

Association of Caribbean Historians

Official Ballot, Election 2012-2013 Executive Committee

The ACH Executive Committee of seven members is charged with the administrative oversight of the Association. All members of the Executive are chosen by a Nominating Committee of three members elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The members of the Nominating Committee are elected to ensure that, as far as is possible from the members willing to accept nomination, the membership of the Executive Committee reflects the geographic dimensions of the Caribbean as well as its languages and cultures, taken as a whole. All members of the Executive are chosen to serve for one year in the first instance, but the period they may actually serve in their respective office, differs.

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. The Nominating Committee may extend the person's tenure. Although members are not asked to elect the Officers, the Nominating Committee has provided brief resumes of academic interests for them as well as for the other members of the Executive Committee, so that members of the ACH can consider the composition of the Executive as a whole.

President: Bernard Moitt, Virginia Commonwealth University

Bernard Moitt is Professor and Chair of the Department of History, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). He teaches courses on the history of Africa and the Americas, particularly French West Africa and the French Antilles, and his research and publications focus on women and slavery. Major publications include *Women and Slavery in the French Antilles 1635-1848* (2001) and *Slavery and Society: Perspectives on the Caribbean, India, Mascarenes, and the United States* (2004). He is now at work on a book about slavery and abolition among children in Senegal, and also directs a VCU history and culture summer program to Barbados. He has been President since 2011.

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

Rita Pemberton is a Senior Lecturer in History and currently Deputy Dean, Student Affairs in the Faculty of Humanities and Education at the St. Augustine Campus, University of the West Indies. She teaches courses in imperialism, the history of Trinidad and Tobago, Caribbean environmental and social history. 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 Benín, Brazil, Holland and Spain and has presented papers at many international conferences and seminars. She has been Vice President of the ACH since 2011.

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 election for a second year if they are willing to accept nomination.

Rose Mary Allen, University of the Netherlands, Antilles

(served 1 year; eligible for re-election)

Rose Mary Allen is a consultant and visiting lecturer at the University of the Netherlands Antilles, where she teaches Caribbean studies. She has co-published, edited and published several books and articles in Dutch, English, Spanish and Papiamentu on the cultural and social history of the Dutch Caribbean islands focusing on migration, gender and cultural diversity of Curacao, including her book, *Di ki manera. A Social History of Afro-Curacaoans, 1863-1917*. Currently she is completing her book on intra-regional migration movements from and to Curacao. She joined the ACH in 2007, is a member of the local organising committee this year and has been a member of the ACH Executive since 2011.

Ada Ferrer, New York University:

(first nomination)

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. Her book, *Insurgent Cuba: Race, Nation, and Revolution, 1868-1898* was published by UNC Press and the University of the West Indies in 1999; French and Spanish translations were published by Perséides (Paris) and Editorial de Ciencias Sociales (Havana) in 2010 and 2011. She 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.

Tara Innis, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

(served 1 year; eligible for re-election)

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, history of social policy, and heritage and social development. The title her her Ph.D. dissertation is “‘Fed with the Bread of Slavery’: Children’s Health in Barbados during Slavery and the Apprenticeship Period, 1790-1838.” She currently sits on several administrative bodies including the Barbados World Heritage Committee, Barbados Museum and Historical Society and the Barbados National Trust, has been a member of the ACH Executive since 2011.

Jean-Pierre Sainton, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane



(first nomination)

Jean-Pierre Sainton is Maitre 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 has edited a general account of the history and civilization of the Caribbean, *Les Temps des Genèses: des origines à 1685, vol 1*, (2004), and *Les temps des Matrices: Economie et cadres sociaux du long xviiiè siècle*, vol 2 (2012). He has been an ACH member since 1995, and served as a member of the ACH Elsa Goveia Prize Committee.

Dominique Taffin, Archives départementales de la Martinique



(served 1 year; eligible for re-election)

Dominique Taffin is a senior archivist and Conservateur en chef du Patrimoine and Directrice of the Archives of Martinique since 2000. After a degree of “archiviste - paléographe” at the French Ecole nationale des chartes, she has worked for over 25 years in archives and museums (French Overseas National Archives, National Museum of African and Oceanian Arts, Paris). She is particularly interested in social history and cultural relations between Europe and the Caribbean and Africa, and has published articles and books on these issues, and organized exhibitions and symposia. She is currently president of CARBICA, the regional branch of the International Council of Archives, and coordinates the MIGAN project, a web portal dedicated to Caribbean Archives.

If voting by mail, please print this form and send it by May 5, 2012 to:

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