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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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SCHEDULE(6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Eastern Time):

- **Thursday, March 13, 2025** - Moderator: Amb. Okama Epke Brook
- **Wednesday, March 26, 2025** – Moderator: Meagan Sylvester
- **Thursday, April 24, 2025** – Moderator: Geneve Phillip-Durham
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Rhoda Arrindell

Happy Black History Month

Happy Black History Month to us all. May one day it not be necessary to reserve a month to highlight groundbreaking contributions by people of African descent/Black people to world civilization.

As the 2025 conference preparations heat up, I wanted to update you on our progress and check in for your thoughts moving forward.

While some of our members have been with the organization from its early days, witnessing the developments over the years, others are just coming on board for the first time, and still some have ebbed and flowed with the times. During the past months, I have had the privilege to lean on the shoulders or pull the ears of some of the members I admire deeply for guidance in trying to host an exceptional conference in St. Martin.

This year's theme was carefully chosen so that we can have the conversation about our region's realities and how we can each do our part to transform it into a place that all Caribbean people are not just proud to speak or write about, but to live in peacefully. Given the state of affairs of our world, I am hoping that, in addition to sharing our work, we can also frankly engage in that hard conversation.

Within short, we will share a survey to get your feedback on events and activities you'd like to attend on the schedule. When that happens, I hope you'll use the opportunity to help us plan better to make your conference experience as smooth as possible.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, concerns, objections, or suggestions for how to improve the experience this year, you can contact me directly at president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org AND rrarrindell2@gmail.com or any of our team members.

Rhoda Arrindell
President CSA 2024-2025

Español

Feliz Mes de la Historia Negra

Feliz Mes de la Historia Negra para todos nosotros. Ojalá que algún día no sea necesario reservar un mes para destacar las contribuciones innovadoras de las personas de ascendencia africana/personas negras a la civilización mundial.

A medida que se intensifican los preparativos de la conferencia de 2025, quería informarles sobre nuestro progreso y saber qué piensan de cara al futuro.

Si bien algunos de nuestros miembros han estado con la organización desde sus inicios y han sido testigos de los desarrollos a lo largo de los años, otros se están incorporando por primera vez y algunos han fluido y subido con el paso del tiempo. Durante los últimos meses, he tenido el privilegio de apoyarme en los hombros o tirar de las orejas de algunos de los miembros que admiro profundamente para que me orienten en el intento de organizar una conferencia excepcional en San Martín.

El tema de este año se eligió cuidadosamente para que podamos conversar sobre las realidades de nuestra región y cómo podemos hacer cada uno nuestra parte para transformarla en un lugar del que todos los caribeños no solo estén orgullosos de hablar o escribir, sino de vivir en paz. Teniendo en cuenta la situación de nuestro mundo, espero que, además de compartir nuestro trabajo, también podamos participar con franqueza en esa difícil conversación.

En breve, compartiremos una encuesta para conocer sus comentarios sobre los eventos y actividades a los que le gustaría asistir en el programa. Cuando eso suceda, espero que aproveche la oportunidad para ayudarnos a planificar mejor para que su experiencia en la conferencia sea lo más fluida posible.

Mientras tanto, si tiene alguna pregunta, inquietud, objeción o sugerencia sobre cómo mejorar la experiencia este año, puede comunicarse conmigo directamente a president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org Y rrarrindell2@gmail.com o con cualquiera de los miembros de nuestro equipo.

Rhoda Arrindell
Presidenta de la CSA 2024-2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT cont'd

Français

Joyeux Mois de l'histoire des Noirs

Joyeux Mois de l'histoire des Noirs à nous tous. Qu'un jour, il ne soit plus nécessaire de réserver un mois pour mettre en valeur les contributions révolutionnaires des personnes d'origine africaine/des Noirs à la civilisation mondiale.

Alors que les préparatifs de la conférence de 2025 s'intensifient, je voulais vous tenir au courant de nos progrès et connaître vos idées pour l'avenir.

Alors que certains de nos membres sont avec l'organisation depuis ses débuts, témoins des développements au fil des ans, d'autres viennent juste de se joindre à nous pour la première fois, et certains encore ont flué et fluctué avec le temps. Au cours des derniers mois, j'ai eu le privilège de m'appuyer sur les épaules ou de tirer les oreilles de certains des membres que j'admire profondément pour les guider dans la tentative d'organiser une conférence exceptionnelle à Saint-Martin.

Le thème de cette année a été soigneusement choisi afin que nous puissions avoir une conversation sur les réalités de notre région et sur la manière dont nous pouvons chacun faire notre part pour la transformer en un lieu dont tous les habitants des Caraïbes sont non seulement fiers de parler ou d'écrire, mais dans lequel ils peuvent vivre en paix. Compte tenu de l'état actuel des choses dans notre monde, j'espère qu'en plus de partager notre travail, nous pourrions également nous engager franchement dans cette conversation difficile.

D'ici peu, nous partagerons une enquête pour recueillir vos commentaires sur les événements et activités auxquels vous aimeriez participer dans le calendrier. Lorsque cela se produira, j'espère que vous profiterez de l'occasion pour nous aider à mieux planifier afin que votre expérience de conférence soit la plus fluide possible.

En attendant, si vous avez des questions, des préoccupations, des objections ou des suggestions sur la façon d'améliorer l'expérience cette année, vous pouvez me contacter directement à president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org ET rrarrindell2@gmail.com ou l'un des membres de notre équipe.

Rhoda Arrindell
Président de l'ASC 2024-2025

MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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St. Martin welcomes you and your invitees to our annual conference taking place 1- 7 June 2025. Simpson Bay Resort, Marina & Spa invites you to experience the best of the Caribbean with its prime location in beautiful Simpson Bay. Featuring 272 spacious suites and 83 luxurious two-bedroom villas, our resort is designed to accommodate up to six guests, offering an ideal retreat for families, couples, or groups.



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CSA MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Natanya Duncan

Natanya Duncan is the Director of Africana Studies and Research Institute at Queens College City University of New York and an Associate Professor of History. A historian of the African Diaspora, her research and teaching focuses on global freedom movements of the 20th and 21st Century. Duncan's research interest includes constructions of identity and nation building amongst women of color; migrations; color and class in Diasporic communities; and the engagements of intellectuals throughout the African Diaspora. Her book, *An Efficient Womanhood: Women and the Making of the Universal Negro Improvement Association*, (University of North Carolina Press 2025) focuses on the distinct activist strategies in-acted by women in the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), which Duncan calls an efficient womanhood. Following the ways women in the UNIA scripted their own understanding of Pan Africanism, Black Nationalism and constructions of Diasporic Blackness, the work traces the blending of nationalist and gendered concerns amongst known and lesser known Garveyite women. Duncan's publications include works that explore the leadership models of UNIA women and include "Now in Charge of the American Field": Maymie De Mena and Charting the UNIA's New Course" in *Journal of Liberty Hall* (Vol. 3 2017); "Henrietta Vinton Davis: The Lady of the Race" in *Journal of New York History* (Fall 2014 Vol 95 No. 4); "Laura Kofey and the Reverse Atlantic Experience" in *The American South and the Atlantic World* (University of Florida Press, 2013).



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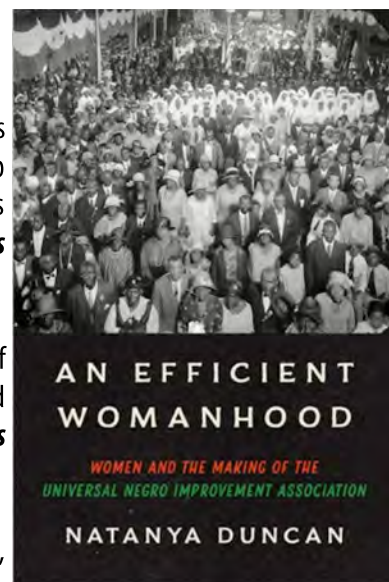
"A bold intervention in the library of works on Garveyite women, this significant collective biography adds a wealth of new information to our knowledge of how women attained, created, and exercised leadership in the world's largest Pan-African movement. It challenges the idea that these movements were always and forever male-run and male-dominated."—**Carole Boyce Davies, author of *Black Women's Rights: Leadership and the Circularities of Power***

"Natanya Duncan's seminal work fills a major void in the UNIA's history, bringing to the fore a new set of women who have fallen through the archival cracks and shifting the history of the movement beyond Garvey himself."—**Ula Y. Taylor, author of *The Veiled Garvey: The Life and Times of Amy Jacques Garvey***

"With this compelling collective biography of Garveyite women in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas, Natanya Duncan deepens and expands our understanding of Black nationalism and the global dimensions of Garveyism and the UNIA, the largest black-led political organization in world history."—**Robert Trent Vinson, author of *The Americans Are Coming! Dreams of African American Liberation in Segregationist South Africa***

"Print culture, and the *The Negro World* in particular, made the Universal Negro Improvement Association truly universal. Rarely has the newspaper been so edifyingly mined, demonstrating women's preponderance in Garveyism. This is a veritable manual for how to organize, a testament to [Duncan's] thorough research and sheer scholarly grit."—**Michael West, coeditor of *From Toussaint to Tupac: The Black International Since the Age of Revolution***

"A highly original and cogently argued study that details how women contributed to the formation and growth of the Garvey movement and the UNIA; built and relied on a transnational network of activists to advance their Pan-African vision; worked incessantly to democratize the UNIA; and fought against the ideological and personality clashes that undermined many organizations during the New Negro era."—**Claudrena N. Harold, author of *The Rise and Fall of the Garvey Movement in the Urban South, 1918–1942***



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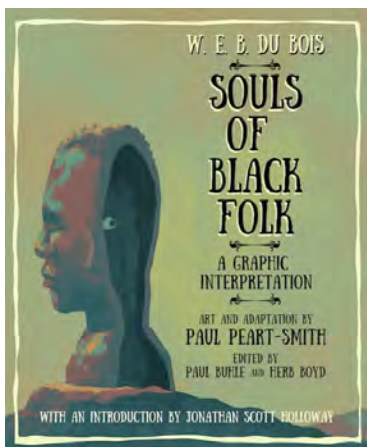
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Continuing in the vein of his ever-questioning the conventions of "race melodrama" through the lens of which so much American racial and cultural history and storytelling has been filtered, Ferguson's final work conveys to the reader his sense of humor, warmth, and grace, while adding up to a serious, principled critique of much common scholarly and pedagogic practice.

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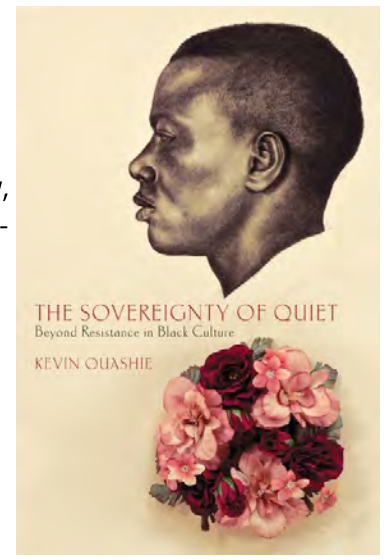
The Sovereignty of Quiet: Beyond Resistance in Black Culture

Kevin Quashie

"The Sovereignty of Quiet is a profound and excellent look at quiet and its relationship with Black identity, Black culture, and existentialism. With impeccable scholarship, beautiful writing, and powerful arguments, Quashie makes a fabulous contribution to the field. A success!"

—Debra Walker King, author of *African Americans and the Culture of Pain*

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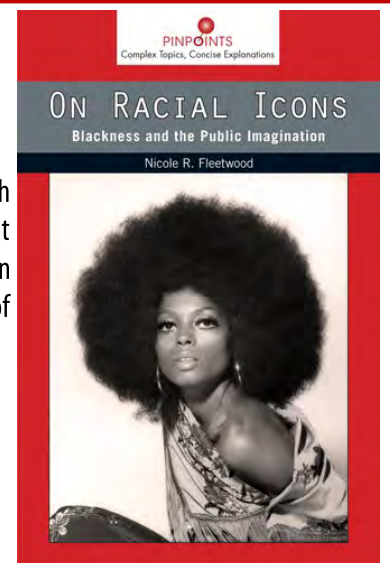
Blackness and the Public Imagination

Nicole R. Fleetwood

Nicole R. Fleetwood calls her latest book "an act of love." But readers may end up referring to it as tough love as Fleetwood offers a searing investigation into America's fixation on Black images from President Obama to a living legend of tennis, Serena Williams. With the author's definition of 'racial icons' as "an idolized image or figure, that is simultaneously shrouded in the legacies of U.S. racism and its devaluing of black life," the book aims to unpack the multiple implications of Black images both seen and unseen.

—Peter 'Souleo' Wright, *Huffington Post*

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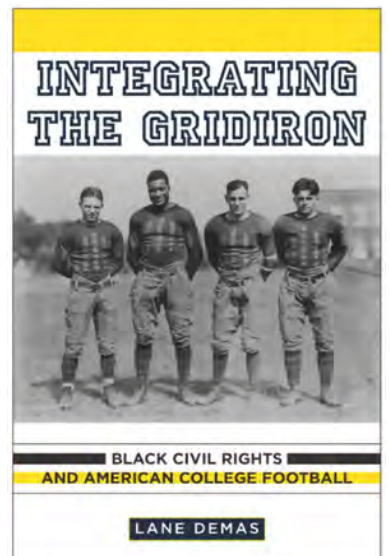
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—Michael E. Lomax, University of Iowa, Department of Health and Sports Studies, Associate Professor

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NEW BOOK - BLACK HISTORY MONTH COLLECTION cont'd



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Joseph N. Cooper

"A strong contribution to sports, politics, and the sociology of race, Black Sporting Resistance indisputably argues that Black athletes and sport organizers have historically been at the forefront of anti-racist political activism. There really is no comparable text to this one."

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CARIBBEAN SCHOLARSHIP

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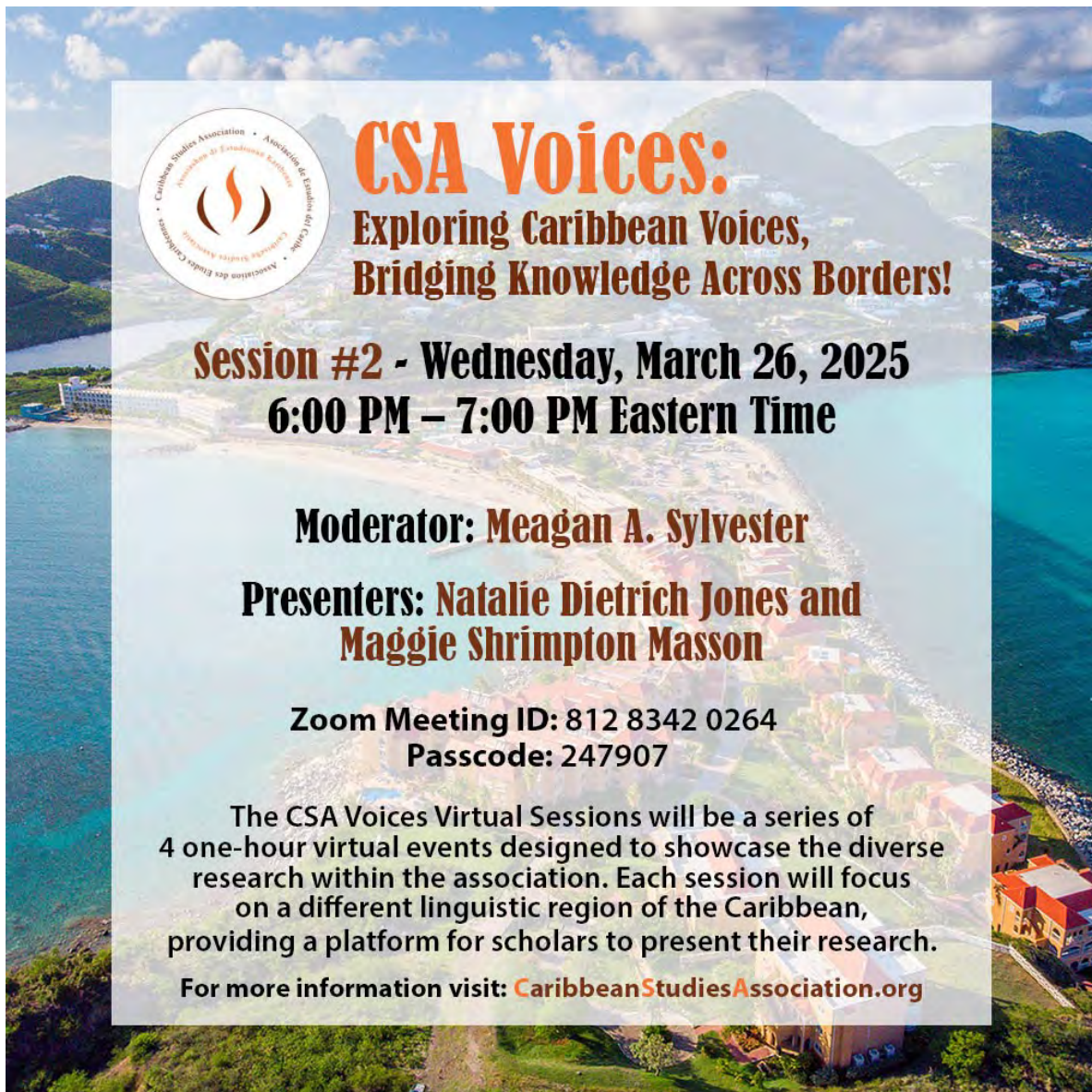
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MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS



Gabriela Quijano

Español

El pasado domingo 26 de enero, agentes federales de Estados Unidos iniciaron una serie de operativos en Puerto Rico, en los que se han arrestado a varias personas con estatus migratorio no definido, en su mayoría miembros de la comunidad dominicana y otras personas provenientes de países latinoamericanos. Estos operativos forman parte de las

políticas de deportación masiva del ahora presidente de Estados Unidos, Donald Trump.

El Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE, por sus siglas en inglés) confirmó que durante el operativo del 26 de enero fueron detenidas 47 personas, de las cuales dos fueron liberadas, cinco procesadas criminalmente y las 40 personas restantes, forzadas a “regresar voluntariamente” a sus países. ICE celebró el operativo afirmando que había logrado remover criminales del país y reiteró la retórica de que la política de deportación masiva es un asunto de “seguridad nacional.”

Sin embargo, a menos de una semana de esta intervención, el Departamento de Educación de Puerto Rico reportó “ausencias marcadas” de estudiantes y empleados en los planteles escolares del municipio de San Juan, acciones preocupantes en relación a la solicitud de datos a estudiantes sobre su estatus migratorio, y el establecimiento de la política de “portones cerrados” ante la posibilidad de que agentes federales se presenten en los planteles escolares para llevar a cabo redadas. Al mismo tiempo, las zonas de actividad económica frecuentadas por personas migrantes se paralizaron, y los comerciantes se vieron gravemente afectados por la reducción del flujo de personas en las calles.

En declaraciones emitidas por el presidente del Comité Dominicano de Derechos Humanos, José Rodríguez, este calificó la situación como una “[crisis] humanitaria de grandes proporciones,” ya que ha impactado de manera inmediata la actividad económica del archipiélago, la seguridad alimentaria de las familias—especialmente de niños y jóvenes que han quedado sin el apoyo de sus madres y padres por miedo a la captura violenta y deportación—y ha generado una profunda crisis en la salud mental de numerosas familias y comunidades, incluidas las puertorriqueñas.

En las escuelas, los comercios y nuestras comunidades, queda claro que la deportación masiva no es un asunto de seguridad nacional, sino una política de odio y miedo, montada sobre lógicas deshumanizantes. Además, la intervención federal en Puerto Rico se perfila también como un acto más de imperialismo que nada tiene que ver con apoyar el desarrollo del continente, sino subordinar a los cuerpos y los pueblos del Caribe, y limitar nuestra soberanía. Por todas estas razones y muchas otras más, el llamado de las comunidades en Puerto Rico es a luchar en contra la deportación masiva y sostener una red de apoyo en la región que clame por la justicia y la dignidad de todos los seres humanos.

English

On Sunday, January 26, U.S. federal agents launched a series of operations in Puerto Rico, arresting several individuals with an indeterminate immigration status—primarily members of the Dominican community, along with others from Latin American countries. These actions are part of the mass deportation policies implemented by the current president of the United States, Donald Trump.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) confirmed that during the January 26 operation, 47 people were detained. Of these, two were released, five were criminally prosecuted, and the remaining 40 were forced to “voluntarily return” to their countries. ICE praised the operation, claiming it had removed criminals from the country and reaffirming its stance that mass deportation is a matter of “national security.”

However, less than a week later, the Puerto Rico Department of Education reported a sharp increase in student and staff absences in schools across San Juan. Authorities also raised concerns over requests for student immigration data and the implementation of a “closed gates” policy to prevent federal agents from conducting raids on school grounds. Meanwhile, economic areas frequented by migrants came to a standstill, and local businesses suffered significant losses due to the reduced flow of people in the streets.

José Rodríguez, president of the Dominican Committee for Human Rights, described the situation as a “humanitarian crisis of great proportions.” He emphasized its immediate impact on Puerto Rico’s economy and food security, particularly for children and young people who have been left without parental support due to fear of violent arrests and deportations. Additionally, the crackdown has triggered a severe mental health crisis among many families and communities, including Puerto Ricans.

MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd

In schools, businesses, and across our communities, it is evident that mass deportation is not about national security but rather a policy driven by fear and dehumanization. Furthermore, this federal intervention in Puerto Rico reflects yet another act of imperialism—one that does not promote the development of the region but instead seeks to control Caribbean populations and undermine our sovereignty. For these reasons and more, communities in Puerto Rico are calling for resistance against mass deportation and the creation of a regional support network that demands justice and dignity for all human beings.

MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS cont'd



Julien Merion

Français LA VIOLENCE COLONIALE POUR LA CONQUETE DES CARAÏBES HOMMAGE A YANCE

Ce 26 janvier, comme c'est le cas depuis quelques années en Guadeloupe, un hommage solennel a été rendu à Yance, chef kalinago assassiné sauvagement par les français. Dans son projet d'occupation de l'archipel, habité par la communauté kalinago, le Gouverneur français L'Olive décide de s'établir au Sud de la Basse-Terre dans un lieu lui permettant de surveiller la côte (actuellement appelé Vieux-Fort) Le 26 janvier 1636, avec ses troupes, il rencontre Yance, un vieux chef kalinago accompagné de ses fils qui allait embarquer sur une pirogue. Il les fait prisonnier et demande à un des fils d'aller chercher les femmes, dont il a grand besoin. Ayant compris la volonté de L'Olive d'accaparer les femmes et d'éliminer les hommes, le fils de Yance ne revint jamais. Il s'attacha au contraire, sous les indications de son père, à les éloigner pour éviter ce rapt. Ne voyant pas revenir le jeune homme, L'Olive, dans une colère furieuse, tue à coup de poignard les autres jeunes restés avec le père. A son tour Yance est poignardé, jeté à la mer et achevé à coup de pagaie. Ainsi commença la colonisation de la Guadeloupe par la France.



Ce martyr est aujourd'hui célébré chaque année le 26 janvier sur les lieux du crime par l'association des kalinagos de Guadeloupe (Kalinagwada), par l'association CO.RE.CA et par la Municipalité de Vieux-Fort (commune où s'est déroulé le drame). Devant un public nombreux, cet épisode de l'histoire a été décrit par des historiens et d'autres spécialistes des plantes et de la culture. Ce fut

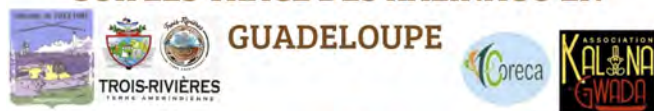
surtout l'occasion de mettre en lumière l'héritage kalinago dans bien des domaines. La commémoration de cette année avait un éclat particulier avec la présence d'Anette Sanford, cheffe du territoire kalinago de la Dominique, élue en août 2024, première femme à occuper ce poste dont c'était sa première sortie officielle

hors de la Dominique. Dans son intervention, elle a insisté sur la résilience du peuple kalinago qui s'est battu contre les Anglais et les Français pour arrêter le génocide. Il ne résigna jamais et a toujours refusé la soumission.

En effet, la guerre des caraïbes dura plusieurs décennies à Antigua, Dominique, Guadeloupe, Martinique et Montserrat. C'est le traité de Basse-Terre du 31 mars 1660 qui arrêta les hostilités en attribuant deux territoires neutres aux kalinagos : Dominique et St-Vincent. La célébration de cette page de l'histoire est importante. C'est une réappropriation de notre indente caribéenne que la colonisation a voulu effacer et qui n'est pas enseigné dans les écoles. C'est aussi l'occasion de renforcer les liens entre les peuples pour une meilleure intégration régionale que nous appelons de nos vœux.

Le Maire de Vieux-Fort a fait part de son intention d'ériger sur le site une réplique de village kalinago pour perpétuer le souvenir de Yance et de tous nos ancêtres sauvagement abattus par les colonisateurs européens afin d'assouvir leur besoin de conquête et leur soif d'or et de produits tropicaux. Perpétuer le souvenir de Yance, c'est nous réconcilier avec nous-mêmes.

COMMÉMORATION DE YANCE SUR LES TRACE DES KALINAGO EN



25 et 26
Janvier 2025

Marche

25 "sur les traces de nos
7h00 ancêtres Amérindiens"
Trois Rivières

26 Commémoration de Yance
10h Pointe Des trois flèches
mazarin
Vieux fort

Invitée d'honneur la première femme
chef kalinago
ANNETTE Thomas SANFORD

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English

On January 26, as has been the case for several years in Guadeloupe, a solemn tribute was paid to Yance, a Kalinago chief savagely assassinated by the French. In his plan to occupy the archipelago, inhabited by the Kalinago community, the French Governor L'Olive decided to settle in the South of Basse-Terre in a place allowing him to monitor the coast (currently called Vieux-Fort) On January 26, 1636, with his troops, he met Yance, an old Kalinago chief accompanied by his sons who were going to embark on a pirogue. He took them prisoner and asked one of the sons to go and get the women, whom he needed greatly. Having understood L'Olive's desire to monopolize the women and eliminate the men, Yance's son never returned. On the contrary, he endeavored, under his father's instructions, to remove them to avoid this abduction. Not seeing the young man return, L'Olive, in a furious rage, stabbed the other young people who had remained with his father. Yance was also stabbed, thrown into the sea and finished off with a paddle. Thus began the colonization of Guadeloupe by France.

This martyr is now celebrated every year on January 26 at the scene of the crime by the association of the Kalinagos of Guadeloupe (Kalinagwada), by the association [CO.RE.CA](#) and by the Municipality of Vieux-Fort (the town where the tragedy took place). In front of a large audience, this episode of history was described by historians and other specialists in plants and culture. Above all, it was an opportunity to highlight the Kalinago heritage in many areas. This year's commemoration had a special brilliance with the presence of Anette Sanford, Chief of the Kalinago territory of Dominica, elected in August 2024, the first woman to hold this position, and this was her first official outing outside of Dominica. In her speech, she em-

phasized the resilience of the Kalinago people who fought against the English and the French to stop the genocide. They never gave up and always refused submission.

Indeed, the Caribbean War lasted several decades in Antigua, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Martinique and Montserrat. It was the Treaty of Basse-Terre of March 31, 1660 that stopped hostilities by assigning two neutral territories to the Kalinagos: Dominica and St. Vincent. The celebration of this page of history is important. It is a reappropriation of our Caribbean identity that colonization wanted to erase and which is not taught in schools. It is also an opportunity to strengthen ties between peoples for better regional integration that we are calling for.

The Mayor of Vieux-Fort has announced his intention to erect a replica of a Kalinago village on the site to perpetuate the memory of Yance and all our ancestors savagely slaughtered by European colonizers in order to satisfy their need for conquest and their thirst for gold and tropical products. Perpetuating the memory of Yance means reconciling ourselves with ourselves.

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