CALL FOR PAPERS

SYMPOSIUM

A.J. Roy Bodden: PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL INTERROGATING THE CAYMANIAN SOCIETY

Thursday, June 24, 2021

The Harquail Theatre, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

The conference is organised by the Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF), in collaboration with the Committee for the Promotion of Research and Cayman Scholarship (CPRCS).

It is our pleasure to invite you to submit papers to this symposium on Interrogating the Cayman Society.

President Emeritus of the University of the Cayman Islands, Mr. Bodden is the author of several books on Cayman history, politics, and culture.

Symposium Context

President Emeritus Roy Bodden is the author of several books:

- The Cayman Islands in Transition: The Politics, History and Sociology of a Changing Society
- Stories my Grandfather Never Told Me
- A Gathering of Old Men
- Patronage, Personalities and Parties: Caymanian Politics from 1950-2000
- From Guard House to the Glass House: One Man’s Journey through the Maze of Caymanian Politics

Taken together, this is a significant body of work on the Cayman Islands, told from the perspective of the Cayman Islands. It represents an achievement by the Islands’ foremost public Intellectual and is a body of work worthy of celebration and of intense analysis.

Symposium Publication

It is proposed to publish a compendium of selected symposium papers to be published at a later date as a tribute to Mr. Roy Bodden.

Presentation topics

The symposium will take the form of presentations on topics covered in the works of Mr. Bodden (either as individual papers, panels or round tables).

Areas of interrogation include—

- The nature of small island states
- Public service culture in small societies
- The founding of the Caymanian society
- Caymanian Literature
- Cayman’s political culture and political system
- Ethics
- The continuing evolution of the Caymanian economy
- Caymanian history
- Political corruption
- The Cayman Islands political party system
- The nature of colonization and decolonization
- Leadership
- Family systems
- The Cayman Islands education system
- Among related topics

Presenters are invited to consider Bodden’s ideas as points of departure for their own papers.

Objectives

The key objectives of the symposium are to:

1. Honor the scholarship of the island’s main public intellectual.
2. Bring together thinkers to write critically about issues which are the subject of Bodden’s texts.
3. Encourage scholarship centered on the Cayman Islands.
4. Encourage the involvement of young local university students and graduates.
5. To publish a substantial body of work subsequent to the event.

Call for Papers for Face-to-Face and Virtual Presentation

Presentations may be face-to-face or virtual.

Contributors are invited to draw on ideas from Mr. Bodden’s body of work in addressing Caymanian issues in one or more of the following suggested fields. Contributors may, however, advance other topic suggestions to the Conference Chair:

- History
- Politics
- Culture
- Economy and Political Economy
- Education
- Literature
- The role of the public intellectual
- Ethics
- Leadership
- Epistemology

Deadline for abstracts: April 30, 2021. • Full papers due date: June 11, 2021.

We look forward to seeing you at the symposium: A J Roy Bodden: Public Intellectual-Interrogating the Caymanian Society.