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10th Annual Walter Rodney Symposium Wrap Up

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The 10th Annual Walter Rodney Symposium
March 22nd - 23rd, 2013
“Reflections, Groundings and Advancing the Legacy”

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
The keynote speaker for the Tenth Annual Walter Rodney Symposium was Howard Dodson, former Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and current Director of Moorland-Spingarn Research Center and Howard University Libraries.

Dodson addressed the historical context in which Rodney’s work is grounded, the importance of collecting, and preserving the Walter Rodney Papers and making the collection available for research, study and interpretation. He also addressed Walter Rodney’s interactions with the Institute of the Black World.

HIGHLIGHTS
REMARKS from Dr. The Honorable Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
CONVERSATIONS with Dr. Patricia Rodney and Donald Rodney, Esq. (Wife and Brother of Dr. Walter Rodney)

ACADEMIC PANEL
Dr. Ayanna Armstrong, Clark Atlanta University; Dr. Paget Henry, Brown University; Dr. Kurt Young, University of Central Florida; Dr. Geoffroy de Laforcade, Norfolk State University; Dr. Jesse Benjamin, Chair, African and African Diaspora Studies, Kennesaw State University

PANEL
Ambassador Jesus “Chucho” Garcia, Venezuelan Ambassador to Angola; Ambassador Camillo Gonsalves, UN Ambassador, St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Dr. Norman Girvan, Professor Emeritus, University of the West Indies; Bassey Ewa Henshaw, Former Nigerian Senator & Immediate Past Pres. of The Parliamentarians for Global Action; Dr. Karim F. Hirji, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Dr. Keith Jennings, Regional Director for Southern and East Africa, National Democratic Institute; Dr. Hashim Gibrill, former Chair of Political Science Department, Clark Atlanta University.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS from Nate Darcus (Norfolk State University), Khalfani Lawson (KSU), Aajay Murphy (KSU), and Silvia Trejo (KSU)

POETRY by Budd Hall (Canada)

CULTURAL LINEUP featuring Buddha Blaze (Kenya), Humanist (Burkina Faso/France), and Waterflow (Senegal)

Held at the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library, 111 James P. Brawley Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA.
Poster for the 10th Annual Walter Rodney Symposium, 2013.
Click the poster for full program.
The audience watches as Dr. Paget Henry presents "Hope and Struggle: Walter Rodney as I Knew Him." This is the main exhibition hall at the AUC's Robert W. Woodruff Library, where most of the Walter Rodney Symposia have been held each year, across from the RWL's archives, where the Walter Rodney Papers are held.

From L to R: Shaka Rodney, Abena Krow-Rodney, Dr. Howard Dodson, Dr. Patricia Rodney, Kanini Z. Rodney-Phillips, Asha T. Rodney, and Bruce Phillips

Dr. Beverley Guy-Sheftall, Director of the Women's Research and Resource Center at Spelman College, delivers welcoming remarks on Friday, March 22.

Dr. The Honorable Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, recalls his time with Dr. Rodney in Jamaica.

Student Panel: (from L to R) Moderator Dr. Jesse Benjamin, KSU; Khalifani Lawson, KSU; Aajay Murphy, KSU; Silvia Trejo, KSU; and Nate Darcus, Norfolk State Univ. Student.

Keynote Address: Dr. Howard Dodson, Director of Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, presenting "African Development During Slavery in the Americas."

Dr. Patricia Rodney, chair of the Walter Rodney Foundation.
The audience directs their attention to a question during the Q&A session.

Dr. Fragano Ledgister, Clark Atlanta University, Political Science, engages during Q&A.

Dr. Geoffroy de Laforcade, Norfolk State University interacts with students.

The audience patiently waits between panels while Rawle Collins (far L.) provides music.

Kanini Z. Rodney-Phillips with niece, Asia, and Keith Jennings.

Dr. Jesse Benjamin, WRF board member.

Dr. Paget Henry, Professor of Africana Studies and Sociology, Interim Chair, Brown Univ.