

CONFERENCE PROGRAM VERSION 251115

**THE 24th ANNUAL EASTERN CARIBBEAN ISLAND CULTURES CONFERENCE
'ISLANDS IN BETWEEN' THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES GLOBAL
CAMPUS DOMINICA, 13-15 NOVEMBER 2025**

Co-organized by the University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras, the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados, the Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center, St. Croix, and The University of the West Indies Global Campus Dominica

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NOTES FOR PRESENTERS:

Each individual or co-authored presentation (including each individual presentation which is part of a panel) will be allotted approximately 20 to 25 minutes for the paper and approximately 5 to 10 minutes for questions, for a total of 30 minutes for each presentation (including questions). All rooms will be equipped with projectors and/or a laptop plus projector into either of which a USB drive can be inserted.

Please get your presentation to your session chair WELL BEFORE your session begins. Please try to practice your presentation beforehand to make sure that it fits into the allotted time.

OVERVIEW AND TIMETABLE FOR

THE 24th EASTERN CARIBBEAN ISLAND CULTURES CONFERENCE

The University of the West Indies Global Campus Dominica (UWIGC Dominica)

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER: ARRIVAL DAY MEET AND GREET AT UWI CAMPUS

5:30PM ONWARD Early Registration and Meet & Greet, Informal Get-Together at The Vineyard, Cork St. Roseau. Food, drinks and transport at participants' expense.

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER: CONFERENCE DAY 1: UWI GLOBAL CAMPUS DOMINICA

8:00-12:00 NOON: Registration (Gallery at entryway to UWIGC Dominica)

9:00-10:30AM: Opening and Keynote (A. Bully Auditorium)

10:30-11:00AM: Coffee Break: Provided by UWIGC Dominica (Lobby, UWIGC Dominica)

11:00AM-12:30PM: Parallel Sessions A (Room: Bully Auditorium) & B (Severin Classroom)

12:30-2:00PM: Lunch at participants' expense (Food Tents, UWIGC Dominica)

2:00-3:30PM: Parallel Sessions C (Room: Bully Auditorium) & D (Severin Classroom)

3:30-4:00PM: Coffee Break: Provided by UWIGC Dominica (Lobby, UWIGC Dominica)

4:00-5:30PM: Parallel Sessions E (Room: Bully Auditorium) & F (Room: Severin Classroom)

5:30PM-ONWARD: Box Dinner and Cultural Night at Alwin Bully Auditorium, UWIGC Dominica, box dinner at participants' expense.

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER: CONFERENCE DAY 2: UWI GLOBAL CAMPUS DOMINICA

8:00-12:00 NOON: Registration (Gallery at entryway to UWIGC Dominica)
9:00-10:30AM: Parallel Sessions G (A. Bully Auditorium) & H (Room: F. Severin Classroom)
10:30-11:00AM: Coffee Break: Provided by UWIGC Dominica (Lobby, UWIGC Dominica)
11:00AM-12:30PM: Parallel Sessions I (Alwin Bully Auditorium) & J (F. Severin Classroom)
12:30-2:00PM: Lunch at participants' expense (Food Tents, UWIGC Dominica)
2:00-3:30PM: Parallel Sessions K (Room: Bully Auditorium) & L (Room: Severin Classroom)
3:30-4:00PM: Coffee Break: Provided by UWIGC Dominica (Lobby, UWIGC Dominica)
4:00-5:30PM: Business Meeting and Book Launches (Room: Alwin Bully Auditorium)
7:00PM-ONWARD: Friday Night Lyme and Dinner at The Realm (complex of 4 restaurants) King George V St. paid for by participants

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER: CONFERENCE DAY 3: UWI GLOBAL CAMPUS DOMINICA

9:00-10:30AM: Registration (Gallery at entryway to UWIGC Dominica)
9:00AM-12:00NOON: Parallel Sessions M (A. Bully Auditorium) & N (F. Severin Classroom)
12:00NOON-2:00PM: Lunch at participants' expense (No Tents, Local Restaurants only)
2:00PM until EVENING: Island Tour at participants' expense, buses leave from UWIGC Dominica at 2:00PM. Alick Dover Tour Co.

DETAILED DAILY SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER:

8:00AM-12:00NOON: Registration (Gallery at entryway to UWIGC Dominica)

9:00-9:30AM: OPENING (Room: Alwin Bully Auditorium)

Chair: Mr. Leroy Charles, Creole & Cultural Ambassador

National Anthem: Convent High School UMOJA Club

Opening Prayer: Rev. Randy Rodney, Pastor, Truth & Grace Fellowship Global

Welcome Remarks: Dr. Kimone Joseph, Head, UWI Global Campus Dominica

Remarks: Prof. Peter Roberts, Founding Organizer, Islands in Between Conference

Remarks: Hon. Ms. Gretta Roberts, Minister of Culture, Youth, Sports & Community Development

Cultural Performances: St. Luke's Primary School, Prof. Dannabang Kuwabong

9:30-10:30AM: KEYNOTE (Room: Alwin Bully Auditorium)

Mrs. Sonia Akpa, Linguist & Member of *Konmité pou Étid Kwéyòl*

Guest Performances: Convent High School UMOJA Club, Mrs. Ophelia Marie

Vote of Thanks: Mrs. Amanda Theodore-Langlais, Chair, UWI Global Campus Dominica Guild of Students

Tree Planting

10:30-11:00AM: Coffee Break (Lobby, UWIGC Dominica)

11:00AM-12:30PM (THURSDAY): Parallel Sessions A & B:

Session A (Room: Alwin Bully Auditorium): **LITERACY AND LEARNING IN**

BETWEEN (Chairs: Cristal Heffelfinger and Alexandra Alt)

Adita Maharaj, University of Trinidad and Tobago:

Reimagining Early Childhood Curriculum -A Values Based Approach

Sharon Ferreira-Riley, Cynthia Celestin, Adita Maharaj, and Suzanne Le Gendre, University of Trinidad and Tobago:

Theory of Mind of 3 to 5 year old children in Central Trinidad: Using the Theory of Mind Scale

Davi Ramkallawan, The National Library and Information System Authority, Port of Spain, Trinidad:

The Literacy Initiative For Empowerment (L.I.F.E.) at Chaguanas South Secondary School Library Media Centre

Session B (Room: Francis Severin Main Classroom): **LANGUAGES IN BETWEEN**

(Chairs: Sally Delgado and Liezel Datulio)

Peter Roberts, Professor Emeritus, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados:

Remarks on the Dominican French lexifier Creole Dictionary (Diksyonnè Kwéyol-Annglé/English-Creole) Dictionary by Marcel Fontaine

Iyabo Osiapem and Jason Siegel, William & Mary University, USA and The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados"

The Linguistic Atlas of the Greater Caribbean

Asan Hoyte, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados:
To Be or Not To Be – Exploring the Copula in Bajan

12:30-2:00PM: Lunch at participants' expense (Food Tents on site, UWIGC
Dominica)

2:00-3:30PM (THURSDAY): Parallel Sessions C & D:

Session C (Room: Alwin Bully Auditorium): **THE IN-BETWEENNESS OF CALYPSO,
PAN, AND SOCA** (Chairs: Cristal Heffelfinger and Alexandra Alt)

Susanne Muehleisen, Bayreuth University, Germany:
Picong and puns, boasting and complaining: Oral performance in the language of
Calypso

Akini Gill, Adita Maharaj, and Cynthia Celestin, University of Trinidad and Tobago:
Exploring the impact of blending music theory and praxis through the integration of
the steelpan in a pre-service primary teacher education programme

Hélène Garrett and Wilhelm Teebaum, Independent Researchers, Canada, Germany:
The River and the Boy

Session D (Room: Francis Severin Main Classroom): **CRÉOLITÉ AND
IN-BETWEENNESS** (Chairs: Sally Delgado and Liezel Datulio)

Delimwini Kuwabong and Dannabang Kuwabong, Mohawk College, Canada and
University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras:
Exploring the Wisdom of Animals in Dagaaba Folk Music to Construct their Cultural
Pedagogy

Alan M Valle Monagas, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras:
The Law and Obeah: Scapegoating in Marie-Elena John's *Unburnable*

Nicholas Faraclas and Dannabang Kuwabong, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras:
Toward a more decolonial framework for understanding plurilinguality and
creolization: Contextualizing language contact in the Greater Caribbean

3:30-4:00PM: Coffee Break (Lobby, UWIGC Dominica)

4:00-5:30PM (THURSDAY): Parallel Sessions E & F

Session E (Room: Alwin Bully Auditorium): **IN-BETWEENNESS AND MIGRATION**

(Chairs: Cristal Heffelfinger and Alexandra Alt)

Nagueyalti Warren, Emory University, USA:

Reverse Migration and the Quest for Home

Wendell Villanueva, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey:

Navigating Identity: The Struggles of Windrush Descendants in a Britain that Marginalizes them

Alma Simounet and Eugenio Geigel, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras:

Diasporas within the Caribbean: The Case of Puerto Ricans from Vieques that Moved to St. Croix

Session F (Room: Francis Severin Main Classroom): **SOCIETIES IN BETWEEN** (Chairs: Sally Delgado and Liezel Datulio)

Ellen-Petra Kester, Utrecht University, The Netherlands:

Language use, language attitudes and identity among Caribbean students in the Netherlands

Terri L. Bakker, Independent Researcher, Saba:

Voices from Away: How the plurality of isolation and worldliness shape the communication accommodation of Saba People

Ronald T. Francis and Jason F. Siegel, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados:

Linguistic inequality in education: Denial of mother tongue education in English-Official Caribbean curricula and education policy

5:30PM-ONWARD (THURSDAY): BOX DINNER AND CULTURAL NIGHT (Alwin Bully Auditorium) Box dinner at participants' expense.

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER:

8:00AM-12:00NOON: Registration (Gallery at entryway to UWIGC Dominica)

9:00-10:30AM (FRIDAY): Parallel Sessions G & H:

Session G (Room: Alwin Bully Auditorium): **MUSICS AND LANGUAGES IN BETWEEN** (Chair: Chenzira Davis Kahina)

Nickesha Dawkins, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados:
His Words Over Hers: Gender Inequality of Clash Culture in Jamaican Dancehall Music, The Case of Jada Kingdom vs. Stefflondon

Valerie Clarke, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados:
The message in the music: Popular music and public health education in the Caribbean

Nicholas Faraclas, Ike Desmond Odugu, Kofi Yakpo, Nancy Chiagolim Odiegwu, Yetunde S. Alabede, Emmanuel Chinonso Nwachi, Dannabang Kuwabong, Liezel Datulio, Alexandra Alt, Gabriella Panelli, Collin P. A. Luell, Aeris L. Gruber, Gabriel Suárez, Shalom Oladele, and Dare Ehigie, University of Puerto Rico, Lake Forest College, USA, Hong Kong University, Michigan State University, University of Buffalo, and Karoli Gaspar University, Hungary:

The Theory and Practice of Decolonial Re-conceptualizations, Re-articulations and Re-embodiments of Language, Language Description, and 'Language Development' in the Afro-Atlantic

Session H (Room: Francis Severin Main Classroom): **CLASSROOMS IN BETWEEN** (Chair: Janice Jules)

Sandra Figaro-Henry and Laila Boisselle, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and The Higher Colleges of Technology, United Arab Emirates:
A Hyflex Framework for Entropy-Avoidance and Digital Transformation of Eastern Caribbean Educational Institutions.

Katrina A. G. Welch, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados:
Expository Writing: A Look at the Perceptions of Instructors and Students Regarding the Skills Taught and Value of an Academic Writing Course at a Caribbean University

Cynthia Pittmann, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras:
Using Story, Culture, and Well-Being to Promote Mindfulness in Caribbean Classrooms

10:30-11:00AM: Coffee Break (Lobby, UWIGC Dominica)

11:00AM-12:30 PM (FRIDAY): Parallel Sessions I & J:

Session I (Room: Alwin Bully Auditorium): **THE IN-BETWEENNESS OF POLICING AND TRANSGRESSING BORDERS** (Chair: Chenzira Davis Kahina)

Jason F. Siegel, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados:

“You curry the chicken, you don’t chicken the curry”: Folk linguistics, dictionaries and an iconic Caribbean dish

Tayzhaun Glover, Duke University, USA;

The Business of Transmarine Marronage in the British and French Lesser Antilles, 1824-1848

Chenzira Davis Kahina, Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center, University of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix, USVI and Per Ankh Khamniversity:

Culture, education, arts, tourism, economics, technology, and spirituality as spaces of resistance against marginalization, societal antagonisms, and erasure of ancestral intelligence

Session J (Room: Francis Severin Main Classroom): **BODIES AND COMMUNITIES IN BETWEEN** (Chair: Janice Jules)

Kerry-Jane Wallart, University of Orléans, France:

Home and away: fabric/ating communities in the work of Ebony Patterson and Nyugen Smith

Sally J. Delgado and Josh Skjold, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey and American School of Warsaw, Poland:

From Climate Anxiety to Environmental Agency: Ecopedagogical Strategies for Eco-conscious Language Learners

Cristal Heffelfinger Nieves, Alma Simounet and Alexandra Alt, University of Puerto Rico; Rio Piedras:

The Covid19 pandemic in the Hispanic Caribbean: The reactions of high school and university students in Puerto Rico

12:30-2:00PM: Lunch at participants’ expense (Food Tents on site, UWIGC Dominica)

2:00-3:30PM (FRIDAY): Parallel Sessions K & L:

Session K (Room: Alwin Bully Auditorium): **DRAMA IN BETWEEN** (Chair: Chenzira Davis Kahina)

Caroline Suarez, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras:

From Disrupting the Plantation to Homeplace: Reclaiming the Womb/Body on the Caribbean Stage

Virginia M. Burnett, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras:
Caribbean Shakespeares

Abigayle Farrier, University on North Texas, USA:
Ariel, Colonization and Resistance

Session L (Room: Francis Severin Main Classroom): **IN-BETWEENNESS AND THE POLITICS OF SIGN LANGUAGES AND LSPR** (Chair: Janice Jules)

Sofia Lebrón Sepúlveda, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras:
Virality and the Politics of Access in Relation to LSPR

Marina Martínez Cora, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras:
Who should be the face of sign languages in Puerto Rico? Centering Deaf epistemologies.

Daniel J. Vázquez Sanabria, The University of Texas at Austin:
The Politics of LENGUAJE-SEÑAS-PUERTO-RICO: Mapping Deaf Puerto Rican Activists' Discourse of Justice

3:30-4:00PM: Coffee Break (Lobby, UWIGC Dominica)

4:00-5:30PM (FRIDAY): BUSINESS MEETING & BOOK LAUNCHES (Room:

Alwin Bully Auditorium):

Agenda:

Venue for the 2026 conference

Annual Publications: 2024 volumes just printed, will be distributed to the authors;

2025 volumes in final production stage; 2026 call for papers will be sent out soon

The Islands in Between Website: 2024 Annual Volumes are now available online;

Virtual Tour of the site

Book Launches

Any other business

Vote of thanks to UWIGC Dominica, UWI Cave Hill, VICCC St. Croix and UPRRP

7:00PM ONWARD (FRIDAY): FRIDAY NIGHT LYME AND DINNER paid for by participants at The Realm (complex of 4 restaurants) King George V St. Roseau.

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER:

9:00-10:30AM: Registration (Gallery at entryway to UWIGC Dominica)

9:00AM-12:00NOON (SATURDAY): Combined Sessions M & N:

Combined Sessions M and N (Room: Alwin Bully Auditorium): **DOMINANT DISCOURSES AND RESISTANCE IN BETWEEN** (Co-Chairs: Peter Roberts and Korah Belgrave)

Liesel Q. Datulio, Alexandra Alt, Elizabeth Q. Datulio, Rubén J. Ramos Colón, Gabriella Panelli, Desmond Odugu, Dannabang Kuwabong and Nicholas Faraclas, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Lake Forest College, USA, and Davao de Oro College, Philippines:

Fascism, Fundamentalism, Misinformation and Coloniality: The Need for Decolonial Media Literacy in the Caribbean , the Asia-Pacific and West Africa

Tina M. P. Callwood, University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, USVI:
Empty Nest Anticipation: SGM vs. Cishet Parents

Frans A. M. M. Koenraadt, University of Curaçao:
Detention on Dutch Caribbean Islands

Elena G Vanasse Torres, Columbia University, USA:
Scenes of Arrival: Dominican-Boricua Seascapes and Affective Infrastructures on the Other Shore

Ike Desmond Odugu, Chidi Ugwu and Nicholas Faraclas, Lake Forest College, University of Nigeria at Nsukka, and University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras:
Language, Education, Sovereignty and Coloniality: Communities of Praxis as the Basis for Language Policy and Planning

12:00-2:00PM: Lunch at participants' expense (No Tents, Local Restaurants only)

2:00PM ONWARD (SATURDAY): ISLAND TOUR at participants’ expense, buses leave from UWIGC Dominica at 2:00PM. Pre-registration is required at the Registration Desk. More details will be provided. Alick Dover Tour Co.

24th ECICC CONFERENCE: UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, GLOBAL CAMPUS DOMINICA 13-15 NOVEMBER, 2025 PRELIMINARY VERSION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)				
	WEDNESDAY 12/11	THURSDAY 13/11	FRIDAY 14/11	SATURDAY 15/11
Registration	Early Registration & Meet & Greet at The Vineyard Cork St., Roseau 5:30pm until	Registration 8am – 12noon (Gallery at entry to UWIGC Dominica)	Registration 8am -12noon (Gallery at entry UWIGC Dominica)	Registration 9am – 11am (Gallery at entry to UWIGC Dominica)
9:00-10:30		OPENING and KEYNOTE	G & H SESSIONS	M & N SESSIONS
10:30-11:00		Coffee	Coffee	9:00am-12:00noon
11:00-12:30		A & B SESSIONS	I & J SESSIONS	Lunch 12:00noon – 2:00pm
12:30-2:00		Lunch	Lunch	
2:00-3:30		C & D SESSIONS	K & L SESSIONS	Island Tour Alick Dover Tour Co. Paid for by participants. 2:00pm – Evening
3:30-4:00		Coffee	Coffee	
4:00-5:30		E & F SESSIONS	Business Mtg.	
Evening	Early Registration & Meet & Greet at The Vineyard Cork St., paid for by participants Roseau 5:30pm until	Box Dinner and Cultural Night at Alwin Bully Auditorium, UWI 5:30 pm	Dinner paid for by participants at The Realm Restaurants King George V St. 7pm	

WEDNESDAY 12/11 Evening only (5:30pm until...): Early Registration and Meet & Greet at The Vineyard, Cork St., Roseau 5:30pm until: Food, drinks and transport at participants' expense.

THURSDAY 13/11: Bus from Fort Young Hotel to UWI leaves at 7:50am (at participants' expense)			
9:00-9:45	OPENING (Alwin Bully Auditorium): Official Speeches		
9:45-10:30	Keynote (Alwin Bully Auditorium): Mrs. Sonia Akpa, <i>Konmité pou Étid Kwéyòl</i>		
10:30-11:00	Coffee: Provided by UWI, Global Campus Dominica, Lobby, UWIGC Dominica		
11:00-12:30	BLOCK 1: (Alwin Bully Auditorium and Francis Severin Main Classroom)	SESSION A:	SESSION B: Francis Severin Main Classroom
		Alwin Bully Auditorium	
		Paper A1	Paper B1
		Paper A2	Paper B2
		Paper A3	Paper B3
12:30-2:00	Lunch at participants' expense (Tents on site)		
2:00-3:30	BLOCK 2: (Alwin Bully Auditorium and Francis Severin Main Classroom)	SESSION C:	SESSION D:
		Alwin Bully Auditorium	Francis Severin Main Classroom
		Paper C1	Paper D1
		Paper C2	Paper D2
		Paper C3	Paper D3
3:30-4:00	Coffee: Provided by UWI, Global Campus Dominica, Lobby, UWIGC Dominica		
4:00-5:30	BLOCK 3 (Alwin Bully Auditorium and Francis Severin Main Classroom)	SESSION E:	SESSION F:
		Alwin Bully Auditorium	Francis Severin Main Classroom
		Paper E1:	Paper F1
		Paper E2:	Paper F2
		Paper E3	Paper F3
Evening	5:30pm until: Box Dinner and Cultural Night: Alwin Bully Auditorium. Box Dinner paid for by participants.		

FRIDAY 14/11: Bus from Fort Young Hotel to UWI leaves at 8:20am (at participants' expense)			
9:00-10:30	BLOCK 4 (Alwin Bully Auditorium and Francis Severin Main Classroom)	SESSION G:	SESSION H:
		Alwin Bully Auditorium	Francis Severin Main Classroom
		Paper G1	Paper H1
		Paper G2	Paper H2
		Paper G3	Paper H3

10:30-11:00	Coffee: Provided by UWI, Global Campus Dominica, Lobby, UWIGC Dominica		
11:00-12:30	BLOCK 5 (Alwin Bully Auditorium and Francis Severin Main Classroom)	SESSION I:	SESSION J:
		Alwin Bully Auditorium	Francis Severin Main Classroom
		Paper I1	Paper J1
		Paper I2	Paper J2
		Paper I3	Paper J3
12:30-2:00	Lunch at participants' expense (tents on site)		
2:00-3:30	BLOCK 6 (Alwin Bully Auditorium and Francis Severin Main Classroom)	SESSION K:	SESSION L:
		Alwin Bully Auditorium	Francis Severin Main Classroom
		Paper K1	Paper L1
		Paper K2	Paper L2
		Paper K3	Paper L3
3:30-4:00	Coffee: Provided by UWI, Global Campus Dominica, Lobby, UWIGC Dominica		
4:00-5:30	BUSINESS MEETING AND BOOK LAUNCHES (Alwin Bully Auditorium)		
Evening	7:00pm until: Friday Night Lyme and Dinner at The Realm (4 restaurants) King George V St. Roseau. Paid for by participants		

SATURDAY 15/11: Bus from Fort Young Hotel to UWI leaves at 8:20am (at participants' expense)			
9:00-12:00	BLOCK 7 (Alwin Bully Auditorium and Francis Severin Main Classroom)	SESSION M:	SESSION N:
		Alwin Bully Auditorium	Francis Severin Main Classroom
		Paper M1	Paper N1
		Paper M2	Paper N2
		Paper M3	Paper N3
		Paper M4	Paper N4
		Paper M5	Paper N5
		Paper M6	Paper N6
12:00-2:00	Lunch at participants' expense at local restaurants		
2:00-Evening	ISLAND TOUR: paid for by participants. Sign up at registration. Alick Dover Tour Co.		