

Press Release!

THE NICOLAS GUILLÉN PHILOSOPHICAL LITERATURE PRIZE 2009
AWARDEE IS EDWIDGE DANTICAT

The Caribbean Philosophical Association is pleased to announce that Edwidge Danticat, the famed Haitian novelist and essayist, is the 2009 winner of the Nicolas Guillén Philosophical Literature Prize for philosophical literature. The prize is for “an author whose outstanding contribution to Caribbean thought is through the medium of the novel, poetry, theater, or cinema.”

The Prize will be awarded on August 13, 2009, at 2:00 PM in the Auditorium LC 110 at the University of Miami, coral Gables, Florida, at the 6th annual international meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association. (Consult the URL: <http://www.temple.edu/isrst/events/CPA.asp> or email: caribphil2@gmail.com)

Danticat is an award-winning writer of fiction and prose. For links to her biography and writings, please consult the following URL: <http://reach.ucf.edu/~aml3930/danticat/>

The awards committee for the Caribbean Philosophical Association praised Danticat for the power of her writing, her ability to bring to reflection and mythic consciousness the plight of dispossessed peoples in the Caribbean and bringing to the wider international community the significance of continued violence wrought by forced servitude. Her work is, according to Paget Henry, one of the members of the committee, a major contribution to the poetics, joyful and tragic, of Caribbean life and the human condition. The rest of the committee agreed, adding that each member of the committee has taught her work and has been inspired by her writings.

Dr. Claudia Milian, Mellon Assistant Professor of Romance Languages and African American Studies at Duke University, will provide a summary presentation of Danticat’s work at the session, which will be open to the public.