

Reassembling the Fragments

CONFERENCE IN HONOUR OF BRIDGET BRERETON ■ BARBARA LALLA ■ IAN ROBERTSON

THURSDAY AUGUST 25TH – SATURDAY 27TH 2011

CENTRE FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING, UWI, ST AUGUSTINE

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY AUGUST 25TH

08:00-9:00 Registration

09:00-10:30 WELCOME

Professor Funso Aiyejina, Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Education

PLENARY

David Trotman

Professor, York University

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30

SESSION 1

PANEL 1: Historicity: Gender & Race

Herstory: Bridget Brereton's Infusion of a Gender Discourse in Caribbean History

Gelien Matthews
UWI, St Augustine

"Torn from the womb of slavery and born again to freedom": The Interplay of Transcendence and Military Emancipation

Claudius Fergus
UWI, St Augustine

Historiographical Intervention and the Cosmopolitan History of Trinidad & Tobago: A Brereton Review

Michael Toussaint
UWI, St Augustine

PANEL 2: Transcending Disorder: Seeking Symmetries

Restoring Shattered Nation Family in Lalla's *Arch of Fire*

Paula Morgan
UWI, St Augustine

"The Voice from the Bottom of the Well": Olive Senior's 'Grung'/Ground(ed) Poetics"

Michael Bucknor
UWI, Mona

Re-Visioning the Creole Voice: Establishing Authenticity

Valerie Youssef
UWI, St Augustine

"Burn and Rave at the Close of Day": Ageing and Alzheimer's in Lalla's *Cascade* and Chariandry's *Soucouyant*

Paula Morgan
UWI, St Augustine

12:30-02:00 Lunch

02:00-04:00

SESSION 2

PANEL 3: Early Histories: Records and Practices

In Search of Equity: Doctors' Negotiations in the British Caribbean in the 1920s

Rita Pemberton
UWI, St Augustine

Pride and Prejudice: The Evolution of the Trinidad & Tobago Nursing Service

Debbie McCollin
UWI, St Augustine

Called to Action: the Historian and the Archival Records of the Region with Emphasis on the Post-Independence Era

John Aarons
UWI, Mona

PANEL 4: Critical and Pedagogical Approaches

Words Fail Me: Linguistics, Literary Analysis and Film Theory

Jean Antoine-Dunne
UWI, St Augustine

History for Millennial Minds: A Guide to using IT to Create Rich Learning Experiences for Teachers of Caribbean History

Melisse Ellis
UTT, Trinidad & Tobago

Constructing the History of the School of Caribbean Linguistics

Marsha Hinds-Layne
UWI, Cave Hill

4:00 P.M.	
RECEPTION – CLL ATRIUM	
5:00 – 7:00 P.M.	
OPENING CEREMONY – CLL AUDITORIUM	
FEATURE SPEAKER	
Rhoda Reddock	
<i>Professor & Deputy Principal, UWI St Augustine</i>	
FRIDAY AUGUST 26TH	
08:00-9:00	Registration
09:00-10:30	PLENARY
	<i>Exploring the New, Challenging the Old: Ian Robertson's Legacy to Creole Studies</i>
	Don Winford
	<i>Professor, Ohio State University</i>
10:30-11:00 Break	
11:00-12:30	
SESSION 3	
PANEL 5: Caribbean Voice in Language Education	
Re-Visioning the Creole Voice: Reflections on Ian Robertson's Perspectives on Creole Languages in Education	Valerie Youssef UWI, St Augustine
Assessing Language Disorders in English Creole-Speaking Children	Kathy-Ann Drayton UWI, St Augustine
Fusing the Fragments: Ian Robertson's Contribution to Language and Education	Nicha Selvon-Ramkissoon & Barbara Constance UTT, Trinidad & Tobago
PANEL 6: Trinbagonian Histories	
Imperial First Lady of Trinidad, Lady Rachel Hamilton Gordon 1865–1870	Dane Morton-Gittens St Benedict's College, Trinidad
Brereton's Contested Narratives of Trinidad & Tobago History: The Syrian/Lebanese Case	Fiona Ann Rajkumar USC, Trinidad & Tobago
Trinbago's Long-Haul from Uni-Cameralism to Bi-Cameralism (1862 – 1961)	Brinsley Samaroo UTT, Trinidad & Tobago
12:30-02:00 Lunch	
02:00-04:00	
SESSION 4	
PANEL 7: Meandering Trajectories of Creolization	
Reassembling the Fragments: A Study of Modern West African Pidgins and Creoles and their Caribbean Antecedents	James Bukari UWI, St Augustine
Coming to Terms with the End of Substratist Explanation as We Know it: The Berbice Dutch Case	Silvia Kouwenberg UWI, Mona
Lexical Africanisms in Jamaican: Borrowed or Retained?	Joseph T. Farquharson UWI, St Augustine
PANEL 8: Constructing National Identities	
Discourse Strategies of Functional Indigenization: The Short Story in the Aftermath of World War I	Renée Figuera UWI, St Augustine
From Major to Minor: A Case Study of the White Ethnic Community of Trinidad	Rhoda Bharath UWI, St Augustine
Revaluing the Fragments: National Unity in the Caribbean –a <i>Bricolage</i> of Fragmented Migration Identities	Beátrice Boufof-Bastick UWI, St Augustine

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5:00 – 7:00 P.M.	
FILM SPOTLIGHT – CLL AUDITORIUM	
<i>Windows Into the Past: A Conversation with Bridget Brereton</i>	
Patricia Mohammed	
UWI, St Augustine	
<i>Interview with Ian Robertson</i>	
Valerie Youssef	
UWI, St Augustine	
<i>Reassembling the Fragments: Voice Tracks with Barbara Lalla</i>	
Paula Morgan	
UWI, St Augustine	
RECOLLECTIONS	
<i>Prophesying from the Rear View Mirror: Recalling the First Sixty Years of The University of the West Indies</i>	
Jean D’Costa	
<i>Professor Emerita, Hamilton College</i>	
SATURDAY AUGUST 27TH	
08:00-9:00	ONE-DAY REGISTRATION
09:00-10:30	PLENARY
	Velma Pollard
	<i>Former Senior Lecturer, UWI Mona</i>
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	
SESSION 5	
PANEL 9: Roundtable Discussion	
Lit/Ling – More than Fragments: Barbara Lalla’s Pioneering of Literary Linguistics at UWI St Augustine	Karen Sanderson-Cole Ryan Durgasingh Nicha Selvon-Ramkissoon Geraldine Skeete UWI, St Augustine
PANEL 10: Fractured Histories and Narratives	
Naipaul, Brereton and History	Nivedeta Misra UWI, St Augustine
Sealing the Fractures: The Wife of Bath and Foundation Myths	Genevieve Phagoo UWI, St Augustine
“Islands Fortunate”: Mapping Colonial Desire in Selected Poems by John Donne	Giselle Rampaul UWI, St Augustine
12:30-02:00 Lunch	

02:00-04:00

SESSION 6

PANEL 11: Endangered Language: Identity & Voice

Attitudes to Signed Languages in Trinidad & Tobago

FILM: Language Attitudes in the Deaf Community of Trinidad

Presentation by members of the Trinidad & Tobago Sign Language (TTSL) Research Group & Members of the Deaf community

Ben Braithwaite
Leslie Ali
Kesica Brewster
Alicia Lamb
Ryan Ramgattan
Brian Rodrigues
UWI, St Augustine

FILM: Bhojpuri in Trinidad

by Ben Braithwaite & Jennifer de Silva

Ben Braithwaite
UWI, St Augustine

PANEL 12: Roundtable Discussion/Graduate Panel

Bridget Brereton and the Nurturing of a Young Generation of Historians

Dane Morton-Gittens
UWI, St Augustine
Melisse Ellis
UTT, Trinidad & Tobago
Fiona Ann Rajkumar
USC, Trinidad & Tobago

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FEATURE SPEAKER

Lise Winer

Professor, McGill University