



The National Council of La Raza (NCLR),
The Inter-Agency Consultation on Race in Latin America (IAC),
The Inter-American Foundation (IAF) and
The Dominican American National Roundtable (DANR)
invite you to a symposium and reception,
**“African Beat, Caribbean Echoes:
Blackness in the Formation of Dominican Identity,”**
May 11, 2006
6-8 p.m.

The discussion will focus on the Dominican Republic’s rich cultural and ethnic diversity, its important African heritage, and how Dominicans in the United States identify with their African roots.

Panel Guests

Ms. Eulalia Altagracia Jiménez Abreu has worked with Dominican community associations for more than 20 years, among them the Centro Dominicano de Estudios de la Educación, Fundación Activo 20-30, Cáritas Dominicana and Mujeres en Desarrollo Dominicano (MUDE). Most recently she was director of students at the Instituto Postal Dominicano. Ms. Jiménez Abreu is a graduate of the Universidad Católica Santa Domingo where she specialized in Afro-Iberian studies and is working toward her master’s in gender and development from the International Netcourse Teacher Enhancement Coalition. eulaliajimenez@hotmail.com

Dr. Celsa Albert Bastista has taught Caribbean history for more than 35 years at the Universidad Católica Santa Domingo where she also served as vice rector. She is general director of culture for the Dominican Ministry of Education. She received UNESCO’s International José Martí award in 1995 for her work in cultural preservation and an honorary degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in 1983. celsalbert@hotmail.com

Dr. Silvio Torres-Saillant teaches English and directs the Latino-Latin American Studies Program at Syracuse University. He has a Ph.D. in comparative literature from New York University and is the author of *Caribbean Poetics* and co-author of *The Dominican Americans*. He is the founding director of the Dominican Studies Institute of the City University of New York and is on the advisory board of the Latin American Writers Institute, the American Social History Project and the University of Houston’s Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Project. saillant@syr.edu

Mr. Cid Wilson chairs the board of directors of the Dominican American National Roundtable (DANR) based in Washington, D.C. He is commissioner of the Bergen County, New Jersey, Improvement Authority and is a founding board member of Dominicans on Wall Street (DOWS). He serves on the New Jersey State Ethnic Advisory Council and is the managing director and chief research officer of Monarch Research LLC, a Web-based software company. info@danr.org

Ms. Judith Morrison is executive director of the Inter-Agency Consultation on Race in Latin America. Before that, she was the IAF’s representative for Brazil and senior representative for South America. She has written extensively on economic development in Latin American communities of African descent. She has a master’s degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she had a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and received the Carroll Wilson Award for International Research. Currently, she is a member of the Association of Black Foundation Executives. jmorrison@thedialogue.org