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## **Obeah and Other Powers: The Politics of Caribbean Religion and Healing**

**This interdisciplinary conference will bring together scholars who are interested in the connections between religion and power in the Caribbean: the power of colonial and postcolonial states, of ruling elites, of subaltern communities, of nationalism, of ritual specialists, and of the spirits, lwas, orishas, and ancestors. We situate Caribbean religions within their broad historical and social contexts and are particularly interested in work relating to those communities, practices and belief systems that have been stigmatized or even outlawed, most of which have been symbolically connected to Africa. These include obeah, quimbois, santería / regla de ocha, vodou, Rastafari, kali mai puri, the Spiritual Baptist religion / the Converted, brujería, palo monte, Orisha, pocomania / pukkumina, winti, and Revival Zion.**



**Keynote speaker: Robert A. Hill. Other participants include: Ken Bilby, Erna Brodber, Alejandra Bronfman, Karen McCarthy Brown, Stephan Palmie, Kate Ramsay, Raquel Romberg, and David Scott.**

**A conference at Newcastle University, 16-18 July 2008. All conference sessions take place in room G5, Percy Building, Newcastle University. For additional information, see the conference web site, <http://www.obeahconference.org/>.**