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[SALLE/ROOM (A-Lecture Hall), (B), and (C)]

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2008

I. 1:00 PM – 5 PM **REGISTRATION**

II. 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

SALLE/ROOM A WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Lewis Gordon, *President of the Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA)*
Clevis Headley, *Vice President of the Caribbean Philosophical Association*
Françoise Naudillon, *Secretary of Francophone Regions and Translations*

III. 3:15 PM – 5:30 PM

SALLE/ROOM A OPENING SESSION
IDENTITÉS, POLITIQUE ET MYTHOGRAPHIE

Moderator: Françoise Naudillon, *Concordia University*

Christian Saad, *L'Université des Antilles de la Guyane*: “La pensée économique de Ghandi”

Didier Destouches, MCF, *L'Université des Antilles de la Guyane*: “Identité et histoire du droit”

Bernard Phipps, *L'Université des Antilles de la Guyane*: “Pouvoir de la langue et langue du Pouvoir (à propos des rapports entre le français et le créole)”

Jacques Dumont, *L'Université des Antilles de la Guyane*: “Le sport comme espace et processus d'identification collective en Guadeloupe”

Fred Reno, *Centre d'Analyse Géopolitique et Internationale, L'Université des Antilles de la Guyane*: “Les mythomoteurs de l'identité caribéenne”

IV. 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM **RECEPTION**

Greetings: Lewis Gordon, *President of the CPA*
Featuring poetry by Arturo Dávila-Sanchez and Ramabai Espinet
Beguine celebration with displays of works by local artists

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2008

V. 8:45 AM – 2:00 PM **REGISTRATION**

VI. 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

SALLE/ROOM A GREETING AND OPENING POEM

Morning Greeting: Lewis Gordon, *President of the CPA*

Poem: Arturo Dávila-Sanchez, *Laney College and University of California-Berkeley*

VII. 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM

A. SALLE/ROOM A

Moderator: Françoise Naudillon, *Concordia University*

Julien Merion, *Centre d'Analyse Géopolitique et Internationale, L'Université des Antilles de la Guyane*: "Culture politique et émancipation en situation assimilationniste"

Ronald Selbonne, *L'Université des Antilles de la Guyane*: "La problématique de l'identité aux Antilles"

Livie Sidilla, *Centre d'Analyse Géopolitique et Internationale, L'Université des Antilles de la Guyane*: "160 ans de citoyenneté masculine, 64 ans de citoyenneté féminine: la délicate cohabitation annoncée"

Mirna Bolus, *Lycée de Providence*: "Créole et société en Guadeloupe"

B. SALLE/ROOM B

Chair and Moderator: Renée Larrier, *Rutgers University*

Simone James Alexander, *Seton Hall University*: "Writing Disasters: Representing Loss and Trauma in Caribbean Women's Novels"

Brinda Mehta, *Mills College*: "Traumatic Memory, Slavery, and Pain's Subjectivity in Evelyne Trouillot's *Rosalie l'Infame*"

Renée Larrier, *Rutgers University*: "Medical Practices, Ethical Issues: Fiction's Guérisseuses"

Adlai Murdoch, *Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*: "Glissant's Opacité and the De-Nationalization of University of Identity"

C. SALLE/ROOM C

Moderator: Joan Jasak, *Temple University*

Jenny K. Dean, *University of South Florida at Tampa*: “Neurodiversity: The Problems of Othered Minds”

Marc Passerieu Jean-Bernard, *Universidad de Puerto Rico*: “Faces of Infinity: Ethics and Aesthetics of Infinity in Levinas Philosophy”

Katharine Loevy, *Vanderbilt University*: “Levinas’s Dismissal of the ‘Exotic’”

VIII. 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM

A. SALLE/ROOM A

Moderator: Nelson Maldonado-Torres, *University of California at Berkeley*

Mireille Fanon-Mendès, *The Frantz Fanon Foundation*: “From Neocolonialism to New Forms of Racism and Xenophobia in Developing Countries”

Elsa Dorlin, *University of Paris*: “Violence, légitime défense et histoire: Dans la continuation de mon intervention au dernier congrès de la CPA”

Marilyn Nissim-Sabat, *Lewis University*: “Avoiding Some Pitfalls of Postcolonial Reason: Fanon, Gordon, and Intersectionality Theory”

B. SALLE/ROOM B

Moderator: Mickaella Perina, *University of Massachusetts at Boston*

Fritz Calixto, *La Sorbonne et Le Centre de Recherches Normes Échanges et Langage*: “Vers une pensée politique de la Caraïbe: Marti, Firmin, Betancès, Hostos et l’idée de la confédération des Etats antillais de la fin du XIXème siècle”

Françoise Naudillon, *Concordia University*: “Noire comment? Une question d’identité politique”

Reginald Patterson, *Duke University*: “Egzistensiya Kreyòl la: The Fierce Poetics of Education and Language, and the Urgency of Freedom Now in a Post-Modern Guadeloupe”

C. SALLE/ROOM C

Moderator: Katharine Loevy, *Vanderbilt University*

Irlene François, *Goucher College*: “Memory, Trauma, Cultivated Historical Amnesia: Haiti in the Dominican Imaginary”

Faubert Bolivar, *Université d'Etat d'Haïti / Ministère de la Culture et de la Communication*: “Michel Foucault et la Révolution haïtienne: L’Etat sous le signe du monstre”

F. Nick Nesbitt, *University of Aberdeen*: “La voix de la liberté: Universalisme et lumières radicales dans la Révolution haïtienne”

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

IX. 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

A. SALLE/ROOM A

Moderator: Patrick Goodin, Howard University

Marina Banchetti-Robino, *Florida Atlantic University*: “Black Orpheus and Aesthetic Historicism: On Vico and Négritude”

Max Belaise, *Université des Antilles-Guyane/ Campus de Martinique*: “De la pensée Césairienne ou de la transfiguration de la pensée créole: exégèse des lumières antillaises”

Hanetha Vete-Congolo, *Bowdoin College*: “Entre la Négritude et la Créolité, le zouk: pour une affirmation de l’identité martiniquaise”

Clevis Headley, *Florida Atlantic University*: “The Epistemology of Négritude: The Evasion of Cartesianism and Modernity”

B. SALLE/ROOM B

Moderator: José Muñoz, Temple University

Arturo Dávila-Sanchez, *Laney College and University of California-Berkeley*: “Latina Poets against Racism: Lorna Dee Cervantes, Ana Castillo, and Judith Ortiz Cofer”

Felix Valdés García, *Instituto de Filosofía de Cuba*: “El discurso de Caliban, o de la filosofía en el Caribe”

Erika Soto, *City University of New York*: “Jorge Gracia’s Argument for Hispanic/Latino Identity: A Critique”

C. SALLE/ROOM C

Moderator: Dilan Mahendran, University of California at Berkeley

Deanne Bell, *Pacifica Graduate Institute*: “Lock Up”

Chad Hale, *University of S. Florida*: “Violence, Oppression, and Game Theory”

Tom Meyer, *Temple University*: “Destabilization and the Decolonial Period”

X. 4:15 PM – 5:20 PM

SALLE/ROOM A

**FRANTZ FANON AND NICHOLAS
GUILLÉN PRIZES**

Moderator: Lewis Gordon, President of the CPA

Presentation on awardees’ writings: Brinda Mehta, Mills College; Paget Henry, Brown University

Fanon Prize, presented by Mireille Fanon-Mendès, *President of the Frantz Fanon Foundation & Collaboratrice parlementaire de Patrick Braouezec député de la Seine-Saint-Denis*

Patricia Donatien-Yssa, *University of Martinique*
L’exorcisme de la bles: Vaincre la souffrance dans autobiographie de ma mere de Jamaica Kincaid (Paris: Manuscrit, 2007)
Winner of Frantz Fanon Prize

Ramabai Espinet, *University of Toronto & Seneca College*
Winner of the Nicholas Guillén Prize

FRIDAY, 6 JUNE 2008

XI. 8:45 AM – 11:00 AM **REGISTRATION**

XII. 9:00 AM

SALLE/ROOM A OPENING POEM

Marilyn Nissim-Sabat, *Lewis University*

XIII. 9:05 AM – 11:20 AM

A. SALLE/ROOM A

Moderator: José Muñiz, Temple University

Chike Jeffers, *Northwestern University*: “Blyden’s Cultural Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism”

Paget Henry, *Brown University*: “C.L.R. James, Politics, and Political Economy”

Luc Ngowet, *United Nations and University of Paris*: “African-American Philosophy and the Struggle for Freedom”

David Clinton Wills, *SUNY Stony Brook University*: “Bad Grammar: Pedagogy, Language, and the Project of Freedom in Caribbean Discourse”

B. SALLE/ROOM B

Moderator: Mickaella Perina, University of Massachusetts at Boston

Andrea Jadusingh, *University of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica*: “Aesthetic Politics: Primitive art, intervention in western expansion”

Rehka Menon, *State University of New York at Buffalo*: “‘Body Awareness’ of the Sensuous and the Sacred Lifeworld in India or among the Indo-Caribbeans”

Joseph R Winters, *Princeton University*: “Untimely Fashion – Jazz, Adorno, and the Incongruities of the Dialectical Critic”

Myriam Chancy, *Louisiana State University*: “Floating Islands: Movement and Modernity in Caribbean Travel Narratives & Film [Danticat, Wideman, Peck]”

C. SALLE/ROOM C

Moderator: Martin Schade, University of Technology, Jamaica

Ralph Schofield, Jr., *University of Michigan*: “Worldwide Implications of Localized Environmental Injustice”

Celso Vargas, *Costa Rica Institute of Technology*: “A Philosophical Analysis of Property”

Tunde Bewaji, *University of the West Indies at Mona*: “A Critique of the Epistemological and Metaphysical Foundations of Western Education”

XIV. 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

A. SALLE/ROOM A

Moderator: Elsa Dorlin, University of Paris

Dumont Jacques, Ruffié S., Ferez S., *Université des Antilles et de la Guyane*: “Dépasser les frontières ? Les sciences sociales en société Post-coloniale”

Pascale DeSouza, *The Johns Hopkins University*: “From the Black Atlantic to Oceanic Dialogues”

Iwona Wierchowicka, *Uniwersytet Szczecinski*: “Les problèmes d’identification d’une culture juridique occidentale et non-occidentale”

B. SALLE/ROOM B

Moderator: Chike Jeffers, Northwestern University

John Drabinski, *Hampshire College*: “Thinking and Building: Who is Glissant’s Intellectual?”

Alfonso Rodriguez Manzano, *Universidad del Atlántico y al Instituto de Estudios Superiores en Educación de la Universidad del Norte, en Barranguilla, Colombia*: “Las Nociones de Identidad, Antillanidad y Criollés en la Obra Ensayística de Édouard Glissant”

Maria Hamill, *University of Michigan*: “Fiction’s Spell on Reality: Maryse Condé’s I, Tituba Black Witch of Salem”

C. SALLE/ROOM C

Moderator: Joan Jasak, Temple University

Dilan Mahendran, *University of California at Berkeley*: “What is a Human in the Digital Age?: Computation and the Conception of Man”

Sandra McCalla, *University of the West Indies at Mona*: “Husserl’s Phenomenology of Perception – its relevance to contemporary society”

Jane Gordon, *Temple University*: “Playing Cat and Mouse with ‘Lady Reason’: Thoughts on the Subject through Christine de Pizan and Frantz Fanon”

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

XV. 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

A. SALLE/ROOM A

Moderator: José Muñoz, Temple University

Marisa Parham, *Amherst College*: “Haunting and Doubled Consciousness”

Falguni Seth, *Hampshire College*: “Am I that Race? Am I that Other?: Exploring Hybrid Subjectivity in Post-Colonial and Racial Discourses”

Leonard Harris, *Purdue University*: “Conundrum of Cosmopolitanism and Race: The Great Debate Between Alain L. Locke and William James Carried into the Caribbean”

Michael Monahan, *Marquette University*: “History, Politics, and the Reality of Race”

B. SALLE/ROOM B

Moderator: Jane Gordon, Temple University

Patrick Goodin, *Howard University*: “Aristotle and the Politics of Slavery”

Alberto Hernández, *Colorado College*: “Mayans Resisting the Enlightenment in the Age of Neoliberalism”

Kwaku Larbi Korang, *Ohio State University*: “E.W. Blyden’s Afro-Philosophical Articulations of Black Humanity, Black Nationality, and Black Modernity”

C. SALLE/ROOM C

Chair and Moderator: Senfo Tonkam, The House of Exile

Esiaba Irobi, *University of Ohio/ University of the West Indies at Cave Hill*: “How to Do Things without Words: The Nsibidi Theory of African Diasporic Orature and Performance”

Senfo Tonkam, *The House of Exile*: “Toward an Afrocentric Philosophy of Liberation and Revolutionary Power Ethics: The End of African humanism and the Momentum of Nzinga-Samorism”

Martin Schade, *University of Technology, Jamaica*: “Is there a Caribbean Sexual Ethics?”

Keino Tario St. Patrick Señor, *University of the West Indies at Mona*: “This is for my Fallen Soldiers’: A Philosophical Consideration on the Moral Questions Raised by the Abortion Debate in Jamaica”

XVI. 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

A. **SALLE/ROOM A** **CPA THEN AND NOW**

Clevis Headley, *Vice President of the CPA*, and Michael Monahan,
Vice President-Elect
Lewis Gordon, *President of the CPA*, and Nelson Maldonado-Torres,
President-Elect

SATURDAY, 7 JUNE 2008

XVII. 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM **BOARD MEETING**
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XVIII. 10:20 AM – 10:30 AM

SALLE/ROOM A GREETING AND OPENING POEM

Opening remarks: Lewis Gordon, *President of the CPA*

Poetry: Arturo Dávila-Sanchez

XIX. 10:30 AM – 11:50 AM

**SALLE/ROOM A TABLE RONDE EN HOMMAGE À ANDRÉ
SCHWARZ-BART / ROUNDTABLE PANEL IN
MEMORY OF ANDRÉ SCHWARZ-BART**

Moderator: Françoise Naudillon, *Concordia University*

Remarques preliminaries:

Alexis Nouss, *University of Cardiff*: «Mémoire juive, mémoire noire - À partir de l'oeuvre de Simone et André Schwarz-Bart» / “Jewish Memory/Black Memory and the Work of Simone and André Schwarz-Bart”

Co-panelists:

Simone Schwarz-Bart; Mireille Fanon-Mendès, *Frantz Fanon Foundation*; Roger Toumson, *Université des Antilles-Guyanne*; Lewis Gordon, *Temple University*

XX. 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**SALLE/ROOM A WHAT IS ENLIGHTENMENT? INVITATION
TO A POST-COLONIAL DEBATE**

Moderator: Rekha Menon, *SUNY Buffalo*

Panelists: Marilyn Nissim-Sabat, *Lewis University*; Paget Henry, *Brown University*; Nelson Maldonado-Torres, *University of California at Berkeley*; Luc Ngowet, *United Nations and University of Paris*

XXI. 1:00 PM – 1:15 PM

SALLE/ROOM A CLOSING SESSION

Closing Remarks: Lewis Gordon, *President of the CPA (2003–2008)*

Poem by Ramabai Espinet, *Nicholas Guillén Laureate*

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