



## Crossing Boundaries, Building Connections

- Faith, Scholarship, Activism
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### 2016 Conference

Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race  
with University of the West Indies Faculty of Law, St. Augustine

## Persistent Racial Problems: Political, Cultural, and Religious Responses



August 3-5, 2016  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Venue: UWI Faculty of Law

## Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

**Mon-Tues, Aug. 1-2:** Pre-Conference Program  
August 1 7:30 a.m., Emancipation Day activities  
August 2 9:00 Community visits: Speak Out Sisters, San Fernando; Operation Salvation, Laventille

**Wednesday, August 3:** Conference Program  
9:30 a.m. Invocation (Prof. Gosnell Yorke, Co-Convener)  
Musical Selection (Dr. Stephanie Boddie, Pittsburgh Seminary)  
Introduction and Welcome (Prof. Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, Co-Convener; Rev. Ronald Nathan, Co-Convener)  
9:45 Framing the Context (Prof. R. Drew Smith, Co-Convener)  
10:00 Plenary Panel 1: Caribbean Social Challenges and Policy Responses  
11:30 Tea Break  
11:45 Plenary Panel 2: Racial Injury and Reparatory Justice  
1:15 Lunch  
2:15 Concurrent Panels 01 and 02  
3:45 Tea Break  
4:00 Concurrent Panels 03 and 04  
5:30 Adjourn afternoon session

**Thursday, August 4**  
9:30 a.m. Recap (Ms. Yolande Cadore and Mr. Itumeleng Mothoagae, Co-Conveners)  
Musical Selection (Ms. Jessica Disu “FM Supreme”)  
9:45 Plenary Address: Dr. Sylvan Lashley, Interim President, University of the Southern Caribbean  
10:30 Plenary Panel 3: Race, Religious Diversification, and Religious Acceptability in the Americas and Africa  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Plenary Panel 4: Drug Courts in the U.S., Latin America, and the Caribbean  
2:30 Tea Break  
2:45 Concurrent Panels 05 and 06  
4:15 Concurrent Panels 07 and 08  
5:45 Adjourn afternoon session

**Friday, August 5:**  
9:30 a.m. Recap (Dr. R. David Muir and Rev. Ronald Nathan, co-conveners )  
9:45 Plenary Address: Race, Health Disparities, and Social Implications (Prof. David Williams, Harvard University)  
10:45 Tea Break  
11:00 Concurrent Panels 09 and 010  
12:30 Lunch  
1:30 Concurrent Panels 011 and 012  
3:00 Tea Break  
3:15 Plenary Panel 5: Religious Conflict and Pathways to Peace  
4:45 Final Overview and Challenge  
5:30 Closing and Benediction (Ms. Jessica Disu, Dr. Stephanie Boddie, Rev. Ronald Nathan)

## PANELS AND PANELISTS

### **Plenary Panel 1: Caribbean Social Challenges and Policy Responses**

Prof. Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of the West Indies, Trinidad

Prof. Leon Wilson, Provost, Alabama State University

Prof. Ann Marie Bissessar, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of the West Indies, Trinidad

Dr. Michael Toussaint, History Department, University of the West Indies, Trinidad

### **Plenary Panel 2: Racial Injury and Reparatory Justice**

Dr. Ron Daniels, President, Institute of the Black World 21st Century

Dr. Iva Carruthers, General Secretary, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference

Professor Rothney Tshaka, Chair, Department of Philosophy and Systematic Theology, Univ. of South Africa

Dr. William Ackah, Senior Lecturer in Community and Voluntary Sector Studies, Birkbeck, Univ. of London

### **Plenary Panel 3: Race, Religious Diversification, and Religious Acceptability in the Americas and Africa**

Prof. Jualynne Dodson, Sociology Department and African Atlantic Research Team, Michigan State University

Prof. Galia Sabar, Chair, African Studies Department, Tel Aviv University

Pastor Frank McPherson, School of Theology and Religion, University of the Southern Caribbean, Trinidad

Prof. Gosnell Yorke, Dag Hammarskjöld Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Copperbelt University, Zambia

### **Plenary Panel 4: Drug Courts in the U.S., Latin America, and the Caribbean**

Dr. Ron. Daniels, President, Institute of the Black World 21st Century

Dr. Rafi Torruella, Executive Director, Intercambios Puerto Rico

Ms. Cassandra Frederique, State Director - NY, Drug Policy Alliance

Mr. Howard Gough, treatment provider, Jamaica

Ms. Jasmine Tyler, Senior Policy Advisor, Open Society Foundations

### **Plenary Panel 5: Religious and Cultural Conflict and Pathways to Peace**

Mr. Taurean J. Webb, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference (Palestine-Israel conflict)

Ms. Dionne Gravesande, Christian Aid UK (Refugees in Europe and UK responses)

Dr. Peter Awojobi, Provost, UMCA Theological College, Nigeria (Boko Haram and Christian-Muslim conflict)

Prof. Lutiniko Pedro, Faculty of Theology, Catholic University of Angola (Anti-Muslim sentiment in Angola)

Ms. Kimberly Gonxhe, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary (Child marriage and resistance among Kenya's Samburu people)

## CONCURRENT PANELS

### **Panel 01: Public Leadership, Faith, and Public Policy**

Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Bread for the World (Black churches and the 2016 US elections)

Prof. LDM Lebeloane, University of South Africa (Racial discrimination and public schools in South Africa)

Dr. Laurel Scott, United Meth. Ch., Port Washington, NY (United Methodist Church responses to African immigrants)

Dr. Charmayne Patterson, Clark Atlanta University (Black megachurches, prosperity, and activism)

### **Panel 02: Black Identity, Dispossession, and Liberation**

Dr. Eva Shaw-Taylor, Global Institute for Tradition and Culture (Black contested identity and self-determination)

Mr. P. Terblanche Delport, University of South Africa (Black history, epistemicide, and liberation in South Africa)

Dr. Tshepo Lephakga, Univ. of South Africa (Black history, epistemicide, and land dispossession in South Africa)

Dr. Velda Love, North Park University (Afrocentric responses to Eurocentric theological scholarship)

### **Panel 03: Popular Culture, Popular Resistance, and Church Pursuits of Justice**

Dr. Michael B. McCormack, University of Louisville (Racial respectability, media representation, and religion)

Dr. Johnny B. Hill, Claflin University (Theological and social examination of the Hip-Hop, technological generation)

Dr. Cassandra Gould, Quinn Chapel AME, Jefferson City, Missouri (Popular resistance and post-Ferguson churches)

Ms. Yolande Cadore, Transatlantic Roundtable (Caribbean Calypso and activism)

### **Panel 04: Philosophical Constructions of Race and Religion**

Prof. Obery Hendricks, Columbia University (ML King, Jr., Beloved Community, and socialist trajectories)

Prof. Randal Jelks, University of Kansas (Eldridge Cleaver, faith, and philosophical discomfort)

Dr. Leah G. Fitchue (ret.), Payne Theo./Ms. Ebony Fitchue, Howard Univ. (Double consciousness and racial burden)

Rev. Cobus van Wyngaarde, Univ. of South Africa (Christian theological anthropology in the U.S. and South Africa)

### **Panel 05: African Atlantic Research Team—Research on Religion and Culture in Cuba**

Prof. Jualynne Dodson, Michigan State University and African Atlantic Research Team

Prof. Sonya Maria Johnson, Beloit College and African Atlantic Research Team

Mr. Shanti Zaid, Michigan State University and African Atlantic Research Team

### **Panel 06: Urban Conflict and Peace**

Rev. Michael R. Fisher, Vanderbilt University (Racial criminalization, public theology, and the neoliberal city)

Prof. James Henry Harris, Virginia Union University (Urban violence, black suffering, and redemptive theologies)

Ms. Ebony Fitchue, Howard University (Technology, culture, and the achievement gap)

Dr. Bruce Fields, Trinity International University (St. Augustine as resource for contemporary urban peace)

### **Panel 07: Terrains of Resistance and Liberative Practice**

Dr. Gabriella Beckles-Raymond, Canterbury Christ Church Univ., UK (Theorizing the home, reimagining resistance)

Mr. Mofenyi Mataboge, University of South Africa (Business sector and community justice)

Dr. Ebenezer Ayesu, University of Ghana (Church-State relations in Ghana)

Dr. Erna Oliver, Univ. of South Africa (Faith and small community models of change in South Africa)

### **Panel 08: Reconciling Opposing Christian Ideas and Peoples**

Dr. Eric Michael Washington, Calvin College (Black and reformed appeals for reparations)

Dr. Susan Smith, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference (Christian racism, the Bible, and holy war)

Mr. Itumeleng Mothoagae, Univ. of South Africa (Racial conflict, the Bible, and reconciliation in South Africa)

Dr. Gerald Lamont Thomas (ret), Shiloh Bapt. Chu., Plainfield, NJ (Racial conflict, the Bible, and reconciliation, US)

### **Panel 09: Social Injury and Repair in Africa**

Prof. Mokhele Madise, University of South Africa (Economic redistribution and enduring poverty in South Africa)

Prof. Francisca Hildegardis Chimhanda, Univ. of South Africa (The Gospel, Shona culture, and land in Zimbabwe)

Mr. Collins Nhengu, Goshen International Bible Institute, Zimbabwe (Racism and Reconciliation in Zimbabwe)

### **Panel 10: Restrictive Church Cultures and Liberation**

Prof. Elijah Baloyi, Univ. Of South Africa (Racism as hindrance to unity in the *GereformeerdeKerk* in South Africa)

Dr. Stephanie Boddie, Pittsburgh Theo./UPenn. (Social barriers and black clergy collaborative entrepreneurialism)

Dr. Sharon Prentiss, St. Mellitus College, London (Race, eschatological hope, and the Church of England)

Dr. R. David Muir, Roehampton University, London (Relations between black majority churches and Ch. of England)

### **Panel 011: Workshop on Caribbean “Masquerade” as Vehicle for Social Consciousness**

Dr. Adeola Dewis, University of South Wales, UK (and Jouvay Ayiti)

Mr. Rawle Gibbons (ret), University of the West Indies, Trinidad (and Jouvay Ayiti)

Ms. Camille Quamina, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts, Jamaica (and Jouvay Ayiti)

Ms. Turunesh Raymond, Studio 66, Trinidad & Tobago (and Jouvay Ayiti)

### **Panel 012: Redemption and the Weight of History**

Prof. Jennifer Slater, University of South Africa (Africanism, rediscovering, and remembering)

Rev. Willem Oliver, University of South Africa (White past, Black past, and the South African future)

Prof. Rothney Tshaka, University of South Africa (Africanity as integration of inculturation and liberation)

Dr. Melinda Contreras-Byrd, Generations Center (Racial struggle in the western hemisphere and arts of resistance)

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