

Association of Caribbean Historians

Official Ballot, Election 2013-2014 Executive Committee

The ACH Executive Committee of seven members oversees administration of the Association. All members are chosen by a Nominating Committee of three members elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee is charged with ensuring that the Executive, as far as is possible from the members willing to accept nomination, reflects the geographic diversity of the Caribbean as well as its languages and cultures. All members of the Executive are chosen to serve for one year; positions are renewable for a second year, but the period of service may differ.

I. OFFICERS

The President serves at least two years, but not more than three consecutive years. The Vice-President serves for two years, and is expected to succeed the out-going President, if he or she has been nominated for a second year. The Secretary-Treasurer is expected to serve for three years, and may be renewed for a second three-year term. Although members are not asked to elect the Officers, the Nominating Committee has provided brief resumes for them as well as for the other members of the Executive Committee up for election, so that members of the ACH can consider the composition of the Executive as a whole.

President: Rita Pemberton, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Rita Pemberton is a Senior Lecturer in History at the St. Augustine Campus, University of the West Indies. She teaches courses on the history of Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean. Her research centers on the history of health and environment in the Caribbean and the history of Trinidad and Tobago, and she has engaged in collaborative research with scholars from Benin, Brazil, Holland and Spain. She is co-editor with Heather Cateau of *Beyond Tradition: A Re interpretation of the Caribbean Historical Experience* (2006), and has been Vice President of the ACH since 2011.

Vice-President: Jacques Dumont, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane

Jacques Dumont is a Professor at the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane and Deputy Director of the Archéologie Industrielle, Histoire, Patrimoine - Géographie, Développement, Environnement de la Caraïbe (AIHP GEODE) research laboratory, founded in 1988 by scholars interested in studying Caribbean history and biogeography. He teaches cultural history of the body (health, hygiene, and sport), as well as modern Caribbean history, and has published forty articles and book chapters, as well as several books. The latest is: *L'amère patrie, histoire des Antilles françaises au XXe siècle* (2010). He has formerly served on the ACH Executive Committee and chaired the ACH Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee.

Secretary-Treasurer: Michelle Craig McDonald, Richard Stockton College

Michelle Craig McDonald is Associate Professor of Atlantic History at Richard Stockton College, and is also a member of both the Latin American Caribbean Studies and Africana Studies programs. Her research and publications focus on consumer behavior and trade in the Caribbean and early America, on which topics she has published several articles and book chapters. She has a book in progress on the Caribbean coffee industry and early American commercial development, and edited *Public Drinking in the Early Modern World* (with David Hancock, 2011). She is a Life Member of the ACH and has been Secretary-Treasurer since 2010.

II. MEMBERS (please select no more than 4 of the 5 candidates below)

There are four places filled by election, initially for one year, from a list of names provided by the Nominating Committee. These members may be nominated for a second year if they are willing to accept nomination:

Ada Ferrer, New York University (eligible for re-election): ☐

Ada Ferrer is Professor of History and Latin American and Caribbean Studies at New York University, where she directed the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies from 2009-2011. She is the author of *Insurgent Cuba: Race, Nation, and Revolution, 1868-1898*, which was published by UNC Press and the University of the West Indies in 1999, and won the Berkshire Book Prize in 2000; she is also co-author of *El rumor de Haití en Cuba: Raza, temor y rebeldía* (2004), and is currently completing a book on Cuban slave society and the Haitian Revolution under contract with Cambridge University Press. Ferrer is a Life Member of the ACH, and served on the 2009-10 ACH Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee.

Antonio Gaztambide, Universidad de Puerto Rico (first nomination): ☐

Antonio Gaztambide-Géigel held the “Eugenio María de Hostos” Honorary Chair of the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) between 2001 and 2003. He is a Professor of the School of Social Sciences of the UPR at Río Piedras and the Center for Advanced Studies on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, in San Juan. He has also been a Visiting Professor at the Central University of Venezuela, the University of Havana and the University of Oriente, in Santiago de Cuba. His essays about the Caribbean and its international relations have been published in Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Spain, Great Britain, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Panamá, Puerto Rico and Venezuela, including two chapters in UNESCO’s *General History of the Caribbean*. He authored *Tan lejos de Dios ... Ensayos sobre las relaciones del Caribe con Estados Unidos*, was the first president of the Puerto Rican Association of Historians, and has also served as Vice President of the ACH.

Melanie Newton, University of Toronto (first nomination): ☐

Melanie Newton is Associate Professor of History and Director of the Caribbean Studies Program at the University of Toronto. She is the author of *The Children of Africa in the Colonies: Free People of Color in Barbados in the Age of Emancipation* (2008); and several journal articles and book chapters. She serves on the editorial board of the *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, and is guest editor of a forthcoming special focus of the journal *Small Axe* on Caribbean historiography. Her current research project is entitled “This Island’s Mine: Indigeneity in the Caribbean Atlantic World.” She chaired the 2012 ACH Ramos-Mattei Article Prize and is serving on the ACH Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee in 2013.

Jean-Pierre Sainton, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane (eligible for re-election): ☐

Jean-Pierre Sainton is Maître de Conférences at l’Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Schoelcher Campus (Martinique) and Camp Jacob Campus (Guadeloupe) where he is also Dean of the Faculty of Humanities. He researches the social, political and cultural history of Guadeloupe and Martinique, and has published *La révolution noire d’octobre 1801-Mai 1802 en Guadeloupe* (1995), *Les Nègres en politique au tournant du siècle en Guadeloupe*, 2 vols (1999), and *La décolonisation improbable : culture politique et conjoncture en Guadeloupe et Martinique* (1943-1967), and has edited a general account of the history and civilization of the Caribbean, *Les Temps des Geneses: des origines à 1685*, vol 1, (2004), and *Les temps des Matrices: Economie et cadres sociaux du long xviiiie siècle*, vol 2 (2012). He has been an ACH member since 1995, and served as a member of the ACH Elsa Goveia Prize Committee.

Pedro Welch, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill (first nomination):



Pedro L. V. Welch is Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education, and Professor of Social and Medical History in the Department of History and Philosophy at the UWI (Cave Hill). He has served previously on the Executive Committee of the East Caribbean Conference of Seventh Day Adventists and on the Board of Caribbean Union College (now the University of the Southern Caribbean). He is a Life Member of the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) and served for six years, consecutively, as the Secretary-Treasurer of that Association (2004-2010). He also serves on the Executive Committee of the Association of Caribbean Economic Historians (AHEC). He has just been appointed as Chair of the Task Force on Reparations (Barbados), and is the author of several books and articles on various aspects of Caribbean History, including the path-breaking *Slave Society in the City* (2003).

If voting by mail, please print this form and send it by May 1, 2013 to:

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You may also bring your ballot to the ACH conference in Belize in a sealed envelope.