SHIFTING THE GEOGRAPHY OF REASON IV:

Intellectual Movement

CARIBBEAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION
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Shifting the Geography of Reason IV: Intellectual Movements
June 27 – 30, 2007
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ROOMS: SSLT = Social Science Lecture Theatre  SR = Seminar Room  GLT = Graduate Lecture Theatre
WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE 2007

I. 1:30 PM – 6 PM
LOCATION TBA
REGISTRATION

II. 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
THE UNDERCROFT, UWI-Mona
OPENING SESSION
(5:30 PM – 5:45 PM)
OPENING DRUMMING

(5:45 PM – 6:00 PM)
OPENING REMARKS:
Lewis R. Gordon, President of the CPA
Tunde Bewaji, UWI
Carolyn Cooper, UWI
Brian Meeks, UWI

(6:00 PM – 6:15 PM)
L’ANTOINETTE STINES DANCERS

(6:15 PM – 7:30 PM)
OPENING NIGHT PLENARY
TWO PIONEERS IN JAMAICAN PHILOSOPHY AND FEMINIST THOUGHT
Moderator: Lewis R. Gordon, President of the CPA, Temple University
Carolyn Cooper, UWI-Mona: “Dancehall Philosophy: Erotic Movement Shifting the Geography of Reason”

(7:30 PM – 9:00 PM)
RECEPTION
Performance of Kumina Dancing by L’Antonet Dance

THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2007

III. 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
SSLT
INTRODUCTION AND OPENING POEMS

Introduction: Lewis Gordon, President of the CPA
Clevis Headley, Vice-President of the CPA

Poets: Rozena Maart, Biko Institute
Arturo Dávila-Sanchez, Laney College

IV. 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
A. SSLT
AFRICANA PHILOSOPHY IN SOUTH AFRICA

Moderator: Brian Meeks, UWI-Mona
Rabson Wuriga, Center for Afro-Jewish Studies: “Revolution or Transformation? The Dilemma of Post-Independent Africa—Focus on South Africa”
Rozena Maart, Biko Institute: “Biko and the Influence of Black Consciousness in South Africa and the African Diaspora”

B. SR 15
CARIBBEAN FEMINISMS I

Moderator: Kristin Waters, Worcester State University
Natalie Bennett, DePaul University: “Refusal, Disavowal, and Same-Sex Desire in Caribbean Feminist Politics”
Nadia Indra Johnson, University of Miami: “Saving Souls: Sanctified Sex and the Enterprise of Nation”

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11:00 AM–11:15 AM
REFRESHMENT BREAK
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V. 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

A. SSLT POLITICAL THOUGHT I: DEMOCRATIC THEORY

Moderator: Oswald Harding, UWI-Mona

Clarence Sholé Johnson, Middle Tennessee State University: “George M. Carew’s Democratic Transition in Postcolonial Africa: A Deliberative Approach (Mellen, 2006)”

Jane Gordon, Temple University: “Making Democratic Theory Rigorous: A Reading of George Carew and Charles Tilly”

Charles Mills, Northwestern University: “Theorizing Democracy”

B. SR15 CARIBBEAN FEMINISMS II:

SYLVIA MARCOS’S TAKEN FROM THE LIPS: GENDER AND EROS IN MESOAMERICAN RELIGIONS (BRILL, 2006)

Moderator: Rosario Torres-Guevara, Teachers College & Manhattan Community College

Commentators: Maria Lugones, Binghamton University
Karen Torjesen, Claremont Graduate University
Nelson Maldonado-Torres, UC-Berkeley

Respondent: Sylvia Marcos, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico; Asociación Latinoamericana para el Estudio de las Religiones

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12:45 PM–1:45 PM     LUNCH BREAK

CULTURE IN DE COURTYARD—fashions, paintings, on the spot paintings, photographs, jewelry vendors, and poetry.

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VI. 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

A. SSLT FRANTZ FANON AND HIS INFLUENCE

Moderator: Devon Johnson, Temple University

Elsa Dorlin, University of Paris: “‘Defaire la race’: Dialectique, resistance et negativité dans la philosophie Frantz Fanon”

Kathryn T. Gines, Vanderbilt University: “Sexual and Racial Difference: Toward Fanonian Feminism? Or Is It Possible for Fanon to be a Black Feminist?”

Douglas Ficek, Temple University: “Nkiru Nzegwu’s Family Matters as a Fanonian Text”

Thomas Meyer, Temple University: “Fanon and the Phenomenology of Destabilization”

B. SR 15 LITERARY STRUGGLES, LITERARY MOVEMENTS

Moderator: George Ciccarello-Maher, UC-Berkeley

Patrick Ahern, Vanderbilt University: “Literacy in Depth: Walter Benjamin and the Struggle for Assimilation”

John Drabinski, Hampshire College: “Whence the Rhizome?: Deleuze, Glissant, and the Trans-Modern”

Alfonso R. Manzamo, Universidad del Atlàntico & Universidad del Norte: “Oralidad, Escritura e identidad en Édouard Glissant: Cuestionamiento de la Razón, el Ser y lo Universal Europeo”

Dalida Maria Benfeld, UC-Berkeley: “Notes Toward An Other Theory of Liberatory Media Praxis: Latina Cinema and Beyond”

VII. 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

SSLT FRANTZ FANON PRIZE

Moderators: Lewis R. Gordon, Temple University
Clevis Headley, Florida Atlantic University

Catherine Reinhardt-Zacair, Claims to Memory: Beyond Slavery and Emancipation in the French Caribbean (Berghan, 2006)

Commentators: Pageg Henry, Brown University
Nelson Maldonado-Torres, UC-Berkeley

Respondents: Elias K. Bongmba, Rice University
Brinda Mehta, Mills College
Catherine Reinhardt-Zacair, Chapman University
FRIDAY, 29 JUNE 2007

IX. 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

SSLT OPENING POEMS

Moderator: Lewis Gordon, Temple University

Poets: Marilyn Nissim-Sabat, Lewis University
Esiaba Irobi, University of Ohio

X. 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

A. SSLT POETICS AND POLITICS OF THE KALA PANI

Moderator: Paget Henry, Brown University

Supriya Nair, Tulane University: “Pastoral and Anti-Pastoral Traditions in Indo-Caribbean Literature”

Gautam Premnath, UC-Berkeley: “Itineraries of Postnationalism in V.S. Naipaul”

Crista Mohammed, UWI-St. Augustine: “Subverting Stereotypes: Eroticism and Innovation in Shani Mootoo and Oonya Kempadoo”


B. SR 15 POLITICAL THOUGHT II: SLAVERY AND FREEDOM

Moderator: Anthony Dandridge, Temple University

Chike Jeffers, Northwestern University: “Slavery, Freedom, and Equality: Cugoano and Locke on Natural Rights”

Kristin Waters, Worcester State University: "‘Crying Out for Liberty’: Concepts of Freedom and Equality in Early Abolition Literature and Movements”

Catherine Reinhardt-Zacair, Chapman University: “Re-Presenting Rhizome Memories of Slavery in Guadeloupe and Martinique”
C. **SR 10  PHENOMENOLOGY OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

*Moderator: Marilyn Nissim-Sabat, Lewis University*

Carolyn Cusick, *Vanderbilt University*: "Genetic Phenomenology of the Social World"


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**11:30 AM – 11:45 AM**  REFRESHMENT BREAK

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**XI. 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM**

A. **SSLT  PHILOSOPHY OF ART & CULTURE**

*Moderator: Anthony Dandridge, Temple University*


Pat Goodin, *Howard University*: “Alain Locke: Literature and the Politics of Philosophy”

Françoise Naudillon, *Université Concordia*: “Ideology in the Creolist Detective Novel / L’idéeologie du roman policier créoliste”

Sharifa Wright, *York University*: “Bennet Seh: Modes of Self-Writing in Jamaican Postcolonial Thought”

B. **SR 15  POLITICAL THOUGHT III: LATIN AMERICAN STRUGGLES**

*Moderator: Nelson Maldonado-Torres, UC-Berkeley*

Rosario Torres-Guevara, *Teacher’s College & Manhattan Community College*: “Status as Race: Toward a Conception of a Paper Race”

Claudia Milian Arias, *Duke University*: “Mulatinidad and the Black-Brown Color Lines”

Gabriela Martinez, *Center for Political Analysis and Social and Economic Research*: “La Insurgencia de Ascero Inoxidable / The Insurgence of Stainless Steel”

C. **SR 10  THEORIZING THE CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN STATE**

*Moderator: Lawrence Bamikole, UWI-Mona*


François Wassouni, *Université. de Naoundéré [Cameroon]*: “Les Pratiques Ocultes en Afrique Contemporaine: L’exemple du Cameroun”


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**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**  LUNCH BREAK

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**XII. 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM**

A. **SSLT  RASTAFARI**

*Moderator: Greg Graham, Temple University*

David Hodge, *Florida Memorial University & University of Miami*: “Race, Religion, and Rastafari: Toward an Ontology of Protest”


Martin Schade, *University of Technology-Jamaica*: “Rastafari: An Expression of Dialectical Incarnation”

Bongo Niaah, *UWI-Mona*: “Interpreting the Significance of Memory through Rastafari’s Testimonies”

Neil Roberts, *Johns Hopkins University*: “Rastafari as the Creolization of Zara Yacob’s Freedom”
B. GLT 3 POLITICAL THOUGHT IV: DEVELOPMENT & IDEALS

Moderator: Oswald Harding, UWI-Mona

Scott Zeman, Vanderbilt University: “Primitive Accumulation, Fetishism, and Development”

George Ciccariello-Maher, UC-Berkeley: “Soros and Mariátegui: Separation and Eurocentrism”

Marilyn Nissim-Sabat, Lewis University: “Drucilla Cornell, Marx, and Ideals: Bridging the Theory/Praxis Divide”

Rozena Maart, Biko Institute: “Black Consciousness, Psychoanalysis, and Derridean Deconstruction”

C. GLT 1 POETICS OF BORDERS, BORDERS OF POETICS

Moderator: Claudia Milian Arias, Duke University

Margo Crawford, Indiana University: “Shifting the Geography of ‘Passing’: Keorapetse Kgositsile and the Black Arts Movement”

Arturo Dávila-Sanchez, Laney College: “Border Poetics: The Case of Ana Castillo”

Schallum Pierre: “Vie et individualité dans la pensée poétique de Jacques Roumain: considérations phénoménologiques sur ‘Gouverneurs de la rosée’”

Brinda Mehta, Mills College: “The Politics of Torture in Evelyne Trouillot’s Rosalie L’infame”

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM REFRESHMENT BREAK

XIII. 4:45 PM – 6:45 PM

SSLT THE PHILOSOPHY OF C.L.R. JAMES

Moderator: Rupert Lewis, UWI-Mona

Biko Agozino, UWI-St. Augustine: “The Dialectics of C.L.R. James”


A. SSLT PHILOSOPHY OF RACE AND RACISM

Moderator: Clarence Sholé Johnson, Middle Tennessee State University

Dilan Mahendran, UC-Berkeley: “Is There a Modern Technological Understanding of Race?”

Falguni A. Sheth, Hampshire College: “Producing Race: Strangeness, Reason, and Radical Cultural Heterorgenity”

Michael Monahan, Marquette University: “The Education of Racial Perception”

Horace Williams, UWI-Mona: “Political Cartoons (of Las May) and the Themes of Race, Personhood, Blackness, and Cultural Entrepreneurship (as Case for Jamaica)”

B. SR 15 POLITICAL THOUGHT V: LAW & POLITICAL ECONOMY

Moderator: Oswald Harding, UWI-Mona

Nkiruka Ahiauzu, University of Wales – Aberystwyth: “Naming Struggles: African Ideologies and the Law”

Kamau A. Chionesu, UWI-Mona: “Can Historical Materialism Adequately Explain the Social Dynamics of Caribbean Development?”
Celso Vagas, *Universidad de Costa Rica*: “Property as System and Regimes”

Harvey G. Willis, *UWI-Mona*: “Postcolonial Redress: A Philosophical Perspective on Poverty in Third World States”

C. **SF 10 VALUE THEORY**

*Moderator*: Lawrence Bamikole, *UWI-Mona*


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**12:15 PM – 1:15 PM** **LUNCH BREAK**

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XVII. **1:15 PM – 3:30 PM**

A. **SSLT CARIBBEAN FEMINISMS III**

*Moderator*: Kristin Waters, *Worcester State University*

Catherine John, *University of Oklahoma*: “Changing History and Social Theory into Rural Caribbean Practice: The Erna Brodber Model”


Rekha Menon, *Buffalo University*: “The Rhizomatic Celebration of Sexuality: Is It Still a Taboo in India or among the Indo-Caribbeans?”

B. **SF 15 CREOLISM AND CREOLITÉ**

*Moderator*: Jane Gordon, *Temple University*

Alexis Nouss, Université de Montréal: “Mestizaje, créolité, globalization”

Mickaella Perina, *University of Massachusetts-Boston*: “Identity Negotiated: Créolité versus Negritude?”


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**3:30 PM – 3:45 PM** **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

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XVIII. **3:45 PM – 4:45 PM**

**SSLT READING OF SYCORAX, A PHILOSOPHICAL PLAY BY ESIABA IROBI**

XIX. **4:45 PM – 6:00 PM**

**SSLT CLOSING SESSION**

*Moderator*: Lewis R. Gordon, *Temple University*

(4:45 PM – 5:00 PM)

Reading of Danielle Davis, *Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia*: “‘Can I Perform My Identity for You?’: The Politics of Australian Indigenous Ontology”

(5:00 PM – 5:30 PM)


(5:30 PM – 5:45 PM)

Closing Remarks: Clevis Headley, *Vice-President of the CPA*

Lewis R. Gordon, *President of the CPA*

(5:45 PM – 6:00 PM)

Closing Poems: Marilyn Nissim-Sabat, Arturo Dàvila-Sanchez, Rozena Maart, and Esiaba Irobi

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