

## The Official Newsletter of the Caribbean Studies Association: April 2025 Edition

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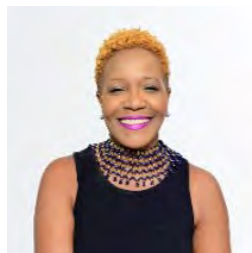
## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

### Gearing up for the CSA Conference in St. Martin!



#### From the President

Dr. Rhoda Arrindell as President of CSA is encouraging us to consider engaging in a balancing act at the 2025 meeting which would include a blend of academic interchange, amidst a commitment to experience the social milieu of St. Martin. As an executive, we urge you to plan for your sojourn in St. Martin and make the most of the experience!



#### From the Vice-President

Dr. Donna Hope, our CSA Vice-President is sharing this month about the open positions for our CSA Call for Nominations. This could be your opportunity to contribute to the Caribbean Studies Association. See details inside about positions on offer.

#### From the Local Organizing Committee

Be sure to review the Travel Information provided by the Local Organizing Committee. Make your plans based on informed decisions.

**CSA Voices:**  
 Exploring Caribbean Voices,  
 Bridging Knowledge Across Borders!

Session #3 - Thursday, April 24, 2025  
 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Eastern Time

 Moderator: Dr. Genevieve Phillip-Durham Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, University College of the Cayman Islands	 Presenter: Dr. Shaan Roger Topic: Contested Heritage in the Caribbean: The Case of Emancipation Day	 Presenter: Dr. Candice Mitchell Hall Topic: Job Job: Emancipation and Resistance in Grenada	 Presenter: Dr. Lisa Tomlinson Topic: Representation of Emancipation in Anglophone Caribbean Literature: Anita Jeyan and Wale Sargeant Dea
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#### CSA Voices

This month our new interactive initiative, CSA Voices focused on the work of our Caribbean Scholars. Highlighted members have roots in Grenada, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR cont'd



### New Member Highlight

Our featured Member this month is Professor Emeritus – Dr. Mike Alleyne. He has written a book entitled *Black British Music in America 1967–2000: Atlantic Crossover* which will interest all those who study popular music, cultural studies, and music production, as well as popular music listeners.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Rhoda Arrindell*

### **Balancing Duty with Serious Fun in St. Martin**

Today, as we observe the turmoil caused by conflict and other global shifts, it is easy to become despondent, especially in the Caribbean, a space vulnerable to outside shocks. From increasing food insecurity, looming travel restrictions,

and despot diplomacy by the US government, Caribbean leaders are challenged in unprecedented ways and are already bracing citizens for uncertainties ahead.

The region is already coping with challenges like climate crisis, brain-drain of some of most needed professionals like nurses and teachers, and increased (neo)colonialism. Recently, CARICOM Chair and Prime Minister of Barbados Mia Mottley referred to these as “the most challenging times of our region since the majority of our members gained their independence.” Mottley further urged Caribbean citizens to support each other and tap into the strength and innovation of the “common Caribbean spirit.”

As academics, we too are duty-bound regardless to where we are currently stationed. I have argued before that it is not enough for us as to hope that our work will improve life for the peoples of the Caribbean, as optimism requires activism. Looking toward the next 50 years of CSA, I believe we must use our collective and individual talents to leave our region (and the rest of the planet) better than when we found it.

I am looking forward to our time together at the conference when we can share solutions to challenges and further empower our people in the Caribbean and the diaspora. But I am also insisting that you fully partake in what we in St. Martin call serious fun.

Rhoda Arrindell  
*President CSA 2024-2025*

### **Español**

### **Equilibrando el deber con la diversión en San Martín**

Hoy, al observar la agitación causada por los conflictos y otros cambios globales, es fácil caer en el desánimo, especialmente en el Caribe, un espacio vulnerable a las crisis externas. Desde la creciente inseguridad alimentaria, las inminentes restricciones de viaje y la diplomacia déspota del gobierno estadounidense, los líderes caribeños se enfrentan a desafíos sin precedentes y ya están preparando a sus ciudadanos para las incertidumbres futuras.

La región ya enfrenta desafíos como la crisis climática, la fuga de cerebros de algunos de los profesionales más necesarios, como enfermeras y maestros, y el aumento del (neo)colonialismo. Recientemente, la presidenta de CARICOM y primera ministra de Barbados, Mia Mottley, se refirió a estos como “los momentos más difíciles de nuestra región desde que la mayoría de nuestros miembros obtuvieron su independencia”. Mottley instó además a los ciudadanos caribeños a apoyarse mutuamente y a aprovechar la fuerza y la innovación del “espíritu caribeño común”.

Como académicos, también tenemos un deber, independientemente de dónde estemos ubicados actualmente. He argumentado anteriormente que no nos basta con esperar que nuestro trabajo mejore la vida de los pueblos del Caribe, ya que el optimismo requiere activismo. De cara a los próximos 50 años de ASC, creo que debemos usar nuestros talentos colectivos e individuales para dejar nuestra región (y el resto del planeta) mejor que cuando la encontramos.

Espero con ansias nuestro tiempo juntos en la conferencia, donde podremos compartir soluciones a los desafíos y empoderar aún más a nuestra gente en el Caribe y la diáspora. Pero también insisto en que participen plenamente en lo que en San Martín llamamos diversión seria.

Rhoda Arrindell  
*Presidenta de la CSA 2024-2025*

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT cont'd

## Français

### **Concilier devoir et plaisir à Saint-Martin**

Aujourd'hui, face aux bouleversements causés par les conflits et autres bouleversements mondiaux, le découragement est de mise, surtout dans les Caraïbes, un espace vulnérable aux chocs extérieurs. Entre l'insécurité alimentaire croissante, les restrictions de voyage imminentes et la diplomatie despotique du gouvernement américain, les dirigeants caribéens sont confrontés à des défis sans précédent et préparent déjà leurs citoyens aux incertitudes à venir.

La région est déjà confrontée à des défis tels que la crise climatique, la fuite des cerveaux de certains professionnels indispensables comme les infirmiers et les enseignants, et la montée du (néo) colonialisme. Récemment, Mia Mottley, présidente de la CARICOM et Première ministre de la Barbade, a qualifié cette période de « période la plus difficile que notre région ait connue depuis l'indépendance de la majorité de ses membres ». Mme Mottley a également exhorté les citoyens caribéens à se soutenir mutuellement et à puiser dans la force et l'innovation de « l'esprit caribéen commun ».

En tant qu'universitaires, nous avons nous aussi un devoir, quel que soit notre lieu de résidence. J'ai déjà soutenu qu'il ne suffit pas d'espérer que notre travail améliorera la vie des peuples des Caraïbes ; l'optimisme exige l'activisme. En envisageant les 50 prochaines années de l'ASC, je crois que nous devons utiliser nos talents collectifs et individuels pour laisser à notre région (et au reste de la planète) un meilleur avenir.

Je me réjouis de notre rencontre à la conférence, où nous pourrions partager des solutions aux défis et renforcer l'autonomie de nos populations des Caraïbes et de la diaspora. Mais j'insiste également pour que vous participiez pleinement à ce que nous appelons, à Saint-Martin, des moments de pur plaisir.

Rhoda Arrindell

*Président de l'ASC 2024-2025*

# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



Donna Hope

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: CSA Executive Council Positions

The CSA Nominations Committee is currently seeking nominations for the upcoming annual election of members to the CSA Executive Council. The open offices for the CSA Executive Council 2025-2026/7 period

are:

- 1) Vice President, (one-year and then assumes Presidency);
- 2) Two (2) Executive Council Members positions for a two-year term (2025-2027); and
- 3) Graduate Student Representative position for a two-year term (2025-2027).

Descriptions of responsibilities for these CSA EC positions are outlined below.

Guidelines for identification of nominees are also outlined below.

All additional information regarding the duties that accompany these CSA positions are set out in the CSA Constitution and Bylaws.

### Deadline for Nominations:

All nominations must be submitted by April 30, 2025. All nominations should be submitted by email to the CSA VP at [vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org).

All nominations should be submitted on formal/institutional letterhead and should include the following information:

- a) Name, institutional affiliation, and contact information for the person nominated
- b) A summary statement indicating that appropriate guidelines have been met
- c) Brief paragraph stating the rationale for nomination.
- d) Contact information of person making the nomination.

If your nominee is to be included on the CSA election ballot, the nominator will be asked to help secure the following information from the nominee:

- a) Photograph
- b) Biography;
- c) CV;
- d) Candidate statement on their vision for CSA (300-350 words)
- e) Letter of Institutional Support (recommended but not critical)

All nominated individuals should be in good financial standing with the Association and must be current members.

All CSA members in good financial standing are invited to participate in the election process. Based on the CSA Constitution Article 111 Section 2 "Membership in CSA is established by payment of annual dues on a calendar year basis, from January through December."

For membership details visit:

<https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/membership/>.

Donna Hope

*Vice President CSA 2024-2025*

## Español

### CONVOCATORIA DE NOMINACIONES: Puestos para el Consejo Ejecutivo de la CSA

El Comité de Nominaciones de la CSA busca nominaciones para la próxima elección anual de miembros del Consejo Ejecutivo de la CSA. Los cargos vacantes para el Consejo Ejecutivo de la CSA (2025-2026/2027) son:

- 1) Vicepresidente (un año y posteriormente asume la Presidencia);
- 2) Dos (2) miembros del Consejo Ejecutivo por un período de dos años (2025-2027); y
- 3) Representante de Estudiantes de Posgrado por un período de dos años (2025-2027).

A continuación se detallan las responsabilidades de estos puestos del CE de la CSA.

También se describen las directrices para la identificación de candidatos.

Toda la información adicional sobre las funciones de estos puestos de la CSA se encuentra en la Constitución y el Reglamento de la CSA.

# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT cont'd

## Fecha límite para las nominaciones:

Todas las nominaciones deben enviarse antes del 30 de abril de 2025. Deben enviarse por correo electrónico al vicepresidente de la CSA a la dirección [vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org).

Todas las nominaciones deben enviarse en papel membretado formal/institucional e incluir la siguiente información:

- Nombre, afiliación institucional e información de contacto de la persona nominada
- Una declaración resumida que indique que se han cumplido las directrices pertinentes
- Un breve párrafo que explique la justificación de la nominación
- Información de contacto de la persona que realiza la nominación

Si su nominado/a va a ser incluido/a en la papeleta electoral de la CSA, se le solicitará al nominador/a que ayude a obtener la siguiente información:

- Fotografía
- Biografía
- CV
- Declaración del candidato/a sobre su visión para la CSA (300-350 palabras)
- Carta de apoyo institucional (recomendada, pero no esencial)

Todas las personas nominadas/os deben tener una situación financiera al corriente con la Asociación y ser miembros/as vigentes. Todos los miembros de la CSA que se encuentren al corriente de sus finanzas están invitados a participar en el proceso electoral. Según el Artículo 111, Sección 2 de la Constitución de la CSA, «La membresía en la CSA se establece mediante el pago de cuotas anuales por año calendario, de enero a diciembre».

Para obtener más información sobre la membresía, visite: <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/membership/>.

Donna Hope  
Vicepresidenta CSA 2024-2025

## Français

### APPEL DE CANDIDATURES : Postes au Conseil exécutif de l'ASC

Le Comité des nominations de la CSA recherche actuellement des candidatures pour la prochaine élection annuelle des membres du

Conseil exécutif de la CSA. Les postes à pourvoir au Conseil exécutif de la CSA pour la période 2025-2026/2027 sont les suivants :

- 1) Vice-président (un an, puis présidence) ;
- 2) Deux (2) postes de membres du Conseil exécutif pour un mandat de deux ans (2025-2027) ; et
- 3) Représentant des étudiants diplômés pour un mandat de deux ans (2025-2027).

Les responsabilités de ces postes au sein du Conseil exécutif de la CSA sont décrites ci-dessous.

Les directives pour la sélection des candidats sont également décrites ci-dessous.

Toutes les informations complémentaires concernant les fonctions liées à ces postes de la CSA sont présentées dans les statuts et le règlement intérieur de la CSA.

### Date limite de dépôt des candidatures :

Toutes les candidatures doivent être soumises avant le 30 avril 2025. Toutes les candidatures doivent être envoyées par courriel au vice-président de la CSA à l'adresse [vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org](mailto:vice.president@caribbeanstudiesassociation.org).

Toutes les candidatures doivent être soumises sur papier à en-tête officiel/institutionnel et inclure les informations suivantes :

- a) Nom, affiliation institutionnelle et coordonnées de la personne propose
- b) Une déclaration sommaire indiquant que les directives appropriées ont été respectées
- c) Un bref paragraphe expliquant la candidature
- d) Coordonnées de la personne proposante

Si votre candidat doit figurer sur le bulletin de vote de l'ASC, le proposant sera invité à obtenir les informations suivantes :

- a) Photographie
- b) Biographie
- c) CV
- d) Déclaration du candidat décrivant sa vision de l'ASC (300 à 350 mots)
- e) Lettre de soutien institutionnel (recommandée mais non essentielle)

Toutes les personnes proposées doivent être en règle financièrement auprès de l'Association et être membres à jour.

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT cont'd

Tous les membres de l'ASC en règle financièrement sont invités à participer au processus d'élection. Conformément à l'article 111, section 2, des statuts de l'ASC, « L'adhésion à l'ASC est acquise par le paiement d'une cotisation annuelle, de janvier à décembre.»

Pour plus d'informations sur l'adhésion, consultez :

Donna Hope

*Vice-président de l'ASC 2024-2025*

## MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE



### St. Martin Travel Information

You can reach St. Martin (also spelled St. Maarten) from just about anywhere, although you may have to take a detour through a major city (or two) before getting there. All major international and some regional airlines fly into the Juliana International Airport (PJIA), connecting through major international airports. You can also fly into L'Esperance airport from other Caribbean islands. Because not all airlines fly in every day, you may not get in on the same day you book to leave, so be alert for this.

Though day-trips to neighboring islands is a regular thing in St. Martin, unless you're coming from St. Barths, Anguilla, Saba, Statia, or Tortola, it is only advised for you to travel to the St. Martin by boat if you're connecting from one of those islands.

The island is divided administratively between the French (North) and the Dutch (South), but most things are shared among the population. For example, the you can use US dollars everywhere, euros on both sides, and the Netherlands Antilles florins (NAF), which has been replaced by the Dutch Caribbean guilder (XCG), mainly in the South. In some instances, even Eastern Caribbean dollars are accepted at specific stores; you just have to ask. The exchange rates for one USD range from 1.0 to 1.2 for euros and 1.78 to 2.0 for NAF/XCG.

Where your electronic devices are concerned, in the South, you'll be plugging into 110-120V with the typical Type A/B plug. In the North, the voltage is 220-240V, with Type C/E plugs. Converters and adapters are sold just about everywhere.

The water on both parts of the island is safe to drink although bottled water is used everywhere.

If you're looking to move around outside of the conference activities, depending on your destination, your best bet is via tax or bus. You can also rent a car from a number of car rental companies, many of which are located outside the arrival area and in the corridor between the airport and Simpson Bay Resort. For more information on ground transportation and tours, contact Ms. Shanice Theodule at [csatravelandtours2025@gmail.com](mailto:csatravelandtours2025@gmail.com).

Finally, the people refer to themselves as St. Martiners and to their island as "S'Maaten," SXM, Soualiga, and at times Qualichi (indigenous names meaning Land of Salt and Land of Brave Women respectively). Be sure to say "good morning, good afternoon, or good evening," when you meet folks in public; otherwise, they'll think you are rude.

# MEMBERSHIP



Donna Hope



Maya Freeman

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<https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/executive-council-2024-2026>

# CSA VOICES

## CSA Voices – Session #3: Exploring Caribbean Voices, Bridging Knowledge Across Borders!

The CSA Voices Virtual Sessions will be a series of 4 virtual events designed to showcase the diverse research within the association. Each session will focus on a different linguistic region of the Caribbean, providing a platform for scholars to present their research.

**Date:** Thursday, April 24, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Eastern Time

**Moderator:** Dr. Geneve Phillip-Durham

*Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, University College of the Cayman Islands*

### Presenters:

- **Dr. Shani Roper** | **Topic:** *Contested Heritage in the Caribbean: The Case of Emancipation Day*
- **Dr. Candia Mitchell Hall** | **Topic:** *Jab Jab: Emancipation and Resistance in Grenada*
- **Dr. Lisa Tomlinson** | **Topic:** *Representation of Emancipation in Anglophone Caribbean Literature: Annie John and Wide Sargasso Sea*

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- **Zoom Meeting ID:** 812 8342 0264
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### Upcoming Schedule (6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Eastern Time):

- **Thursday, May 29, 2025** – Moderator: Dr. Candia Mitchell Hall

**For more information visit or to view past sessions visit:** <https://www.caribbeanstudiesassociation.org/csa-voices>

A promotional graphic for the CSA Voices virtual session. It features a background image of a tropical coastal town with a mountain in the distance. At the top left is the CSA logo, a circular emblem with a flame and the text 'Caribbean Studies Association' and 'Association of Caribbean Studies'. The main title 'CSA Voices: Exploring Caribbean Voices, Bridging Knowledge Across Borders!' is in large, bold, orange and black text. Below the title, the session details are listed: 'Session #3 - Thursday, April 24, 2025' and '6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Eastern Time'. Four headshots of the participants are arranged in a row. Below each headshot is their name and role: Moderator Dr. Geneve Phillip-Durham, Presenter Dr. Shani Roper, Presenter Dr. Candia Mitchell Hall, and Presenter Dr. Lisa Tomlinson. Each presenter's specific topic is listed below their name. At the bottom, the Zoom Meeting ID (812 8342 0264) and Passcode (247907) are provided. A paragraph describes the virtual sessions as a series of 4 one-hour events showcasing diverse research. The website 'CaribbeanStudiesAssociation.org' is listed for more information.

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## CSA MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

### Black British Music in America 1967–2000: Atlantic Crossover

*Black British Music in America 1967–2000: Atlantic Crossover* historically examines musical and cultural relationships through popular music recordings, exploring the transatlantic journeys via academic, critical, and commercial reception of the music. It addresses an overlooked area of Black popular music, investigating the fluctuating fortunes of artists and the contradictions of exporting such recordings to America.

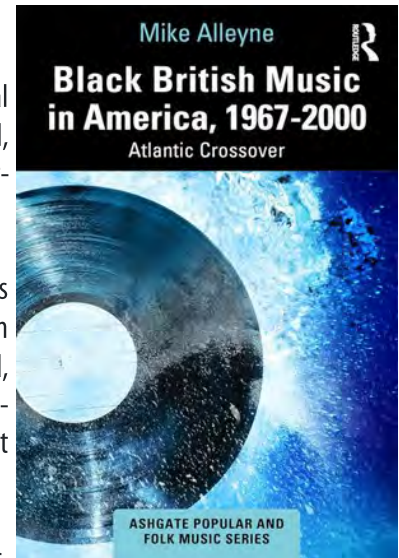
Examining a complex history spanning the last four decades of the twentieth century, the author reveals the chronologies and the recording industry circumstances shaping the presence of Black British music in America. Readers will discover the conditions under which key recordings were made and released, through detailed analysis and new interviews with participating producers and artists. Including exploration of chart histories, this book also dissects the content of the recordings, uncovering the elements that made many of them successful.

*Black British Music in America 1967–2000* will interest all those who study popular music, cultural studies, and music production, as well as popular music listeners.

#### About the Author

Mike Alleyne is Professor Emeritus with the Department of Recording Industry, Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). His publications include co-editing the award-winning collection *Analyzing Recorded Music* (2023), *The Essential Hendrix* (2020), and *The Encyclopedia of Reggae* (2012), and co-editing *Prince and Popular Music* (2020). His work has been published in *Popular Music & Society*, *Rock Music Studies*, *Popular Music History*, *Ethnomusicology Forum*, and *American Music Perspectives*.

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## NEW BOOK

### **Economic Development of Caricom: From Early Colonial Times to the Present** By Winston H. Griffith

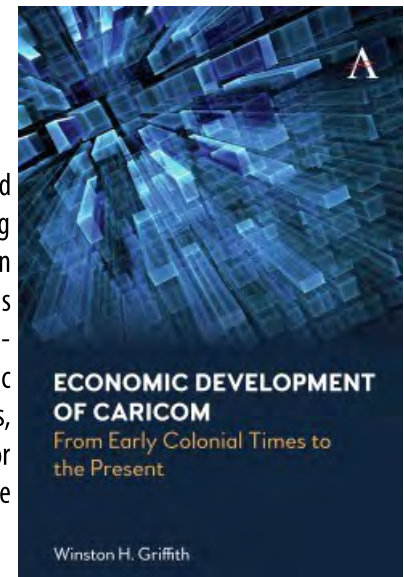
#### **Book Summary**

The early pioneers of development attributed the poor economic and social conditions in less developed nations to cultural and environmental elements. Some argued that their small size was also a contributing element. In the latter decades of the twentieth century proponents of the neoclassical counterrevolution shifted the focus to the dirigiste policies of governments. Taking a heterodox approach, however, this study argues that the persistent low level of development in CARICOM nations is due to their being utilized as global agricultural and manufacturing production platforms, their enduring colonial economic and social structures that have slowed down economic transformation, the negative attitudes of classes, the anti-development policies of some governments and, since the human element provides the motor forces that ultimately drive development, their failure to accumulate an adequate pool of knowledge skills that are now dominating production processes in the new global economy.

#### **About the Author**

Winston H. Griffith, Professor Emeritus, taught economic development, political economy of the Caribbean, international economics, and international finance at Bucknell University.

» To learn more or purchase a copy: [CLICK HERE](#)



## NEW ARTICLE

### Venezuela's Enhanced Border-related Brinkmanship and Focused Guyanese Action



**Nand C. Bardouille**

Manager of The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean in the Institute of International Relations at The University of the West Indies (St. Augustine Campus), Trinidad and Tobago

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In the latest sign of strong bilateral relations between the United States and Guyana, Secretary of State Marco Rubio is set to travel to this Anglophone South American country. Guyana is one of three countries anchoring his official visit to the Caribbean — scheduled to unfold during the week of March 24th.

[In the works](#) since last month, Secretary Rubio's [reported](#) visit to the United States' third border includes Jamaica. America's top diplomat will meet with several leaders of the [Caribbean Community \(CARICOM\)](#), as well as with this bloc's Chair. The Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Amor Mottley, currently serves in that capacity. Secretary Rubio then travels on to Guyana and Suriname — the southern Caribbean's emergent petrostates.

In Guyana, Secretary Rubio and Guyanese President Mohamed Irfaan Ali will hold their first-ever in-person meeting. It will take the form of a wide-ranging discussion, marking the start of a new era of U.S.-Guyana relations.

#### **Border Games**

Importantly, the expectation is that this engagement will send a clear message to Venezuela — which is playing a high-risk, border-related game with Guyana. Concerns about Guyana's sovereignty

and territorial integrity will likely take centre stage in these talks, then, presenting Washington with an opportunity to reaffirm its [unwavering](#) support of and commitment to Guyana's statehood.

That Caracas has, once again, recently run afoul of Washington also factors into the timing of the Secretary's visit to Guyana. It takes place at a time when Washington is [tightening the screws on Caracas](#), echoing the Venezuela-targeted "[maximum pressure strategy](#)" of Donald Trump's first term as U.S. president.

Yet mistrust of Venezuelan intentions vis-à-vis the Guyana-Venezuela border [dispute](#) runs deep, as Caracas continues to take steps that fly in the face of international law and diplomatic norms.

In its bid to foment a border crisis with its easterly neighbour, Venezuela continues to [up the ante](#). In the wake of a serious border-related provocation it instigated earlier this month, Caracas dubbed President Ali the 'Caribbean's Zelenskyy'.

The wider backdrop: The Essequibo subnational region is the centrepiece of Guyana-Venezuela relations, constituting the epicentre of the [long-running](#) border dispute between these two countries. This dispute contextualises major hydrocarbon considerations, centring on Venezuela [having](#) the largest proved oil reserves in the world and Guyana (now [primed](#) to develop offshore gas) having become a "[key contributor to global crude oil supply growth](#)." In 2015, ExxonMobil [announced](#) a significant oil find off the Essequibo coast. This find and its subsequent development, [helmed](#) by U.S. capital, have propelled Guyana into the upper echelons of the world's petrostates — impacting strategic and tactical calculations both in Caracas and Georgetown. Notably, at Georgetown's initiative, the border dispute is [currently before](#) the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Among the cards left for Georgetown to play, this one is crucially important.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE LANGUAGE SUB-EDITORS



Gabriela Quijano

### **Español**

Los días 27, 28 y 29 de marzo se celebró en la Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Mayagüez, la conferencia de la sección de Puerto Rico de LASA (*Latin American Studies Association*). Bajo el título *Futuros Terrenales: Luchas y Reflexiones*, el evento destacó el análisis crítico en torno a la “indocilidad” puertorriqueña, un concepto que evoca debates históricos

en el archipiélago sobre la supuesta docilidad de quienes nacen, viven y mantienen lazos afectivos en/con el territorio puertorriqueño.

Entre las reflexiones que evidenciaron esta indocilidad y la elevaron a una cualidad urgente y encomiable, sobresalió la lucha contra el megaproyecto de lujo *Esencia*, que impactará unas dos mil cuerdas de terreno de alto valor ecológico en el municipio de Cabo Rojo. En la punta más suroeste del archipiélago, la firma de desarrollo inmobiliario Reuben Brothers, junto con otros inversionistas, planea construir un “complejo residencial y hotelero de lujo” con habitaciones y suites con vista al mar, villas privadas y residencias de diseño. El proyecto incluirá un campo de golf, un spa, un club de playa y restaurantes de alta cocina, en resumen, un conjunto de experiencias claramente dirigido a un sector privilegiado, ajeno a la mayoría de las personas en Puerto Rico.

Así, tal como denuncian diversas organizaciones de Cabo Rojo y municipios aledaños, *Esencia* agravará la “contaminación terrestre y marítima, la pérdida de hábitats y especies, el impacto en los servicios de electricidad y agua potable, el daño irreparable a yacimientos arqueológicos, el desplazamiento poblacional y la privatización de áreas públicas,” entre otras. Una vez más, las propuestas de desarrollo económico avaladas por el gobierno de Puerto Rico tendrán como efecto neto el desplazamiento de los puertorriqueños y la destrucción de la vida y los modos de vida inter-especies.

Ante esto, la lucha contra el proyecto crece, suma fuerzas y suma indóciles: personas que resisten el desplazamiento, la negación de la vida y la destrucción de pluriversos en nuestro archipiélago. En la conferencia se planteó que esta, al igual que otras luchas actuales en Puerto Rico, forma parte de una cadena de gestas basadas, di-

recta o indirectamente, en el “derecho a estar y a permanecer” en nuestro territorio.

Desde mi punto de vista, este reclamo abre un campo fértil para la reflexión y el aprendizaje sobre lo que significa para Puerto Rico y el Caribe el “derecho a estar.” En estas luchas, “permanecer” se configura, ante todo, como una ética, es decir, un posicionamiento crítico sobre los principios y valores que deben guiar la acción humana en el presente. La embestida contra nuestra vida es tan profunda que el reclamo y la acción de permanecer en nuestro archipiélago revelan indicios de una innovación teórica y práctica que merece ser observada de cerca. En otras palabras, la lucha por el derecho a estar y a permanecer en Puerto Rico no es solo una resistencia al desplazamiento, sino una afirmación de nuevas formas de habitar, cuidar y defender el territorio. En ellas hay mucho que aprender y fortalecer entre todos los que apostamos por un mundo más justo y digno.

### **English**

On March 27, 28, and 29, the LASA (Latin American Studies Association) Puerto Rico Section conference was held at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus. Under the title *Futuros Terrenales: Luchas y Reflexiones*, the event highlighted a critical analysis of Puerto Rican “indocility,” a concept that evokes historical debates in the archipelago about the supposed docility of those who are born, live, and maintain emotional ties to Puerto Rican territory.

Among the reflections that underscored this indocility and elevated it to an urgent and commendable quality, the struggle against the *Esencia* luxury megaproject stood out. *Esencia* will impact approximately two thousand acres of land with high ecological value in the municipality of Cabo Rojo. At the southwestern tip of the archipelago, the real estate development firm Reuben Brothers, along with other investors, plans to build a “luxury residential and hotel complex” featuring ocean-view rooms and suites, private villas, and designer residences. The project will include a golf course, a spa, a beach club, and fine dining—in short, a set of experiences clearly designed for a privileged sector, far removed from the reality of most people in Puerto Rico.

Thus, as various organizations in Cabo Rojo and surrounding municipalities denounce, *Esencia* will exacerbate “land and sea pollution, the loss of habitats and species, the impact on electricity and drinking water services, irreparable damage to archaeological sites, population displacement, and the privatization of public areas,” among others. Once again, the economic development proposals endorsed

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

by the government of Puerto Rico will have the net effect of displacing Puerto Ricans and destroying both life and interspecies ways of living.

In response, the struggle against the project continues to grow, gaining strength and adding the indocile voices of people resisting displacement, the denial of life, and the destruction of pluriverses in our archipelago. The conference suggested that this struggle, like others ongoing in Puerto Rico, is part of a chain of actions based, directly or indirectly, on the “right to be and remain” in our territory.

From my perspective, this demand opens a fertile space for reflection and learning about what the “right to remains” means for Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. In these struggles, “remaining” is configured, above all, as an ethic—that is, a critical stance on the principles and values that should guide human action today. The attack on our lives is so profound that the demand and effort to remain in our archipelago reveal signs of a theoretical and practical innovation that deserves close attention. In other words, the struggle for the “right to be and remain” in Puerto Rico is not only a resistance to displacement but an affirmation of new ways of inhabiting, caring for, and defending the territory, demonstrating there is much to learn and strengthen among all of us who are committed to the construction of a more just and dignified world.

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



Julien Merion

### Français LE TRAITE DE BASSE- TERRE du 31 MARS 1660 : UN TRAITE COLONIAL

Il y a 365 ans, le 31 mars 1660 était signé à Basse-Terre en Guadeloupe un Traité entre les représentants de la France, de l'Angleterre et 15 chefs kalinagos pour mettre un terme à la guerre des caraïbes qui

durait depuis une vingtaine d'années.

Les objectifs de ce traité sont simples. Il s'agit de pacifier les relations entre les kalinagos, appelés sauvages, qui n'acceptent pas d'être mis en esclavage et des se soumettre à la Loi des envahisseurs européens.

La lecture du texte nous permet de mettre en avant quatre dispositions contenues dans le Traité.

#### 1°) Instaurer la paix

Le Gouverneur de Guadeloupe, Charles Houel a commencé en février 1660 dans l'île de St-Christophe (aujourd'hui St-Kitts) un rapprochement pour faire accepter la paix. Les affrontements étant très vifs en Martinique, il n'est pas possible de conclure. C'est pourquoi une nouvelle rencontre a lieu en Guadeloupe avec les représentants de la Martinique. C'est donc au domicile de M Houël à Basse-Terre que le traité fut signé.

#### 2°) Attribuer 2 territoires aux kalinagos

Le traité décide de réserver aux kalinagos deux territoires que sont la Dominique et St-Vincent. A St-Vincent vivent déjà les Black Carib (Garifunas) qui sont issus d'un métissage entre kalinagos et africains après qu'un bateau transportant des captifs ait fait échouage aux abords de St-Vincent

Ces 2 îles sont appelées territoires neutres.

Le résultat est que les kalinagos sont chassés de presque toutes les autres îles qu'ils occupaient avant l'arrivée des Européens.

#### 3°) Rallier les kalinagos au catholicisme

Il y a clairement exprimé dans ce Traité une volonté de convertir les kalinagos à la religion catholique. C'est le rejet de leur culture et de leurs croyances et un assujettissement à la civilisation européenne.

C'est une soumission idéologique ainsi écrite : « Sur ce qu'on a fait demander auxdits Caraïbes s'ils ne désiraient pas apprendre à prier Dieu à notre imitation et souffrir que lesdits pères missionnaires les aillent instruire, »

#### 4°) Demande spécifique

Demande des kalinagos par Baba aux autorités martiniquaises de libérer ses neveux emprisonnés suite aux affrontements sur l'île. La demande est acceptée à condition qu'ils se convertissent au catholicisme.

Le Traité de Basse-Terre est la consécration juridique et politique de conquête coloniale européenne. Il acte de façon explicite la disparition des kalinagos de la plupart des îles de la Caraïbe de l'Est. Quelques territoires résiduels vont subsister en Guadeloupe, notamment à Anse-Bertrand jusqu'au 19<sup>ème</sup> siècle. Après les massacres, c'est l'effacement civilisationnel ouvrant la porte à l'esclavage des Africains.

C'est pour marquer ce moment important de l'histoire de la caraïbe qu'été organisée le dimanche 30 mars 2025 en Guadeloupe une manifestation avec la présence de l'Ambassadeur culturel de la Dominique, d'un représentant du Conseil du Territoire kalinago, du Maire de la Commune.

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Une plaque a été dévoilée sur le site du dernier village kalinago en Guadeloupe. Le 31 mars un Colloque a suivi permettant un regard croisé d'Antigua, de Guadeloupe, de Dominique, de Grenade et de St-Vincent.



### **English**

#### **THE TREATY OF BASSE-TERRE of MARCH 31, 1660: A COLONIAL TREATY**

365 years ago, on March 31, 1660, a treaty was signed in Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, between representatives of France, England, and 15 Kalinago chiefs to end the Caribbean War, which had lasted for about twenty years.

The objectives of this treaty were simple. It was to pacify relations between the Kalinago, called savages, who refused to accept being enslaved and submit to the laws of the European invaders. A reading of the text allows us to highlight four provisions contained in the Treaty.

1) Establish peace The Governor of Guadeloupe, Charles Houel, began a rapprochement in February 1660 on the island of St. Christopher (now St. Kitts) to secure peace. With clashes raging in Martinique, it was impossible to reach a conclusion. Therefore, a new meeting took place in Guadeloupe with representatives of Martinique. The treaty was signed at Mr. Houël's home in Basse-Terre.

2) Assign two territories to the Kalinagos The treaty decided to reserve two territories for the Kalinagos: Dominica and St. Vincent. St. Vincent already inhabited the Black Carib (Garifuna), who were the product of a mixture of Kalinagos and Africans after a ship carrying captives ran aground off St. Vincent.

These two islands were called neutral territories. The result was that the Kalinagos were driven from almost all the other islands they occupied before the arrival of Europeans.

3) Rallying the Kalinagos to Catholicism This Treaty clearly expressed a desire to convert the Kalinagos to the Catholic religion. This represented a rejection of their culture and beliefs and a subjugation to European civilization. It is an ideological submission written as follows: "On the ground that the said Caribs were asked if they would not wish to learn to pray to God in our imitation and allow the said missionary fathers to go and instruct them."

4) Specific Request Baba's request from the Kalinagos to the Martinican authorities to release his nephews imprisoned following the clashes on the island. The request was granted on the condition that they convert to Catholicism.

The Treaty of Basse-Terre is the legal and political consecration of European colonial conquest. It explicitly recorded the disappearance of the Kalinagos from most of the Eastern Caribbean islands. A few residual territories remained in Guadeloupe, notably at Anse-Bertrand, until the 19th century.

After the massacres, civilizational obliteration opened the door to African slavery. To mark this important moment in Caribbean history, an event was organized in Guadeloupe on Sunday, March 30, 2025, with the presence of the Cultural Ambassador of Dominica, a representative of the Kalinago Territorial Council, and the Mayor of the commune. A plaque was unveiled at the site of the last Kalinago village in Guadeloupe. A symposium followed on March 31, providing a cross-disciplinary perspective from Antigua, Guadeloupe, Dominica, Grenada, and St. Vincent.



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Maya Freeman

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## In Memoriam

**Roberta Marx Delson**

**1945–2025**

**Historian of Brazil, Latin America and the Caribbean**

Roberta ("Bobbie") Alice Marx Delson died suddenly and unexpectedly, just months short of her 80th birthday.

Born and raised in Queens, New York City, Bobbie devel-

oped an interest in Latin America through a childhood friend from South America. She attended Syracuse University, earning a BA in international relations through the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. She graduated *cum laude* in 1966 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

In 1966, she entered Columbia University in the Department of Anthropology, supported by a "National Defense" Foreign Language Fellowship in Portuguese. She met her future husband, Eric Delson, early in that academic year; he was a PhD student in paleontology. With Ford Foundation funding, Bobbie traveled to Brazil in the summer of 1967, where she undertook a study of the Jewish community of Porto Alegre, in the far south. It was just after the Six-Day War, and the community was beginning to open up to gentiles, so she developed a questionnaire to elicit their changing views. She wrote up the results for her MA in anthropology. She moved to the history department for her PhD, under the tutelage of Bradford Burns. After archival research in Portugal and Brazil, she wrote a dissertation on town planning in colonial Brazil, supervised by John Mundy and Herbert Klein.

Bobbie began teaching history at Rutgers University–Newark in 1972 and was appointed assistant professor after defending her dissertation in 1974. Also in 1974, Roberta gave birth to William Charles Delson, and the family moved to Fort Lee, New Jersey, midway between Rutgers and Eric's job at Lehman College, CUNY. At Rutgers, she taught introductory history courses and upper-division classes on Latin America, Brazil, and the Caribbean, as well as city history and urban planning, which were taken by students in the schools of architecture and engineering. She served as associate director and acting director of the Institute of Latin American Studies at the main campus in New Brunswick.

Roberta left Rutgers in 1981. She taught briefly at Princeton University, spent 10 years at the US Merchant Marine Academy in her hometown of Kings Point, New York, and 12 years as an adjunct associate and full professor at Drew University. After this, she formally retired from teaching undergraduates, which she loved and who loved her. She was appointed a research associate in anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), a position she held with pride. She was a long-time member of the Columbia University Seminar on Brazil, which she co-directed for many years. In 2016, following the death of her mother, Roberta and Eric moved to the family home in Kings Point, where she passed away this February.

Bobbie's dissertation was published in 1979 as *New Towns for Colonial Brazil: Spatial and Social Planning of the Eighteenth Century* (Dellplain Series in Latin American Studies, Syracuse University Department of Geography); it was translated into Portuguese as *Novas Vilas para o Brasil-Colônia* and published in Brazil in 1998. She demonstrated that colonial administrators laid out backlands towns, refuting the "standard" view of an unplanned Brazil. She edited a collection of *Readings in Caribbean History and Economics: An Introduction to the Region* (Gordon & Breach, 1981) and built on that work to edit eight more volumes in her series *Caribbean Studies*.

She wrote 25 major papers that reflect the wide range of her historical interests, mainly on colonial and imperial Brazil: town planning and its visual record, landscape conservation (often co-authored with John Dickenson), training of military engineers, canoe shipping on the Amazon (and canoe mechanics), the textile industry, and indigenous dress. Farther afield, she wrote on 19th-century sugar production; polycystic ovary syndrome; ethnicity and migration of global textile workers; a plea for comprehensive Caribbean history; and, most recently, aspects of the AMNH and "scientific Pan-Americanism" in the early 20th century. She also published numerous encyclopedia entries, book reviews (including 92 in *Choice*) and a survey of historic New Jersey school buildings with recommendations for preservation and re-use.

Her final project is a book-length treatment of the multifarious roles of AMNH curators and other staff during World War I, which will be published posthumously by Springer Science. Roberta is survived by Eric, William, daughter-in-law Lisa, and extended family members.

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