribbean Studies research, study, development and activism within the expressive arts and sciences of the Virgin Islands Caribbean Americas continues to comprehensively expand.

From December 2023 to the opening week of January 2024, St. Croix, Virgin Islands of the United States (VIUS) celebrated and commemorated the annual provides provocative research, study, development and life-changing opportunities for students, scholars, leaders, activists, artists and scientists of Caribbean Studies. The unique leaders, students, scholars and more. discussions involving artists, scholars, and activists fostering conversations on ancestral intelligence and the quest for freedom. Caribbean Studies continues to delve into interdisciplinary and intersectional activities, emphasizing diversity, equity, inclusivity, and sacred spiritual grounding. It also outlines the areas of exploratory investigation, including the need for comprehensive documentation of plantations, the role of religious conversion, and the impact of eugenics on shaping narratives.

The proposed festival aims to delve into the history of plantations, the survival of sacred traditions, and the connection between conversion and freedom. It also addresses the impact of eugenics on African communities, emphasizing resilience over time. The festival plans to include exhibitions, performances, and discussions involving artists, scholars, and activists, fostering conversations on ancestral intelligence and the quest for freedom.

GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE



Maya I. Freeman

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024 TO ALL CSA GRADUATE STUDENTS AND SCHOL- ARS!

CSA is growing and improving as we prepare for the 50th Golden Anniversary of CSA in 2024 on the beautiful island of St. Lucia. Check out <https://www.stlucia.org> for information on the natural island of St. Lucia!

CSA Graduate Student Members are encouraged to be actively engaged in as many celebratory and commemorative programs as possible during this historic year and beyond.

The next CSA GSMP session will be conducted during the CSA 2024 St. Lucia Conference on **Day 2 on Tuesday, June 4, 2024**, facilitated by Dr. Dwaine Plaza [CSA Treasurer and Professor at the University of Oregon]. CSA GSMP established face-to-face opportunities among CSA faculty and scholars (seasoned CSA members) with graduate student members of CSA (individuals working on Masters or Doctoral Degrees) at institutions from around the world.

Mentors provided advice on how mentees should utilize the CSA conference framework with practical outcomes and the organization with best practices and tips for networking which extended to the multiple social and alliance events hosted throughout CSA2023 St. Croix.

A central intention of the CSA GSMP was to encourage continued post-conference communication among mentors and mentees with supportive discourse and active advice on how best to conduct research specifically on the Caribbean or how to navigate graduate school as a Caribbeanist.

We want CSA newcomers/graduate students to build a relationship where they can have someone in academia they can go to for asking questions, or for clarification during and after the conference. During the CSA 2023 St. Croix Conference, the CSA Graduate Student Mentoring Program (CSA GSMP) was reintroduced. Experienced, retired, and seasoned CSA scholars were paired with CSA young and new scholars to streamline their transition into the "CSA Family."

For those CSA Graduate Student Members who attended the CSA GSMP at the CSA2023 St. Croix Conference, you are invited to share a concise testimony for future issues of the CSA Newsletter that will be of benefit to all of our CSA members in 2024 and beyond.

If you are interested in learning more about the CSA GSMP, send an email with your name, current institution you are attending for masters or doctoral studies, your email, and contact number to MAYA I. FREEMAN, GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE EMAIL: maya.freeman@goddard.edu or gradstuden-trep@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org

CSA Graduate Student Members, what exciting news do you have to share about your graduate student experiences?

As your CSA Graduate Student Representative, I welcome your reflections, suggestions, and innovative ideas for keeping CSA relevant for our graduate student members now and in the future. Our multitude of intergenerational perspectives are all part of the African diaspora and its people.

I appreciate all constructive feedback and want to make CSA's 2024 Academic Conference's Graduate Student Mentorship Breakfast even more dynamic. Please contact me with any suggestions or comments, I would love to hear from you!



*Photos of 2023 St Croix Graduate Student Breakfast
Tuesday, June 6th, 2023*

GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE cont'd

Español

¡FELIZ AÑO NUEVO 2024 A TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES Y BECARIOS DE POSGRADO DE CSA!

CSA está creciendo y mejorando mientras nos preparamos para el 50.^o aniversario de oro de CSA en 2024 en la hermosa isla de Santa Lucía. ¡Consulta <https://www.stlucia.org/en/> para obtener información sobre la isla natural de Santa Lucía!

Se anima a los miembros estudiantes graduados de CSA a participar activamente en tantos programas de celebración y conmemoración como sea posible durante este año histórico y en el futuro.

La próxima sesión de CSA GSMP se llevará a cabo durante la Conferencia CSA 2024 de Santa Lucía el día 2, el martes 4 de junio de 2024, facilitada por el Dr. Dwaine Plaza [Tesorero de CSA y profesor de la Universidad de Oregon]. CSA GSMP estableció oportunidades cara a cara entre profesores y académicos de CSA (miembros experimentados de CSA) con estudiantes graduados miembros de CSA (individuos que trabajan en maestrías o doctorados) en instituciones de todo el mundo.

Los mentores brindaron consejos sobre cómo los aprendices deberían utilizar el marco de la conferencia CSA con resultados prácticos y la organización con las mejores prácticas y consejos para establecer contactos que se extendieron a los múltiples eventos sociales y de alianzas organizados en CSA2023 St. Croix.

Una intención central del CSA GSMP fue fomentar la comunicación continua posterior a la conferencia entre mentores y aprendices con un discurso de apoyo y asesoramiento activo sobre la mejor manera de realizar investigaciones específicamente sobre el Caribe o cómo navegar la escuela de posgrado como caribeño.

Queremos que los estudiantes recién llegados/graduados de CSA establezcan una relación en la que puedan tener a alguien en el mundo académico a quien puedan acudir para hacer preguntas o solicitar aclaraciones durante y después de la conferencia. Durante la Conferencia CSA 2023 de St. Croix, se reintrodujo el Programa de tutoría para estudiantes graduados de CSA (CSA GSMP). Los académicos CSA experimentados, jubilados y experimentados se emparejaron con académicos jóvenes y nuevos de CSA para agilizar su transición a la "Familia CSA".

Para aquellos miembros estudiantes graduados de CSA que asistieron al GSMP de CSA en la Conferencia CSA2023 de St. Croix, están

invitados a compartir un testimonio conciso para futuras ediciones del Boletín CSA que será de beneficio para todos nuestros miembros de CSA en 2024 y más allá.

Si está interesado en conocer más sobre el CSA GSMP, envíe un correo electrónico con su nombre, institución actual a la que asiste para realizar estudios de maestría o doctorado, su correo electrónico y número de contacto a MAYA I. FREEMAN, REPRESENTANTE DE ESTUDIANTES GRADUADOS CORREO ELECTRÓNICO: maya.freeman@goddard.edu o gradstudentrep@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org Miembros estudiantes de posgrado de CSA, ¿qué noticias interesantes tienen para compartir sobre sus experiencias como estudiantes de posgrado?

Como su representante de estudiantes graduados de CSA, agradezco sus reflexiones, sugerencias e ideas innovadoras para mantener a CSA relevante para nuestros estudiantes graduados ahora y en el futuro. Nuestra multitud de perspectivas intergeneracionales son parte de la diáspora africana y su gente.

Agradezco todos los comentarios constructivos y quiero que el Desayuno de tutoría para estudiantes graduados de la Conferencia Académica 2024 de CSA sea aún más dinámico. Por favor contácteme con cualquier sugerencia o comentario, ¡me encantaría saber de usted!

Français

BONNE ANNÉE 2024 À TOUS LES ÉTUDIANTS DIPLÔMÉS ET BOURSIERS DE L'ASC !

L'ASC grandit et s'améliore alors que nous nous préparons pour son 50e anniversaire d'or en 2024 sur la magnifique île de Sainte-Lucie. Consultez <https://www.stlucia.org/en/> pour plus d'informations sur l'île naturelle de Sainte-Lucie !

Les membres étudiants diplômés de l'ASC sont encouragés à participer activement à autant de programmes de célébration et de commémoration que possible au cours de cette année historique et au-delà.

La prochaine session CSA GSMP se déroulera lors de la conférence CSA 2024 à Sainte-Lucie, le deuxième jour, le mardi 4 juin 2024, animée par le Dr Dwaine Plaza [trésorier de la CSA et professeur à l'Université de l'Oregon]. Le CSA GSMP a créé des opportunités de rencontres en face-à-face entre les professeurs et les universitaires de l'ASC (membres chevronnés de l'ASC) et les étudiants diplômés

GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE cont'd

membres de l'ASC (personnes travaillant à la maîtrise ou au doctorat) dans des institutions du monde entier.

Les mentors ont fourni des conseils sur la manière dont les mentorés devraient utiliser le cadre de la conférence CSA avec des résultats pratiques et l'organisation avec les meilleures pratiques et conseils de réseautage qui se sont étendus aux multiples événements sociaux et d'alliance organisés tout au long de CSA2023 Sainte-Croix.

L'une des principales intentions du CSA GSMP était d'encourager une communication continue après la conférence entre les mentors et les mentorés avec un discours de soutien et des conseils actifs sur la meilleure façon de mener des recherches spécifiquement sur les Caraïbes ou sur la façon de naviguer dans les études supérieures en tant que caribéen.

Nous voulons que les nouveaux arrivants et les étudiants diplômés de l'ASC établissent une relation dans laquelle ils peuvent avoir quelqu'un du milieu universitaire à qui s'adresser pour poser des questions ou obtenir des éclaircissements pendant et après la conférence. Lors de la conférence CSA 2023 de Sainte-Croix, le programme de mentorat pour étudiants diplômés de la CSA (CSA GSMP) a été réintroduit. Des universitaires expérimentés, retraités et chevronnés de l'ASC ont été jumelés à des jeunes et nouveaux universitaires de l'ASC afin de rationaliser leur transition vers la « famille CSA ».

Les membres étudiants diplômés de l'ASC qui ont assisté au GSMP de l'ASC lors de la conférence CSA2023 de Sainte-Croix sont invités à partager un témoignage concis pour les prochains numéros du bulletin d'information de l'ASC qui profitera à tous nos membres de l'ASC en 2024 et au-delà.

Si vous souhaitez en savoir plus sur le GSMP CSA, envoyez un courriel avec votre nom, l'établissement actuel que vous fréquentez pour des études de maîtrise ou de doctorat, votre courriel et votre numéro de téléphone à MAYA I. FREEMAN, COURRIEL DU REPRÉSENTANT DES ÉTUDIANTS DIPLÔMÉS : [maya.freeman @goddard.edu](mailto:maya.freeman@goddard.edu) ou gradstudentrep@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org

Membres étudiants diplômés de l'ASC, quelles nouvelles passionnantes avez-vous à partager concernant vos expériences d'étudiant diplômé ?

En tant que représentant des étudiants diplômés de l'ASC, j'apprécie vos réflexions, vos suggestions et vos idées innovantes visant à

maintenir la pertinence de l'ASC pour nos membres étudiants diplômés, aujourd'hui et à l'avenir. Notre multitude de perspectives intergénérationnelles font toutes partie de la diaspora africaine et de ses habitants.

J'apprécie tous les commentaires constructifs et je souhaite rendre le petit-déjeuner de mentorat des étudiants diplômés du Congrès universitaire 2024 de l'ASC encore plus dynamique. N'hésitez pas à me contacter pour toute suggestion ou commentaire, j'aimerais avoir de vos nouvelles !

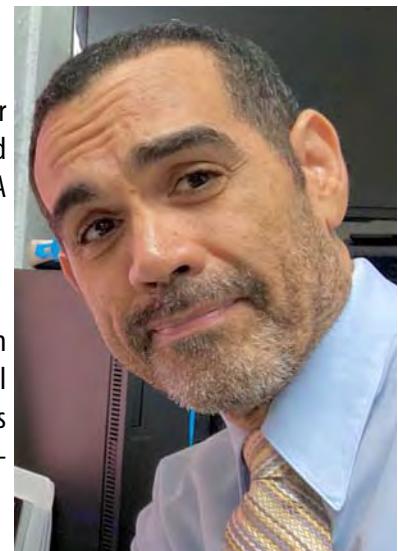
CSA MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Raymond Laureano-Ortiz

The CSA wishes to say heartfelt thanks to Raymond Laureano for his years of sterling service as a member of the CSA family in the capacity as EC Council Member and Managing Editor of the CSA Journal. As we bid farewell to Raymond, we wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Raymond is still a proud CSA member.

About

Raymond LAUREANO-ORTIZ is a Puerto Rico-based engineer, management consultant, and historian with a PhD in Puerto Rico & Caribbean History. His PhD dissertation on the history of Puerto Rico's international relations in the 1980s and 1990s received an Honorable Mention for the Caribbean Studies Association's Best Dissertation Award in 2018. His research work has been included in academic publications from Puerto Rico, Haiti, Cuba, Martinique, France, Germany, and Argentina.



He is currently associated as a researcher to the Josef Korbel School of International Studies (University of Denver) and the Greater Caribbean Workgroup at CLACSO (Latin American Council of Social Sciences). He is a faculty member at the Center for Advanced Studies on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. In addition, he is currently Vice President of the Association of Caribbean Historians and an Executive Council Member for the Caribbean Studies Association. Until recently, he was Chair/President of the UK Society for Caribbean Studies and Secretary of the Puerto Rican Studies Section of the Latin American Studies Association.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR PAPERS

- [2024 Caribbean Studies Association \(CSA\) Conference Call for Papers](#)
 - [Journal of Family Trauma, Child Custody and Child Development](#)
-

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- [Assistant Professor position in Black Atlantic Decolonial Literatures](#)
 - [Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies \(Black Studies\)](#)
-

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

- [Q&A Session about the 2024 CSA Conference in St. Lucia](#)
 - [Black Diversities Virtual Seminar](#)
-

CSA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, [membership payments](#) that are sent via regular mail are not being delivered or received in a timely manner. The safest, fastest and most efficient payment mode at this time is online, using the CSA payment portal.

WIRE TRANSFER

If you prefer doing a wire transfer, [click here](#) for the transfer details.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

[Click here](#) to make an online payment with a debit or credit card using PayPal.

IN-PERSON

For persons residing in T&T, the TTD equivalent can be made at the UWI Bursary, St. Augustine, to account number 18087-1851-5405-1. Please also email a copy of the payment receipt to secretariat@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org.

» [**CLICK HERE**](#) for more details about CSA Membership

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd

Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) Online Store - Now Open

Get your paraphernalia today and show your support for CSA!

The proceeds from the sales go to support the CSA Conference Travel Grants and other initiatives to support the annual conference.

[[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE ONLINE STORE](#)]

