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All meeting rooms are located at the University of Miami, Coral Gables Campus, at walking distance from the Holiday Inn. Room/Salón/Salle LC 110: Auditorium. Panels rooms: LC 182, 184, 192, 194. Reception: Wesley Gallery, U. of Miami.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009

I. 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM **REGISTRATION**

II. 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS Room/Salón/Salle

Nelson Maldonado-Torres, *President of the Caribbean Philosophical Association*

Lewis Gordon, *President Emeritus of the Caribbean Philosophical Association*

III. 7:00 PM – 10 PM **RECEPTION AT THE WESLEY GALLERY, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM **REGISTRATION** **Room/Salón/Salle: in front of LC 110**

IV. 8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

GREETINGS AND OPENING POEM **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 110**

Morning Greetings: Nelson Maldonado-Torres, *President of the Caribbean Philosophical Association*

Michael Monahan, *Vice-President of the Caribbean Philosophical Association*

V. 9:00 AM – 10:45 AM

A. *Women of Color and Diasporas* **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 182**

Chair and Moderator: Nyoko Muvangua, *University of Cape Town*

Desiree Valentine, *Marquette University*

“What Is Possible?: An Exploration of Resistance against Oppression in the Works of Judith Butler and Maria Lugones”

Fernando R. Zapata, *Binghamton University*

“Women of Color and Epistemology”

Falguni Sheth, *Hampshire College*

“The Female Subaltern Cosmopolitan: Diaspora and (Non)Recognition”

Encarnación Gutierrez Rodriguez, *U. of Manchester (UK)* “Transculturalizing Affect: On Latin American Diaspora and Undocumented Female Domestic Workers in Western Europe”

B. *Creolization and Contemporary Globalization* **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 184**

Chair and Moderator: Michaeline Crichlow, *Duke University*

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Patricia Northover, *SALISES-UWI, Mona*

“Homing Modern Freedoms—Creole Time on the Move”

Maritza Stanchich, *U. of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras*

“Insular Interventions: The Diaspora’s Literary Incursions into Race, Language, and Nation in Puerto Rico”

Claudia Milian, *Duke University*

“The Post-Creole Imagination and Latina/o Studies”

	Nalini Persram, <i>York University</i> Modernity.”	“Orientalism, Creolism, Subjectivity and
C.	<i>The Caribbean Self I</i> <i>Chair and Moderator:</i> Patrick Goodin, <i>Howard University</i>	Room/Salón/Salle: LC 192
	Karima Jeffrey, <i>Hampton University</i>	“George Lamming’s ‘G’ and Jamaica Kincaid’s ‘Annie’: Two Littoral Figures and Their Confrontation with the Sea, the Self, and the Birth of an Authorial Language”
	Marta Fernández Campa, <i>University of Miami</i>	“Writing the Self: Ontological Spaces in the Narratives of C.L.R. James and George Lamming”
	Aaron Kamugisha, <i>U. of the West Indies at Cave Hill</i>	“The Hearts of Men?: Gender, the Late C.L.R. James, and Contemporary Caribbean Masculinity”
	Dilan Mahendran, <i>University of California at Berkeley</i>	“What Is Representation?: What and Who Is It Good For?”
D.	<i>Dusselian Dialogues</i> <i>Chair and Moderator:</i> Joan Jasak, <i>Temple University</i>	Room/Salón/Salle: LC 194
	Lynda Lange, <i>U. of Toronto-Scarborough</i>	“Dialogue, History, and Power: The Role of Truth”
	Alain Loute, <i>Université Catholique de Louvain</i>	“Enrique Dussel et Paul Ricoeur: Penser la créativité normative”
	Linda Martín Alcoff. <i>Hunter College & Grad Center</i> Commentator: Enrique Dussel, <i>UNAM & UAM, Mexico</i>	“Dussel’s Transmodernity.”
VI.	11:00 AM – 12:45PM/1:00 PM	
A.	<i>Decolonizing the Human: History, Modernity, and Language</i> <i>Chair and Moderator:</i> Dilan Mahendran, <i>UC Berkeley</i>	Room/Salón/Salle: LC 182
	John Dougherty, <i>UC Berkeley</i>	“Theorizing Race, War, and Conquest: Bartolomé de las Casas and the Critique of Modernity”
	Celucien L. Joseph, <i>University of Texas-Dallas</i>	“The Haitian Revolution: The Poetics of Memory and Representation in Césairean Negritude”
	Yomaira Figueroa, <i>UC Berkeley</i>	“Toward a Reclaimed Humanity: Decolonization and the Politics of Language in Africa and the African Diaspora”
	Jason U. Kim, <i>UC Berkeley</i>	“Theorizing the Historical Human: Decolonial History as Epistemic and Ontological Resistance.”

- B. *Race, Gender, and Sexuality* Room/Salón/Salle: LC 184**
Chair and Moderator: Douglas Ficek, Temple University
- Jose A. Lammoglia, *Temple University* “Pingueros and the Machismo Culture in Cuba and the Diaspora”
- Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel, *Rutgers University* “Sexiles: (Post) Colonialism and the Machine of Desire”
- Elena Valdez, *Rutgers University* “Regaining the Nation through Same-Sex Desire: A New Project of Dialogue and Reunification for Cuba and Its Diaspora in ‘The Forbidden Stories of Marta Veneranda’”
- Angel Gonzalez, *University of California at Berkeley* “From Fear to Intimacy: A Call for Involving Men of Color in the Reproduction of Life”
- C. *African Coalitions and Politics at Home and Abroad* Room/Salón/Salle: LC 192**
(This panel is scheduled until 1:00)
Chair and Moderator: Gail Presbey, University of Detroit, Mercy
- Johann Müller, *Albert Ludwigs University (Germany)* “The Ovaherero in Botswana and Their Namibian Brothers: Transnational Cooperation between Diaspora and Motherland in the Fight Against Apartheid”
- Ezekiel Abedola “Cyberspace, Diaspora, and the Search for Democracy in Nigeria”
- Veronique Helenon, *Florida International University* “Managing Race within the Empire: The Case of French Caribbean Colonial Administrators (1880–1940)”
- Matthew Quest, *Georgia State University* “From Party Politics to Popular Committees of Labor and the Landless in Guyana: Eusi Kwayana’s African Society for Cultural Relations with Independent Africa (ASCRIA)”
- Vincent Stevenson, *Marquette University* “Pan-Africanism: The Necessary Goal of the Diaspora”
- D. *Myth, Religion, and History* Room/Salón/Salle: LC 194**
Chair and Moderator: Rosario Torres-Guevara, Columbia U.-Teacher’s College
- Aisha Finch, *UCLA* “‘The Consciousness That Has No Name’: Spirit Worlds, Uncanny Temporalities, and the Alternative ‘Legal’ Cosmos in Cuban Slave Communities”
- Jenny Shaw, *University of Alabama* “Religious Rituals, Sacred Space, and the Challenge to Colonial Hierarchy on Barbados Plantations, 1650–1700”
- Geraldine Morel, *Université de Neuchâtel-Suisse* “Pourvoir en jeu, enjeux de pourvoir: le cas de la société secrète abakua à la Havane” (will be presented in Spanish)
- Guirdex Massé, *Emory University* “Myth and History in Maryse Condé’s *En attendant le Bonheur (Hérenajgibib)* and *Mort d’Oluwémi d’Ajumako*”

LUNCH BREAK 12:30/12:45/1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

VII. 2:00 PM–2:45 PM

Nicolás Guillén Prize

Room/Salón/Salle: LC 110

Chair and Moderator: Lewis Gordon, *Temple University and Chair of the Committees on Prizes*

Recipient: Edwidge Danticat

Short Introduction to Danticat's Work: Claudia Milian, *Duke University*

VIII. 2:45 PM–4:00 PM

Room/Salón/Salle: LC 110

Plenary Session: Shifting the Geography of Reason on Literature, Law, and the Study of Religion

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, *University of Miami*

Lillian Manzor, *University of Miami*

Sandra Pouchet Paquet, *University of Miami*

Francisco Valdez, *University of Miami*

IX. 4:15 PM–5:45/6:00 PM

A. *Political Economy and Development*

Room/Salón/Salle: LC 182

Chair and Moderator: Madoda Signonyela, *University of Cape Town*

Nyoko Muvangua, *University of Cape Town*

“Sen Through African Humanism”

Matthew McNaughton, *College of Wooster*

“No Socialism, No Choice, No Freedom: A Necessary Reexamination”

Samarth Joseph, *University of Buffalo*

“The Effects of Remittance on Haiti’s Economic Development”

B. *The Caribbean Self II*

Room/Salón/Salle: LC 184

Chair and Moderator: Jane Gordon, *Temple University*

Neil Roberts, *Williams College*

“Kant and Rastafari on Respect”

Martin J. Schade, *University of Technology-Jamaica*

“Jesus the Jew and the Rasta: A Prototype of Dialectical Incarnation”

Rosemere DaSilva, *Universidade Federal da Bahia e Conselho Nacional de Pesquisa*

“Dois Intelectuais Negros Brasileiros: Abdias Nascimento e Milton Santos”

C. *Decolonization, Ethics, and Social Change in Latina/o America and the Hispanic Caribbean*

Room/Salón/Salle: LC 192

Chair and Moderator: Rosario Torres-Guevara, *Columbia U.-Teacher’s College*

Juan Pablo Bermúdez, *University Catholique de Louvain*

“Por una de-colonización del sistema-moderno-colonial de justicia en Colombia”

Enrique Gonzalez-Conty, *University of Texas-Austin*

“Devenires subalternos: retratos de la migración puertorriqueña en *Spiks* de Pedro Juan Soto y ‘Puerto Rican Obituary’ de Pedro Pietri”

Liliana Ramos-Collado, *U. of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras*

“Back to Basics: Inés Mendoza’s Ethical Idiom During the Early Years of the Puerto Rican Commonwealth”

- D. *Race, Mixed Race, and the Question of the Human* Room/Salón/Salle: LC 194**
(This panel is scheduled until 6:00)
Chair and Moderator: Celucien L. Joseph, University of Texas-Dallas
- danielle davis, *Queensland U. of Technology, Brisbane (Australia)* “Indigenous Existentialism”
- Marcelle Maese-Cohen, *University of California-Berkeley* “Decolonial Science of the Human and Sorrow in *The Souls of Black Folk*”
- Kawtar Najib, *Université de Franche-Comté* “La segregation socio-spatiale vue par les chiffres et les habitants: le cas de Besançon”
- Charles Romain Mbele, *University of Yaoundé I* “Pour une critique de la métaphore de métissage”

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

REGISTRATION

- X. 8:30 AM – 8:45 AM
OPENING POEM Room/Salón/Salle: LC 110
- XI. 8:45 AM – 10:15 AM
Plenary Panel: Politics and Economics: Yesterday and Today
Speakers: Enrique Dussel, Paget Henry, and Mireille Fanon Mendes-France
- XII. 10:30 AM – 12:00/12:15
- A. *Fanonian Dialogues* Room/Salón/Salle: LC 182**
(This panel is scheduled until 12:15)
Chair and Moderator: Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel, Rutgers University
- Nigel Gibson, *Emerson College* “Fanonian Practices in Contemporary Africa”
- Katharine Loevy, *Vanderbilt University* “Xu Bing, Fanon, and the Politics of Language”
- Doug Ficek, *Temple University* “The Pitfalls of Petrification: Fanon and the Politics of Philosophical Archaeology”
- Elizabeth A. Hoppe, *Lewis University* “In Defense of Fanon’s Goal of Cultural Relativity”
- B. *Violence and Non-Violence* Room/Salón/Salle: LC 184**
Chair and Moderator: Theresa Tobin, Marquette University
- Chadwick W. Hale, *University of South Florida* “Ghandi versus Fanon: Game Theory Examines Sustainability in Two Different Anti-colonial Revolutions”
- Gail Presbey, *University of Detroit, Mercy* “George Padmore and C.L.R. James on Strategic Nonviolence in the Ghanaian Independence Movement”
- Devon Johnson, *Temple University* “Western World Peace: A Secret Reservation of War”

- C. *Immigration and Representation*** **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 192**
Chair and Moderator: Supriya Nair, Tulane University
- David Caicedo, *CUNY Grad Center* “‘No Human Being Is Illegal’: Representations and Ramification of the Immigrant ‘Other’”
- Rosario Torres-Guevara, *Columbia U. -Teachers’ College* “Lenguas Migrantes: Learning from the Multiple Border Crossings of Mexican Immigrant Children”
- Majid Hannoum, *University of Kansas* “Harraga, Children Immigrants in Tangiers”
- D. *Health and Social Justice*** **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 194**
Chair and Moderator: Stephen Haymes, De Paul University
- Stacy L. Elmer, *University of Kansas* “Health Disparities and Historical Injustice: Reconfiguring Transnational Duties and Obligations”
- Joyce Hamilton Henry and Beverly E. Russell, *Research and Evaluation Center* “Transnational Migration: The Elderly and Health Care”
- Jennifer Lisa Vest, *University of Central Florida* “The Root of What Ails You: Revivalist Philosophies of Healing”

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

XIII. 1:30 PM – 3:15 PM

- A. *Postcolonial Aesthetics and Literary Analysis*** **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 182**
Chair and Moderator: Dilan Mahendran, UC Berkeley
- Shirley Tate, *University of Leeds (UK)* “Diasporic ‘Browning’: The Challenge of Black Atlantic Beauty Knowledge to White Beauty’s Iconicity”
- Raphael Dalleo, *Florida Atlantic University* “Dionne Brand Caribbean Postcoloniality”
- Asselin Charles, *Mount Olive College* “Diasporic Identity and Cultural Extraterritoriality in the Caribbean Novel”
- Supriya Nair, *Tulane University* “Alien Natives, Caribbean Evocations of Flying Africans”
- B. *Liberalism, Race, and Citizenship*** **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 184**
Chair and Moderator: Neil Roberts, Williams College
- Mickaella Perina, *University of Massachusetts-Boston* “Transnational Citizenship”
- Theresa Tobin, *Marquette University* “Moral Objectivity as Trustworthiness.”
- Charles Mills, *Northwestern University* “Liberalism and Race”
- Clarence Johnson, *Middle Tennessee State University* “Public Morality, Liberalism, and Virtue Ethics”

C. **Philosophy, Literature, and Migration** **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 192**
Chair and Moderator: Maritza Stanchich, U. of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

- Edrik López, *Fairfield University* "Traveling Theories and Traveling *Fukú* Curses:
The Shifting Logic of *the Caribbean Curse* in
Junot Diaz's *Oscar Wao*"
- Mayuri Deka, *The College of the Bahamas* "Blurring the Boundaries: Race and Gender in
Junot Diaz's *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar
Wao*"
- Mary Ann Gosser Esquilín, *Florida Atlantic U.* "The Shifting Geography of Bodies: *Sirena
Selena vestida de pena* by Mayra
Santos-Febres."
- Tracey Nicholls, *Lewis University* "The Journey to Paradise Passes through Hell"

XIV. 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 110**
Frantz Fanon Prize
Chair and Moderator: Lewis Gordon, Temple University and Chair of the Committees on Prizes

Recipients: Linda M. Alcoff, Drucilla Cornell (2008), Enrique Dussel, and Nigel Gibson

XV. 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 110**
Plenary Session on Philosophy and Social Transformations
Chair and Moderator: Nelson Maldonado-Torres, President of the CPA

Panel: Drucilla Cornell, Nigel Gibson, Linda Martín Alcoff, Enrique Dussel, and Lewis Gordon

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009

XVI. 9:00 AM–10:30 AM **Room/Salón/Salle: LC**
Business Meeting of the Board of the Caribbean Philosophical Association in room

XVII. 10:45-12:15 **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 110**
Memorial Session on Emmanuel Eze's Final Work
Chair and Moderator:
Panelists: Marilyn Nissim-Sabat, Patrick Goodin, and Lewis Gordon

XVIII. 12:15 – 12:30 **Room/Salón/Salle: LC 110**
Closing Remarks
Michael Monahan, Vice-President of the CPA
Nelson Maldonado-Torres, President of the CPA

End of the Conference

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