2nd Annual Cal Poly Pomona Student Research Conference  
March 7, 2014  
University Library, Oral Presentations from 1 to 4 pm  
Bronco Student Center (Ursa Minor), Poster Session and Reception from 4 to 6 pm

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**Major:** Gender, Ethnic & Multicultural Studies  
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**Session 7:** University Library - 15-2913  
**Time of Presentation:** 1:45 PM

**Presentation Type:** Oral presentation

**Project Title:** New Found Freedoms: Southern Caribbean Women, Migration and Diasporic Trauma

**Synopsis:** This project focuses primarily on identities of English speaking Southern Caribbean Black women who migrated to the United States from the 1960s to the present day.

**Abstract:** Literature on the diaspora experience often revolves around exile and loss, but rarely investigates those who happily left in the hopes to re-invent themselves. And a subset of that literature is devoted to stories about women who begrudgingly left their children, long for them, and await reunification. This study, in contrast, is about women who intentionally escaped the constraints of patriarchy looking for greater upward mobility, without any real intention of reuniting with their children. How might these stories impact our understandings of diasporic trauma?