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David Dabydeen at Bocas in Trinidad



Susheila Nasta and David Dabydeen in conversation at the Bocas Lit Fest in Port of Spain.

Spain from April 27–30.

Prof Dabydeen was interviewed by the Progress, and Molly and the Muslim Stick. Guyanese poet, novelist and scholar, Susheila Nasta ambassador to China for five years, from where he to the West Indies. has just returned.

Slave Song, which won the Commonwealth Poetry including his seminal book-length poem, Turner. Prize in 1984. He has also published several novels,

Our 2008 Laureate in Arts & Letters, Prof David beginning with *The Intended* (1991) and most Dabydeen of Guyana and the UK, was a featured recently, Johnson's Dictionary (2014) which won writer at the Bocas Literary Festival in Port of the Guyana Prize for Literature. Some of his other novels include The Counting House, A Harlot's

His non-fiction and critical work includes coabout his long career as a poet, novelist, essayist editing The Oxford Companion to Black British and critic. A career academic at Warwick History (1997), and Across the Dark Waters, an University in the UK, he left to be the Guyanese anthology of academic works on Indian emigration

Most recently, Peepal Tree Press from Leeds, His career began with a collection of poems, UK, has begun to re-publish his early work,



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Patrick Hosein's Professorial Lecture at UWI, St Augustine



(Left) Prof Brent Wilson; UWI Principal, Prof Brian Copeland; Prof Patrick Hosein; and Prof Indar Ramnarine at Prof Hosein's Distinguished lecture at UWI. St Augustine on April 13..

Our 2015 Laureate in Science & Technology, Prof flexible programmes, and environ-Patrick Hosein, delivered his professorial lecture on ments that encourage and allow Research, Innovation, and Education in STEM at UWI, St. creativity, critical thinking, and

Augustine, two weeks ago. The lecture focused on his think tank research group, TTLAB. (It can be found at http:lab.tt.)

Prof Hosein, who is a computer scientist and mathematician, is a seminal figure in the development of internet and cellular technology. A MIT scholar, he worked with some of the early pioneers in the fields of both technologies — AT&T, Bell Labs, Ericsson, and Hua Wei.

Prof Hosein's lecture focused on the student and institutional infrastructure needed to spur innovation. The main components, he said, are flexible programmes, and environments that encourage and allow creativity, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary cooperation.

2012 Laureate, Paula Lucie Smith's ALTA honoured



The Adult Literacy Tutors Association (ALTA) was presented with the NGO Award for Good Governance by the Energy Chamber of Trinidad & Tobago in January. ALTA was founded in 1992 by 2012 Laureate in Public & Civic Contributions, Paula Lucie-Smith.

ALTA delivers an indispensable service to Trinidad & Tobago, by providing remedial literacy tutoring services for the large number of functionally non-literate adults in the country.

The organization's tutors are volunteers, who are put through a rigorous preparation schedule and are required to constantly upgrade their skills.

Mrs Lucie-Smith remains as the organization's CEO, and ALTA celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. (See www.alta-tt.org.)

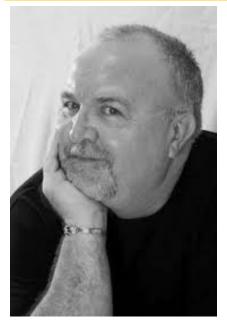


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Brian Heap's play, An African Odyssey



Dr Brian Heap, Chair of our Jamaica Nominating Committee, recently saw his play, Catherine Mulgrave — African Odyssey received nine Actor Boy award nominations in that country.

The play is the story of an enslaved African woman, Catherine Mulgrave, and her life story, based on research by Prof Maureen Warner Lewis.

Mulgrave was en route to Cuba on a slave-ship, which was

wrecked. She washed ashore in Jamaica, and was adopted by the Governor of Jamaica, the Earl of Mulgrave. Catherine later becomes a teacher and a missionary to the Gold Africa. The play Coast of premiered in May, 2016 at the Centre for Creative Arts, Mona, Jamaica.



Our Ceremony is on May 13, at the Georgetown Marriot

We at the Programme Office in Trinidad & Narine (2015) to join our 2017 laureates Tobago are very excited to be hosting our first Christopher Arif Bulkan and Winslow Craig. ceremony in another Caribbean territory.

Sydney Simon (2012), Karen de Souza (2014), Prof Caribbean. Paloma Mohamed Martin (2015), Prof Suresh

The 2017 ceremony will take place at the We look forward to meeting as many of our Marriot Hotel in Georgetown. It is our hope that eight Guyanese laureates who can be with us, this is the first of many ceremonies which will be and we take this opportunity to remember them held in Caribbean capitals to celebrate the here. They are: Prof David Dabydeen (2008), accomplishments of their laureates, and to toast Annette Arjoon-Martins (2008), The Rt Hon the newly-discovered possibilities in science, art, Allicock, MP, MS (2010); George entrepreneurship and civic activism of the









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