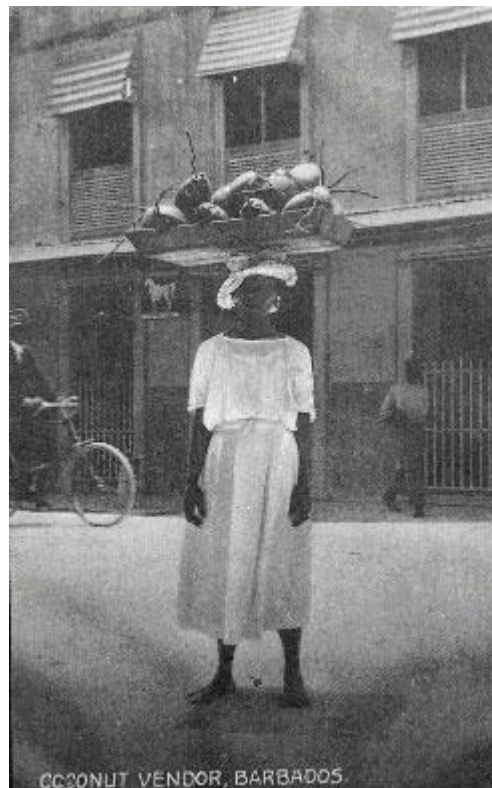


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COCONUT VENDOR, BARBADOS.

*Early 20th century scene of
Barbados coconut vendor*

WELCOME TO THE ACH BULLETIN, JUNE 27, 2007

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2007-2008

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President's Message
June 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was extremely happy to welcome ACH members to the 39th annual conference held in Jamaica in May during the Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Trade in Africans to the (current and) former British-colonised Caribbean as well as during a year being celebrated as the 'Year of Garvey.' It was particularly pleasing to see the number of new members who joined our ranks and to learn from their new research areas.

On your behalf, I extend appreciation to the Local Organizing Committee at Mona, as well as to the ACH Executive Committee members, for a well-organized Conference. I also thank members for adhering, for the most part, to ACH tradition with respect to the structure and length of papers and the submission of multi-lingual abstracts. Drop-outs/no-shows were fewer than at the 38th annual conference, and most presenters gave panel chairs an easy time. We still need to increase the collection of dues in order to improve the state of our financial health. At the same time, we appreciate the injection of capital from new life members and the Principal of the Cave Hill campus, Prof. Hilary Beckles. The contribution from Cave Hill has helped with the hosting of the annual meetings of the Executive Committee.

As a result of the Bicentenary being marked in the current and former British-colonised Caribbean, this year is shaping up to be the Year of the Historian; for I do not believe that any other anniversary has been as dependent on the knowledge and skills of the historian for its success as this one; has so forced the historian out of his/her private space into the public arena. This year has reinforced our relevance to our societies and I urge us to embrace the opportunity to engage in public education, transforming the history of the TTA and its abolition from text to public space. Let us continue to engage in the writing of a more liberating narrative of self, deconstructing the colonialist representations and helping Caribbean people still trapped in the psychological trauma of slavery to find pride and meaning in the experiences of their ancestors; to find in the history of exploitation icons, heroes and heroines.

This year has had its sad moments, of course, with the passing of family members of several ACH members and the passing of former Government of Jamaica and late UWI Archivist, Ms. Elizabeth Williams. We mourn their passing but also give thanks for the lives they lived.

At the same time, I congratulate those members who have published new books, obtained tenure in their universities or who are celebrating upward mobility in their professional careers. On your behalf, I wish them all the best in their new positions.

Verene A. Shepherd

ADVANCE INFORMATION
40th Annual Conference, in Suriname, 2008

The 40th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians is scheduled for 2008, in Suriname. The final date will be communicated later, but the 3rd week in May was suggested by the Suriname organizers, and the Executive Committee is mandated to look at the dates in collaboration with the LOC in Suriname. The Conference will be supported by the University of Suriname and the venue will be the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the campus. Suriname is served by Caribbean Airlines operating from Trinidad, and Suriname Airways also has flights from Trinidad. There are also flights from Guyana by Meta Airlines. Suriname has a policy of reciprocity when it comes to the question of visas and members from some countries will be required to obtain a visa. Further, detailed, information will be published in the December, 2007, bulletin.

CALL FOR PAPERS

40th Annual Conference
Suriname

The following themes have been proposed for the 40th Annual Conference of the ACH:

- Surveillance and Punishment of the Enslaved in the French Caribbean
- Reflections on the Bicentenary of the Abolition of the British Transatlantic Trade in Africans
- Contemporary international and intersocietal relations.
- The Caribbean Rim
- Religion and Social Relations in the Caribbean
- Teaching History by Distance Mode
- Cuba within the Caribbean
- Health and Physical Education in the Caribbean
- Chinese Migration, then and now: Caribbean Dimensions
- Decolonization and Nation-Building in the Caribbean
- Historical Encounters between Africans and Asians in the Caribbean Context
- Historical Archaeology in the Caribbean
- Apprenticeship in the Caribbean
- Commodity Trade in Caribbean History
- Health and Social Policy
- Sport, Health, and Recreation
- Racializing Performances

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

The Executive Committee will be pleased to receive offers of papers and panels focusing on the proposed themes, *although other themes will not be excluded from consideration*. The Committee will give priority to those panels that fit into the proposed themes, so it is strongly suggested that proposals be presented as such. Individual 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. Please use the proposal form at the end of the Bulletin to submit your panel or paper proposals.

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/ approaches the paper would provide, as well as the major archival resources used. Abstracts must be submitted in Spanish French and English.
- ❑ Where a proposed panelist is not a member of the ACH, panel organizers should provide a **brief** curriculum vitae (not more than three pages) 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 panelists submit their papers in good time and that they are informed of the contents of each other's papers.
- ❑ For each panel it accepts, the Executive Committee may nominate a chairperson to moderate the session.
- ❑ Individuals offering single papers should also send a summary of their proposed presentations as outlined above

NB: The ACH is particularly concerned about proposers of panels and presenters who, after the approval of their presentations, are absent from conferences ***without the appropriate courtesies***. Special note will be taken of such cases and their participation in future conferences might be prejudiced.

All offers of panels and papers for the 2008 ACH Conference, along with abstracts, and CVs where relevant, should be sent to Pedro L. V. Welch, Department of History and Philosophy, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Cave Hill, St. Michael, Barbados.

The deadline for proposals is September 30, 2007. They may also be e-mailed to pwelch@uwichill.edu.bb or achbulletin@yahoo.com but in any case, a hard copy should be mailed, even if an e-mail submission is sent.

AGM MINUTES

May 10, 2007

Conference Centre, Kingston, Jamaica

Present:

Augier, Bean, Bégot, Blackett, Blake, Block, Buffon, Burnham, Campbell, Cateau, Chamberlain, Craig-McDonald, de Barros, Doelahasori, Dumont, Edwards, Evelyn, Fabella, Fergus, Flores-Collazo, Francis, Gaztambide, Geohagen, Gosse, Gould, Haraksingh, Heuman, Hoefte, Hu-Dehart, Jankee, Jiménez-Muñoz, Jemmott, Josephs, Kilkenny, Laurence, Lopez, MacPherson, Marshall, Martin, Mayers, McDonald, McGowan, Mitchell, Monteith, Moitt, Garcia-Muniz, Patterson, Paugh, Pemberton, Quinn, Rajkumar, Reid, Robertson, Rodriguez, Riddick, Rupert, Santiago-Valles, Singh, Saunders, Saunier, Shelford, , Shepherd, Smith, Stafford, Terborg-Penn, Thomas-Bailey, Thompson, Timm, Toussaint, Welch, Wilmot, Zahedieh, .

1. The President, **Verene Shepherd**, called the meeting to order at 3.30 pm and welcomed the members present. A special welcome was given to the new members who were attending their first AGM. Certificates were also presented to members who had qualified for Life Membership. The President offered condolences to **Virginia Gould**, **Gail Saunders**, and Vice-President, **Antonio Gaztambide**, who had all suffered the loss of family members. The AGM stood in a minute's silence, in solidarity with these members. Following this, in her general remarks, The President noted that there was some improvement in the submission of abstracts in the three official languages of the ACH. She hoped that in the future, there would be 100 percent compliance. She also noted that some papers had not met the requirement for double-spacing and some had exceeded 25 pages. It was asserted that the ACH would have to give closer scrutiny to these matters, to ensure that presenters complied with its specifications.
2. Apologies were received from **Sturtz**, and **Brereton** who could not attend due to pressing other engagements
3. The Agenda was considered and adopted
4. The Minutes of the May 18, 2006, AGM in Trinidad were considered and adopted after it was voted to amend the list of participants to include **Hoefte**, **Bonniol**, and **Garcia**. On this last point, the Secretary-Treasurer noted that participants had been invited to sign the attendance list and any omissions were due to members' failure to perform that task.
5. **Shepherd** invited **Wilmot**, Chair of the LOC, to present a report on the Conference. **Wilmot** informed the AGM that the arrangements for the 39th Annual Conference had been relatively smooth, except that there had been some late submissions of papers. Twelve teachers, representing the Teachers' Association had attended and their support had proved invaluable. **Wilmot** thanked the members of the History & Archaeology Department who had served on the LOC and also expressed his appreciation to the members of the Jamaican constabulary who had provided excellent security during the transportation of the members. While the conference, itself had run relatively smoothly, it was problematic that some persons had not submitted pre-registration details. The LOC felt privileged in being asked to host the conference and it was hoped that the members had generally had a good experience.
6. **Shepherd** invited comments for the AGM on the matters presented by **Wilmot** and, in general, on the conference. She apologized to the LOC, noting that other responsibilities would preclude her attendance at the field trip. **Gaztambide** noted that some of the abstracts in Spanish provided by participants were not adequately translated and participants ought to seek expert translation, particularly since most universities had language departments and colleagues might seek their assistance. He also felt that it was a mistake to pack the programme on the Thursday of the AGM. He felt that an early Wednesday closing should be maintained and that the AGM should be held as early as possible on Thursday. Members should discuss this. **Patterson** felt that the book launch that had been held on the Wednesday had been too long and this had contributed to a lengthening of the programme, thus making the day a very tiring experience. **Shepherd** noted that the Executive Committee had no responsibility for this occurrence. **Wilmot** apologized to members at this juncture, but observed that the LOC had no expectation that the book launch would have taken the format that it did. **Jiménez-Muñoz** felt that some regular proposers of papers might consider giving way to others so that wider participation of members might be encouraged. In response,

Shepherd noted that some members needed to present papers in order to get funding from their organizations, so it was difficult to adhere to a hard and fast rule about frequency of presentation. She also observed that 3-person panels tended to facilitate more discussion. **Augier** felt that a 2.30 pm end on the Wednesday was desirable and that the time for presentation could be shortened in order to maximize time for discussion. At this point, **the Mayor** of Kingston entered the room and was introduced by the President who invited him to address the gathering

7. **The Mayor** offered a brief address in which he noted that it was significant that the AGM was taking place in this area of Kingston. Not far from this location was Liberty Hall which ought to be listed as a World Heritage site. Additionally, the ACH had chosen to have its Conference in what was virtually Bob Marley country. At the close of his brief Address, he presented a book on Kingston, written by Anthony Johnson, to the Chair of the LOC.
8. At this point the **Mayor** left the meeting and the AGM resumed. **Santiago** supported **Augier's** suggestion. **Dumont** felt that subjects that did not fit into panels should be given some opportunity for inclusion in the programme. In order to facilitate wider discussion, he suggested that round-table discussions might be employed. Indeed, there were several issues such as methodology, sources, objectivity, etc., that needed discussion. **Moitt** observed that he had never been to a conference where there had been enough time. In the ACH there was quite impressive time management and, indeed, wide discussion. **Heuman** felt that there was time enough for discussion. What was required was tighter control of the panels. **Shepherd** promised to speak to the chairs at the beginning of the next Conference to urge greater control of the panel time. **Edwards** suggested that concurrent panels might permit larger involvement of members and facilitate more efficient time management. She also noted that in some conferences where a theme was "eye-catching" a round-table discussion was convened with members indicating on a sign-up sheet those who wanted to meet for further discussion. **Gaztambide** returned to his earlier point on the Wednesday and Thursday sessions and observed that in the past, the entire Wednesday afternoon was free to permit members to enjoy more of the local culture and offerings. In the case of the Thursday session, he observed that in some cases in the past, there was one panel, then there was the AGM. He reiterated that it was important to protect the Wednesday tradition. **Patterson** thanked the LOC in Jamaica for what she felt was a fantastic conference. **Kilkenny** observed that there were some costs involved in maintaining non-financial members on the books of the ACH. In response, **Shepherd** mentioned that e-mail and electronic storage had greatly reduced the costs. **McDonald** noted that Life Members might be approached towards making some financial contributions to the ACH. **Jiménez-Muñoz** suggested that the ACH might consider a fund to assist graduate students. **Shepherd** promised that the Executive Committee would look into this suggestion
9. The Secretary-Treasurer presented the annual report of the Secretariat as follows: During the period May 2006-May 2007, the Executive Committee met on three occasions – May 18, 2006, October 22, 2006, and May 07, 2007. The Committee looked at, among other issues, (a) the need for a greater commitment to the languages used at the Conference, as expressed at its most basic level, in the requirement to have abstracts provided in the three main languages, (b) the question of the panels for the 2007 Conference, (c) The venues for future Conferences, (d) the position of the ACH with respect to the provision of support for history teachers and graduate students in various Caribbean locations, (e) the question of the fees charged for ACH membership, (f) the question of policy as it related to the public media recording various sessions, (g)

arrangements for the 2007 Conference. Two bulletins were published on the ACH website. During the year 23 new members were added and five members joined the category of Life Member. We have some 444 members on our records but many of these have lapsed membership. The web-master is in the process of up-dating the computer data-base. Additionally he has proposed that the ACH purchase a domain name and space on the web. The cost might be in the region of US\$150-US\$300. Permission was, therefore required for this to be put in place. Acknowledgement is made of the important contribution of the UWI, Cave Hill, led by the principal and colleague, Professor Hilary Beckles, to the financing of the Secretariat during the session.

10. The AGM adopted the report of the Secretary-Treasurer and voted to permit the web-master to seek the establishment of a domain name and a website owned entirely by the ACH.
11. The **President** invited the Secretary Treasurer to present the Financial report. The AGM considered the report and it was adopted.
12. The **President** invited the Secretary Treasurer to report on the venues for the upcoming Conferences. **Welch** reported that it had been decided that the next Conference in 2008 would be held in Suriname, with Guadeloupe being nominated for the 2009 Conference. He mentioned that for 2010, suggestions had been received for Dominica, Curacao, and Aruba. The ACH would need to consider these suggestions and make a decision.
13. The **President** invited **Gaztambide** to make a presentation on a possible meeting in Cuba. He told the AGM that he had been in touch with ADELAC and was informed that a joint meeting with "back-to-back" sessions in Havana was being proposed, although this did not preclude the ACH going alone. He observed that making an agreement with ADELAC would facilitate support from the University of Havana. In addition, support from the historian of Old Havana might be forthcoming. It was agreed that **Gaztambide** should explore the possibility of a Havana conference.
14. With the permission of the Chair, **Terborg-Penn** up-dated members on the ASWAD Conference, which was to be held in Barbados, October 9-12, 2007. Individuals in the Caribbean could submit proposals with abstracts by May 31, online. Birte Timm **noted** that the European Society for Caribbean Research (SOCARE) would be hosting a conference in Jamaica from 5-8 December 2005. The conference would be held in Jamaica.
15. The Chair of the AGM invited **Doelahasori** to present an up-date on the Suriname Conference. **Doelahasori** informed the AGM that The Board of the University of Suriname had approved the hosting of the Conference and a LOC had been put in place. The venue would be the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the campus. There were three hotels which were being contacted and the preliminary rates were between US\$90 and US\$150 per night. Members could travel to Suriname via Trinidad on Caribbean Airways (formerly BWIA) or by Suriname Airways. The suggested period for the Annual conference was the 3rd week in May, but this subject to further discussion. Some members would need visas if their countries had a policy of requiring Surinamese to obtain visas. In short there was a policy of reciprocity on the part of the Suriname Government. **Kilkenny** noted that May might not be a good month for US academics. **Dumont** observed that the cost of lodging might be prohibitive for French researchers, particularly for students. He asked if alternative lodging might be had. Additionally he

asked **Doelahasori** to look at alternative dates. **Heuman** also reported a problem with a May conference, while **Robertson** commented that in May UWI graduate and other students were in the middle of exams, as were students in Guyana. **Gaztambide** noted that April was the traditional month for the Annual Conference but that in the case of Puerto Rico, this was the tourist season and in May costs were lower. **Craig-McDonald** observed that the first two weeks in May or April might be appropriate. **Terborg-Penn** recalled that in the case of Colombia, there were several reasons why the Conference had to be held in May. **Edwards** asked whether accommodation was available in dormitories on the campus. In response, **Doelahasori** reported that there was no dormitory accommodation, but that there might be some cheaper accommodation in guest houses. **Marshall** observed that whatever date was decided on, he had, in the past, looked at June and suggested that the Executive might consider some time in June as an appropriate period for the Annual Conference.

16. The Nominating Committee reported to the AGM. The members elected were : Rita Pemberton – Convenor, Roderick McDonald, and Alain Buffon
17. The AGM considered re-instituting a prize for the best article in a journal. The prize was to be conferred in alternate years to the Elsa Goveia Prize. It was decided to select a committee that would select the article. The prize committee selected at the AGM was Humberto Garcia Muñiz (Convenor), Rosemary Hoefte, and Alvin Thompson.
18. Sir Roy Augier reported to the AGM on the UNESCO volumes. Volumes 3 and 4 were with the publishers. The translation of editions in Spanish and French were yet to be done and were not included in the current UNESCO budget. Indeed UNESCO should be reminded that there had been a decision to fund the translations.
19. The AGM considered a proposal by the Executive to raise the fees for membership as follows: Students: US\$15, Professionals US\$35, Organizations US\$70. In the discussion that followed, the proposal was shelved. **Wilmot** felt that those who felt that the current fees were too low, might consider donating funds to the ACH as benefactors. **Marshall** asked what was the rationale for the proposal and was informed by the **President** that one factor involved was a desire to assist students among other causes. **Heuman** felt that if an increase in the fees was tied to the support of some worthy cause, this might be acceptable. **Terborg-Penn** felt that it might be possible to identify a line item that members might be invited to fund.
20. The Elsa Goveia Committee reported to the AGM. The Committee had received some twenty-eight books from 10 publishers. The books covered a wide geographical coverage and, as the Committee informed the AGM, “Much of the scholarship was impressive, displaying a rich variety of sources, close interrogation and reworking of standard sources as well as a high degree of methodological sophistication”. The final short list was made up of the work of four authors, Sybille Fischer, Colin Palmer, Diana Paton, and Louis Perez Jr. The Committee agreed that *To Die in Cuba: Suicide and Society* greatly enriched the writing of Caribbean history on the basis of “its ambitious scope, the tremendous range of its sources, the elegance of its construction, and the masterful linkage that [was] established between its subject and Cuban historical developments” . The Committee, therefore, unanimously chose Louis Perez Jr. as the winner of the 2007 Elsa Goveia Prize
21. The Nominating Committee for 2006-2007 reported on the ballot for positions on the Executive Committee for the 2007-2008 session. The members are as reported on page 3 of this bulletin. The persons elected to serve for the 2007-2008 year. They were:

Verene Shepherd (*President*), **Antonio Gaztambide** (*Vice-President*), **Pedro Welch** (*Secretary-Treasurer*), **Jacques Dumont**, **Bernard Moitt**, **Claudius Fergus**, and **Rinia Veldhuizen – Doelahasori**.

22. The AGM considered and agreed on the preliminary list of panels for the 2007 conference

The meeting ended at 4.45 pm

NEWS and EVENTS

Members are asked to submit information on recently published books, upcoming conferences and other information of interest. This will be placed on the website <http://www.geocities.com/achbulletin/> on a page devoted to this information. In particular, information from our francophone, Hispanic, and Dutch members and friends will be welcome

Professor Anthony Martin has provided the following information: "June 3, 2007 was my last day at Wellesley College after 34 years. I relocate to Trinidad, my ancestral home, in late July"

REPORT OF THE 2007 ELSA GOVEIA PRIZE COMMITTEE

1. Members of the committee were: Jacques Dumont, Alfonso Munera, and Woodville Marshall (convenor).
2. Twenty-eight books were eventually received. Most of these met the deadline but, for a variety of reasons, a few arrived late.
3. The books were submitted by ten publishers, mainly US university presses; but the university presses of North Carolina and Duke submitted between them **sixteen** of the titles, and only two Caribbean presses submitted titles (and these two did not include The UWI Press). No doubt, the failure of Caribbean presses to make submissions partly accounts for the almost complete absence of Caribbean-based scholars among the contenders for the prize. Clearly, greater effort should be made to ensure submission of titles by Caribbean scholarly presses.
4. All except one of the titles were published in English; but the geographical coverage was fairly wide. Eleven focused on the Spanish-speaking Caribbean; seven on the English; four on the French; and six were concerned with the diaspora/pan-Caribbean. However, the well-established 'big' island bias in the historiography remained evident. Cuba was the focus of seven titles; Hispaniola, Jamaica and Puerto Rico featured in eleven titles; and **none** featured the Dutch-speaking Caribbean, or the English-speaking Windward and Leeward Islands, or Cayenne, Guyana, Belize, the US Virgin Islands.
5. The topics/themes of the books were varied. These included the 'sugar revolution', rum, intra-Caribbean migration, demography, and sex tourism; slave rebellion, the Haitian and Cuban revolutions, state formation, and political biography; African ethnicities, creolization, and race relations; intellectual history, history of medicine, sex, cricket, prisons, suicide, and the arts.
6. Much of the scholarship was impressive, displaying a rich variety of sources, close interrogation and reworking of standard sources as well as a high degree of methodological sophistication.
7. All of those qualities distinguished the work of the four authors who constituted the final short list. These authors (in alphabetical order) are: Sybille Fischer, Colin Palmer, Diana Paton, and Louis Perez Jr.
8. The committee is agreed that *To Die in Cuba: Suicide and Society* greatly enriches the writing of Caribbean history because of its ambitious scope, the tremendous range of its sources, the elegance of its construction, and the linkage that is masterfully established between suicide and Cuban historical developments. The committee therefore unanimously chooses Louis Perez Jr. as the winner of the 2007 Elsa Goveia Prize.
9. The following books were received:
 - Brennan, Denise *What's Love Got to Do with It? Transnational Desires and Sex in the Dominican Republic* (Duke)
 - Childs, Matthew *The 1812 Aponte Rebellion in Cuba and the struggle against Atlantic Slavery* (North Carolina)
 - Chinae, Jorge *Race and Labour in the Hispanic Caribbean. The West Indian immigrant experience in Puerto Rico, 1800-1850* (Florida)
 - Farber, Samuel *The Origins of the Cuban Revolution Reconsidered* (North Carolina)
 - Fernandes, Sujatha *Cuba Represent! Cuban Arts, State Power and the Making of the New Revolutionary Culture* (Duke)
 - Figueroa, Luis Sugar, *Slavery and Freedom in 19th century Puerto Rico* (North Carolina)

- Fischer, Sybille *Modernity Disavowed: Haiti and the Culture of Slavery in the Age of Revolution* (Duke)
- Garraway, Doris *The Libertine Colony: Creolization in the Early French Caribbean* (Duke)
- Garrigus, John *Before Haiti: Race and Citizenship in French Saint-Domingue* (Palgrave Macmillan)
- Gaztambide-Geigel, Antonio *Tan Lejos de Dios: Ensayos sobre las relaciones del Caribe con Estados Unidos* (Callejon)
- Guerra, Lillian *The Myth of Jose Marti* (North Carolina)
- Hall, Gwendolyn *Slavery and African Ethnicities in the Americas* (North Carolina)
- Heuman, Gad *Brief Histories: The Caribbean* (Hodder Arnold)
- Johnson, Whittington *Post-Emancipation Race Relations in the Bahamas* (Florida)
- Martinez-Vergne, Teresita *Nation and Citizen in the Dominican Republic, 1800-1916* (North Carolina)
- Menard, Russell *Sweet Negotiations: Sugar, Slavery and Plantation Agriculture in early Barbados* (Virginia)
- Palmer, Colin *Eric Williams and the Making of the Modern Caribbean* (North Carolina)
- Paton, Diana *No Bond but the Law: Punishment, Race and Gender in Jamaican State Formation, 1780-1870* (Duke)
- Perez Jr. Louis *To Die in Cuba: Suicide and Society* (North Carolina)
- Riley, James *Poverty and Life Expectancy: The Jamaican Paradox* (Cambridge)
- Sawyer, Mark *Racial Politics in Post-Revolutionary Cuba* (Cambridge)
- Seecharan, Clem *Muscular Learning: Cricket and Education in the Making of the British West Indies at the end of the 19th Century* (Ian Randle)
- Smith, Frederick *Caribbean Rum* (Florida)
- Stephens, Michelle *Black Empire: The Masculine Global Imaginary of Caribbean Intellectuals in the United States, 1914-1962* (Duke)
- Thomas, Deborah *Modern Blackness: Nationalism, Globalization and the Politics of Culture in Jamaica* (Duke)
- Tone, John *War and Genocide in Cuba, 1895-1898* (North Carolina)
- Turner, Joyce Moore *Caribbean Crusaders and the Harlem Renaissance* (Illinois)
- Weaver, Karol *Medical Revolutionaries: the Enslaved Healers of 18th Saint-Domingue* (Illinois)

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THE CITATION

To Die in Cuba: Suicide and Society is an impressive piece of scholarship by any standard. First, it has strong claims to originality. While studies of suicide and death are usually the domain of anthropologists, psychologists and philosophers, and while Caribbean historians in general have steered clear of those issues, Louis Perez has demonstrated that suicide is a rich and ample field for exploration. Second, his exploration enlarges dimensions of Cuban historiography. By masterfully linking suicide (and death) to Cuban historical developments, Perez enhances comprehension of some of the cultural devices that turn Cuban nationalism and its politics into what seems to be a singular

case inside the Caribbean and, possibly, in the world. Third, the deployment of a wide range of sources and disciplinary perspectives creates the base for the construction a most compelling narrative. Perez's success in exploiting pertinent data, whether from the social sciences or from the arts, makes the work a model of the inter-disciplinary approach to historical writing. Finally, the book is most elegantly constructed and written, ensuring that it simultaneously delights and instructs the reader. The book therefore greatly enriches Caribbean historiography.

**ACH PANEL PROPOSAL FORM
40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SURINAME
2008**

(Form is available by e-mail, please contact the Secretariat at pwelch@uwichill.edu.bb)

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CONVENOR:

TITLE OF PAPER:

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION AND ADDRESS:

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Note: Under separate cover include:

- A 250-word abstract for each paper. This abstract should indicate what new information and/or approaches the paper would provide, as well as the major archival resources used.
- A brief (no more than 3 pages CV) for each panel presenter who is presenting for the first time or who is not currently a member of the ACH.

- Panels should have no more than four presenters, including the convenor, should she or he be presenting.
- Please refer to the "Instructions to Proposers" in this Bulletin for further details.

**ACH PAPER PROPOSAL FORM
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Members are reminded that if they have not recently paid their dues or did so during the Annual Conference, dues for 2007-2008 are past due, since our membership year runs from April to April.

All payments must be made in US dollars, please make checks payable to: "The Association of Caribbean Historians" Post to: Pedro L V Welch, Department of History, University of the West Indies (Cave Hill Campus), Cave Hill, St. Michael, Barbados.

OBITUARY

The following extract was made by the UWI (Mona) Administration. We in the ACH add our own voices to the tribute. Miss Williams was a friend of the ACH. The Historians who passed through the facilities at Mona will miss someone who had the collegiality that characterizes the archivist-historian nexus. We extend our condolences to her relatives and colleagues. May she rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST

The University of the West Indies community is deeply saddened by the death on June 17, 2007 of University Archivist, Miss Elizabeth Williams. Miss Williams joined the staff of the University as University Archivist in May 2002 after a long and successful career with the Jamaica Archives & Records Department, where she rose through several positions to become Government Archivist (1987 – 2002), succeeding her teacher and mentor, Mr. Clinton Black. As University Archivist, Miss Williams was instrumental in the design and delivery of the Archives and Records Management Certificate Programme which enabled training in records management of staff in several regional bodies and at the University Centres throughout the Caribbean. She assisted with the establishment of the Archives at the Cave Hill Campus, which now houses the West Indian Federal Papers and at the time of her death she was deeply involved with efforts to establish a University Archives building at the Mona Campus. Miss Williams will also be remembered for her indefatigable efforts to sensitize and prepare members of the University community for the era of electronic records harvesting and management and for briefing staff at Mona on the implications of Jamaican legislation – 'Access to Information Act – for the University. While we mourn her passing, we thank God for her life and work. Condolences are extended to her family, friends and colleagues. May her soul rest in peace.

Office of Administration

June 20, 2007

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Society for Caribbean Research in Association with the Jamaica National Bicentenary Committee Announces

A BICENTENARY CONFERENCE

on

Discourses of Resistance: Culture, Identity, Freedom & Reconciliation

MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA, DECEMBER 5-8, 2007

Call for papers

The Society for Caribbean Research (SOCARE) in Association with the Jamaica National Bicentenary Committee (JNBC) announces the Xth International Conference of SOCARE to be held in Jamaica from December 5-8, 2007. The conference venue will be the Half Moon Golf and Spa Resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The staging of SOCARE's tenth anniversary conference in Jamaica is significant for the fact that this is the first occasion on which the Society will be meeting outside Europe; and the Society's partnership in the staging of the conference with the JNBC is in recognition of the significance of the year 2007 as the Bicentenary of the start of the official process of abolishing the Transatlantic Trade in Africans to the former British-colonized Caribbean.

This conference is one of the major events being planned by the Jamaica National Bicentenary Committee in its year-long programme of activities. The Conference will recognize the significance of Maroon communities in the context of slavery and resistance to the trade, and its abolition. Consequently, the conference will include one full day's session at the Accompong Maroon community in St. Elizabeth. The insertion of Maroon discourses into discourses of resistance and freedom is in keeping with the JNBC's mandate to facilitate open discussion of controversial issues on Caribbean history and seek reconciliation among contending parties as we go forward on the freedom journey.

The theme of the conference is: ***Discourses of Resistance: Culture, Identity, Freedom and Reconciliation*** and the organizers now invite submission of proposals and abstracts for papers and panels on the general theme but with a focus on the transatlantic trade in Africans and slavery; articulations of freedom; cultural expressions; resistance efforts and their global reach. The conference will be multi-disciplinary and we welcome proposals from scholars in all fields including history, anthropology, archaeology, literature and the social sciences. Panel proposals of an inter-disciplinary nature are particularly encouraged. Among the suggested themes are:

Indigenous Caribbean Cultures

Maroons and Maroonage

The Transatlantic Trade in Africans: Cultural Impact

1807 and Beyond: Comparative Abolitions

Culture and Resistance

Gender, Resistance and Freedom

The Black Intellectual in the Caribbean: Before and after Marcus Garvey

**Monuments, Honouring, Memorialization
Apology, Reparation and Reconciliation
Global and Local Rastafarian Concerns
Shame & Pride: Reflections on the Bicentenary**

There will be updated conference information in later announcements, plus a web link, which will be available by the end of June 2007.

****Submission requirements and (new) deadline:**

For those who missed the May 31, 2007, deadline, the time has been extended. Please now send a one page abstract (for either a single presentation or a panel), a photograph and a one page author bio by **JULY 15, 2007**. These should be sent **electronically via attachment to: jbpc007@yahoo.com** **The Conference Secretariat is preparing a Conference book of abstracts. We therefore need bios, abstracts and photographs of presenters in good time.**

We are particularly anxious to receive papers for the following themes, which are all undersubscribed:

Indigenous Caribbean Cultures
Monuments, Honouring, Memorialization
Apology, Reparation and Reconciliation
Global and Local Rastafarian Concerns
Reflections on the Bicentenary of the Abolition of the British Trade in Africans

We intend to post papers on our website, and some may be selected for publication. If you do not wish your paper to appear in either format please indicate this clearly on your abstract. Completed materials should be submitted in publishable form prior to October 31, 2007

Registration Fees (payable in cash only), follow:

Faculty and Professionals based in the US, Canada, Europe and Japan \$100 US.

Faculty and Professionals based elsewhere (non-Jamaican residents) \$50 US

Higher Education/Tertiary Students with IDs: JD\$200.00

Secondary School Student (in uniforms): No registration Fee

Resident Jamaican Nationals (IDs required) (unwaged exempt): JD\$500.00

ACCOMMODATION AND BOOKING:

Conference delegates are asked to book directly with the Half Moon Golf and Spa Resort by the latest July 20, 2007. **Call the reservations section at (876) 953-2953, Toll Free (800) 339-9728 or e-mail them at groups@halfmoon.com. Ask for Stacy-Ann Greenwood.**

The cost is US\$200 per night single or double occupancy. An additional sum of US\$250 per person will be required on arrival to cover the cost of food for the days of the Conference, transportation to and from Accompong and Conference expenses at Accompong. The Hotel will cover the cost of airport transfers. If delegates do not book and pay for their accommodation by 20th July, we will lose the Conference venue, thereby placing the entire Conference in jeopardy. The option is for the Secretariat to upfront US\$12,000.00 to hold the booking – a sum which we do not have. **PLEASE BOOK NOW AND HELP US SAVE THE CONFERENCE.**

For further information contact:

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Jamaica National Bicentenary Committee
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APPENDIX 1: THE 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT**ACH FINANCIAL REPORT, MAY 2006-MAY 2007****(Prepared by PEDRO WELCH)**

II. INCOME		III. EXPENSES	
Balance brought forward from 2006 Conference	\$11628.59 US	Payment to Webmaster	\$250.00 . US
In Puerto Rico account	\$313.03 US	Remittance to LOC Trinidad	\$2500.00 US
Dues collected during 2007 Conference and up to May 10,	\$2140.00 US		
TOTAL	\$14 081.62 US		
TOTAL In Barbados account (\$ BDS.) from fees paid in Barbados dollars	\$1174.75 BDS		
		IV. EXPENSES OF SECRETARIAT	
		Fees	\$ 125.00 US
		Air Travel and costs	1000 BDS (Met by UWI, Cave Hill)
		Bank Charges	\$ 50.00 US
		Printing , Stationery and other charges	\$ 1800.00 BDS (Met by UWI, Cave Hill).
		Servicing of Executive Meeting	1400.00 BDS (Met by UWI, Cave Hill)
		Expences of the Executive Committee 2007 Conference	\$375.00 US
<p>Note: Members of the ACH Executive, with the exception of the treasurer, travel at their own expense to the executive meetings and meet their own accommodation costs. This is a contribution to the ACH in kind and is not accounted for in this budgetary and accounting statement. In addition, the support for the Secretariat at Cave Hill, is documented but is not calculated in the Balance of the Barbados account, since it is requested to meet expences and is not entered into that account. Accounting for those sums is made with the UWI, Cave Hill Bursary. The ACH is grateful to the Principal of the UWI, Cave Hill for his support.</p>			
		A. Balance in US & PR accounts	\$ 10,781.62 US
		Balance in Barbados account	\$ 881.31 BDS.