

**TITLE: ETHNICITY AND AFFLUENCE: IMMIGRANT AND AMERICANIZED
CARIBBEAN YOUTH**

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Abstract 1:

My research was on how the self-identification of Caribbean black youth in the United States affected their aspirations and expectations. Being of mixed ethnicity myself (father – black Trinidadian/mother-black American) I felt very close to the individuals I was doing research on. I noticed some very interesting developments in the ethnographic sections of my data, as there were negative perceptions of native blacks by Caribbean blacks that had very strong Caribbean/immigrant identities. Through this process of migration, interstate relations were being forged. I felt that was quite interesting and would like to share those findings at the conference as well as the need for there to be a wider identification with black not only in the Caribbean but the United States, England, Africa, Canada and wherever else there are peoples of African heritage. In addition I wanted to share other findings about the great importance to have official or institutional connections between Caribbean black both within the Caribbean and in the Diaspora as well.