13th Annual
“Islands-In-Between” Conference:
Language, Literature, & Cultures of the Eastern Caribbean
Georgetown, Guyana
4-6 November 2010
Program
**13TH ISLANDS-IN-BETWEEN CONFERENCE**  
UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA, 4-6 November 2010

**WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER**  
6:00PM Informal Get-Together & Pre-Registration

**THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER**  
8:00-9:00AM (and continuing): Registration

9:00-10:00AM: Inauguration  
Venue: Education Lecture Theater  
Words of Welcome: Alim Hosein (Univ. of Guyana) – Master of Ceremony  
Reinhard Sander (Univ. of Puerto Rico – Río Piedras) – Co-Convener of the Conference  
Remarks: Al Creighton (Dean of the School of Education & Humanities, UG)  
Tota Mangar (Deputy Vice-Chancellor of UG)  
Main Speaker: The Hon. D. Bharrat Jagdeo (President of Guyana)

10:15-12PM: Session 1: *In Honor of Sir Wilson Harrris*  
Venue: Education Lecture Theater  
Chair: Reinhard Sander (UPR - Río Piedras)  
Keith Cartwright (Univ. of North Florida), “‘Between Ruin & Origin’: Wilson Harris, Edouard Glissant, and the Cross-Cultural Imagination”  
Timothy Donovan (Univ. of North Florida), “The Space of Trauma: Wilson Harris’s Jonestown”  
Nereida Prado (UPR - Cayey), “The Vodun Paradigm in Wilson Harris’s *Resurrection at Sorrow Hill*”

12-12:15PM: Break

12:15-1:30PM: Session 2: *Guyana – Language Issues*  
Venue: Education Lecture Theater  
Chair: Ann Albuyeh (UPR – Río Piedras)  
Coreen Jacobs (Univ. of Guyana), “Globalization and Language”  
Charlene Wilkinson (Univ. of Guyana), “Language Preservation & Language Development: Programme Development in the Dept. of Languages and Cultural Studies of the Univ. of Guyana”  
Gentian Miller (Univ. of Guyana), “Heteroglossia: The Language of Poetry, Song and Dance”

1:30-2:45PM Lunch
2:45-4:00PM: Session 3: Women’s Literature
Venue: Education Lecture Theater
Chair: Nalini Natarajan (UPR – Río Piedras)
V. Vijay Maharaj (UWI – St. Augustine), “Re-Writing the Post-Independence Experience: Indo-Caribbean Women and the Political Landscape”
Virginia Stewart (Roanoke College), “Creating the Improbable Possible: Beryl Gilroy’s Joanna and Yarico”

4:00-4:15PM: Break

4:15-6:00PM: Session 4: Language History
Venue: Education Lecture Theater
Chair: Marsha Hinds-Layne (UWI – Cave Hill)
Nicholas Faraclas (UPR - Río Piedras), “Expanding and Refining the Socio-Historical Matrix of Creolization in the Eastern Caribbean”

7:30PM: Cultural Event: Diwali – Festival of Lights

FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER
9:00-10:15AM: Session 5: Literature: Dabydeen & Brathwaite
Venue: Education Lecture Theater
Chair: Virginia Stewart (Roanoke College)

10:15-10:30AM: Break
10:30 -11:45 Parallel Sessions 6 & 7
Session 6: Indigenous Language, Myth, & Survival
Venue: Education Lecture Theater
Chair: Martin Jones (Univ. of Trinidad & Tobago)
Marie-France Patte (CNRS, France), “The Position of Guianese Arawak/Lokono in the Arawakan Family”
Melinda Maxwell-Gibb (UPR-Río Piedras), “The Moon Has a Dirty Face: An Exploration into the Migration of an Amerindian Origin Myth”
Paul E. Lewis (Open Campus, UWI, St. Vincent), “Indigenous Survival and Continuity in St. Vincent and the Grenadines”

Session 7: Curaçao, Suriname, & Myth Performance
Venue: Education J33
Chair: Nicholas Faraclas (UPR – Río Piedras)
Lucia Nankoe (University of Utrecht), “Suriname Author Edgar Cairo’s Sranan Libre”

11:45-12:45PM: Book Launch: 2-Volume Proceedings of the 2009 Islands-In-Between Conference in Dominica
Presented by: Nick Faraclas (UPR – Río Piedras) & Marsha Hinds-Layne (UWI – Cave Hill)
Venue: Education Lecture Theater

12:45-2:00PM: Lunch

2:00-2:45PM: Guest Speaker: Ian Robertson (UWI – St. Augustine)
Introduced by Alim Hosein (University of Guyana)
Venue: Education Lecture Theater

2:45-4:30PM: Session 8: Language and Literature in Education
Venue: Education Lecture Theater
Chair: Tyrone Ali (UWI – St. Augustine)
Stacy Denny (UWI - Cave Hill), “Writing Right”
Martin Jones (Univ. of Trinidad & Tobago), “Challenges in Teacher Preparation for Postcolonial Transformation of Literature Teaching”

4:30-4:45PM: Break

4:45-6:30PM: Parallel Sessions 9 & 10

Session 9: Identity, Social & Political Narratives
Venue: Education J33
Chair: Mariam Pirbhai (Wilfrid Laurier Univ., Canada)
Marie-Annick Gournet (Univ. of the West of England), “Place and Belonging: Beyond the Fragmentation”
Margaret Gill (UWI – Cave Hill), “Negotiating Leadership Through Language: The Case of the Black Middle Class in George Lamming’s Novels”
Jennifer Rahim (UWI – St. Augustine), “Exorcising the Father Figure in Selected Caribbean Fiction”

Session 10: Language: Structure, Psychology, Ideology
Venue: Education Lecture Theater
Chair: Korah Belgrave (UWI – Cave Hill)
Hazel Ann Gibbs-DePeza (Univ. of Trinidad & Tobago), “I Speak, Therefore I Am”
Alim Hosein (Univ. of Guyana), “Reduplication in Guyanese Creole”
Nicole Arsenec (Univ. de Provence), “Serial Verbs in Jamaican and in Martinican Creole Languages”

6:30-7:00PM: Business Meeting
Venue: Education Lecture Theater
Chair: Mervyn Alleyne (UPR – Rio Piedras)

7:30PM: Cultural Event: Diwali – Festival of Lights

SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER:
9:00-10:15AM: Parallel Sessions 11 & 12

Session 11: Caribbean Music & Festival
Venue: Education Lecture Theater
Chair: Mervyn Alleyne (Rio Piedras)
Meagan Sylvester (UWI – St. Augustine), “Locating Identity Within the Traditional and the Modern Music of Trinidad & Tobago”
Lerona Lewis (McGill University, Canada), “Carifesta in Montreal, Canada”
Session 12: *Alternative Symbolic Systems and Formats*
Venue: Education J33  
Chair: Stacy Denny (*UWI – Cave Hill*)
Korah Belgrave (*UWI - Cave Hill*), “Political Cartoons of the 2008 Elections in Barbados: A Rhetorical Perspective”
Kencil Banwarie (*Univ. of Guyana*), “Latrinalia: A Sociolinguistic Indicator of the Guyanese Psyche”
Ben Braithwaite and Kathy-Ann Drayton (*UWI - St. Augustine*), “‘You Not My Father’: Lexical Variation Amongst Sign Language Users in Trinidad & Tobago”

10:15-10:30AM Break

10:30-11:45AM: Parallel Sessions 13 & 14
Session 13: *Children’s Storytelling & Language in Education*
Venue: Education Lecture Theater  
Chair: Megan Sylvester (*UWI – St. Augustine*)
Jef Van der Aa (*Univ. of Jyvaskyla, Finland*), “The Flag, the Coat of Arms and Me: Function and Genre in Barbadian Children’s Storytelling”
Diana Ursulin, Pier Angeli LeCompte Zambrana, Hannia Laó, Sally Delgado, Santiago Ruiz (*UPR – Rio Piedras*), “Education, Languages in Contact, and Popular Culture in the Francophone, Hispanophone and Dutch Caribbean and Beyond”

Session 14: *Transnational Perspectives & Local Poetry*
Venue: Education J33  
Chair: Jennifer Rahim (*UWI – St. Augustine*)
Christopher Meir (*UWI – St. Augustine*), “Transnational Film Production in the Caribbean: Ismail Merchant’s *The Mystic Masseur* as Commonwealth Pudding”
Nalini Natarajan (*UPR – Rio Piedras*), “Two Women’s Texts and a Critique of the Plantation: Jean Rhys’ *Wide Sargasso Sea* and Arundhati Roy’s *The God of Small Things*”
Paloma Mohamed (*Univ. of Guyana*), “Reality & Drunkenness: A Preliminary Look at the Known Poems of Edgar Mittelholzer”

11:45-1:00PM: Parallel Sessions 15 & 16
Session 15: *Social History*
Venue: Education Lecture Theater  
Chair: Lucia Nankoe (*University of Utrecht*)
Jo Anne Harris (*Georgia Institute of Technology*), “1823: Plantation Success and the ‘Demerara Martyr’”
ChenziRa Davis Kahina (*St. Croix*), “Queens of the Virgins: Ancestral Visions in Contemporary VI Folklore and Drama”
Bruce Jno-Baptiste (*Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Guadeloupe*), “What Transformation for the Small Nation-State of Dominica Confronted with the Chinese Diasporal Community?”

**Session 16: Language Usage: Choices and Prerogatives**

**Venue:** Education J33  
**Chair:** Vanessa Austin (*UPR – Rio Piedras*)


Judith Marie García Lozada (*UPR - Rio Piedras*), “Puertoricans in St. Croix: “Puertocrucian” or “Cruciorican”


**1:00- 2:15PM Lunch**

**Conference Tour:** *Parika on the Lower Essequibo River & Guyana Heritage Museum at Kaslev*

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**Guyana Host Committee:**

Kencil Banwarie  
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