



Anthony N. Sabga Awards



Books, Laureates and events

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2013 Arts & Letters Laureate, Prof Caryl Phillips of St Kitts & Nevis, Raymond Ramcharitar, and Robert Antoni, winner of the 2014 OCM Bocas Prize, on stage at UWI, St Augustine on October 3, for a literary conversation and reading on the theme of writing Caribbean history into metropolitan consciousness.

Our Literary Conversation at UWI, St Augustine

The ANSA Caribbean Awards for Excellence was honoured to collaborate with three distinguished partners, the Bocas Lit Fest, the UWI, St Augustine, and the University of Trinidad & Tobago (UTT) to host our 2013 Laureate, Prof Caryl Phillips of St Kitts & Nevis, and Trinidadian writer, Robert Antoni for readings and a literary conversation on their works at UWI's LRC on October 3.

Both writers had new books out, and both were themed on the place the Caribbean occupies in the Western or metropolitan imagination. Antoni's book, *As Flies to Whatless Boys*, which won the OCM Bocas prize in 2014, weaves fact and fiction into a true story, of an experimental colony set up

in Trinidad in 1845 by a German inventor, and a set of British colonists, among whom were Antoni's family, the Tuckers.

Laureate Phillips' book, *The Lost Child*, examines the figure of Heathcliff in Emily Bronte's novel *Wuthering Heights*, and proposes he might be the product of an African woman and a white man, who was adopted by the man. The novel then diverges to other parallel stories of children in similar positions over a 200-year span.

Both writers read, and then spoke with the moderator about the themes of history and fiction. There followed a lively question and answer question session with the audience of about 100 people who gathered at UWI's LRC auditorium.

LAUREATES AND EVENTS

Our commemorative tenth anniversary state, libraries, chambers of commerce, and book, the Excellent Decade, has been other public institutions. In addition to Guyana, which we distributed in a number of ceremonies throughout the English-speaking Caribbean, to heads of recorded in this publication two months ago,



Dr Beverley Steele of Grenada presents a copy of The Excellent Decade to Grenadian Prime Minister, the Right Hon Dr Keith Mitchell.



Dr Beverley Steele presents a copy of The Excellent Decade to HE Cecile La Grenade, Governor General of Grenada



Mr Mark Wilkin of the St Kitts Brewery, His Excellency Mr Tapely Seaton, Governor General of St Kitts & Nevis, and Mr J Emile Ferdinand of the OECS Nominating Committee display His Excellency's copy of the book.

HE Dame Pearlette Louisy, Governor General of St Lucia, autographs her contribution to The Excellent Decade for one of the recipients of the book.





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THE EXCELLENT DECADE IN BARBADOS



(Left) Mr Nicholas Mouttet, Laureate James Husbands, Ms Vivian-Anne Gittens, Dr Marcia Burrows, Annette Smith, Laureate Prof Leonard O'Garro, and Hetty Stoute-Oni, Cave Hill Librarian at the Barbados presentation ceremony.



Prof Patrick Hosein, one of our 2015 Science & Technology (joint) Laureates, was recently inducted into the hall of fame of his Alma Mater, the College of the Immaculate Conception in Port of Spain. Unfortunately, Prof Hosein is travelling, and could not be there. Representing him was his mother, Merle Hosein, who accepted his citation.

Prof Hosein is a computer scientist who teaches at the UWI, but whose work is an integral part of cellular and internet technology networks world wide.

He attended CIC before he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned five degrees in electrical engineering and computer science. He has also worked with some of the world's leading technology companies, including Huawei and AT&T. He has been previously honoured by NIHERST in Trinidad & Tobago, and is presently working on





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Our 2015 Laureate in Arts & Letters, Dr Paloma Mohamed Martin of Guyana, was invited to give a talk at Trent University in Canada in September.

Dr Mohamed Martin spoke to an audience of academics about “Facing Down the Feral on Facebook”, a case study of the use of social media to diffuse hate speech and incite violence in two Guyanese general elections, in 2011 and 2015. The talk was hosted by Trent’s Cultural Studies PhD programme, its Centre for Biomaterials research, and its Department of International Studies.

Our 2015 Laureate in Entrepreneurship, Herbert “Haz” Samuel of St Vincent & The Grenadines, was invited to deliver the UWI Open Campus’s Annual Independence Lecture on October 22.

The lecture was entitled “Independence, a 21st Century Toolkit for the Caribbean”, and focused on the need for the region to embrace innovation and new IT technologies to survive and thrive in the future.

Mr Samuel is an energy and ICT consultant from St Vincent and was the ANSA Caribbean Awards inaugural laureate in the new category of Entrepreneurship. A video of his lecture may be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiGCVib6bS8>. A copy of the text of the speech will be placed in the speeches section of our website.



Mr A. Norman Sabga, Chairman and Chief Executive of the ANSA McAL Group of companies, was awarded an honorary doctorate (LLD, Honoris Causa) at the UWI, St Augustine, graduation ceremony on October 23. Dr Norman Sabga follows his father, Dr Anthony N Sabga, who was conferred with the honorary title in 1998. In the photo are (from left) UWI’s Vice Chancellor Sir Hilary Beckles, Mrs Alma Sabga, Mrs Minerva Sabga, Dr A. Norman Sabga, PVC Prof Clem Sankat, and UWI Chancellor, Sir George Alleyne.

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