

Association of Caribbean Historians

Official Ballot, Election 2015-2016 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: 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, including *L'amère patrie, histoire des Antilles françaises au XXe siècle* (2010). He is also recently the co-editor of "Les territoires de l'histoire antillaise" *Revue Outre-mers*, n° 278-279, 2013. He has formerly served on the ACH Executive Committee and chaired the ACH Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee, and has been Vice President for the past two years.

Vice-President: Juan R. González Mendoza, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

Juan R. González Mendoza is Associate Professor of History at the San Germán Campus of Universidad Interamericana, where he has taught Puerto Rican, Caribbean, Latin American, and African History. He joined the ACH in 1985 and is currently a Life Member of the Association. He has served the ACH as Vice President (1997-1998), Secretary-Treasurer (1998-2004), and in the Executive, Nominating, and Antonio Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committees. He is a founding member of the Asociación Puertorriqueña de Historiadores and served as its Vice President and President. He was Director-Editor of *Revista/Review Interamericana* and has served in the Editorial Board of *Caribbean Studies*. His research centers on late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Puerto Rico and he has published, among others, in the *Colonial Latin American Review* and in the volume edited by David Geggus, *The Impact of the Haitian Revolution in the Atlantic World*.

Secretary-Treasurer: Michelle Craig McDonald, Richard Stockton College

Michelle Craig McDonald is Associate Professor of Atlantic History at Richard Stockton College, and is also on the faculty of the Latin American Caribbean Studies, Africana Studies, and American Studies programs. Her research and publications focus on consumer behavior and trade in the Caribbean and early North America, on which topics she has published several articles and book chapters. She co-edited *Public Drinking in the Early Modern World* (with David Hancock, London: Pickering and Chatto, 2011), and most recently published "Why Americans Drink Coffee: The Boston Tea Party to Brazilian Slavery," with Stephen Topik in Robert Thurston, Jonathan Morris, and Shawn Steiman (eds.), *Coffee: A Guide to the Bean, the Beverage, and the Industry* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2013), and "Consumption in the Transatlantic World," in Frank Trentmann (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of the*

History of Consumption (Oxford University Press, 2012). 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 6 candidates):

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:

Christopher Curry, College of the Bahamas (member; eligible for re-election):

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Born in the Bahamas, Christopher Curry earned his doctorate degree in history at the University of Connecticut in 2011. He currently serves as Chair of the School of Social Sciences, and was formerly Head of the History, Religion, and Philosophy Department at The College of the Bahamas. As Head, he has engaged in a number of historical projects of national importance, including a 2012 four-day national symposium commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Movement in the Bahamas. In 2013, he co-chaired an international Conference in recognition of the Bahamas' 40th anniversary of independence. This event brought together academics from the United States and the Caribbean to critically examine issues related to the Bahamas. He is currently chairing the ACH Local Organizing Committee for the 2015 Annual Meeting. In 2006, he co-authored a three-volume series entitled *Social Studies for Bahamian Secondary Schools*, published by Macmillan Caribbean. Presently he is under contract with the University Press of Florida to publish a manuscript entitled *Liberty Extended, Liberty Denied: The Black Loyalist Quest for Freedom in the Bahamas*.

Armando Garcia, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine (first nomination):

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Armando Garcia de la Torre is Lecturer in the Department of History at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago campus since 2009. He is coordinator for the Latin American Studies Major and specialises in the history of Cuba, Spanish Trinidad, the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, and Latin America and in World History. His publications include *Spanish Trinidad* (ed. & transl., Ian Randle, 2012); *José Martí y las conexiones globales de la construcción nacional cubana* (La Habana: Centro de Estudios Martianos, 2015) and *José Martí and the Global Origins of Cuban Independence* (forthcoming Kingston: UWI Press, 2015). He has presented his research in China, Morocco, Europe and throughout Latin America. Dr. Garcia's research has been awarded grants from the Ministry of Culture, Kingdom of Spain (2006, 2012). He holds a PhD from Washington State University and prior to joining UWI served as faculty at Eastern Washington University, and as visiting Assistant Professor in the Black Studies Department at Portland State University (Oregon) where he worked under Professor Kofi Agorsah. His next book project is situating José Martí's anti-colonial struggles in a Caribbean and African Diasporic context. He is currently spearheading efforts to bring the ACH to Cuba in 2016.

Tara Inniss, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill (member, eligible for re-election):

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Tara A. Inniss is a Lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus. Her research interests include the history of medicine, heritage and social development. She continues to work on research concerning the history of health in the Caribbean and consults on heritage projects in the Caribbean. She currently sits on several administrative bodies including the Barbados World Heritage Committee, Barbados Museum and Historical Society, is a Life Member of the ACH, and has served as a member of the ACH Executive in 2011-13 and 2014-15.

Clara Palmiste, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane (member, eligible for re-election):

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Clara Palmiste has a doctorate in History from the European University Institute in Florence. A qualified teacher in Spanish, she is currently Maitre de Conférences at Université des Antilles. In 2012 she published her first book on *The Organization of the Book Trade in Seville: 1680-1755*, and she has produced articles on the sales networks of books and the

American trade. She has also focused her research on gender, women's history and feminism in the French Antilles in the twentieth century, in a comparative perspective with the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, and is interested in the issue of slavery as illustrated by the book she co-edited *Freedom and Oppression: A Multidisciplinary Approach* (2013). She also published articles about the use of the memory of slavery and the political and administrative situation of the Netherlands Antilles in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. She is in charge of the online publication of the journal *Bulletin of the Historical Society of Guadeloupe* on Erudit, and has been a member of the ACH since 2009.

Tiffany Ruby Patterson, Vanderbilt University (first nomination):



Tiffany Ruby Patterson is an Associate Professor in African American and Diaspora Studies at Vanderbilt University and Director of Undergraduate Studies. She is also an affiliated member of the History Department and the Center for Latin American Studies. Publications include *Zora Neale Hurston and the History of Southern Life* (2005), "Diaspora and Beyond: The Promise and Limitations of Black Transnational Studies in the United States" in *Les diasporas dans le monde contemporain Un état des lieux* ed. by W. Berthomiere and C. Chivallon, (2006) and several other journal articles and book chapters, and she is co-editor of the journal *Palimpsest: a journal on women and gender in the black international*, (2011-2015). Research projects include a study of Zora Neale Hurston in the Caribbean and internationalizing African American history. Teaching includes comparative slavery, colonial and decolonial movements, women, race and color, Haiti, and global Africa. Patterson joined the ACH in 1993, she is now a Life Member.

Francisco A. Scarano, University of Wisconsin-Madison (first nomination):



Francisco A. Scarano is a professor of Caribbean and Latin American History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he teaches courses on slavery and emancipation, race and nation-building, Caribbean history, and Puerto Rican history. He also directs the University's Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies program. He has published several books and three dozen articles, chapters, and reviews in academic journals in the U.S., Europe, India, Latin America, and the Caribbean. His work, initially focused on the economic and demographic history of the plantation Caribbean, has of late turned toward medical, cultural, and political history. His current research interests include the social and cultural history of Caribbean peasants, especially the *jibaros* of Puerto Rico, and the interaction and conflict between medical systems of successive imperial formations (Spain and the U.S.) in Puerto Rican history. His most recent book, co-edited with Stephan Palmié, is *The Caribbean: A History of the Region and its People* (University of Chicago Press, 2011).

If voting by mail, please print this form and send it by May 1, 2015 to:

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You may also bring your ballot to the ACH conference in Nassau, Bahamas in a sealed envelope, or blank ballots will be provided at registration.