



# POST/COLONIALISM AND THE PURSUIT OF FREEDOM IN THE BLACK ATLANTIC

8<sup>th</sup> International Cultural Studies Conference of the  
Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

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Conference Convener, Jerome Branche  
Keynote Speaker, Ronald Judy

This conference on post/colonialism and the pursuit of freedom in the Black Atlantic is an interdisciplinary event of wide geographic scope, which engages the legacy of colonialism and slavery, and invokes the continuing crises being experienced by the no-longer-new nation-states it addresses. While its immediate context evokes the parameters of dominance and extraction under contemporary globalization, its objective is to make a contribution to postcolonial

critique from the standpoint of literary and cultural analysis. In disciplinary and institutional terms, the conference also wishes to expand the understanding of the field of Hispanic Studies to include, in a more overt manner, not only Afro-Latin Americans, but also the Hispanophone and Lusophone populations of Africa and the Caribbean, while at the same time giving consideration to similarly interpellated Francophone populations across the Atlantic.

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