

A Decade of Achievement

1998 – 2008

History Provides the Blueprint

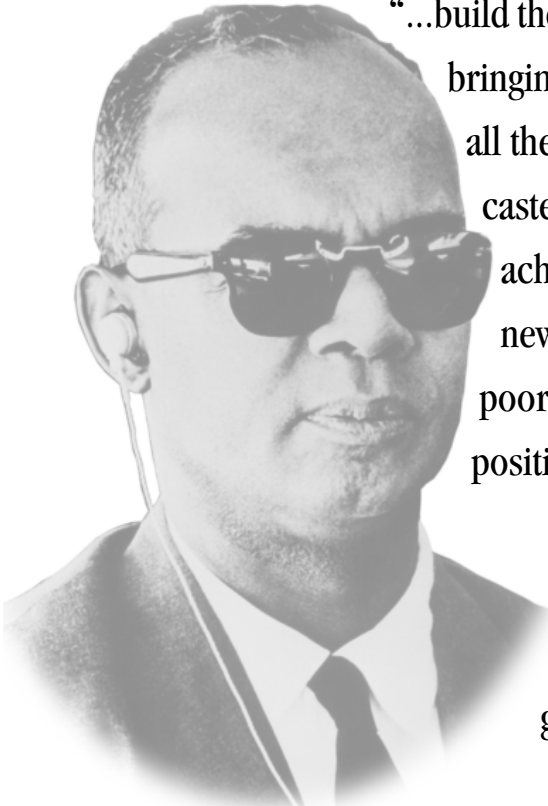
“...the problems of contemporary life are merely the climax of the problems which the distinctive ages of...history have always had to face...The past **can** be related to the present, and in a manner which does not burden it.”

Eric Eustace Williams

Our Mission

The **EWMC** is a non-profit research and educational institution whose goals are to:

- § Inspire accuracy, integrity and commitment to the preservation of the past as prologue to the future.
- § Attract an endowment that will maintain the **EWMC** in perpetuity.
- § Encourage research and disseminate its results.
- § Prepare young leaders for responsible citizenship.
- § Develop an archive whose leading-edge technology and professionalism create a world-class institution.
- § Be recognised in Trinidad and Tobago and around the world as a leader in fostering education and funding scholarships.
- § Collaborate and cooperate with scholarly entities in programmes and research projects that further the objectives of the **EWMC**.
- § Give back to the local and international community.



“...build the nation of Trinidad and Tobago, bringing in all the races, acknowledging all their contributions, elevating lowly castes, dignifying despised colours, achieving a syncretism here and a new autonomy there, raising up the poor and the lowly and giving them a positive stake in our society.”

“...the humblest antecedents are not inconsistent with greatness of soul.”

Eric Eustace Williams



1911 Eric Eustace Williams
Born September 25th



1931 Wins sole annual *Island Scholarship* to Oxford University, U.K.

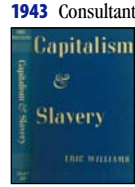
1935 First place B.A., First Class Honours Degree in Modern History - a College distinction

1938 Writes Ph.D. thesis *The Economic Aspect of the Abolition of the West Indian Slave Trade and Slavery*



1939-48 Assistant Professor, Howard University, U.S., compiles Howard's first Social Sciences textbook - three volumes

1942 Writes *The Negro in the Caribbean*



1943 Consultant to Anglo-American Caribbean Commission, Washington, D.C., U.S.

1944 Publishes thesis as *Capitalism and Slavery*

1946 Offered Howard University Professorship

1951 Writes *Education in the British West Indies*

1955-56 "The 'University' of Woodford Square"
Thousands attend 137 free public education lectures



1956 Founds Trinidad/Tobago's first modern political party, The People's National Movement (P.N.M.)

1956-59 First Chief Minister



1959-62 First Premier



*"There can be no Mother India...no Mother Africa...no Mother England and no dual loyalties...There can be no Mother China, no Mother Syria and no Mother Lebanon.
A nation, like an individual, can have only one Mother. The only Mother we recognise is Mother Trinidad and Tobago, and Mother cannot discriminate between her children."*

1962 August 31st, Independence from Great Britain. First Prime Minister of Trinidad/Tobago

1962 Writes *History of the People of Trinidad and Tobago*

1962-81 "To educate is to emancipate"
Institutes free secondary and tertiary education



Mid 1970's (*New York Times*) "A Tiger in a Sea of Pussycats"
Implements energy industries responsible for country's present-day economic miracle

1963 Writes *Documents of West Indian History, 1492-1655*

1964 Writes *British Historians and the West Indies*

1969 Writes *Inward Hunger: The Education of a Prime Minister*

1970 Writes *From Columbus to Castro: The History of the Caribbean, 1492-1969*



1981 March 29th, Dr. Williams dies in office. An estimated quarter of population files past bier



1981 The region mourns its loss



1976 Trinidad/Tobago becomes a Republic



2007 Order of the Supreme Companions of O.R. Tambo (Gold)
Conferred with South Africa's most prestigious national award



2002 The Trinity Cross
Awarded Trinidad/Tobago's highest honour



2007 South African President Thabo Mbeki dedicates his official biography to Eric Williams



2007 Commemorative Plaque unveiled, Centenary of Trinidad/Tobago's Parliament



Adrian Camps-Campins

"The University of Woodford Square" - 1956

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So someone like myself, who was a teenager in Trinidad when Eric Williams burst onto the public scene there around 1955, certain of these pieces have an emotional power far beyond their considerable force as political analysis and argument. Single-handedly and single-mindedly, Eric Williams transformed our lives. He swept away the old and inaugurated the new. He made us proud to be who we were, and optimistic, as never before, about what we were going to be, or could be. ‘Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive,’ and nothing that has transpired since in Trinidad can negate Williams’ gift to his people, or his triumph of intellect and spirit.”

Sara Hart Kimball Professor in the Humanities Arnold Rampersad
Stanford University, U.S.


Eric Williams Memorial Collection
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“To educate is to emancipate.”

“*Y*ou, the children, yours is the great responsibility to educate your parents, teach them to live together in harmony. . . To your tender and loving hands, the future of the Nation is entrusted. In your innocent hearts, the pride of the Nation is enshrined. On your scholastic development, the salvation of the Nation is dependent. . . **you** carry the future of Trinidad and Tobago in your school bags.”

Eric Eustace Williams, August 30, 1962
Independence Youth Rally

“ vow to defend your promise
and to honour our people.”

Leslie Paul
EWMC Student Visitor, Trinidad and Tobago

Accolades

*“It is our earnest hope for mankind that while we gain the moon,
we shall not lose the world.”*

Eric Eustace Williams, 1969, First Moon Landing

One of only 73 world leaders invited to write messages that were placed on the moon

*“No one was a greater fighter for justice and equality.
No one was a greater leader.”*

Colin Powell, U.S. Secretary of State, 1998

“He was a rare gift to this world’s inhabitants.”

Kenneth Kaunda, President of Zambia, 2000

“Trinidad’s Man For All Seasons”

Bill Clinton, President of the United States, 2001

“A Great Thinker”


Leonel Fernández, President of the Dominican Republic, 2005

“That great West Indian historian and Prime Minister”

Thabo Mbeki, President of South Africa, 2005

“He was the greatest Trinidadian of the 20th century. . . a friend of India.”

Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Vice President of India, 2006

“ stand here waiting for him to return.”

Regika Barker
EWMC Student Visitor, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

“*T*here is a sharp distinction between the very good and the truly great, between the man of talent and the man of genius. The man of talent is the marksman who hits a mark the others cannot hit. The man of genius is the marksman who hits the mark they cannot even see.”

Tribute to Eric Williams

Ian McDonald
Guyanese Author



Inauguration of the

Eric Williams Memorial Collection
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March 22, 1998

Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Basdeo Panday
Daughter of Eric Williams Erica Williams Connell
U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell

“*The Eric Williams Memorial Collection* . . . must be encouraged . . . for the sake of the younger generation and their successors . . . the flame must be kept alive by support, tangible and otherwise . . . Without an understanding of our beginnings, the way ahead could be fraught with . . . missteps.”

His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards
T.C., C.M.T., Ph.D.
President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

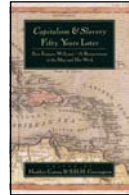


1984 Publication of *British Capitalism and Caribbean Slavery: The Contribution of Eric Williams*
Conference Sponsors:
Boston University, U.S., and Rockefeller Center, Italy



1998 March 22nd Inauguration of EWMC by Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Basdeo Panday and U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell

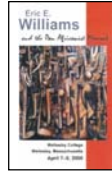
1996 Publication of *Capitalism & Slavery Fifty Years Later: Eric Eustace Williams – A Reassessment of the Man and His Work*
Conference Sponsors:
The University of the West Indies and Harvard University, U.S.



1999 UNESCO *Memory of the World Register* designation preserves the Caribbean's historical and cultural heritage



2000 *From Columbus to Castro: The History of the Caribbean, 1492-1969* Re-published in Japanese after decades



2000 *Eric Williams and the Pan-Africanist Moment*
Conference Sponsor:
Wellesley College, U.S.

2000 EWMC Newsletter
Fall 2000



2001 EWMC Newsletter
December 2001



2002 Florida International University Professor Ken Boodhoo's *The Elusive Eric Williams* Emanates from EWMC's Oral History Project



2002 *Eric Williams: His Scholarship, Work and Impact*
Conference Sponsors:
New York Public Library's Schomburg Center and Princeton University, U.S.

2002 EWMC Newsletter
December 2002



2003 EWMC Newsletter wins APEX International Award for Publication Excellence



2004 EWMC Newsletter
February 2004



2005 EWMC Newsletter wins APEX International Award for Publication Excellence - 2nd time

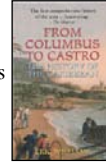


2005 EWMC Newsletter wins MarCom Award for Creative Excellence

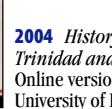


2004 *The Economic Future of the Caribbean* Conference book re-issued, edited by Eric Williams (1944 Howard University, U.S.)
Launches: Trinidad/Tobago; London, U.K.; Canada; New York, Washington, D.C., U.S.

2004 *From Columbus to Castro: The History of the Caribbean, 1492-1969*
U.K. edition, re-printed after 7 years



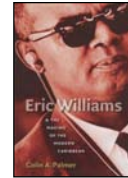
2004 *Capitalism and Slavery*
Re-published in Japanese after 30 years



2004 *History of the People of Trinidad and Tobago*
Online version, Eric Williams website, University of Florida, U.S.



2006 The Trinidad and Tobago Alliance, North America, Inc., recognises EWMC's contribution to preservation



2006 *Eric Williams and The Making of the Modern Caribbean*
Princeton University, U.S., Dodge Professor of History Colin Palmer's biography

2006 *Inward Hunger: The Education of a Prime Minister*
Re-published after 12 years
Launches: London International Book Fair, U.K.; Canada

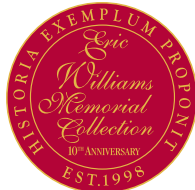


1999-2007 Annual Florida International University Eric E. Williams Memorial Lecture Series, U.S., featuring, among others: Kenneth Kaunda, President of Zambia; Deputy Prime Minister, Bahamas; First Lady, Jamaica; Attorney General, Barbados; Angela Davis, University of California, U.S.



Governor of Florida, U.S., endorses FIU Lecture Series

2008 A Decade of Achievement



2007 Biennial *Eric Williams 'Schoolbags' Essay Competition* in 17 Caribbean countries, 155 high schools
Co-Sponsor:
Jamaica National Bicentenary Committee



2007 Mayor of London Lecture Series, U.K., honouring Eric Williams, commemorates Bicentenary – British Abolition of Transatlantic Slave Trade



2007 *Griot Newsletter*
Miami-Dade County, U.S., state-mandated, African-American Studies curriculum for public schools includes Eric Williams



2007 Annual EWMC Seminar – 60 Caribbean Masters/Doctoral students
Co-sponsor: The University of Sheffield, U.K.



2007 *Black Oxford: Untold Stories*
Eric Williams included in Walking Tour and Traveling Exhibit on Black Scholars of Oxford University, U.K.

A Decade of Achievement...

U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell inaugurates the *EWMC*, 1998



UNESCO *Memory of the World* designation, 1999
Only 47 other countries so distinguished at the time

4 International Conferences: Italy, Trinidad and Tobago, U.S. (twice)

3 Conference Books published

4 Eric Williams Books re-published

2 Eric Williams Books re-issued in Japanese

9 Florida International University Lectures, 1999-2007

5 Eric Williams Encyclopaedia Entries

2 Eric Williams Biographies published

6 International Book Launches

The Mayor of London's Inaugural Eric Williams Lecture Series, 2007

Annual *EWMC*-University of Sheffield, U.K., Symposium for 60 Caribbean Masters/Doctoral Students

21 Lectures on Eric Williams to University and Community Groups

5 Conference Panels

3 International Awards for the *EWMC* Newsletter

“Those who labored in the organizational, financial and other vineyards to create the Collection have provided a unique intellectual gift, not just to Trinidad and Tobago . . . One only hopes that folks, in Trinidad and in the rest of the region and its diaspora, treat it as such.”

Dean Ivelaw Griffith
Florida International University Honors College, U.S.

...A Decade of Achievement

Prototype for the Caribbean: Model for University College of the Bahamas Museum;
H. Lavity Stoutt Community College Museum, British Virgin Islands;
and the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago Museum

Oral History Project

§ 150 Calypsoes feature Eric Williams

§ 98 Interviews

Miami-Dade County, U.S., state-mandated, African-American Studies
Curriculum for Public Schools includes Eric Williams

2007 Inauguration of Biennial Eric Williams 'Schoolbags' Essay Competition
in 155 Schools, 17 Caribbean Countries

Local and International School Visits quadrupled

18 published Articles

International Media Coverage in 100 Countries

VIP Visitors

- 2001 Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics 1998, Amartya Sen
- 2003 Mayor of New York City Rudy Giuliani
- 2004 Former Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States Norman Girvan
Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States Ruben Silié
Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics 1990, Harry Markowitz
- 2005 President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago George Maxwell Richards
- 2006 Prime Minister of Jamaica P. J. Patterson
Prime Minister of St. Vincent/Grenadines Ralph Gonsalves
Vice President of India Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat

“The EWMC is the most important development in scholarship in the Caribbean in recent years.”

Professor Tony Martin
Wellesley College, U.S.

“Empowering. Riveting. Powerful!”

Joshua Kirven
EWMC Student Visitor, Florida, U.S.

The **EWMC** is about teaching, research, and community service.

“*W*hat we research, is what we
teach, is how we can give back.”

Professor Jane Brown
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, U.S.

Eric Williams Memorial Collection
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“It is perhaps the only historical collection of which Trinidad and Tobago can be proud.”

Professor Emeritus Anthony Bryan
University of Miami, U.S.

“A must-come-after-school place.”

Kendall Comeran
EWMC Student Visitor, Trinidad and Tobago

The Next Decade...

Construction, operation, and maintenance of a permanent home for the
EWMC Research Library, Archives & Museum that includes:

- § Regional state-of-the-art Conservation Laboratory with digitisation capability and work-study student component
- § Audio-Visual Archives
- § Photographic Archives
- § Newspaper Archives
- § Marketing, International Promotion, Media Coverage

Endowment of a Trust Fund

Endowment of a UWI Eric Williams (Professorial) Chair in History

Scholars-in-Residence Programme

Caribbean Tertiary Education Scholarships

Two forthcoming Biographies

Definitive Eric Williams Documentary

“*K*eeep this signature. I have been inspired to accomplish even greater heights for T & T and the Caribbean.”

Keisha Simone Lewis
EWMC Student Visitor, Trinidad and Tobago

Continuation of Established Programmes and New Initiatives

UNESCO/U.S. Library of Congress Proposal to digitise the [EWMC](#)

Capitalism and Slavery, First Korean Edition

Capitalism and Slavery, First Hindi Edition

Capitalism and Slavery, First Urdu Edition

From Columbus to Castro: The History of the Caribbean, 1492-1969

First Spanish Edition

Compilation of Eric Williams Online Bibliography – 997 Titles

Publication of Schomburg Conference Book –

Into the Post Colonial Moment: Eric Williams and West Indian Nationalism

Biennial Regional Eric Williams ‘Schoolbags’ Essay Competition

Annual Florida International University, U.S., Eric E. Williams Memorial Lecture Series

Annual EWMC-University of Sheffield, U.K., Symposium

Expansion of Eric Williams Curriculum in Florida, U.S., Public Schools

Hosting of Local and International School Field Trips

Community Engagement and Empowerment

“As a model for similar archival collections in the Caribbean...I remain very impressed by its breadth...it is a national treasure.”

Dodge Professor of History Colin Palmer
Princeton University, U.S.

“Thank you very much for treasuring what is really ours.”

Kimberley Correia
EWMC Student Visitor, Trinidad and Tobago

“*U*ntil the lions have their historians,
tales of the hunt will be written by the
hunter.”

African Proverb