



## **ICOPA XIV**

# **International Conference on Penal Abolition**

**12 – 15 June 2012**

**Institute of International Relations**

**The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine**

**Trinidad and Tobago**

**Venues: Learning Resource Centre UWI 12-14 June**

**Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service Training College 15 June**

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# Opening Ceremony of the ICOPA XIV



**Learning Resource Centre  
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine**

**Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
5.30 p.m.**



## **Welcome**

Professor Clement Sankat, Campus Principal, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

## **Historicising ICOPA**

Dr Harold Pepinsky, Mediator, Worthington, Ohio, USA

## **Alternatives to Custody in Trinidad**

Catherine Ali, ICOPA Coordinator

## **Greetings from Maximum Security Prison: Poem and Calypso**

Calib Frazer and Andrew Douglas. Film and Theatre for the Real World, (Director, Ellen O' Malley Camps)

## **Opening Presentation: Control-Freak Criminology and Penal Abolitionism**

Professor Onwubiko Agozino (Director, Africana Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

## **Closing Remarks**

Dr Anthony Gonzales (Director, Institute of International Relations, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine)

## **Selection of Prisoner Art**

Enjoy some original pieces of artwork (Clayton de Freitas, Artist and Art Therapist)

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### **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

For further conference information including abstracts and papers, please see:  
<http://sta.uwi.edu/conferences/12/icopa/icopa.asp>

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12**

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**Institute of International Relations, UWI, IIR. Board Room**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**      **Roundtable - Prison Support Groups and Activists**  
“Views from New Zealand,” Pat Magill.  
“Views from Australia,” Brett Collins.  
“Santa Rosa Prison Experiences” Representative, Santa Rosa  
Residents Association.

**Trinidad and Tobago Prisons**

**1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**      **Mediation Training Workshop in Trinidad & Tobago Prisons**  
Dr Harold Pepinsky, Helen Taylor, Marva DeFreitis Charles, Alloy  
Youksee.

**Opening Dialogues – UWI, Learning Resource Centre**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.**      **Film – Introduction, Liz Griffith, Human Rights Activist**  
*Visions of Abolition: From Critical Resistance to a New Way of Life.*

**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**      **Justice and Faith Perspectives –Chair, Professor Kapil Kumar**  
“Social Exclusion and Punishing Assumptions,” Leela Ramdeen,  
Greater Caribbean for Life.  
“Hindu and Muslim Perspectives on Justice and Peace,”  
Pundit Bramdeo Maharaj and Haji Imtiaz Ali,  
Representatives of Inter Religious Organization.  
“Amerindian Spirituality and Blessing,” Ricardo Bharath-  
Hernandez and Christo Adonis.

**5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p. m.**      **Opening Ceremony, UWI, Learning Resource Centre**

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 14      Punishment and Peace: Steps Towards Abolition      UWI, LRC**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Registration**

**8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

**Keynote Speech— Introduction, Dr. Henry Charles**

“Beyond Reward and Punishment: A New Justice for the Beloved Community,” Professor Wendy Hamblet, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

**9:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.**

**Transformation 1 – Chair, Catherine Ali**

“Fostering Human Development,” Dr Theodore Ferguson.

“Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Grave Injury,” Dr. Henry Charles.

“Best Practice and Deportees,” Wayne Chance, President, Vision on Mission.

**10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Transformation 2 – Chair, Professor Anthony Bryan**

“Harm Reduction,” Damian Hutchinson, UWI, Mona, Jamaica.

“Imagining Better Ways to Organise Society,” Gordon Husbands, Executive Director, Penal Reform and Transformation Unit.

“Communities and Crime Prevention,” Mr John Rougier, Retired Commissioner of Trinidad and Tobago Prisons Service

“Healing Experiences,” Ruth Greaves

**12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**Gender**

“The Men’s Forum: School for Tabanca,” Hal Greaves, Developmental Change Agent.

“Ubuntu, Gender and Spirituality: Transformative Justice Considerations,” Prof. Mechthild Nagel, SUNY Cortland, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany (SKYPE).

“Female Prisoners and Colonial Prisons: Case Studies from U.P., India,” Professor Kapil Kumar, Chair, Contemporary Modern Indian Studies, UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad

**Or**

**Juveniles**

“Theoretical Jailbreak for Juveniles : How Possible is the Reality in Developing Countries,” Magistrate Indira Ramnarine Misir-Gosine

“Incarceration: Altering the Lives of Juvenile Offenders in Trinidad and Tobago,” Wendell Wallace, PhD. Student, UWI and Northumbria University, UK.

“Hip Hop and Abolition, and Alternatives to Youth Detention,” Dr Anthony Nocella, Hamline University & Save the Kids.

**2:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Concurrent Workshops**

- (1) “Getting Through Pain: Victims and Ex-Offenders,” Ruth Greaves, Earline Parsons, Rape Crises, Victim Support.
- (2) “Culture, Theatre, Film and Transformation,” Hal Greaves, Wayne Lee Sing and Helen Camps.

**4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Central America and the Caribbean**

- “The 2012 UNDP Report: Some Observations with Reference to Central America,” Professor Anthony Bryan.
- “Drug Legalization,” Professor Hal Pepinsky, Indiana University, USA.
- “When Ganja was Legalised: The Repeal of Prohibition Legislation in Trinidad and Mauritius in the Nineteenth Century,” Dr Peter Hanoomansingh, Independent Scholar, Trinidad



**FRIDAY, JUNE 15**

**Transformation**

**Prison Training College, Tumpuna Road South, Badoo Trace**

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**8:00 a.m.**

**Registration**

**8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.**

**Keynote Speech**

“From Universities of Crime to Communities for Human Enrichment” Gordon Husbands,  
Director, Penal Reform and Transformation Unit.

**9:25 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.**

**Transitions and Transformations - Chair, Dr Frank Dunbaugh**

“Babies, Foundational Relationships and Incest Prevention,” Dr.  
Michael Camps, Pediatrician.

“Investing in Children and Community Responsibility for Harms,”  
Pat Magill, Abolition Activist Napier City, New Zealand.

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Concurrent Workshop/Panel Facilitator- Mr. Justice Kokaram**

(1) “Exploring Potential for Mediation in a Trinidadian Prison,” Hal  
Pepinsky, Helen Taylor, Marva DeFreitis Charles, Alloy  
Youksee and Community Mediation Service.

(2) “Art Therapy and Transformation,” Clayton De Freitas (Artist  
& Art Therapist)

**12:00 noon – 1:15 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

**Concurrent Panels**

**Education and Change**

“Navigating the Contentious Role of Activist and Educator in the  
Prison Context,” Professor Angela Harvey, Ohio State  
University, Newark, USA.

“Witness to Change: Views from Holland,” Jehanne Hulsman,  
Hulsman Foundation.

**Or**

**Reintegration and Resistance**

“Activism for Reintegration and Abolition,” Brett Collins,  
Managing Director, Justice Action, Australia.

“Reintegration, Sex Offender Registry and Abolition,” Margaret  
Sampson, Brown Police Victim Support.

“No Bars, No Borders: Penal Abolition and Immigration Control”,  
Liz Griffith, Refugee Action Group, Belfast

**3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Response Martin Martinez, Commissioner of Prison of  
Trinidad and Tobago**

Summary and Resolutions:

**CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15**

**ICOPA Business meeting**

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**The University of West Indies,  
Institute of International Relations**

**4 p.m. – 5p.m.**

**Looking Ahead to ICOPA 15&16 - Chair, Michael J. Coyle**

“ICOPA 2014,” Justin Piche for Canada (via Skype)

“Structuring ICOPA,” Mechthild Nagel, SUNY Cortland, and

Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany (Skype)

“ICOPA 2016,” Pat Magill for New Zealand.

Other Business.

**Issues raised by presenters at ICOPA 14, for consideration as resolutions**

- Reparative Law.
  - A Regional Group/Centre for Abolition Practice and Research.
  - Research on prison gangs in relation to abolition.
  - Voluntarism
  - Convict Heritage Tourism and Royal Jail Closure.
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## **THANK YOU**

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Catherine Ali, Liz Griffith, Marilyn Ramon-Fortune, Adrian Alexander, Keshan Latchman and Helen Taylor, members of the Organising Committee of the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Penal Abolition, sincerely thank all the presenters and the participants for their very valuable contributions and we wish everybody a safe journey home.

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