

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CARIBBEAN LITERATURE

RAÍCES VIVAS: African and Latin Routes to New Caribbean Scholarship

Tentative Conference Schedule — Working Draft

November 17–20, 2026 • Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Draft schedule subject to change pending final confirmation of keynote and plenary speakers, session proposals, and venue logistics. All times listed are local (Punta Cana / AST).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Arrival Day

TIME	SESSION
All Day	Guest Arrivals & Hotel Check-In <i>Airport transfers available on request; shuttle information to be circulated to registered attendees.</i>
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Early Registration & Welcome Desk Open <i>Conference badge and program pickup; sponsor and exhibitor table setup.</i>
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Informal Welcome Reception <i>Poolside/terrace gathering for early arrivals, planning committee, and sponsors - open bar, no formal program.</i>

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Conference Opens

TIME	SESSION
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Badge pickup continues; coffee service in the main foyer.</i>
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	OPENING PLENARY <i>Welcome remarks from ICCL Co-Directors and Morehouse College leadership; conference theme address on "Raíces Vivas" and the routes/roots framework.</i>
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Coffee Break
MORNING CONCURRENT SESSIONS	
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Concurrent Panels — Session A <i>Three to four parallel panels (rooms TBD).</i>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch (on your own / hosted option)
AFTERNOON PROGRAM	
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS I <i>Featured keynote speaker — introduction by ICCL Co-Director.</i>

TIME	SESSION
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Concurrent Panels — Session B <i>Parallel panels</i>
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Break
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Roundtable: African and Latin American Routes in Caribbean Scholarship <i>Moderated cross-disciplinary conversation.</i>
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Opening Night Reception <i>Sponsor recognition and cultural performance.</i>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Full Conference Day

TIME	SESSION
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
MORNING PROGRAM	
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	MORNING PLENARY <i>Featured plenary address</i>
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Break
9:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Concurrent Panels — Session C
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Break
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Concurrent Panels — Session D
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Lunch
AFTERNOON PROGRAM	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS II <i>Featured keynote speaker</i>
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 PM – 5:15 PM	Concurrent Panels — Session E

TIME	SESSION
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Book Talk / Author Signing <i>Featuring participating author-scholars</i>
Evening (Free)	Free Evening / Optional Group Excursion <i>Optional off-site cultural excursion or dinner (details and sign-up to follow).</i>

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Closing Day & Departures

TIME	SESSION
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
MORNING PROGRAM	
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Concurrent Panels — Session F
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	Concurrent Panels — Session G
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Break
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	CLOSING CEREMONY <i>Tribute to ICCL Founder Dr. Melvin Rahming</i> <i>Recognition of sponsors and student scholars</i>
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Farewell Lunch
Afternoon	Departures <i>Checkout and airport transfers; late-departure attendees welcome to remain for optional leisure time.</i>

Prepared for internal planning purposes. Session titles, presenter names, and room assignments will be finalized as proposals are confirmed and the printed program is typeset in the ICCL brand template.