

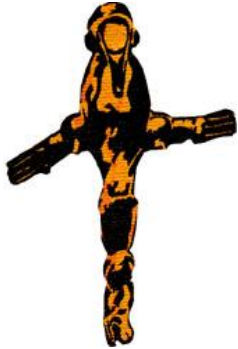
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Message from the President

Fernando Picó, University of Puerto Rico

On behalf of the Executive Committee, let me begin by wishing you all a happy and healthy new year in 2011. The Association of Caribbean Historians has undertaken a number of initiatives these past several months—some more obvious than others. Among the most visible was the redesign of our organization’s website launched last summer:

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>

Information about the ACH mission, history, and organizational structure, as well as prizes, fellowships and other outreach efforts are now just a few computer keystrokes away. Many of you have already discovered it, but if you haven’t, I also invite you to explore the “Announcements” section of the site, which not only includes information about ACH activities, but also conferences, publications, and grants by other organizations that might be of interest to our membership.

We have also expanded our use of the internet in promoting our largest endeavor, the annual conference. Information posted on our website, as well as over twenty H-net listservs reached thousands of scholars and graduate students in a wide range of academic fields. The results were obvious in the submissions we received—more than double the number in recent years—with sixteen panel proposals and an additional 58 individual paper proposals. The Executive Committee worked hard to accommodate as many proposals as possible, setting another record for the most panels in a conference with seventeen. But there was still much good work that we were unable to include this year, and we strongly encourage those applicants to reapply to next year’s conference in Curaçao.

The large number of conference presenters prompted the Executive Committee to poll membership about shifting from a hard copy to an online distribution method for pre-circulated papers, and we are happy to report an almost unanimous response in favor of the change. This will provide more time for attendees to read and reflect on the research being presented, as well as save money and trees—as the ACH does its part to create a more efficient and cost effective program.

It is an especially strong line-up planned for Puerto Rico, and we hope you can join us. We look forward to greeting many new members, as well as renewing our relationship with past friends. Safe travels!

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Andres Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize:

Nominations are being sought for the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize. This is a biennial award of the ACH that recognizes the best article in the field of Caribbean history. The current committee will consider work published in 2009 and 2010.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in a scholarly journal between 2009 and 2010 is eligible for the award, provided it has not received an award elsewhere.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.
- Multi-authored articles are not eligible.

Call for Submissions:

Authors, publishers, editors and others interested in submitting articles for consideration must propose nominations to the chair and other members of the adjudicating committee by **February 15, 2011**. The winner will be announced at the 2011 ACH Annual Conference in Puerto Rico.

It is important that one copy of the article nominated be sent directly by courier or airmail to each member of the committee. The addresses for this year's committee are:

Kelvin Santiago: Binghamton University-SUNY
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Arrangements for the 43rd Annual ACH Conference, Puerto Rico, 2011

The 43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Puerto Rico between May 16 and 20, 2011. Registration begins Sunday afternoon, May 15 from 4:00-6:00pm, followed by the President's welcoming address. Please arrange your travel plans accordingly, as sessions themselves begin at 8:30am on Monday morning.

CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

All conference sessions will be held at the Verdanza Hotel where a special rate has been reserved for ACH attendees: \$120/single/double, \$145/triple and \$170/quadruple, exclusive of taxes and fees. These rates are valid from three days before until three days after the conference, and include breakfast at the Eighty 20 Bistro in the hotel's first floor.

Reservations should be made with the hotel directly. Please note that these rates are only guaranteed through March 21, 2011, and that a credit card will be required to hold each reservation. After that date, occupancy will be based on availability, and single and double rates will increase to \$135 a night. Cancellation must be made 72 hours before arrival. Check-in time is 3 pm and check-out is noon.

Newly redesigned, the Verdanza boasts a fresh and casual urban-inspired atmosphere, with organic colors and simple lines. There is also a pool and whirlpool, and poolside food and beverage service. For those traveling with family and friends, the Verdanza Hotel is just steps away from Alambique Beach, and is surrounded by a range of restaurants and other night life. It is also only six miles from historic Old San Juan.

You can make a reservation either by phone, (787) 253-9000 or (800) 625-0312, or online via the hotel website (<http://www.verdanzahotel.com>). Just click on "reservations" on the left-hand side of the page then go to "Groups" on the next page to get the conference rate. You will be prompted to enter an "Attendee Code." The code for the ACH conference is: AH5

Then simply select your arrival and departure dates.

Should you choose to make alternate hotel arrangements, Puerto Rico is a popular tourist destination with a wide range of accommodations in all price categories; the Embassy Suites Hotel is located across the street from the Verdanza Hotel, and the El San Juan Hotel and Americana Hotel are both within a ten-minute walk, though priced much higher. All of these hotels have websites and an internet search should provide ACH members with general information about costs on the island.

Visa requirements for Puerto Rico are the same as for the United States, so please ensure that you have a valid visa if one is necessary.



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 - Coffeemaker with Puerto Rican coffee
 - Iron/board
 - Hair dryer
 - Fitness center
 - Self-serve business center
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES:

All conference attendees and presenters must be current members of the ACH. Those who joined at the last conference will need to renew at or before this year's meeting; those who joined since the meeting in Barbados, have a valid membership until just after the conference in Puerto Rico.

For those who still need to join, you can do so during conference registration, or in advance via the ACH website (<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>, just look under "Membership"), or by mail. A membership form appears on the last page of this *Bulletin* for your convenience.

There are five categories of membership (all amounts below appear in US Dollars):

Professional Members (\$25 a year): for faculty, public history, or governmental positions.

Students Members (\$10 a year): a special rate for graduate and undergraduate students.

Institutional Members (\$50 a year): for colleges, universities, libraries, museums, and other cultural and educational organizations.

Benefactor (\$75 a year): a higher category of giving to support the organization's activities.

Life Membership (\$250): the best membership bargain—equivalent to 10 years of annual membership, but valid for life.

In addition to annual membership, there is an additional registration fee for the conference itself to defray local expenses. Registration fees for the 2011 conference appear below. While participants can register at the conference, pre-registration online is encouraged. It provides access to all conference papers as well as invitation to all formal and informal activities related to the conference:

ACH Members:	\$115
Caribbean-based Students:	\$30
Non-Caribbean-based Students:	\$60

Online registration will open on the ACH website in February. Please check back periodically at <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>.

Registration online can be completed by credit card. If you chose to register on site, fees are payable in cash or travelers cheques only.



TRANSPORTATION:

Taxi service is readily available from the airport to the conference hotel, located approximately two miles away. The fixed rate from the airport to the hotel is \$11.50, less if sharing a cab or van, and the luggage rate is \$1.00 per piece, excluding hand pieces.

For those seeking to explore further afield, the Verdanza is located steps away from the public bus system, just contact the concierge for maps and schedules, and Dollar-Car-Rental has a rental location and a fleet of cars on site.



WEATHER, CURRENCY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:

The average year-round temperature of Puerto Rico is 82° F (28° C), with mild easterly trade winds. The conference room will be air conditioned, however, and may be fairly cool, so bring a light jacket or sweater. For evening receptions, delegates are advised to bring appropriate apparel.

U.S. dollar is the official and only currency used in Puerto Rico. Major U.S., Canadian, and European banks have branches on the Island. ATM's are plentiful, and linked to major worldwide banking networks.

Puerto Rico is a U.S. Commonwealth with U.S. citizenship. Therefore, passports are not necessary for U.S. citizens. Foreign nationals should have valid passports and visas as required.



OPTIONAL CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP:

It is a long-standing tradition of the ACH to organize an optional field trip during the Friday of our conference to allow attendees to experience the history and culture of our host venue. This year's excursion will be to the mountain town of Jayuya, which sits in the geographical center of Puerto Rico in the Cordillera Central. Jayuya was made famous during the 1950's Revolution for Independence led by Blanca Canales. Rebels took the town and jailed the police and mail clerks, and in retaliation the government of the island ordered the town bombed. Ever since Jayuya has loomed large in local history. It is also the subject of ACH President Fernando Pico's latest book *Jayuyanos*.

The trip will include a tour of the town and a meeting with the mayor, who has offered to host a lunch. Plans for this trip are still underway, but details and costs will be posted on the ACH website and broadcast to members as soon as they are available.



ACCESSING PRE-CIRCULATED PAPERS:

ACH presentations include both a pre-circulated 25-page paper and a brief conference presentation. In the past, participants received papers during registration on the Sunday before the conference.

This year the ACH is pleased to initiate a new system, making pre-circulated papers available online for those who chose to pre-register. The system is simple. Once the ACH receives your completed registration, you will receive a password to access the portion of the website where papers are housed. Please be aware that papers are not due until March 31; they will not, as a result, be available online until April 15, 2011.

You can pre-register for the conference in one of two ways:

- 1) Complete, print and mail the "Conference Pre-Registration Form" on page 14 of this *Bulletin* along with a check to cover your registration fee and, if necessary, membership fee.
- 2) Register online at <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>. You will be asked to complete an electronic registration form and pay with a credit card. Online registration will be available in early February 2011.

We look forward to seeing in Puerto Rico, and discussing your reactions to these changes at the Annual General Meeting.

ACH Conference Presentation Guidelines

A number of the 2011 presenters are new to the ACH, or returning after some time away. Please take a few minutes to review the conference paper procedures:

1. Every presenter must be an ACH member. If you are not a current member, you can join through the ACH website, by mail, or in person during conference registration.
2. ACH papers include both a pre-circulated paper and a brief presentation at the conference. Papers can be written in English, French or Spanish, and should be no longer than 25 typed, double-spaced pages using 12-point font. This includes notes and references. ALL presenters must strictly adhere to this format—papers longer than 25 pages or not double-spaced will be returned for editing.
3. In the past, papers have been distributed to conference attendees at registration. This year, they will be posted online at the ACH website in advance. Doing so not only allows those attending the conference more time to read and process information, but will also save paper and money.
4. To allow time to format and post material, presenters should email or mail papers on CD (as a Microsoft Word file) NO LATER THAN March 31, 2011 to:

Michelle McDonald, ACH Secretary-Treasurer at achsecretary@gmail.com or by mail to her at Richard Stockton College, P.O. Box 195, Pomona, NJ 08240

PLEASE NOTE: Presenters will NOT be allowed to bring papers to the conference this year. All papers must be submitted in advance. Presenters that do not provide papers by the March 31, 2011 deadline will be removed from the program and will not be permitted to present at the conference.

5. Conference papers posted online will be password protected; only after someone has registered for the conference will they be able to access this portion of the website.
 6. Presenters are also asked to provide abstracts (no longer than 250 words) translated in English, French and Spanish (you must supply all three languages). These are distributed to all attendees to ensure multi-lingual participation, so please provide professional translations. These are also due no later than March 31, 2011 and should include: a) your full name, b) your institution, and c) the full title of the paper.
 7. Presentations at the conference should be brief introductions to pre-circulated papers, and are limited to 10 minutes. It is very important, given the number of panels, that presenters adhere to this 10-minute limit, and panel chairs will be charged with ensuring compliance.
 8. Presentations at the conference can be in English, French or Spanish; simultaneous translation of all presentations will be provided by the ACH.
 9. Presenters are encouraged to circulate their papers to their chair and co-panelists, and arrange to briefly meet with their panel chair at the conference prior to their presentation.
 10. Presenters are not to read their pre-circulated papers, but only to summarize its key points or issues (remember... you are limited to 10 minutes of presentation time).
- Presenters unable to attend the conference for any reason are asked to notify the ACH Secretary-Treasurer (achsecretary@gmail.com) as soon as possible before the conference so that the schedule might be adjusted accordingly. The ACH views non-attendance without notification poorly, and reserves the right to disregard subsequent paper proposals from such individuals.

Preliminary Conference Program

SUNDAY, May 15:

All Day: Conference Delegates arrive; pre-registration opens by 4:00pm.

Monday, May 16:

8:30-10:00am—Panel #1: *Archives and the Construction of Knowledge*

Chair: Gail Saunders, National Archives of the Bahamas

Philip D. Morgan, Johns Hopkins University, “The Slave Population on St. Croix, Danish West Indies, in the Abolitionist Era”

Carla Pestana, Miami University, “Selfish Spaniards, Industrious English: Imagining an English Jamaica”

Roderick A. McDonald, Rider University, “Slavery and Emancipation in the Caribbean: Manuscript Sources and Interpretive Opportunities in Scottish Archives and Libraries”

Anne Lebel, Archives départementales de la Guadeloupe, “Saint-Barthélemy et ses Archives : Une Connaissance Historique Éclatée”

10:00-10:15am **Break**

10:15-11:45am— Panel #2: *Brujos y Negras - Indias y Perlas: New approaches to Slavery, Trading, and Community Networks in the Early Modern Spanish Caribbean*

Chair: Hector Feliciano, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

Ida Altman, University of Florida, “Women, Ethnicity and Settlement in the Early Spanish Caribbean”

Molly Warsh, Texas A&M University/Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture, “Luxury, Sustenance, Supply: Dependence and Independence along the Venezuelan Pearl Coast, c.1500-c.1650”

David Wheat, Michigan State University, “A Sixteenth-Century Slaving Network: *Tangomãos* in the Spanish Caribbean”

Pablo Gomez, Texas Christian University, “Early Modern Black Links: Itinerant Healing Rites in the Spanish Caribbean”

11:45am-1:00pm **Lunch**

1:00-2:30pm— Panel #3: Slavery and Abolition in the Circum-Caribbean

Chair: Aleric Josephs, University of the West Indies, Mona

Edward Rugemer, Yale University, “The Political Foundation for a Second Slavery: The Difference between Jamaica and South Carolina, 1787-1810”

Patrick Rael, Bowdoin College, “Making Revolution: Free African Americans in the Antebellum North and the Meaning of Caribbean Slavery”

J. Adelaïde, Societe d'Histoire de la Guadeloupe, “Un prêtre anti-esclavagiste en Guadeloupe à la veille de l’abolition de 1848: l’Abbé du goujon”

Maria Margarita Flores-Collazo, Universidad de Puerto Rico, “The Morant Bay Rebellion: A View from the Spanish Abolitionist Perspective”

2:30-2:45pm Break

2:45-4:15pm— Panel #4: Haiti and its Repercussions

Chair: Bernard Moitt, Virginia Commonwealth University

Ronald Angelo Johnson, Texas State University, “Revolution and Relocation: The Haitian Effect on Atlantic Colonization and Migration”

Philippe R. Girard, McNeese State University, “Mass Deportations of Caribbean Rebels from Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Saint-Domingue in 1802”

Matthew Smith, University of the West Indies, Mona, “The Price of Exile: Jamaica and the Salomon Presidency in Nineteenth-Century Haiti”

4:15-4:30pm Break

4:30-6:00pm— Panel #5: Caribbean Crossings: Historical Approaches to the Study of Port Cities

Chair: Juan González, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

Anne Eller, New York University, “Santo Domingo and the Colonial Caribbean”

Mayabel Ranero Castro, Universidad Veracruzana, “Ilustración y Saneamiento: Análisis Comparativo de La Habana y Veracruz en los Siglos 18-19thc.”

Kathleen López, Rutgers University, “Chinese Migration and Exclusion in the Circum-Caribbean World”

José Amador, Miami University, “Disease, Crime, and Immigration: Regulating the Port Cities in Early Twentieth-Century Cuba”

Tuesday, May 17:

8:30-10:00am—Panel #6: *The Formation and Re-Shaping of Caribbean Identity*

Chair: Bridget Brereton, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Melanie Newton, University of Toronto, “Slaves and ‘Natives’ in the Early Modern British Caribbean”

Elena Andrea Schneider, Princeton University, “Routes of Slavery and Freedom: The ‘Negro Inglés’ in Eighteenth-century Cuba”

César Augusto Salcedo Chirinos, Interamericana de Puerto Rico, Recinto Metro, “‘Bajo tu amparo nos acogemos’: Creencias, comportamientos y epidemias en Puerto Rico, 1855”

Evelyn Jennings, St. Lawrence University, “A Cuban Family in New York: Cuba-US Migration and Transnational Identities”

10:00-10:15am **Break**

10:15-11:45am— Panel #7: *The Relationship between Caribbean Literature and History*

Chair: Mayra Rosario, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

Ruth Margarita García-Pantaleón, Universidad de Puerto Rico, “El desvalijo del otro: discursos literarios y coloniales sobre identidades negras en la Isla de San Juan Bautista 1530-1588”

Danielle Begot, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, “*Cœurs créoles* de Gilbert de Chambertrand (1958): l’histoire dans les plis de la littérature”

K. Simeon Jones, University of South Florida, “Aimé Césaire’s Triad Plays: The Literary Interpretation of Caribbean History”

Rafael Ocasio, Agnes Scott College, “La función abolicionista de los registros históricos en el costumbrismo cubano: Los artículos de costumbres negras de Anselmo Suárez y Romero”

José G. Rigau-Pérez, Independent Researcher, “The Transcendental Tourist: The Journal of Edward Emerson in St. Croix, St. Thomas and Puerto Rico, 1831-1832”

11:45am-1:00pm **Lunch**

1:00-2:30pm— Panel #8: *Religion in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*

Chair: Pedro Welch, University of the West Indies, Cavehill

Gerard LeFleur, Société d’histoire de la Guadeloupe, “Religion des esclaves en Guadeloupe et dépendances de 1802 à 1848”

Claudius Fergus, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, “Methodism in a Frontier Colony: African Enslavement, British Toleration and Spanish Law”

Sherry-Ann Singh, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, “Trinidad Hinduism: Negotiating Landscape, Ideology and Practice”

Glenn O. Phillips, Morgan State University, “The Quest for Identity and Social Standing of Early Seventh-day Adventists in Barbados, 1908-1939”

Juan José Baldrich, Universidad de Puerto Rico, “The Hermanos Cheos: Religious Resistance to Market Forces in Puerto Rican Agriculture, 1898-1937”

2:30-2:45pm **Break**

2:45-4:15pm— Panel #9: *Natural Disasters and Caribbean Responses*

Chair: Antonio Gaztambide, Universidad de Puerto Rico

Stuart Schwartz, Yale University, “Love in a Time of Hurricane: Puerto Rico 1928-1932”

Matthew Mulcahy, Loyola University, Maryland, “Rituals of Fasting and Thanksgiving in the British Caribbean”

Terencia K. Joseph, University of the Southern Caribbean, “The Storms before the Calm: The Aftermath of the 1894 and 1898 Hurricanes on St. Lucian Agriculture”

Loverne Jacobs-Browne, University of the Southern Caribbean, “The La Soufriere Volcanic Eruption of 1979 and its Impact on the Lives of Vincentians”

4:15-4:30pm **Break**

4:30-6:00pm—Panel #10: *Family and Child-Rearing in Caribbean Contexts*

Chair: Tiffany Patterson, Vanderbilt University

David Stark, Grand Valley State University, “The Family Lives of Slaves in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico”

Sasha Turner, Quinnipiac University, “Home-grown Slaves: Childbirth and Childrearing in Jamaica, 1788-1838”

Juanita de Barros, McMaster University, “The Politics of Health: Infant Welfare Work in Early Twentieth-Century Barbados”

Armando Garcia, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, “Constructing the Cuban Nation-State through Global History Narratives for Children: José Martí’s *La Edad de Oro*”

Wednesday, May 18:

8:30-10:00am—Panel #11: *Food, Family and Frustration: British Views of the Planter Class in the Long Eighteenth Century*

Chair: Gad Heuman, University of Warwick and Editor, *Slavery & Abolition*

Gelien Matthews, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, “Sex across the Colour Line: The Sexual Relations of White Women with Non-White Males in the British West Indies during Slavery”

Judith Jennings, Kentucky Foundation for Women, “British or West Indian?: A Case Study of Thomas Hibbert and Jane Harry”

Daniel Livesay, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, “Louisa Calderon and the Closing Door of Racial Accommodation in Nineteenth-Century Britain”

Christer Petley, University of Southampton, “Hospitality and Gluttony in the Transatlantic Conflict over British-Caribbean Slavery”

10:00-10:15am **Break**

10:15-11:45am— Panel #12: *Scientific and Corporeal Knowledge in the Early Caribbean*

Chair: Roy Augier, University of the West Indies, Mona

Justin Roberts, Dalhousie University, “Clock Work: Time, Numeracy and Enlightenment Science in British West-Indian Plantation Management, 1750-1807”

Jessica Luther, University of Texas, Austin, “Using Durer to Make Sense of the Enslaved: English Scientific Ideas in the Early Caribbean”

Eric Otremba, University of Minnesota, “Engines and Canes: Caribbean Sugar Mills Within Transatlantic Scientific Correspondence”

Claire Gherini, Johns Hopkins University, “Old Sharper’s Cure: Thomas Thistlewood and the Afro-English Economy of Lay Healing in Mid Eighteenth-Century Jamaica”

11:45am-noon **Break**

Noon-1:30pm— Panel #13: *Patterns and Policies of Social Regulation*

Chair: Swithin Wilmot, University of the West Indies, Mona

María del Carmen Baerga, Universidad de Puerto Rico, “The Complicated Terrain of Alternative Sexualities: Sodomites in the Palacio de Santa Catalina, 1675”

Aminah Wallace, Binghamton University, “Social Regulation in the Age of Slavery”

Jonathan Dalby, University of the West Indies, Mona, “‘A Hell of a Muderation:’ Patterns of Homicide in Nineteenth-Century Jamaica”

Clara Palmiste, Université des Antilles Guyane, “Les sociétés secrètes aux Antilles françaises dans la tourmente de Vichy”

In the tradition of the Association of Caribbean Historians Conference, Wednesday afternoon is left unscheduled to allow participants the opportunity to explore the historic sites and cultural opportunities of Puerto Rico.

Thursday, May 19:

8:30-10:00am—Panel #14: Financial and Banking Comparisons

Chair: Alain Buffon, Societe d'Histoire de la Guadeloupe

Laurie Woods, University of Texas, Austin, “Francophone Families in the Colonial Caribbean: A Regional Approach”

Peter James Hudson, Vanderbilt University, “The National City Bank of New York is Very Much Interested in Haiti”

Teresita A. Levy, Lehman College, “‘Dirty’ Credit, Banking, and Tobacco Cultivation in Puerto Rico, 1910-1940”

Ines Montaud, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas, and Pablo Martin Acena, Universidad de Alcalá, “Two Models of Colonial Banking: Puerto Rico and Cuba before Independence”

10:00-10:15am

Break

10:15-11:45am— Panel #15: Tobacco, the ‘Other’ Commodity: The Insular and Circum-Caribbean

Chair: Richard Blackett, Vanderbilt University

Arturo Bird Carmona, Universidad Interamericana, “The Struggle to Control the Struggle: The ‘Of Leibors’ versus the ‘Tabaqueros Tropicales’”

Joaquín Vilorio De la Hoz, Banco de la República, Colombia, “‘Tabaco del Carmen’: The Tobacco Economy of the Colombian Caribbean during the Second Half of the Nineteenth Century”

Mu-Kien Adriana Sang Ben, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, “Tobacco: Key to the Economy and Society of the Dominican Republic in the Early Twentieth Century”

Jean Stubbs, University of London, “Trans-Caribbean Networks and Knowledge Transfer: The Havana Cigar, 1850-2010”

11:45am-1:00pm

Lunch

2:45-4:15pm— Panel #16: Health and Health-Care in the Caribbean

Chair: Gladys M. Jiménez-Muñoz, Binghamton University-SUNY

Sandra M. Fabregas Troche and Miriam C. Lugo Colon, Universidad de Puerto Rico, “Perspective Historica de la Institucionalization de las Profesiones de Salud en Puerto Rico durante el periodo Espaniol”

Winnifred Connerton, University of Pennsylvania, “Working Toward Health, Christianity and Democracy: American Colonial and Missionary Nurses in Puerto Rico, 1900-1917”

Jill Briggs, University of California, Santa Barbara, “Venereal Disease in 1930s Jamaica: Moral Panic and a Case of Mistaken Identity”

Jacques Dumont, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Sylvain Ferez, Université Montpellier, and Kirsten Beukenkamp, *Lexisnexis Intelligence*, “Leprosy and AIDS: An Unexpected Continuity in the French West Indies”

2:30-2:45pm Break

2:45-4:15pm— Panel #17: Digital Sources for the Study of Caribbean History

Chair: Roberta Walker Kilkenny, Hunter College, City University of New York

Gwendolyn Midlo Hall, Michigan State University, “The Atlantic World Slave Data Network”

Nadine Hunt, York University, “Research Activism and the Creation of Digital Archives in the Caribbean”

Brooke Woolridge, Florida International University, “The Digital Library of the Caribbean: A New Model for Library Collaboration”

Dominique Taffin, Archives départementales de la Martinique, “The Internet, Caribbean Archives and their Audience: New Perspectives for Access and Research”

4:15-4:30pm Break

4:30-5:30pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, May 20: Local field trip to Jayuya, Puerto Rico (specific agenda to be announced; please check the website for future information)

Conference Pre-Registration Form

To register for the 43rd Annual ACH Conference in Puerto Rico, visit the ACH website (<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>) and click on “Annual Conference” and then “Registration,” or complete, print and mail this form to:

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Forms can also be emailed to: achsecretary@gmail.com

Remember that all conference presenters and attendees must also be current members of the ACH. If you are not already a member, you can join onsite during the conference, or in advance via the ACH website. Forms must be received no later than April 21, 2011 so that all arrangements can be made in a timely manner, but you are encouraged to register as early as possible to gain online access to the conference’s pre-circulated papers. Please print as legibly as possible.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

INSTITUTION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TRAVEL DETAILS:

ARRIVAL DATE/TIME: _____

AIRLINE NAME/FLIGHT #: _____

DEPARTURE DATE/TIME: _____

AIRLINE NAME/FLIGHT #: _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION (please check one):

Registration: \$115____ Student: \$60 ____ Caribbean Student: \$30____

*Please state any special needs related to **DIET** or **MEDICAL CONDITION**. Delegates who are on doctor-prescribed medication should ensure that they travel with adequate supplies.*

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*If you are presenting at the conference, please state your **TECHNOLOGY** needs (Powerpoint, LCD projector, DVD player, CD player, etc.):* _____

Association of Caribbean Historians

Official Ballot, Election 2011-2012 Executive Committee

Each year positions become available on the ACH Executive Committee, the governing body charged with administrative oversight of the organization. Terms are for one year, although current members can be re-elected. All candidates are chosen by a three-person Nominating Committee selected at the Annual General Meeting. The following individuals have been nominated for the 2011-2012 term (please print this form as your ballot):

I. ACH OFFICERS

President: Bernard Moitt, Virginia Commonwealth University

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

Secretary-Treasurer: Michelle Craig McDonald, Richard Stockton College

II. ACH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (select no more than four, 4)

Juan González, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico (eligible for re-election)

Gad Heuman, eremtius University of Warwick (eligible for re-election)

Rose Mary Allen, University of the Netherlands, Antilles

Dominique Taffin, Archives départementales de la Martinique

Tara Innis, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

Please post completed ballots by April 30, 2011 to either:

Richard Blackett,
Convenor, Nominating Committee
Vanderbilt University, Department of History
2301 Vanderbilt Place
Nashville, TN 37235, USA

Michelle Craig McDonald
Secretary-Treasurer, ACH
Richard Stockton College, Department of History
P.O. Box 195
Pomona, NJ 08240, USA

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

Announcement from the Department of History & Archaeology, University of the West Indies, Mona

As of January 2011, the Department of History & Archaeology, the University of the West Indies, Mona has responsibility for the publication of the *Journal of Caribbean History*, with Dr. Swithin Wilmot assuming the position of Editor. Interested individuals should consult the *Journal* for guidelines for submission, and send articles for consideration for publication to swithinw@yahoo.com.

Professor Alvin Thompson, who has retired from the Cave Hill campus, is to be congratulated for his sterling dedicated service as Editor for the past thirteen years. The ownership of the *Journal* is shared by the three Departments of History of the University of the West Indies, located at the Cave Hill, Mona and St. Augustine campuses of the University of the West Indies.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since our meeting last May—a record number of new members in many years! The Executive Committee thanks them for their support, and looks forward to welcoming many to Puerto Rico in 2011.

LIFE MEMBERS

Ada Ferrar, New York University
Gwendolyn Midlo Hall, Michigan State University
Susan Laura Lugo, Div. of Libraries, St. Thomas

BENEFACTORS

Edward Rugemer, Yale University

MEMBERS and MEMBER RENEWALS

Henrice Altink, University of York
José Amador, University of Miami, Ohio
Christopher Brown, Columbia University
Maria Flores Collazo, University of Puerto Rico
Patricia DeCourcy, University of Virginia
Eric Duke, University of Southern Florida
Milagros Flores, Fort San Cristobal, Puerto Rico
Judith Jennings, Kentucky Foundation for Women
Ronald Johnson, Texas State University
Teresita Levy, Lehman College
Kathleen López, Rutgers University
Lisa Materson, University of California, Davis
Kathleen Monteith, University of the West Indies, Mona
Philip Morgan, Johns Hopkins University
Rafael Ocasio, Agnes Scott College
Christer Petley, University of Southampton
Glenn Phillips, Morgan State University
José G. Rigau-Pérez, Puerto Rico Digital
Elena Rivier, The Three Rivier Company, Portland
April Shelford, American University
Matthew Smith, University of the West Indies, Mona
Karen Sorsbey, California State University, Chico
Sean E. Ng Wai, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

STUDENT MEMBERS

Emma Amador, University of Michigan
Jaharia Arias, Rutgers University
Leslie C. Bailey, University College, London
Caree Banton, Vanderbilt University
Juan C. Garcia Cacho, University of Puerto Rico
Alexandre Cerqueira, University of Puerto Rico
James Dator, University of Michigan
Anne Eller, New York University
Dawn Harris, Stony Brook University
Myra Houser, Howard University
Figaro Joseph, University of Denver
Jennifer Lambe, Yale University
Jessica Luther, University of Texas
Emiel Martens, University of Amsterdam
Nona Martin, George Mason University
Louise Mathurin, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine
Déscha Osborne, Cambridge University
Eric J. Otembra, University of Minnesota
Lucy Peña-Carro, University of Puerto Rico
Juan Ponce-Vázquez, University of Pennsylvania
Christopher Todd, University of Chicago
Barbara Traver, Washington State University, Vancouver
Brittany Vosler, University of Southern Florida
Aminah Wallace, SUNY, Binghamton
Christopher Wilkins, Stanford University
Micah Wright, Texas A&M University

Member Announcements

MATTERS FOR THE AGM

According to the ACH constitution: “*notice of proposed amendments shall be given to members of the Association at least three months before the date of the appropriate general meeting.*” The Executive Committee would like to propose the following issues for discussion in May 2011.

1. The Constitution defines the fiscal year as 1st April to 31st March. As the ACH conference has been held in May for several years, and memberships and conference fees frequently extend into May, the Executive Committee would like to discuss formally redefining the fiscal year as 31st May to 1st June.
2. At present, the constitution includes no mention of the Gould-Saunders fund. The Executive Committee seeks permission to create an amendment defining the fund’s goals and management.
3. This year, the ACH initiated an online method of conference paper distribution. It has been suggested that conference papers be made available to all ACH members, regardless of whether they attend the annual conference, as a benefit of membership. The Executive Committee would like to solicit members’ opinions about such distribution changes.
4. Some members have suggested that the ACH consider publishing an online journal; others have recommended approaching existing journals, such as the *Journal of Caribbean History* or *Slavery & Abolition*, about publishing special issues of select conference papers. Members are asked to consider these ideas for further extending the reach of ACH members’ scholarship.
5. Two members have proposed partnering with the ACH to create a NEH-funded workshop for community college faculty, and have asked to present the draft program for consideration.
6. The ACH has not raised membership rates since its inception; members are asked to consider whether to increase membership fees.

GOULD-SAUNDERS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND TRAVEL AWARD:

The Gould-Saunders Memorial Endowment Fund was established in 2005 by two long-standing ACH members, Virginia Gould and Gail Saunders, in memory of their late husbands, Jeffry L Gould, M.D. and Winston Saunders, CMG, respectively. Its purpose is to provide assistance for graduate students and, in some cases, junior scholars, from universities and other institutions in the Caribbean and Central America to attend the ACH conference. The first award will be made for the 2011 conference in Puerto Rico.

Eligibility Criteria:

To apply, graduate student applicants must:

- Be a member of the ACH in good financial standing (at the time of the award).
- Be in the final year of their Ph.D. program and apply to present a paper at the 2011 conference.
- Enclose a recent CV, letter of support from a supervising faculty member, and a paper proposal.
- Submit a budget (including invoice from an airline or travel agency).

Junior scholar applicants must:

- Be a member of the ACH in good financial standing (at the time of the award).
- Hold a permanent position in his or her department, and have been employed for 1 to 5 years.
- Enclose a recent CV, letter of support from their Head of Department, as well as a paper proposal.
- Submit a budget (including invoice from an airline or travel agency).

Applications, with all required materials, are due, either by mail or email, by **January 31, 2011** to:

Fernando Picó, University of Puerto Rico
1940 Saucó, Urb., Santa María
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00931
e-mail: fapico@hotmail.com

BECOME AN ACH MEMBER

Yes! I want to join the ACH. I enclose Annual dues as follows:

- Professional \$25
- Student \$10
- Institutional \$50
- Benefactor \$75
- Life Membership \$250

NAME:

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

(____)_____

EMAIL:

New Member: Yes No Need Receipt: Yes No

Please remember, the ACH membership year runs from **May to May**. **Please note that all payments must be made in US dollars.**

Please complete this form and enclose a check made payable to: **The Association of Caribbean Historians.**

Mail to: Michelle Craig McDonald, Richard Stockton College, Department of History, P.O. Box 195, Pomona, NJ 08240.

Give Us 5 Campaign!!

A few of you have already participated in our call for new members, but in case you haven't, there is still time!

The Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) is an independent, non-profit, professional organization devoted to the promotion of Caribbean history from a multidisciplinary, pan-Caribbean perspective, and is the primary association for scholarly and public historians working in the field.

Initially formed from a 1969 colloquium under the leadership of Francophone scholar Jacques Adelaide, the ACH held its first annual conference in 1972. Since then, the organization has grown to as high as 400 members around the globe.

But we have room for many more.

This year, the Executive Committee invites all members to help support the "Give Us 5 Campaign" membership initiative. The concept is simple. All of us know colleagues and friends who would benefit from ACH activities, and in turn contribute to the health and vitality of the organization.

We are asking that you provide the ACH Secretariat with the name and email address of at least five such persons. These five will immediately be emailed this issue of the *Bulletin* and be encouraged to attend and present at the next ACH conference.

Please take a few minutes to look through your address book and send your names to: Michelle Craig McDonald at achsecretary@gmail.com. If we all participate, the results will be exponential!

Interesting in renewing—or upgrading—your ACH membership? Use the form to the left, or visit the ACH website (<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>).

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