

## Biographical Information

**Mirerza González** earned a Ph.D. in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Iowa. She is currently the interim director of the Department of English at the College of Humanities, University of Puerto Rico. Both she and Dr. Ríos-Villarini will talk about their current research on this diaspora, the education of this population, and their connection with the island of Vieques.

**Nadjah Ríos-Villarini** received a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin. She is currently the director of the Graduate Program in Linguistics at the College of Humanities University of Puerto Rico.

**Aida Vergne** is a doctoral candidate in the Graduate Program in Caribbean Linguistics of the Department of English, College of Humanities, University of Puerto Rico. She plans to defend her dissertation in May, 2012. She will address the question of the structural connections between Crucian and some African languages.

**Dannabang Kuwabong** earned a Ph.D. in English at MacMaster University in Hamilton, Canada. He is Professor of Literature in the Department of English at the College of Humanities, University of Puerto Rico. He will speak on the elements of African culture present in Crucian literature.

**Nicholas Faraclas** received a Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of California at Berkeley. He is Professor of Linguistics in the Department of English at the College of Humanities, University of Puerto Rico. He will explain the role that St. Croix has played in the study of creole language development in the Caribbean.

## 2012 Program

### Dedicated to the Memory of Robert Johnson

Registration.....	8:00-8:30 a.m.
Opening Remarks by Wilfredo Géigel .....	8:30-8:40 a.m.
Introduction to the Program by Alma Simounet	8:40-8:55 a.m.
The Puerto Rican Diaspora in St. Croix .....	8:55-9:35 a.m.
Mirerza González & Nadjah Ríos-Villarini	
African Influences in Crucian .....	9:35-10:15 a.m.
Aida Vergne	
Questions and Answers.....	10:15-10:30 a.m.
Coffee Break.....	10:30-11:00 a.m.
Africa speaks through Crucian Literature .....	11:00-11:40 a.m.
Dannabang Kuwabong	
The Importance of St. Croix in the History and Development of Language in the Caribbean.....	11:40 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
Nicholas Faraclas	
Questions and Answer .....	12:20-12:35 p.m.
Closing Remarks by Aletha Baumann.....	12:35-12:45 p.m.



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