



Society for Caribbean Studies (SCS) Newsletter

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Welcome to the SCS 2021-2022 Cycle

Dear Society for Caribbean Studies members:

We are already immersed in the organization of the 2022 edition of our annual SCS conference. The call for papers has been launched for the event, which will be held online in early July (July 5-9), 2022.

Our 2021-2022 executive team is grateful to the SCS membership, who, last July, entrusted us to guide the society's activities. We are focused on continuing the annual tradition since 1977 of fostering a space for scholarly discussion and knowledge exchange on the various perspectives about life in the Caribbean region and its diaspora.

The monumental work pursued by the outgoing 2019-2021 Executive Committee, led by Pat Noxolo and Anyaa Anim-Addo, is most appreciated. This team was originally slated to serve one year and, due to the realities brought

about by the well-known global challenge, extended their commitment to ensure the SCS tradition could adapt to the times.

In the incoming team, two of us are Caribbean-based researchers. The Vice Chair's main affiliation when elected and before coming this semester to London was Université des Antilles, Guadeloupe. Our election is taken as a call to reach out to our alternative networks across languages, disciplines, and geographies as we continue serving both our Society's strengthened core community of Caribbeanists at the UK and the SCS' already significant global collective of scholars.

Kind and enthusiastic regards,

Raymond LAUREANO-ORTIZ

2021-2023 Chair

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Welcome to the Incoming 2021-2022 SCS Executive Committee

LAUREANO-ORTIZ, Raymond / Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe, PUERTO RICO / Chair

JOHN, Kesewa / University College London, ENGLAND / Vice Chair

FEHIMOVIC, Dunja / Newcastle University, ENGLAND / Secretary

HØGSBJERG, Christian / University of Brighton, ENGLAND / Treasurer

NOXOLO, Pat / University of Birmingham, ENGLAND / Committee Member (Immediate Past Chair)

WILKES, Karen / Birmingham City University, ENGLAND / Committee Member (Immediate Past Secretary) → through September 2021

RODRIGUES, Janelle / Auburn University (AL), USA / Conference Coordinator

HARRIS, Mark / University of Cincinnati (OH), USA / Committee Member

GEORGE, Shantel / University of Glasgow, SCOTLAND / Committee Member

DOUGLAS, Rachel / University of Glasgow, SCOTLAND / Committee Member

Heartfelt Thanks to the Outgoing 2019-2021 SCS Executive Committee

NOXOLO, Pat / University of Birmingham, ENGLAND / Chair

ANIM-ADDO, Anyaa / University of Leeds, ENGLAND / Vice Chair

WILKES, Karen / Birmingham City University, ENGLAND / Secretary

HØGSBJERG, Christian / University of Brighton, ENGLAND / Treasurer (2020-2021) / Committee Member (2019-2020)

TANTAM, William / University of London, ENGLAND / Treasurer (2019-2020) → through July 2020

ONO-GEORGE, Meleisa / University of Warwick, ENGLAND / Conference Coordinator

JOHN, Kesewa / University of Chichester, ENGLAND / Assistant Conference Coordinator

DOUGLAS, Rachel / University of Glasgow, SCOTLAND / Committee Member

FEHIMOVIC, Dunja / Newcastle University, ENGLAND / Committee Member

LAUREANO-ORTIZ, Raymond / Universidad Ana G. Méndez, PUERTO RICO / Committee Member

MAXWELL, Akilah / University of Leicester, ENGLAND / Committee Member

SMITH, Natasha / De Montfort University, ENGLAND / Committee Member → through March 2021

SCS @ the SCLAS

In mid-October 2021, SCS was part of the annual meeting of the Standing Conference on Latin American Studies at the UK (SCLAS). The SCS Chair is an ex-officio member of the conference in representation of UK's Caribbeanist scholars. The SCLAS' mission is "to provide a forum for collaboration between member institutions on issues of strategic importance to the field of Latin American Studies, and on their behalf to represent it to outside bodies, including research councils and government policymakers."

More details @

<https://www.slas.org.uk/standing-conference>

SCS @ The British Academy

In late October 2021, SCS was part of the British Academy's briefings on the new Early Career Researcher Network (ECRN) initiative that is being launched to support UK-based scholars within ten (10) years of their PhD degree (allowing for certain career breaks). The briefings were directed to UK's learned societies to brainstorm on ways to collaborate as they gradually launch the pilot programs ("hubs") by regions: starting with the Midlands (autumn 2021), SW England (winter 2021), and Scotland (spring 2022).

More details @

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/early-career-researcher-network>

Aside from the regional hubs being developed, there are in-person and virtual events open to the general UK community of early-career researchers (ECRs). These are focused either on professional networking or on specific topics like the recent global agenda on climate change, researching under COVID-19, and critical race theory. You may reserve space ("buy tickets") to these free-of-charge events through the following link:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/earlycareerresearchnetwork>

Publications by Current SCS Members

Current SCS members are invited to inform us of their publications since the last SCS newsletter, those published since 2019, to be included in one of our upcoming newsletters. Write to us at societyforcaribbeanstudies@gmail.com.

David Lowenthal Memorial

A David Lowenthal Memorial event is being planned for April 2022 at the Royal Geographical Society in London. Lowenthal, a pioneer in both Caribbean Studies and Heritage Studies at the UK, was SCS' first chair. Past and current SCS members and chairs will be part of the group of speakers at the event. Details will be provided as they become available.

Co-Sponsorship of Webinar Series

SCS joined the Socialist History Society and the Institute for Commonwealth Studies to launch a call for papers to hold a series of online research seminars on "Socialism in the English-Speaking Caribbean." Selected papers from the series would be published in the journal *Socialist History*. The deadline for paper proposals is November 15, 2021.

More details @

<http://community-languages.org.uk/scs/socialism-in-the-english-speaking-caribbean>

Other Caribbean Studies Circles

The Association for Caribbean Historians (ACH) is holding its conference on June 5-10, 2022. Originally slated for Kingston, Jamaica, it will now be held online. The due date for paper proposals was November 10, 2021. However, they will be wait listing proposals arriving within the following ten (10) days.

More details @

<https://associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/call-for-papers>

Meanwhile, the Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) is having its conference on May 30 – June 3, 2022. It is still scheduled in hybrid mode for Kingston, Jamaica. This time, the call for papers was divided in two phases. In the first phase, 15 November 2021 is the due date for the call for panels. The second phase due in January 2022 is a call for papers for those panels selected in the first phase.

More details @

<https://www.eventsforce.net/csa/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=27477>

SCS Committee's Collaborators

Special mention is made of two important SCS Committee's collaborators. Steve Cushion and Florence Gerion. Steve is a long-time London-based member and leader within the Society. He continues supporting the Committee in this new cycle as IT (Information Technology) Advisor. Regardless of the circumstances, his unconditional and unwavering dedication to the Society across the years is dearly appreciated. Florence Gerion is supporting the Committee for several months as Project Assistant. She is currently a student at the Université des Antilles, Guadeloupe. One of her SCS initiatives is the creation and management of the digital archive for the documents, photos, and testimonies received from the call described below.

Call for SCS Documents, Photos, and Memories

Vice Chair Kesewa John is spearheading a call for documents, photos and memories: "Cognizant of our leadership in the field of Caribbean Studies in the UK for nearly five decades, we are undertaking a project to document our history as a learned society. If you have engaged with the society, please, take our survey at <https://forms.gle/fSLe6sjgD1nW9kw7>. We are interested in learning about the people, the scholars, and artists, past and present, who have been a part of the Society for Caribbean Studies over the past fifty years. We are also collecting documentation including photographs relating to the events we have held over the years. If you have photographs that you are willing to share with us, you can upload them at this site: <https://forms.gle/NJNcyssBqaPND8hy8>." Please, direct any questions regarding this initiative and these information-gathering forms to the SCS email: societyforcaribbeanstudies@gmail.com.

Call for Papers

45th Annual Conference of the Society for Caribbean Studies, 5-9 July 2022, Online

The Society for Caribbean Studies (SCS) invites the global community of scholars to submit abstracts of no more than 250 words for research papers on the Hispanic, Francophone, Dutch and Anglophone Caribbean and their diasporas, for presentation at our 2022 international conference. We invite papers from all disciplines of Caribbean Studies across the arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The Society is eager to receive proposals for papers about the non-Anglophone Caribbean. Proposals may address any theme or topic focused on the Caribbean's extended region (the Greater Caribbean) and should be submitted by 10 January 2022.

The SCS postgraduate conference will take place during the main conference this year. If you would like your paper to be considered as part of the postgraduate conference (Tuesday, 5 July), please, indicate this when you submit it.

2022 will see our second online staging of the SCS conference, with every hope that we will hold our 2023 meeting in person. Please, submit abstracts, along with a short bio of no more than 150 words, via the following page: https://www.scs-gellius.net/paper_submit.php?course_run_id=3518. We also welcome proposals for complete panels, which should consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) presenters (note that a separate abstract and bio should be submitted for each paper). Each conference presentation should not exceed 15 minutes. You will receive an automated response when you submit and be notified of acceptance by the first week of February.

While we do not have a specific theme for 2022's conference, we welcome papers related to Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association; to the Caribbean and Pan Africanism; to the Caribbean and the Anthropocene; and to Caribbean fine arts.

You may reach us at societyforcaribbeanstudies@gmail.com in case of any questions or observations.