

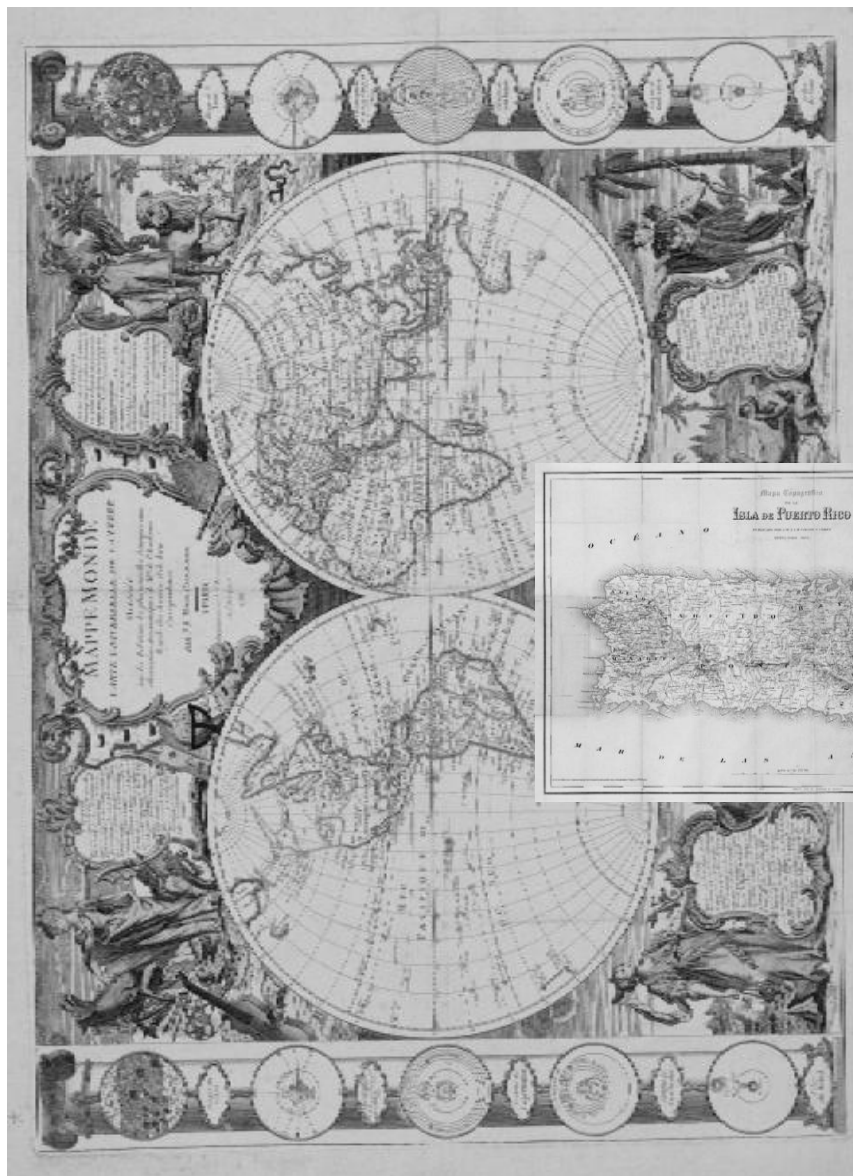
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2002-2003

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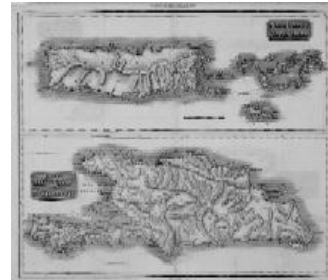
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**ADVANCED INFORMATION**  
**35th Annual Conference**  
**27<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2003**  
**San Juan, Puerto Rico**

The 35th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians is scheduled for the last week of April 2003 at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Registration for the conference will be restricted to ACH members in good financial standing. Members and presenters are encouraged to make travel plans early. The formal opening ceremony will take place on the evening of Sunday April 27th and will be followed by a reception. Academic activities will start on Monday April 28th and continue until Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>. The LOC has reserved Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> for a full day field trip to Old San Juan or to the tropical rain forest to the east of the city.



### Call for Papers 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Slavery without Sugar
- Internal and External Boundaries of the Caribbean
- Tourism and Caribbean History
- Exchanges and Relations within the Caribbean
- War and Society
- Benevolence, Mutual Aid and Secret Societies
- Medicine and Society
- The Major Powers and the Caribbean after WWII

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

The Executive Committee will be delighted to receive offers of panels and papers focusing on the proposed themes. The Executive Committee will give priority to panels, particularly those that fit the proposed themes, so it is strongly suggested that proposals be presented as such. Papers will also be considered, but they will be given a lower priority, particularly if they do not fit the proposed themes. Every effort will be made to place paper proposals in panels that are comparative and regionally balanced, and will give preference to pre-arranged sessions that integrate scholarship and similar topics in various regions of the Caribbean.

Persons offering to organize a panel should take note of the following:

- ⇒ Specify the names of three or four confirmed participants, the titles of their papers, and the overall theme of the panel.
- ⇒ Provide the Secretariat information regarding the institutional affiliation and the full mailing and e-mail addresses of panel convenors and participants.
- ⇒ Send an abstract (no more than 250 words) of each paper to be presented. This abstract should indicate what new information and/or approaches the paper would provide, as well as the major archival resources used.
- ⇒ Where a proposed panelist is not a member of the Association of Caribbean Historians, panel organizers should submit a brief (no more than three pages) curriculum vitae and request the person to apply for membership of the Association.
- ⇒ Panel organizers will be responsible for ensuring that papers are properly integrated into the overall theme.
- ⇒ If a panel is accepted, its organizers will be responsible for ensuring that the panelists submit their papers in good time and that they are informed about the contents of each other's papers.
- ⇒ For each panel it accepts, the Executive Committee may nominate a discussant to comment on the papers and suggest a chairperson to moderate the session.
- ⇒ Individuals offering single papers should also send a summary of their proposed presentations as outlined above.

**All offers of panels and papers for the 2003 conference, along with abstracts and CV where relevant, should be sent to Juan R. González Mendoza, Department of Social Sciences, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, Box 5100, San German, Puerto Rico 00683.**

**Or e-mailed to [jgonzalez@sg.inter.edu](mailto:jgonzalez@sg.inter.edu). Deadline for proposals is October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002.**

#### ELSA GOVEIA BOOK PRIZE COMMITTEE 2003 AWARD

During its meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001 the 2001/2002 Executive Committee selected the new Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee. The Elsa Goveia Prize, previously awarded every three years, from 1995 has been awarded every two years. Nominations are invited for the 2003 prize. Please note that there has been a change in the composition of the Committee, as reported in the last Bulletin. Teresita Martínez-Vergne has replaced Anne Perotin, who had to leave the Committee due to other commitments.

#### Eligibility Criteria

1. Any scholarly monograph or general work within the academic discipline of history or acceptable as an historical work, published since 2000 and dealing with the Caribbean, is eligible for the award, provided that it was not submitted for consideration for the 2001 award.
2. Such a monograph may be printed anywhere.
3. Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.

4. Felicity of prose style and clarity of expression should be qualities of the work submitted.
5. Only first editions of original works will be considered.
6. Multi-authored collections, anthologies, and other such edited works are not eligible.

### Call for Submissions

Authors, publishers, managing or marketing editors or other interested parties are required to submit nominations for the prize to the convenor and the adjudicating committee by **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002**. Copies of books should reach the Committee members no later than **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002**. It is important that one copy of the book nominated be sent directly by courier or air mail to **each** member of the committee at the addresses below:

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### AGM MINUTES April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002 Nassau, Bahamas

**Present:** Fergus, Thomas-Bailey, Cateau, Amussen, Games, Brereton, Heuman, Giusti, Craig, Pemberton, Blackett, González Mendoza, Saunders, Robinson, Marshall, Ferreira, Laurence, Schweissing, Craton, Terborg-Penn, McDonald, Wilmot, Satchell, Moitt, Downes, Brana-Schute, Schenepell, Ricksecker, Solnick, Mam-Lam-Fouck, Dumont, Saunier, Bégot, Lafleur, Buffon, Hoeffte, Landers, Paisley, Roper.

The President called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

1. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Cayenne.** These were tabled and approved with minor corrections.
2. **Matters Arising from April 2001 AGM Minutes:** These were left for further discussion during the meeting.
3. **Report of the 2001-2002 Executive Committee:** There being no other matters pending from the previous minutes, the President called on the Secretary-Treasurer to present the Executive's Annual Report. **González Mendoza** remarked that the assembly had the report before them and that he would only remark on some points of the same (see report below). The Secretary-Treasurer then asked for comments. The report was tabled and accepted without comments from the floor. The President thanked the Secretary-Treasurer for the report.

4. **2001-2002 Financial Report:** Saunders then called on the Secretary-Treasurer to present the Association's yearly financial report. **González Mendoza** remarked that the delegates had copies of the report, so that he would only comment briefly on it. The ST explained that the report was not complete, because he had been away from Puerto Rico for two months. The report was tabled and accepted with the proviso that a complete report would appear in the May Bulletin. The President thanked the Secretary-Treasurer for the report.
5. **Report of the 2001-2002 Nominating Committee:** Saunders called on Woodville Marshall to report on the elections for the 2002/03 Executive Committee. **Marshall** reported as follows:
  - ♦ 99 ballots were either received by the Committee and the Secretariat, or cast during the Conference.
  - ♦ Richard Blackett was elected President for 2002/03.
  - ♦ Danielle Bégot was elected Vice-President for 2002/03
  - ♦ Elected to the 2002/03 Executive were: Verene Shepherd, Rita Pemberton, Antonio Gaztambide, and Gad Heuman
  - ♦ The 2001/02 Nominating Committee consisted of Marshall, Hoeffte, and Buffon.

The President thanked Marshall for his report and asked the new members of the Executive to please step up. She also thanked the past members for their work and cooperation, and handed the proceedings over to incoming President, Blackett. At this point a pause was made to present a token of appreciation to the past President. **Blackett** presented Saunders with a gift on behalf of all of the ACH membership and thanked her for her excellent service as President.

**6. Advance Information on the 2003 Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico: Blackett**

called on Juan Giusti to report on the preparations for the 2003 Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico. Giusti reported as follows:

- ◆ He first thanked the meeting for the opportunity to speak at the AGM. He added that he had also had the opportunity to appreciate the academic rigor and camaraderie of the ACH Annual Meeting.
- ◆ Giusti continued by saying that a LOC had been organized at the University of Puerto Rico, the host institution for the 2003 Annual Meeting. The LOC is composed of Gaztambide, Giusti, faculty from the Faculty of Humanities and History, the Chair of Graduate Studies, and faculty members from the Faculty of Social Sciences. González Mendoza and Matos Rodríguez would also be incorporated into the LOC.
- ◆ The Committee has discussed several dates for the Conference. The first date is April 20-25 (Sunday to Friday). The problem with this date is that it coincides with Easter Week and Secretaries' Week. The latter makes it almost impossible to secure activities rooms at Hotels. The LOC contemplates, then, starting the conference on the following week, April 27-May 2, 2003. The President then asked if the latter date did not present problems. The assembly seemed to be divided on the issue of the best possible date, so the President called for a show of hands. After the show of hands it was decided that the 2003 Meeting would be held during the week of April 27-May 2, 2003.
- ◆ Giusti continued with his report, adding that the LOC felt that the best course of action would be to hold the meeting at one of the local hotels, since the University campus had many areas under construction and did not have enough housing for the participants. If the conference were held at a hotel, participants would not have to travel every day to UPR. This would be particularly troublesome, since there are no hotels close to Río Piedras and the public transpor-

tation system in San Juan is not adequate. The LOC is looking into hotels in Condado and Isla Verde. The best offers they have gotten so far are from Radison (\$105 a night plus 15% tax) and Ramada (\$115 a night plus 11% tax). The LOC is in the process of negotiating lower rates from the hotels. It is also trying to negotiate not to have lunch at the hotel, since all hotels require this and it is expensive. There are smaller hotels that have better rates, but they do not have the facilities for meetings.

**Laurence** asked the President for an opportunity to comment on the issue of accommodation. **Blackett** asked Laurence to present his views. **Laurence** said that his comments were not meant as a criticism, since he was aware of the difficulties involved in arranging for accommodations. He noted that there had been a tendency of late to organize conferences with higher and higher rates for lodging. At the beginning, the delegates were housed in non-hotel accommodations, now things have swung to the other extreme. This year it is notable that there are no delegates from Guyana or Suriname, which is probably due to the distance and cost of travel. Attempts should be made to organize less costly accommodations for advanced students and not think simply in term of hotels. It may be necessary to think about other forms of accommodations. The President said it was a point well taken and should be given serious consideration. **Giusti** replied saying that UPR has accommodations that are very affordable at \$15 a night. However, there are not enough to house everyone. Ideally the meeting should be held at UPR, but for the reasons already stated this is impossible. Besides, UPR is very isolated, and delegates staying there would not have easy access to transportation or other amenities. It was then suggested that the UPR facilities be offered on a first come first served basis to students and other financially strapped delegates.

- ◆ **Giusti** then addressed the issue of the receptions and other activities related to the Annual Meeting. He stated that there would be a reception following the Opening Ceremony; a reception at the home of the University's President on Monday evening; a Government sponsored reception. Thursday evening was reserved for the fete, while Friday was reserved for field trips to the Old San Juan Historic district or to the Rain Forest. The LOC would also welcome the EC for its October meeting. The Presi-

dent reminded Giusti that the Opening Ceremony should be kept short. He then thanked Giusti for his report.

The President then asked to back track a little, since the item of the UNESCO history had not been considered during Matters Arising from the 2001 Minutes. He asked Roy Augier to comment on the UNESCO history. **Augier** reported as follows:

- ♦ He commented that he had kept his word on being a bad prophet, since Vol. I did not come out at the end of the year. The final proofs for this volume are done and it should be ready by mid-year. This volume is titled *Autochthonous Societies* and was edited by Jalil Sued Badillo. It has two chapters on the Eastern Caribbean and one on the coastal regions of Venezuela and Colombia.
- ♦ He also noted that McMillan has failed to display the published volumes. It was suggested that this should be kept in mind for the next meeting and that McMillan should exhibit the volumes during the 2003 Conference.
- ♦ Volume 5 has been sent to the printers, and the final proofs are expected by October, and hopefully should be out before Christmas.
- ♦ Augier then asked Brereton to report on the *Short 20th Century, 1900-200*. **Brereton** reported that said volume should come out by the end of 2003.
- ♦ Augier then continued his report by adding that there were no results on UNESCO funding of the French and Spanish translations. A reply regarding the French translation had been received from Haiti to the effect that they could not cooperate.

**Blackett** thanked Augier for his report, who added that he would attempt to have the books exhibited at the Puerto Rico Conference.

#### 7. Conference Venues for 2004 and 2005:

The President asked González Mendoza to report on the possibilities of holding the 2004 Conference in Haiti. **González Mendoza** reported as follows:

- ♦ He had kept in contact with Jean Casimir via e-mail. Lately he had sent Casimir a description of the duties of the LOC as per his request. Casimir had answered that they should keep in touch.
- ♦ The Executive committee had decided that, given the importance of the meeting in Haiti in 2004, a degree of flexibility had to be built into the decision. Among other things the President, Secretary-Treasurer and Adelaïde would visit Haiti sometime in 2002 or early 2003 to assess the possibilities of hold-

ing the Annual Meeting there. At this point **Abenon** commented that the political situation in Haiti had to be thoroughly assessed, since the ACH could not risk planning a conference in a venue that presented extreme difficulties. The President replied that all those difficulties would be considered and that a back-up would be assured. **Schnepell** expressed her curiosity as to the venue of the conference, since Port-au-Prince was the scene of most of the political turmoil and it could possibly be avoided. The President responded that the issue was for the LOC to determine.

#### 8. Selection of the 2002/03 Nominating Committee:

The President called for nominations for the 2002/03 Nominating Committee. **Laurence** nominated Bridget Brereton as Convenor. **Brereton** agreed to stand. **Craton** nominated Rosalyn Terborg-Penn. **Terborg-Penn** agreed to stand. **Augier** nominated Gerard Lafleur. **Lafleur** agreed to stand. The President asked if there were any more nominations. A motion was presented to close nominations and was accepted. The President reminded the new Committee that nominations should be ready by the end of November so that the ballot may be included in the December Bulletin.

#### 9. Evaluation of the 2002 Conference:

The President asked for comments on the 2002 Conference. **Craton** commented that he appreciated the difficulties involved in organizing the academic program for the Conference, but that he would like to comment that this had been the least successful in getting the papers in and the panels integrated as themes. **Blackett** added that this is a trend that will be stopped. The EC has looked into the issue several times now. We had instituted a degree of flexibility by allowing presenters to bring sufficient copies of their papers along. Maybe this measure should be modified and state that all papers should be at the Conference Secretariat by the time of the Opening Ceremony. It is also a long established rule that: a) if your paper is not available at the conference you do not participate and b) you do not read your paper. **Craton** added that, on a more positive note, the panel today was a good closing for the Conference. **González Mendoza** observed that the problems mentioned by Craton were of our own making, since members proposed few panels and, rather, submitted a large number of loose papers. This then left the EC with the problem of trying to organize these papers to make coherent panels. **Saunders** intervened to say that there had been extenuating circumstances that had influenced her decision to allow a delegate to present without her paper

being distributed, and that she would take full responsibility for her decision. **Begot** commented that this year's conference had been of a higher quality than the previous year's, and thanked all concerned with its success. However, it is necessary to add that in certain panels, participants limited themselves to read their papers and there was no real discussion. She also observed that there is a tendency to ignore the papers from the Francophone Caribbean, since she has noticed that many people do not use the headphones for translation when delegates from the Francophone Caribbean present. This makes it seem as if what they have to say is somehow less important. The President added that people should really put their headsets on, not only out of courtesy for the presenters but also because of the high cost of the translation services. **McDonald** suggested that the conference should congratulate the translators for their excellent work. **Blackett** extended a general vote of thanks to the translators and added that Saunders and the LOC did a superb job and should be congratulated. At this point the President presented the meeting with the possibility of meeting in New Orleans as possibly the most Caribbean city of North America. He asked for the feeling of the participants on the issue, saying that we should look into it as there are a number of members who could work towards the organization of a meeting at that venue. **Adelaïde** commented that although New Orleans was a creole city, he was not in favor of holding the conference in the United States, since we must keep within the geographical boundaries of the Caribbean which include the three Guyanas, since it is palpable at this meeting that delegates from those regions cannot travel far, and the United States would be beyond their reach. For that matter Mexico, Panama, and other places would not be part of the Caribbean. **Breton** commented that although she fully appreciated Jacques's concerns, and even though it had been agreed that we should not meet outside the Caribbean's boundaries, she believed that the decision had been taken at a time when the organization was insecure and felt overwhelmed by a large US membership. But the ACH has grown and has changed and is solid. We should at least try alternatives like New Orleans every eight to ten years. **González Mendoza** commented that he agreed with Breton and that also, given the growing expenses associated with the annual conference, which overwhelmingly fall on the LOCs, it was perhaps desirable that on some occasions institutions with more resources to which some of our members are affiliated would ease the burden of setting up the conference.

Someone commented on the importance that the conference gives to local histories and to the participation of local academics, and that this is precisely one of the reasons for keeping it within the Caribbean. **Giusti** commented that this was the first ACH conference he had attended and that experiences such as New Orleans's could be available in other conferences. While the physical contact with other Caribbean countries is an important part of the conference. He thought, however, that the idea of holding the conference outside of the Caribbean was good, particularly since it would bring forth such issues as Caribbean diasporas. Besides, he would locate regions of Nicaragua, Columbia, etc. as part of the Caribbean. In fact, in Merida there is the Centro de Estudios del Caribe. **Begot** commented that that the idea is good, but she wondered with what frequency venues outside of the Caribbean would be chosen. She thought it interesting that it was the older members that opposed the idea of holding the conference outside the strict boundaries of the Caribbean. Although she was also worried that holding the conference in the US would then imply that the conference could be held in more distant places such as Europe, where the ACH also has members. **Matos-Rodríguez** intervened to say that he had no intellectual or moral objection to the location. He did think that if there was going to be an explanation as to the choice of venue that the financial component would not be worse. **Augier** commented that he was quite sympathetic and understood the reasons. Everything, however, indicates why it would be unwise to go beyond the area. Once the decision was taken to go beyond the area there would be no legitimate objection to holding the conference in places outside the Caribbean. **Thomas-Bailey** commented that the conference was also a cultural experience, and she wondered how that could be replicated if it were held somewhere else. At this moment the President intervened and said that he had just wanted to get a sense of what the meeting wanted, and that it was best to move on. **Amussen** commented that this meant that the decision had been taken not to move beyond the boundaries of the Caribbean. There is one proposal for New Orleans that makes sense historically. However, local issues could not be addressed in New Orleans. The President replied that we must move on with the meeting and that for now the original perception that the meeting should not be held outside of the Caribbean stood.

10. **Suggestions of Themes/panels for the 35th Annual Conference and Any Other Business:** **Blackett** asked for suggestions from the floor regarding possible themes for

next year's conference. **Downes** suggested a panel on "Caribbean Sexualities and Queer theory." **Giusti** suggested a panel on "Boundaries Internal and External of the Caribbean," including the diasporas. **Bégot** suggested a panel on "Tourism in the Caribbean." **Dumont** proposed a panel on "Internal Exchanges in the Caribbean: Sports, Culture, Politics, etc." **Lafleur** suggested a panel on "Religions of the Caribbean." **Mayes** said that she would like to acknowledge Bahamian hospitality before making her suggestion, she then suggested a theme on "Youth and Children of the Diaspora." **Augier** suggested "Landscape before Contact," while **Moitt** proposed "Social, Political, and Commercial Relations between the French and the Spanish Colonies under Slavery." **Mam-Lam-Fouck** suggested "Political Relations between Europe and the former colonies after Independence." **Adelaïde** suggested the "History of Finance." **Craig** recommended that the conference should have a space for methodological issues, since these would be particularly helpful to graduate students or young scholars. **Scheweissing** suggested a panel on "Caribbean Historiography" that would allow to explore Western and Non-Western historiographies and

ways that historiography can be best done in the Caribbean. **Ferreira** proposed a panel on "Family History/Doing Genealogy in the Caribbean." It was also suggested that papers could be disseminated through an ACH webpage. **Landers** suggested that the ACH should set aside monies for fellowships that would aid younger scholars to travel to the conference or initiate research. **Abenon** queried whether the EC had discussed the possibility of inviting EGP winners to the conference. After these comments, the President presented the question of whether or not the ACH should continue with the "Article Prize." He stated that the EC recommends that we should, and that it should be awarded those years between the EGP, beginning in 2004. **Heuman** announced a Seminar for Caribbean Studies that will be held at Warwick in early July. He asked those interested to contact Warwick's web page for more information. **Blackett** then suggested that monies from the publishing fund could be used to launch the ACH's web page, and that the EC would study the matter of costs of maintenance, etc. There being no other business, the President closed the meeting at 2:05 PM.

*Juan R. González Mendoza*  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Report of the 2001/2002 Executive Committee

### 1. *Members and Activities of the Executive Committee*

The 2001/2002 Executive Committee consisted of Gail Saunders (President), Richard Blackett (Vicepresident), Juan R. González Mendoza (Secretary-Treasurer), Lucien Abenon, Edward Cox, Félix Matos Rodríguez, and Rita Pemberton. The Committee met twice during the year. The first meeting was held immediately after the Annual General Meeting on April 5th, 2001 and the second was held on October 20th, 2001 in Puerto Rico. The main item on the agenda of the second meeting was the academic program and local arrangements for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Nassau. The concrete proposals that resulted from the discussions during these meetings were published in the May and December *Bulletins*

### 2. *ACH Membership and Dues Information*

12 new members were welcomed to the ACH between the end of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference and the end of March 2002. Of these, 10 are citizens or residents of the United States, 1 is from Grenada, and 1 is in the Institutional category. Two members opted for Life Membership during the same period. The names of new members were published in the May and December *Bulletins* as a welcome to the ACH. The Association now has 354 members of all categories, although not all financial. There are also 37 persons or institutions that receive complementary copies of the *Bulletins*.

### 3. *Activities of the Secretariat*

The ACH published two *Bulletins* in 2001, May and December. Individual members, academic institutions, publishers and various organizations sent information of interest to the membership. The growing list of members with access to e-mail facilitated communications between the Secretary-Treasurer and the membership. The Secretariat also furnished much solicited information to institutes, new members and persons who were thinking of joining the ACH. The Secretariat formalized the agreement with H-Caribbean, as approved in the 2001 AGM. H-Caribbean has been most helpful in transmitting news and other information to members who use the discussion group. The Secretariat will renegotiate the agreement with Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, San Germán that should ease the economic burden of mailing the Bulletin. The secretariat has prepared a list of e-mail addresses with the idea of preparing an e-mail directory of ACH members. Due to recent changes in some of the members' e-mail addresses, the Secretariat asks all members present to make sure they have filled in their registration form. The Secretariat also inquired about the requisites to incorporate the ACH as a non-profit organization, as was discussed by various mem-



bers of the EC during the October 2001 meeting. This avenue will be further pursued after the Secretary-Treasurer returns to Puerto Rico in June. The Secretariat also established e-mail contact with Jean Casimir in Haiti. A brief description of what is required of the LOC was sent Casimir to help him organize such a committee for the preparations of the 2004 conference.

#### 4. Preparation for the 2002 Conference in Nassau

Gail Saunders kept in touch with the Executive Committee to inform on the preparations of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Nassau. Forty-three papers were accepted and arranged in 13 different panels, under the themes agreed upon during the 2001 Annual General Meeting in Trinidad and Tobago.

#### 5. Future Conferences and Status of Offers for Venues

The 2003 Conference has been programmed for San Juan, Puerto Rico under the auspices of Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, among other institutions. Information regarding the composition of the LOC and other details shall be offered during the present AGM. The suggestion was made in Cayenne that the ACH should strive to hold the 2004 Conference in Haiti. To this end, contact has been established with Jean Casimir, as mentioned previously.

#### 6. Thanks

The Secretary-Treasurer would like to thank Carmen Rodríguez for her indispensable help in preparing the Bulletins and in keeping track of ACH matters during my absence from Puerto Rico. He would also like to thank the Gilder Lehrman Center at Yale University for allowing him the time to be in Nassau.

**Juan R. González Mendoza**  
Secretary-Treasurer

### FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2001 – APRIL 2002

Income		Expenses	
Balance 30 March 2001	6,040.50	Grant to LOC	2,500.00
		EGP	100.00
Dues 2001 Conference	2,700.00	Postage	
Dues (since 2001 Conference)	1,820.00	May & December Bulletins	829.04
Interest Earned	165.95	*Correspondence	167.36
Royalties (UNC Press)	129.83	<b>Total Postage</b>	<b>996.40</b>
Cheques belonging to LOC	200.00	Photocopies	
		May & December Bulletins	706.50
		Ballots	16.00
		<b>Total Photocopies</b>	<b>722.50</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,056.28</b>	Telephone*	61.47
		Office Supplies	70.17
		Travel ST	
		33rd Conference	
		Ground transportation	49.50
		*Meals	200.00
		*Fees	100.00
		<b>Total 33rd Conference</b>	<b>349.50</b>
		October EC Meeting	
		*Hotel	160.00
		*Meals	100.00
		34th Conference	
		*Air Fare	341.50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,082.64</b>
		Van Rental October EC Meeting	240.00
		Other Expenses	
		Bank Charges	19.00

		Returned to Trinidad LOC	200.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>219.00</b>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,860.54</b>
		<b>Balance 3 April 2002</b>	<b>6,356.00</b>
		Publication Fund	-3,782.46
		<b>Actual Balance</b>	<b>2,573.54</b>

During the AGM the Secretary-Treasurer explained that he had not been able to present a full financial report, because he had left for the United States and did not have the possibility of withdrawing from the ACH account, all the expenses that had been incurred during the year. Items marked with an asterisk are those that the ST could not withdraw to complete the financial report for the conference. Of the Telephone expenses, \$1.61 had already been accredited to the ST, so that the remnant is \$59.86. Expenses not reimbursed to the ST then total \$1,198.89 that must be deducted from the Actual Balance to give an accurate idea of the ACH's account at the moment of closing. Income is up-to-date, because Carmen Rodríguez was able to make deposits to the account between February and April, and remitted that information to the ST via e-mail. Income after the Conference is, of course, not reflected in this report. But the ST can advance that \$1,610.00 were collected in dues during the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, of which \$90.00 had to be used for various expenses incurred during the meeting, leaving a remnant of \$1,520.00, which were deposited in the ACH account by Carmen Rodríguez upon her arrival in Puerto Rico.

**Juan R. González Mendoza**  
Secretary-Treasurer

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, SEMINARS, PRIZES

### CONFERENCES:

**Gendering the Diaspora: Women, Culture and Historical Change in the Caribbean and the Nigerian Hinterland. DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE (NOVEMBER 22-24, 2002).** Sponsors: Dartmouth College/York University-UNESCO Nigerian Hinterland Project/Text and Testimony Collective (UWI-Mona). The aims of this conference are three-fold. First, it will bring together scholars of the Caribbean and the Nigerian hinterland to examine the experiences of women from both regions in comparative perspective and to historicize the linkages between the Caribbean and the Nigerian hinterland. The region identified as the Nigerian hinterland includes Nigeria and the Republic of Benin as well as Togo, Ghana, Niger and Cameroon. Second, it will locate these analyses in the broader context of the African Diaspora. Third, it aims to encourage the production of scholarship that both extends and challenges our current writing of African and Caribbean women's history/cultures, and integrates gender analysis more systematically into our conceptualization of the African Diaspora.

Themes:

1. Africa in the Imagination of the Caribbean
2. The Caribbean in the African Imagination
3. African ethnicities and the formation of Caribbean Cultures
4. Stories of enslavement and indenture
5. Stories of Migration
6. Labor Mobility between the Nigerian Hinterland and the Caribbean
7. Engendering Pan-Africanism
8. African and Caribbean Women - Meetings in the Metropolises
9. Women, Trade and Agricultural Production
10. Colonial gender policies in the Nigerian Hinterland and the Caribbean
11. The Challenges and Possibilities of Intellectual and Scholarly Migrations and Movements

If you have questions or need clarification please contact conference organizers: Verene Shepherd, Department of History, UWI-Mona ([verenalber@yahoo.com](mailto:verenalber@yahoo.com));



Veronica Gregg, Department of Black and Puerto Rican Studies, Hunter College ([vgregg@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:vgregg@hunter.cuny.edu)); or Judith Byfield, Department of History, Dartmouth College ([jbyfield@dartmouth.edu](mailto:jbyfield@dartmouth.edu)).

A one page, single-spaced abstract should be sent either as an attachment or by mail to Gail Vernazza, Department of History, Dartmouth College, 6107 Reed Hall, Hanover, NH 03755. ([Gail.M.Vernazza@Dartmouth.edu](mailto:Gail.M.Vernazza@Dartmouth.edu))

Deadline: June 10th, 2002.

**14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE HAITIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION: OCTOBER 17-19, 2002 PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI** The theme of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is "Communicating: Images and Realities of Haiti." As we approach the bicentennial of Haiti's independence, we face a challenge in communicating Haiti's present reality while also communicating Haiti's unique contribution to world revolutionary history. The purpose of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Haitian Studies Association is to foster discussion and intellectual interchange; therefore, we go to Haiti in 2002 to examine the problematic nature of representation and self-representation. We invite theoretical as well as empirical explorations, single discipline as well as cross- and inter-disciplinary studies. The conference will be held on the campus of Quisqueya University with evening activities at the conference hotel: La Plaza. Transportation will be provided from the hotel to the university campus three times a day. A welcoming reception will begin the conference on Thursday night followed by a Friday night cultural even and the awards banquet on Saturday night. A special Sunday trip to Jacmel is planned. The conference is cosponsored by The Africana Studies Department at the University of Massachusetts Boston and Quisqueya University in Haiti. For more information contact: Haitian Studies Project, University of Massachusetts at Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, McCormack Hall 2-211, Boston MA 02125-3393. Fax 617-287-6797. e-mail [has@umb.edu](mailto:has@umb.edu).

**CONFERENCE ON CAROLINA LOW COUNTRY AND CARIBBEAN CUISINES: MARCH 2003** The College of Charleston Program in the Carolina Lowcountry and the Atlantic World, together with Johnson & Wales University in Charleston, will sponsor a conference on Carolina Lowcountry and Caribbean Cuisines. The conference is intended as a forum on the presentation and discussion of scholarly papers, which will then be collected for publication. In addition to the scholarly panels, the conference will feature a number of events of broader interest to culinary professionals and the public such as cooking demonstrations, historic tours, and theme dinners. Participants will also be invited from the International Association for Culinary Professionals and the Southern Foodways Association. The following short list of possible topics should be considered suggestive, not exclusive: *Particular Ingredients (rice, peanuts); Ethnic Cooking (Soul Food, Chinese, Greek); Trade and Markets (Charleston and Kingston); Migration (West Indian, Huguenots); Technology (Milling, curing, baking); Industrial Foods and Popular Culture (Coca-Cola, Krispy Kream); Politics, Nutrition, and Health; Restaurants, Spas, and Hotels; Food and Identity in the Old South and the New.* The Conference will take place at the Lightsey Conference Center, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, from Thursday, March 20 to Saturday March 22, 2003. Communications should be directed to: Jeffrey M. Pilcher, Department of History, The Citadel, Charleston SC 29409. (843) 953-5064 tel. (843) 953-7020 fax. E-mail [pilcherj@citadel.edu](mailto:pilcherj@citadel.edu).

## PRIZES:

**JAY I. KISLAK FOUNDATION PRIZE: STUDENT RESEARCH PAPERS IN HISTORY OR ANTHROPOLOGY OF FLORIDA OR THE CARIBBEAN** The Department of History, Florida International University, with the generous sponsorship of the Jay I. Kislak Foundation, is pleased to announce the annual competition for the Jay I. Kislak Student Prize in History or Anthropology. The theme of the competition is any aspect of Florida or Caribbean history, anthropology or archaeology to 1898 in keeping with the scope of the Kislak collection. The competition is open to any enrolled undergraduate or graduate university or college student. Three prizes will be awarded: \$750 for first place, \$500 for second place, and \$250 for third place. Essays must be original work and may not have been previously or be currently under editorial consideration for publication. Papers will be judged on the basis of scholarship, significance, originality, and quality of writing. The maximum length is 40 pages including endnotes, appendices, and illustrations. Submit five copies of the paper without your name (to conform to the rule of blind editing) to: Dr. Sherry Johnson, Chair, Jay I. Kislak Foundation Prize, Department of History/DM397, Florida International University, University Park, Miami, FL 33199. (305) 348-3367 or (305) 348-2328. E-mail: [Johnsons@fiu.edu](mailto:Johnsons@fiu.edu). On a separate sheet of paper include your name, address, telephone number, institutional affiliation, the name of your sponsoring professor, and the title of your paper. Papers may be submitted in either English or Spanish. Submission deadline is August 31, 2002. Winners will be announced shortly thereafter, and the winning essays will be

published on the Jay I. Kislak Foundation webpage. The Jay I. Kislak Foundation is a private, non-profit foundation dedicated to encouraging scholarship in "Americana" (primarily Florida, the Caribbean, and Mexico-Central America). The Foundation's exhibit gallery houses significant Pre-Columbian art as well as rare books, original manuscripts and historic maps. We invite you to visit the Foundation's website [<http://www.jayikislakfoundation.org>] or that of the History Department, Florida International University. [<http://www.fiu.edu/~history>] for more information.

### MEMBERS' NEWS

**Sidney F. Ritter**, member of the ACH and Boardmember of the Societat History Curaçao was selected as a member of the Monuments Council of Curaçao. The Council is an advisory body established by the government of Curaçao. Congratulations Sidney!

**Cien Años de Sociedad: Los 98 del Gran Caribe** (Eds. Antonio Gaztambide Géigel, Juan González Mendoza and Mario Cancel Sepúlveda. San Juan: Asociación Puertorriqueña de Historiadores-Ediciones Callejón, 2000) was awarded 1st Prize as Best Collection of Studies by the PEN Club International, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2002. This collection of essays resulted from the Seminar on 1898 that was held at Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, San Germán Campus on June 1898 under the sponsorship of the Asociación Puertorriqueña de Historiadores, Universidad Interamericana, CISCLA, and the Johns Hopkins University Cuba Exchange Program. Publication was possible thanks to funding by the Asociación Puertorriqueña de Historiadores, Universidad Interamericana, and the Johns Hopkins Cuba Exchange Program, Wayne Smith, Director. ACH members published in the collection are (in order of appearance): Franklin W. Knight, Fe Iglesias, Fernando Picó, Coralia Alonso Valdés, Laura Muñoz Mata, Armando Lampe, Kelvin Singh, and Antonio Gaztambide.

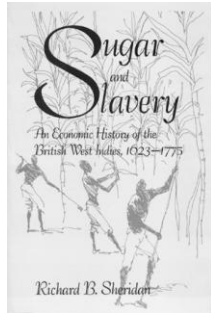
### OBITUARIES

#### Richard B. Sheridan (1918-2002)



The distinguished Caribbeanist, Richard B. Sheridan, died on April 30, 2002, at his home in Lawrence, KS. He was born February 10, 1918 in Emporia, and married Audrey Porter there on Oct. 18, 1952. He served for four years as a communications officer on the USS Kretchmer in World War II. He then completed a master's degree from the University of Kansas and a doctoral degree from the London School of Economics.

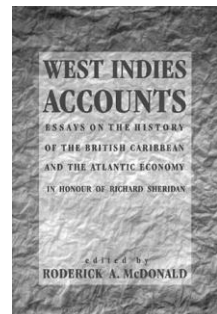
Dick taught in the economics department at the University of Kansas from 1952 to 1988, was actively involved with the history department there as well, and was a Visiting Professor at the University of West Indies and the University of the Virgin Islands. He dedicated his academic career to the study of slavery in the Caribbean and is acknowledged as one of the pre-eminent historians of the British West Indies, best known for his pioneering works, *Sugar and Slavery: An Economic History of the British West Indies, 1623-1775* (1974), and *Doctors and Slaves: A Medical and Demographic History of Slavery in the British West Indies, 1680-1834* (1985), as well as numerous journal articles.



He received a Fulbright scholarship in 1962 and was a member of the Royal Historical Society. In 1996, his friends and former students produced the festschrift, *West Indies Accounts: Essays on the History of the British Caribbean and the Atlantic Economy in Honour of Richard Sheridan* (edited by Roderick A. McDonald), and presented the volume to him at a ceremony during the 28th annual conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians in Barbados.

**Roderick A. McDonald**

**Rider University**



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2002/2003**

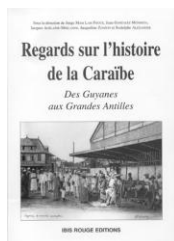
During the AGM on April, 2002 the following ACH members were nominated to the new Nominating Committee and agreed to serve:

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**OF INTEREST****REGARDS SUR L'HISTOIRE DE LA CARAÏBE: DES GUYANES AUX GRANDES ANTILLES**

the proceedings of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians, Cayenne, French Guiana has been published by Ibis Rouge Editions, 2001. The proceedings were edited by Serge Mam-Lam-Fouk, Juan González Mendoza, Jacques Adelaïde Merlande, Jacqueline Zonzon and Rodolphe Alexandre. For information please visit Ibis Rouge Editions at <http://www.ibisrouge.fr>.

**THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE AND SLAVE LIFE IN THE AMERICAS: A VISUAL RECORD.**

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**LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SECTION OF THE SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

would like to invite interested scholars to join the Latin American and Caribbean Section (LACS) of the

Southern Historical Association (SHA). The SHA is a venerable institution dedicated to promoting the study of the history of the South and *in* the South. In recent years, non-US historians have increasingly made their presence felt within the association. Membership in LACS brings a number of advantages. You will be a member of the only southern regional organization devoted exclusively to Latin American history. You will become eligible to participate in the prestigious annual conference of the SHA. You will also become eligible to compete for several awards. At last year's conference in New Orleans, we awarded the first-ever Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr., Prize, an annual award for best paper presented by a graduate student. We plan to offer new prizes for best book and best article, with the first article prize to be awarded at the LACS/SHA Convention in Blatimore, November 2002. The prizes will be awarded in alternating years, with the book prize to be awarded for the first time in 2003. Finally, LACS annual membership fees are a very modest \$9. You also have the option of becoming a full-fledged member of the SHA and receiving the *Journal of Southern History* for an annual fee of \$25. For information contact Rosemary Brana-Shute, Treasurer, LACS of SHA, 23 Windsor Drive, Charleston SC 29407-3445. E-mail [branashuter@cofc.edu](mailto:branashuter@cofc.edu). Phone-fax (843) 766-7929.

### H-CARIBBEAN A MODERATED NETWORK AND DISCUSSION LIST ON CARIBBEAN STUDIES

The Caribbean was one of the earliest projects of European colonization in what has now been defined as the "Atlantic World." Academics with diverse intellectual interests have made the field an exciting one in its own right. The region has produced scholars of world class importance including CLR James, Eric Williams, Aimé Césaire, Fernando Ortiz, Kamau Brathwaite, V.S. Naipaul, and Derek Walcott to name only a few of the "contemporary" figures. With the move toward Atlantic and World History, the Caribbean has received increased attention in recent years. From an economic perspective, scholars have shown how the Caribbean was crucial to the making of the Atlantic World. From a social and cultural perspective, the region is also an important area of study for those interested in global culture. Waves of European immigrants, the Atlantic Slave trade, and contracted labor from both India and China in the post-emancipation period have been instrumental in shaping the social and cultural development of this region. The processes of immigration affecting the Caribbean are illustrative of the broader movements and migrations of peoples that have been and will continue to be a major part of the growth of immigrant, exile and ethnic enclaves throughout the world.

The goals of this discussion list are multiple. Firstly, building on the work done by various associations and programs since the 1960s, one of the objectives of this list is to overcome the linguistic, political, and geographic fragmentation that has traditionally characterized the field and region. Secondly, this list will provide access to debates and discussions on Caribbean studies and act as a resource to academics teaching and researching in associated fields. Scholars from other traditionally defined fields are now looking to the Caribbean as they teach courses on slavery, colonization, and world history. Thus, it is anticipated that the list will have a broad appeal and will be of interest to academics specializing in different but albeit connected field of study. Thirdly, this list will serve to reinforce the growing awareness of the region as an important and rich area for further research and study. In keeping with current historiographical trends, it is intended that this list will help to move the study of the Caribbean beyond a regional analytical framework and will locate the region within the broader context of modern world history. Finally, the list will provide a meeting place for academics from a number of disciplines thereby facilitating interdisciplinary discussions between academics worldwide.

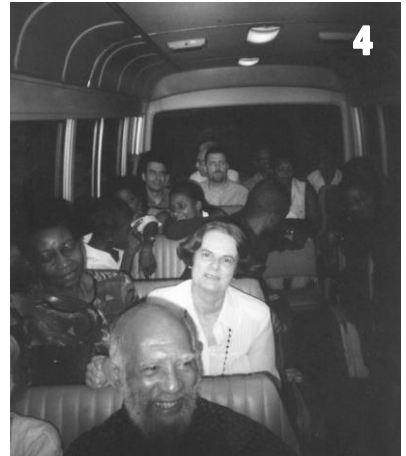
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**SOME PHOTOS FROM THE 2002 CONFERENCE**



- 1. Opening Ceremony
- 2. First History Essay Prize
- 3. Presidents of the ACH
- 4. "On the road again"
- 5. Reception
- 6. Reception



- 7. At the Archives
- 8. Reception
- 9. Fete

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