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The Life and Work of Michel-Rolph Trouillot: A Symposium

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Friday, March 1st, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Auditorium of King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center (KJCC), 53 Washington Square South, New York University, New York NY 10012 (map)

Anthropologist Michel-Rolph Trouillot, who died this past year, left a major body of work that has shaped the study of the Caribbean and the Atlantic World. His analytical point of departure was the experience and conduct of power. Trouillot's interest in methodologies of ethnography and theory-building, memory and historiography, and the relationship between poetics and empiricism ranged from the micro-level of Caribbean peasantries to the macro-level of globalization.

Celebrating this major body of work that continues to influence scholarship in the humanities and social sciences, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) at NYU is hosting a day-long symposium, co-organized by Aisha Khan (Department of Anthropology), Katherine Smith (2012-2015 Fellow, CLACS), and Jill Lane (Director, CLACS). The symposium will feature a keynote address by Colin Dayan, an opening invocation by performance artist Gina Ulysse, and presentations by Michael Dash, Harvey Neptune, Mayanthi Fernando, Dahoud Andre, Yarimar Bonilla, Vanessa Agard-Jones, Millery Polyne, Mariana Past, Nathalie Pierre, and Dasha Chapman.

Program:

9:00 - 9:45am: Introduction
Welcome from CLACS Organizing Committee
Performance by Gina Athena Ulysse (Wesleyan University)

9:45 - 11:15am: Session I - Translations
Mariana Past (Dickinson College)
Dahoud Andre (Lakou New York)
Natalie Pierre (NYU)

11:15 - 11:30am: Break

11:30am - 1:00pm: Session II - Scales of Analysis: Peoples, Places, and Global Concerns
Vanessa Agard Jones (NYU)
Dasha A. Chapman (NYU)
Millery Polyne (NYU)

1:00 - 2:30pm: Break

2:30 - 4:15pm: Session III - Ways of Knowing
Michael Dash (NYU)
Yarimar Bonilla (Rutgers University)
Mayanthi L. Fernando (UC Santa Cruz)
Harvey Neptune (Temple University)

4:15 - 4:30pm: Break

4:30 - 5:15pm: Keynote Speaker
Colin Dayan (Vanderbilt University)

5:15 - 7:30pm: Reception

This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology, the Department of History, the Humanities Initiative, the Program in Latino Studies, Institute for French Studies, and the Program in Africana Studies.

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