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February 26, 1987

- 8:00 am** Miami Northwestern Senior High School Choir
William Johnson, Choir Director
"Lift Every Voice and Sing" "Oh Freedom"
- 8:15 am** **Introduction**
Dr. Paul Gallagher, Acting Provost
Florida International University
- 8:25 am** **Presiding**
Attorney Frank Scruggs, Regent
Florida Board of Regents
- 8:35 am** **Welcome Address**
Dr. Modesto A. Maidique, President
Florida International University
- 8:40 am** **Conference Overview**
Dr. Carlos Moore, Visiting Professor
Florida International University
Conference Convener
- 8:55 am** **Opening Address**
The Honorable Val T. McComie (Barbados)
Assistant Secretary General
Organization of American States (OAS)
Afro Culture and Identity in the Americas



Session I	The Historical, Philosophical and Cultural Dimensions of Negritude
	9:15 am Moderator Dr. James A. Mau, Dean College of Arts and Sciences Florida International University
Major Presentation	9:20 am Edouard Maunick (Mauritius) Negritude: Philosophical Concept, Ideological Statement or Artistic Expression?
Presentation	9:40 am Richard Long (USA) Aime Cesaire: Interfaces with the Past and the Present
	10:00 am Houangan Max Beauvoir (Haiti) Negritude: Philosophical Expression of the Spiritual, Religious Values Intrinsic to the African World
	10:20 am Rex Nettleford (Jamaica) The Aesthetics of Negritude
	10:40 am Justo Arroyo (Panama) Negritude, an Innovative Approach to Modern Letters
	11:00 am Antonio Preciado (Ecuador) The Heritage of Negritude in Ecuador
	11:15 am Quince Duncan (Costa Rica) Negritude in the Context of Africanity
	11:30 am Session Commentator Dr. Richard Long Director Center for Afro American Studies Atlanta University
	11:40- 12:00 Audience Participation Interaction with Panelists



Session II

**Belief Systems, Social Mores and Cultural Values of the African
Diaspora in the Americas**

- 2:30 pm** **Moderator**
Dr. Ruth Simms Hamilton (USA)
Director
African Diaspora Research Project
Michigan State University
- Major Presentation** **2:35 pm** **Professor John Henrik Clarke (USA)**
African Cultural Response to Slavery and Oppression
in the Americas and in the Caribbean
- Presentations**
- 2:55 pm** **Abdias do Nascimento (Brazil)**
Racial Democracy in the Americas: Myth or Reality?
- 3:10 pm** **Manuel Zapata Olivella (Colombia)**
Beyond Borders: Transnational Linkages Among Afro Cultures in the
Americas
- 3:25 pm** **Houangan Max Beauvoir (Haiti)**
The Theological Precepts of Vodun
- 3:40 pm** **Babalawo John Turpin (USA)**
Orisha Worship in Cuba, Brazil and the United States: The
Strengthening of Afro Cultures through African Belief Systems
- 3:55 pm** **Molly Ahye (Trinidad)**
Afro Belief Systems in Trinidad and Tobago
- 4:15 pm** **Victoria Santa Cruz (Peru)**
Afro Peoples in South America and the Re-Discovery of their Roots
- 4:30 pm** **Jose Campo Davila (Peru)**
The African Presence in Peru
- 4:45 pm** **Ruth Simms Hamilton (USA)**
Conceptualizing the African Diaspora
- 5:00 pm** **Session Commentator**
Dr. Anthony Maingot
Professor, Sociology/Anthropology
Florida International University
Visiting Scholar
Rand Corporation
- 5:30-
6:00 pm** **Audience Participation**
Interaction with Panelists



February 27, 1987

Session III

The Persistent Legacy of Black Socio-Economic Poverty in the Americas

9:00 am **Moderator**
Dr. Rosebud Foster
Vice-Provost
Bay Vista Campus
Florida International University

Major Presentation

9:15 am **The Honorable Aulana Peters (USA)**
Commissioner
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C.
Black Business Trends in the United States and Future Prospects in
Terms of Africa and the Caribbean

Presentations

9:40 am **Jean Crusol (Martinique)**
Black Business and World Economic Pressures: The Case of the
French Caribbean

9:55 am **Edward Greene (Guyana)**
Ethnic Segmentation and Economic Dominance in the English-
Speaking Caribbean

10:15 am **Lelia Gonzalez (Brazil)**
Black Mobility Patterns in Brazil: Favelas, Core Poverty,
Unemployment, Crime and the Afro-Brazilian Middle Class

10:30 am **Quince Duncan (Costa Rica)**
The Socio-Economy of Black Poverty in Costa Rica

10:45 am **Roy Guevara Arzu (Honduras)**
The Ethnic Reality of Honduras

11:00 am **Amir Smith Cordoba (Colombia)**
Racial Exclusion and Pluralism in Colombia

11:15-
11:30 am **Session Commentator**
Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg
Director
Latin American and Caribbean Center
Florida International University

11:30-
12:00 **Audience Participation**
Interaction with Panelists



Session IV

Inequality within Inequality: The Situation of Afro Women in the Americas

2:00 pm Moderator
Dr. Tanya S. Hamilton
Associate Dean
International Affairs Division
Florida International University

Major Presentation

2:15 pm Maya Angelou (USA)
The Status, Roles, and Perspectives of Black Women in Afro-Cultures of the Americas

Presentations

2:45 pm Fatou Sow Diagne (Senegal)
Women and Feminism in Africa: A Search for New Approaches

3:00 pm Victoria Santa Cruz (Peru)
Patterns of Beauty and the Black Woman's Self-Perception

3:15 pm Lelia Gonzalez (Brazil)
The Black Woman as Sexual Object in Brazil

3:30 pm Bettye Parker Smith (USA)
Damned If You Do, Damned If You Don't: The Continuing Saga of Black Women in America

3:45 p, Simone Schwarz-Bart (Guadeloupe)
The Changing Role-Patterns of Black Women in the Francophone Caribbean

4:00 pm Mari Evans (USA)
Chaos and Change in the Black Family

4:15 pm Rex Nettleford (Jamaica)
Gender Roles in Afro-Cultures: A Male's View

4:30 pm Session Commentator
Dr. Claudia Mitchell-Kernan
Director
Center for Afro-American Studies
University of California, Los Angeles

4:45- Audience Participation
6:00 pm Interaction with Panelists



February 28, 1987

Session V

Color, Race and Ethnicity in the Americas

- 9:00 am **Opening Remarks**
Dr. Modesto A. Maidique
President
Florida International University
- 9:10 am **Moderator**
Dr. Rex Nettleford
Director
Extra-Mural Studies
University of the West Indies
- Major Presentation** 9:15 am **Dr. Jan Carew** (Guyana)
The Origins of Racism in the Americas
- Presentations**
- 9:35 am **Iva Carruthers** (USA)
Racism in the Neo-Eugenics Era: A Call for a Black Theory of Race
- 9:50 am **Claudia Mitchell-Kernan** (USA)
Ethnicity as a Culturally Compulsive Group Self-Identification Phenomenon
- 10:05 am **Marta Vega** (Puerto Rico)
Competing Ethnic Self-Interests of Afro Communities in the United States: The Case of New York
- 10:20 am **Marvin Dunn** (USA)
Inter-Ethnic Relations in Miami: The Cuban-American, Haitian-American and Afro-American Communities
- 10:50 am **Ricardo Gonzalez** (Cuba)
The Afro-Cuban Community in Florida: Obstacles, Successes and Perspectives
- 10:50 am **Abdias do Nascimento** (Brazil)
Negritude: The Black World's Humanizing Response to the Racialization of Human Relations
- 11:05 am **Session Commentator**
Dr. Lisandro Perez
Chairperson
Sociology and Anthropology Department
Director
Graduate Program in International Studies
Florida International University
- 11:15 am **Audience Participation**
Interaction with Panelists
- 12:00 **Closing Remarks**
Dr. Paul Gallagher
Acting Provost
Florida International University

