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## Message from the President

*Bernard Moitt, Virginia Commonwealth University*

The Association of Caribbean Historians is off to a great start in 2012! As expected, the highlight of the year will be the annual conference in Curaçao in May. Preparations for the conference went very well; the paper and panel proposals we received were numerous and strong; and the response from the Caribbean to my recent call for greater participation by scholars in the region was demonstrably positive. Overall, the ACH remains on solid footing and continues to profit from new initiatives that have resulted in renewal and increased membership.

In November, 2011 the ACH Executive Committee met in Curaçao and worked harmoniously with EC member, Rose Mary Allen, and the Local Organizing Committee to plan the conference and conduct other business. The LOC hosted us graciously, and Rose Mary deserves special commendation for facilitating the work of the EC and making us feel welcome and at home.

In order to accommodate as many worthy proposals as possible and foster the growth of the ACH while maintaining the high standards for which we are known, we decided to have a full-day session on Wednesday, which has traditionally been half day. In spite of the change, we believe that participants will still have enough time for sightseeing, shopping, leisure, and the like.

We also believe that the choice of the conference venue - the Renaissance Curaçao Resort and Casino, a Marriott Hotel - will please participants. Even though the price of individual rooms is somewhat higher than what we have paid in other places over the last several years, we liked the centrality of the location, the quality of the accommodation, and the level of service the establishment rendered during our stay.

We look forward to seeing you in Curacao in May, 2012, and to hosting you in Belize a year later in 2013 for the ACH conference.

All the best for 2012!

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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 that recognizes the best article in the field of Caribbean history. Last year's deadline was extended and the current committee will consider work published from 2009 through 2011.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Any history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in a scholarly journal between 2009 and 2011 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 send nominations to the chair and other members of the adjudicating committee by **February 15, 2012**. The winner will be announced at the 2012 ACH Annual Conference in Curaçao.

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:

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## Arrangements for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual ACH Conference, Curaçao, 2012

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Willemstad, Curaçao from Sunday, May 13 to Friday, May 18, 2012. Registration begins Sunday afternoon, and sessions on Monday at 8:30am. Please arrange your travel plans accordingly.

### CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

All conference sessions will be held at the Renaissance Curaçao Resort and Casino, a Marriott Hotel, where a special rate has been negotiated for ACH attendees: \$149/single, \$159 /double, exclusive of taxes and fees. These rates are valid 3 days before and after the conference, based on availability, and include a buffet breakfast each morning at the Nautilus Restaurant.

Reservations should be made with the hotel directly. Please note that these rates are only guaranteed through March 29, 2012, and that a credit card will be required to hold each reservation. After that date, occupancy will be based on availability. Check-in time is 4:00 pm and check-out is noon.

You can make a reservation either online or by phone. For instructions see page 4 of this *Bulletin*. Please ensure that you specify you are attending the Association of Caribbean Historians Conference to receive the conference rate; the hotel contract was negotiated with the assistance of the National Archives of Curaçao.

The Renaissance Curaçao features modern, colorfully designed rooms, spacious balconies in all ocean- and island-side hotel rooms, high speed Internet access in all guest rooms (for a daily fee), and wireless internet in public areas (1 free day of wireless service is available to each guest, thereafter there is a daily fee). Built near the fascinating Rif Fort— a nineteenth-century landmark designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site—the Renaissance Curaçao is within easy walking distance of a variety of boutiques, cafés, bars and restaurants. For more information, visit the hotel website at:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/curbr-renaissance-curaçao-resort-and-casino>

Should you choose to make alternate hotel arrangements, Willemstad has a wide range of accommodations in all price categories; the Howard Johnson and Hotel Otrabanda are within a fifteen-minute walk, as is the historic Kura Hulanda Hotel. All of these hotels have websites and an internet search should provide ACH members with general information about costs on the island.

Apart from the many cultural and historic attractions, Curaçao also offers a great variety of cuisines derived from the more than 45 different nationalities that live on the island. Several restaurants near the hotel serve a wide variety of international as well as local cuisine. In Punda, just down the road of the new market, there is the Marshe Bieu which serves local food. The address is Punda Marshe Bieu, Curaçao, and hours are Sunday to Saturday from 6:00 AM to 6:00.




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### HOW TO RESERVE YOUR CONFERENCE HOTEL ROOM:

To reserve your conference hotel room at the Renaissance Curaçao Resort and Casino, a Marriott Hotel, please do the following:

1. Go to the hotel website:  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/curbr-renaissance-curacao-resort-and-casino/>
2. Select your check-in and check-out dates (the conference hotel rate of \$149/single and \$159/double is valid for 3 days before and after the conference, i.e., from May 10 through May 21, 2012).
3. Specify the number of rooms and/or number of people in each room.
4. Click on the “+” sign next to “Special Rates and Awards” whereupon a drop-down menu will appear and you have to enter **ONE** of the **FOUR** group codes depending on the type of room you wish to reserve. The options are:

“Resort King” (the group code is nagnaga): 1 king bed, resort view

“Resort Queen” (the group code is nagnagb): 2 queen beds, resort view

“Interior King” (the group code is nagnagc): 1 king bed, no view

“Interior Queen” (the group code is nagnagd): 2 queen beds, no view

All rooms are the same price—but the view and number of beds vary. To ensure you get the room you want, please book as early as possible. The hotel only has 40 rooms with 2 queen beds.

If you are having difficulty online, you can also book your hotel room by telephone. The main number of the Renaissance Curaçao Resort and Casino is 599-9-4355000, but toll free numbers are available worldwide. Just visit the Marriott website above and select “Phone Numbers” from the tool bar on the top right of the screen, click on “Toll-Free Reservations Worldwide,” and choose the country you are calling from.



### TRANSPORTATION:

Taxi service is readily available from the airport to the conference hotel, approximately 10 miles away. The rate is \$25.00 US each way, less if sharing a cab.

The Renaissance is located within easy walking distance of the historic center of Willemstad, a UNESCO world heritage site. Contact the concierge for more information about nearby historic sites and restaurants. For those looking to go further afield, Budget Car has a rental location next to the tour desk and business office on the second floor.

**PLEASE NOTE: Some airlines do not include the tax on their tickets so their passengers are required to pay an exit tax of \$US32 before departure. The affected airlines are listed at the airport. Please take a moment to check this list when you arrive, so you know if this tax will apply when you depart!**



### 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 Puerto Rico, have a valid membership until just after the conference in Curaçao.

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 (\$40 a year): for faculty, public history, or governmental positions.
- Students Members (\$15 a year): a special rate for graduate and undergraduate students.
- Institutional Members (\$80 a year): for colleges, universities, libraries, museums, and other cultural and educational organizations.
- Benefactor (\$120 a year): a higher category of giving to support the organization's activities.
- Life Membership (\$400): the best membership bargain—equivalent to 10 years of annual membership, but valid for life.

In addition to annual membership, there is a registration fee for the conference itself to defray local expenses. Registration fees for the 2012 conference appear below. While participants can register at the conference, pre-registration online is encouraged. It provides access to all pre-circulated conference papers as well as advanced information about 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.***



### 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 plantations in the western part of Curaçao, in the district called Banda Bou. This region housed the few enterprises on the island which grew crops for commercial export in the nineteenth century. They were the largest local plantations, which belonged to the island's few slave-owners, some of which housed over one hundred enslaved. The fee for this field trip will be approximately \$60.00.

More details will be posted on the ACH website shortly.



### WEATHER, CURRENCY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Curacao has a warm, sunny climate year round. The average temperature is about 27° C ( mid 80s F).The conference room will be air conditioned, however, and may be cool, so bring a light jacket or sweater for indoors. For evening receptions, delegates are advised to bring appropriate apparel.

Curacao currency is the Netherlands Antillean guilder (also called the florin), which is abbreviated as Nafl. U.S. dollars circulate freely, however, and most services within the hotel can be paid for in U.S. currency. The exchange rate is: \$ 1 US = 1.75 Netherlands Antillean guilder (ANG).

Euros are accepted at some hotels and restaurants, but unlike U.S. dollars, are not widely used. Major credit cards can be used almost everywhere on the island. ATM machines are available at major population centers and at the airport. To recognize an ATM machine, look for the signs “Bankomatiko” or “Geldautomaat.”

Generally tourists holding a valid passport may enter Curacao without a written permit and remain for a maximum of 30 days per entry. However, some nationalities (including the Caribbean and Latin American nations of Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Peru) must present a tourist visa as part of the entry requirements. A visa should be applied for at least one month in advance at any representation of the Netherlands (in the concerning country). For more information, or to determine if your travel might require a tourist visa, please visit: <http://www.curacao.com/Plan-Your-Trip/Getting-to-Curacao/Entry-Requirements> or <http://www.mfa.nl>.



### 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 is the second year that the ACH is making pre-circulated papers available online for those who choose 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, 2012. You can pre-register for the conference in one of two ways:

- 1) Complete, print and mail the “Conference Pre-Registration Form” available in 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 2012.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION UPDATE, 2012-13

Each year positions become available on the ACH Executive Committee, the governing body charged with administrative oversight of the organization. Terms are one year, although current members can be re-elected. All candidates are chosen by a three-person Nominating Committee. This year's Committee is completing its work and ballots will be distributed to the ACH membership by the end of February, as stipulated in the association's constitution. Ballots will be sent by email, as well as posted on the ACH website. Please remember that you must be a current ACH member to participation in elections.

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## ACH Conference Presentation Guidelines

A number of the 2012 presenters are new to the ACH, or returning after some time away. Please take a few minutes to review the conference paper procedures:

1. Each presenter must be a member of the ACH. If you are not currently a member, you can join through the ACH website, <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>, by mail, or in person during registration at the conference.
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 can be no longer than 25 typed, double-spaced pages using 12-point font. This includes notes and references. Because we have more papers than usual this year, 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, however, for the second time, 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 (the ACH is trying to be more environmentally responsible!)
4. To allow time to format and post material, presenters should e-mail or mail papers on CD (as a Microsoft Word file) **NO LATER THAN March 31, 2012** to: Michelle McDonald, ACH Secretary-Treasurer at [achsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:achsecretary@gmail.com)

Richard Stockton College, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205, USA

**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, 2012 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. In addition, if you have not already done so, presenters are 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 conference attendees and help to ensure multi-lingual participation, so please provide professional translations of your work. These are also due with your papers no later than March 31, 2012. Please be sure that your abstract includes: a) your full name, b) your institutional affiliation and c) full title of the paper.
7. Presentations at the conference should serve to briefly introduce information in pre-circulated papers, and as such are limited to 10 minutes. It is very important, given the number of panels and presenters this year, that all presenters strictly adhere to this 10-minute limit, and panel chairs will be charged with ensuring that panels proceed on time.
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 distribute their paper to the other members of their panel and to the panel chair before the conference, and we strongly recommend that presenters arrange to briefly meet with their panel chair at the conference prior to their presentation.

Presenters unable to attend the conference for any reason are asked to notify the ACH Secretary-Treasurer ([achsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:achsecretary@gmail.com)) as soon as possible before the conference so that the schedule might be adjusted.

## Preliminary Conference Program

### SUNDAY, May 13:

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

### Monday, May 14:

*The ACH was founded to help develop scholarship in and about the region. In recognition of this mission, the first three panels of the 2012 conference highlight the history of this year's host and emphasize the Dutch Caribbean. Moreover, the United Nations declared 2011 as the International Year of People of African Descent, and the remaining panels for the first day address this important theme.*

#### **8:30-10:00am— Panel #1: Emancipation as a Continuing Process**

Chair: Jacqueline Martis, Independent Researcher

Richinel Ansano, National Archeological Anthropological Museum Management, "Constructing Race through Lies: The Uncomfortable Dance between Human Agency and Marginalization in Curaçaoan History"

Su Girigori, National Archeological Anthropological Museum Management, "Until the Lion tells his own Story... Identity Awareness through (Re) Writing Curacao's History"

Jeanne Henriquez, Museo Tula, "If the Caterpillar buries itself in the Ground, it will become a Butterfly: The Role of the Museum in the Process of the Emancipation of the Mind"

**10:00-10:15am      Break**

#### **10:15-11:45am— Panel #2: History in the Educational Curriculum**

Chair: Erwin Gibbes, National Archives of Curaçao

Gwendoline Isenia-Francisca, Colegio Alejandro Paula, "The Right to be me: the Need for a Mind Shift. History Education as a Tool to the Emancipation of a Pluriform Society"

Yomini Godfried, independent scholar, "History in the Educational Curriculum History Teaching in Curaçao"

Charles do Rego, National Archeological Anthropological Museum Management, "History in the Educational Curriculum of Curaçao"

**11:45am-1:00pm      Lunch**



**1:00-2:30pm— Panel #3: Suriname from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Century**

Chair: Rinia Veldhuizen-Doelahasori, University of Suriname

Jerome Egger, Anton de Kom University of Suriname, “Surinamese and Guyanese attempts at Economic Diversification at the end of the 19thc. and beginning 20thc.”

Eric Jagdew, Anton de Kom University of Suriname, “Another Dutch Colonial Heritage: The Struggle of the Amerindians and the Maroons in Suriname for Acceptance and Recognition: Peace Treaties and Land Rights”

Rita Tjien Foo, National Archives of Suriname, “The National Archives of Suriname, making the Cultural Heritage Accessible: From an Old Dusty Image towards a Modern Image”

Mildred Caprino, Institute for Advanced Teacher Training, Suriname, “The Sisters of Paramaribo, 1930 to the Present”

**2:30-2:45pm**            **Break**

**2:45-4:15pm— Panel #4: Abolitionism** Chair: Heather Cateau, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Leslie Alexander, Ohio State University, “African Americans and the Struggle for Haitian Independence, 1816-1862”

Afua Cooper, Dalhousie University, “North American Black Abolitionists and the Caribbean: A Transnational Antislavery Struggle”

Christlaine Pamphile Miller, University of California, Santa Cruz, “Land of Promise: Haiti’s 19<sup>th</sup>-century Plan for Freed African Americans”

Patrick Rael, Bowdoin College, “Free Communities of Color and their Impact on Abolition: A Comparative Essay”

**4:15-4:30pm**            **Break**

**4:30-6:00pm— Panel #5: Pan-Africanism in the Caribbean**

Chair: Richard Goodridge, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

Qutio Swan, Howard University, “All of Africa is On My Back: Pauula, Pan-Africanism and Black Power in Bermuda”

Nigel Westmaas, Hamilton College, “‘A universal confraternity among the race’: An evaluation of the role and impact of Marcus Garvey’s UNIA in the development and context of African identity and nationalism In Guyana”

Alan McPherson, University of Oklahoma, “Race, Pan-Africanism, and Resistance to U.S. Occupations, 1915-1934”

Philip Howard, University of Houston, “Converging Ideologies: The Evolution of a Worker’s Consciousness among Black Antillean Emigrant Workers in the Cuban Sugar Industry, 1920-1926”

### Tuesday, May 15:

#### **8:30-10:00am— Panel #6: Jewish History and Community**

Chair: Gail Sanders, National Archives of the Bahamas

Christian Cwik, Universität zu Köln, “Jewish and New Christian merchants in the Southern Caribbean, 1500-1700”

Aviva Ben-Ur, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, “Eurafrican Identity in a Jewish Society: Suriname in the 18th and 19th Centuries”

Phillipe Girard, McNeese State University, “Isaac Sasportas, Toussaint Louverture, and Jamaica’s Failed Slave Uprising of 1799”

Gerard LaFleur, Société d’histoire de la Guadeloupe, “Les juifs des Antilles françaises”

Swithin Wilmot, University of the West Indies, Mona, “Jewish Politicians and Black Gentiles in Jamaica: Electoral Politics in the parishes of St. Mary and Portland in the Post-Slavery Period”

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

#### **10:15-11:45am— Panel #7: Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Caribbean**

Chair: Alison Games, Georgetown University

Kelsey Flynn, George Washington University, “Designing an English Empire: Guiana and the Amazon Company, 1590-1640”

Melissa Morris, Columbia University “States of Belonging: Challenges to Imperial Dominance in the Seventeenth-Century Caribbean”

Verena Muth, Society for Continental American and Caribbean Studies, Austria, “The Tule Proto-State between Disappearance and Historical Reconstruction”

Daniel Richter, MCEAS and University of Pennsylvania, “Colonial Proprieties: The Problem of Jamaica and Barbados in the Restoration Era”

Leslie Theibert, Yale University, “An Empire of Commerce or Conquest: The Formation of Imperial Ideology in Seventeenth Century Jamaica”

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

**1:00-2:30pm— Panel #8: *Fear and Revolution: Planters, Slaves and Maroons in Jamaica and Saint Domingue***

Chair: Gad Heuman, University of Warwick

Trevor Burnard, University of Melbourne, “Fear, Terror and Jamaican Planters in the Eighteenth Century”

John Garrigus, University of Texas, Arlington “The Case of Makandal the Poisoner (1757): War, Religion, and Slave Resistance in Saint-Domingue”

Christer Petley, University of Southampton, “Saint Domingue and ‘the downfall of Jamaica’: British-Caribbean Planters in Revolution and War”

Edward Rugemer, Yale University, “Power and Wealth during the Era of the Haitian Revolution: The Career of Charles Douglas, Jamaican Coffee Planter”

**2:30-2:45pm            Break**

**2:45-4:15pm— Panel #9: *Christian Missionaries: Slavery and Emancipation in the Caribbean and West Africa***

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

Claus F.-Stolberg, Leibniz University, "The Moravian Mission and the Emancipation of Slaves in the Caribbean"

Katja F.-Stolberg, Leibniz University, "Emancipated Slaves from the British West Indies as Missionaries and Settlers in West Africa"

Katharine Gerbner, Harvard University, "From Literacy to Crucifixion: Moravian Mission Strategy in St. Thomas and Jamaica, 1732-1760"

Jan Huesgen, Leibniz University, "After Emancipation: Moravian Mission in the Danish West Indies 1848-1878"

Ulrike Schmieder, Leibniz University, "Educational Religious Orders and Emancipation in Martinique"

**4:15-4:30pm            Break**

**4:30-6:00pm— Panel #10: *Religion, Power and Discord in the Caribbean***

Chair: Roderick McDonald, Rider University

Richard S. Dunn, Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania and Former Director, American Philosophical Society, “Christian Slaves versus Rebel Slaves on a Jamaican Plantation”

Aaron Fogleman, Northern Illinois University “Failure and Success in the Moravian Missions in Suriname and on St. Thomas, 1735-1765”

Margo Groenewoud, University of the Netherlands, Antilles, “Power and Influence of the Catholic Church on Curaçao Society (1960-1980): A New Perspective”

Rosemarjin Hoefte, KITLV, “Locating Mecca: Religious and political discord within the Javanese Muslim community in Suriname”

### Wednesday, May 16:

#### **8:30-10:00am—Panel #11: *The Emergence of Caribbean Identities***

Chair: Daniel Littlefield, University of South Carolina

Julie Kim, Fordham University, “Indigenous Alliance and Revolution: The Black Caribs of St. Vincent”

Daniel Livesay, Omohundro Institute, “‘Brought up in England at Great Expence’: Mixed Race Entrepreneurs and Privilege Appeals in Jamaica, 1733-1802”

Melanie Newton, University of Toronto, “‘We are all Haitians?’: Translating Indigenism in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Caribbean, 1962-2006”

Loverne Jacobs-Browne, University of the Southern Caribbean, “The Indians of St. Vincent”

Fiona Ann Rajkumar, University of the Southern Caribbean, “A Comparative Analysis of the Roles of Chinese Associations in Trinidad and Jamaica”

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

#### **10:15-11:45am— Panel #12: *Routes of Commerce***

Chair: Woodville Marshall, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

Amy Borgansky, Bard Graduate Center, “The Culture of Cloth in the Colonial West Indies: The Bower Textile Sample Book, 1771”

Shakira Crawford, U.S. Naval Academy, “Consolidating National Borders, Restricting Territorial Waters: Turtle Fishing in the Western Caribbean”

Tara Inniss, UWI, Cave Hill, “American money....English money...and a few Dutch dollars: Migration and Identity in the Saban Diaspora, 1860-1920”

Anne Ulentin, Louisiana State University, “The Role of Free Women of African Descent in Social and Economic Networks in Louisiana, Haiti, and Cuba in the Early Nineteenth Century”

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

**1:00-2:30pm— Panel #13: Caribbean History from Below**

Chair: Richard Blackett, Vanderbilt University

Joanna Elrick, Vanderbilt University, “The Alchemy of Religious Taxonomy: Popular Religion, “Magic,” and “Superstition” in the Colonial Documents of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth-Century Caribbean

Isaac Curtis, University of Pittsburgh, “Mapping the Masterless Caribbean: Maroons, Pirates, and Indians in the Seventeenth Century”

Angela Sutton, Vanderbilt University, “The Non-European Caribbean: Using Royal Slave Trading Company Records to Reconstruct the Social History of 17<sup>th</sup> Century Caribbean”

Linda Rupert, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, ““Slave Rebellion and Inter-colonial Networks in the Southern Caribbean”

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

**2:45-4:15pm— Panel #14: Caribbean Medical History**

Chair: Pedro Welch, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

Jacques Dumont, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, “To Cure in the FWI or to Cure the FWI? Medical Biographies between the Two World Wars”

Debbie McCollin, University of West Indies, St. Augustine “The Pursuit of Disease: A Biography of The Trinidad Regional Virus Laboratory, 1953-1961”

Leonard Smith, University of Birmingham, “Reformer; Humanitarian; Racist: The Work of Dr Thomas Allen at the Jamaica Lunatic Asylum, 1862 - 1887”

Stephen Snelders, Utrecht University, “Leprosy and Slavery: Suriname in the Eighteenth Century”

Terencia Josephs, University of the Southern Caribbean, “Legal Aliens, Indians in Saint Lucia: Indian Responses in a Foreign Landscape, 1859 to 1900”

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

**4:30-6:00pm— Panel #15: Historicizing Bodies in Slavery and Freedom**

Chair: Carla Pestana, Miami University

Maria J. Fuentes, Rutgers University, ““Hanging Matters’: Enslaved Women, Bodily Punishments, Death, and ‘Spiritual Terror’ in Urban Barbados”

Dawn Harris, Stony Brook University, “*Pain, the Body, and the Punished Apprentice*”

Denise Challenger, York University, “Dying Bodies in the Time of Cholera: Barbados, 1854”

Natasha Lightfoot, Columbia University, “Black Women’s Unfree Bodies and the Gendered Limits of Emancipation in Antigua”

Gelien Matthews, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, “‘Touched by Untouchables’ Forced and Consensual Unions between Indian Female Migrants to the Caribbean during the Indenture Period with Males of African Descent”

#### Thursday, May 17:

#### **8:30-10:00am—Panel #16: *Intercolonial Exchanges: Black Liberation in the Age of Slavery***

Chair: Claudius Fergus, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Laura Rosanne Adderley, Tulane University, “The African Men of the *H.M.S. Romney*: Anglo-African Soldiers, African Diaspora Community and Abolitionist Politics in Mid Nineteenth-Century Havana”

Ada Ferrer, New York University, “Stepping Foot on Haitian Soil: Blackness and Radical Antislavery in the Atlantic World”

Guadalupe García, Tulane University, “Black Criollos: Mapping Free and Slave Topographies in Colonial Havana”

Sara Johnson, University of California, San Diego, “Inter-colonial Networks of Torture and Terror”

Jean Maudler Clermont, Université d’Etat d’Haïti, “Haïti dans le concert des nations au XIXème siècle : les traits d’un divorce en sursis”

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

#### **10:15-11:45am— Panel #17: *Celebration, Commemoration, and Cultural Expression***

Chair: Danielle Begot, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane

Bridget Brereton, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, “Colonial Commemorations: How Trinidad Celebrated the Centenary of British Rule (1897) and the Quartercentenary of Columbus’ Arrival (1898)”

Gaspard Lenique, Université d’Etat d’Haïti, “Les murs de mémoires à Port-au-Prince: Proposition d’exposition de plus de 50 fresques sélectionnées”

Haig David-West, Indiana University—Purdue University, “The Expression of Indigenous African Iconography in Afro-Cuban Visual Art”

Ada McKenzie, College of the Bahamas, “The Contemporary Gullah-Bahamas Connection in the Archives and Folklore”

Hélène Zamor, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, “The Development of the French Quadrille in Dominica and Martinique”

**11:45am-1:00pm      Lunch**

**1:00-2:30pm— *Panel #18: Courts and Government Institutions***

Chair: Virginia Gould, Tulane University

Marvin Chochotte, University of Michigan, “Independent Courts under Occupation: U.S. Empire and Haitian Judicial Opposition, 1915-1928”

Jonathan Dalby, University of the West Indies, Mona, “A Special Kind of Criminality’: Prosecutions in Jamaican Slave Courts, 1750-1834”

Fernando Pico, University of Puerto Rico, “Representations of the Beginning of the French Revolution in Tobago, 1789-1792”

Frederik Thomasson, Uppsala University, “The Swedish Court of Justice at Saint Barthélemy: Slave Laws and Colonial Administration in a Caribbean Perspective around Year 1800”

**2:30-2:45pm              Break**

**2:45-4:15pm— *Panel #19: The Twentieth-Century Caribbean***

Chair: Anne Lebel, Archives départementales de la Guadeloupe

Karen Eccles, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, “Allied servicemen vs. locals: conflict in early 1940’s Trinidad”

Gert Oostindie, KITLV, “Insular nationalism: the dismantlement of the Netherlands Antilles”

Clara Palmiste, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, “Presse féminine et féminisme en Guadeloupe et en République dominicaine dans les années 1920”

Jean-Pierre Sainton, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, “Les débuts du nationalisme aux Antilles Guyane françaises (1956 - 1963) et l’influence algérienne”

Ieteke Witteveen, IDA\_Sa, Culture for Development, “Frontier Societies and Flexible National Identities: Curaçao (Dutch Caribbean) -La Guajira (Colombia) 1800- 1940”

**4:15-4:30pm              Break**

**4:30-5:30pm              ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday, May 18:** Local field trip (see preliminary description on page 5 of this *Bulletin*).

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To register for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual ACH Conference in Curaçao, 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](mailto: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, 2012 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.

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since July 2011

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*The Executive Committee thanks all new and returning members for your support, and looks forward to seeing many of you in Curaçao this coming May.*

## ACH Translation Grant Update

In summer 2011, the ACH received a \$2,000 grant from Richard Stockton College to support translation of the organization's website and newsletter, the *Bulletin*, into both French and Spanish. The fall 2011 newsletter has been entirely translated into French, and more than half has been translated into Spanish. In addition, more than half of the ACH website is now available in English, French and Spanish, including the following:

- “The ACH Translation Project:” (under “About Us”) a brief description of this multi-lingual initiative, as well as the faculty and students involved, see: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/translationproject.htm>.
- “Annual Meeting:” the call for papers and local organizing information for the next ACH conference, scheduled for Curacao in 2012, see: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/annualmeeting.htm>.
- “Prizes and Fellowships:” the announcements for the 2011 ACH book prize, and call for submissions for the 2012 article prize and travel award, see: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/prizes.htm>.

This spring, Stockton College committed another \$1,500 towards this project and translation of the remaining website pages and the spring 2012 newsletter are already underway. The impact of such translation work can only expand as it continues.

## Scholarship of Interest

Two recent special journal issues feature several current and past ACH members, and should be of wide interest to our membership. Last fall, *Law and History Review* (vol. 29, Nov. 2011) published “Law, Slavery and Justice: A Special Issue,” offering fresh perspectives on legal scholarship and Atlantic slavery. Articles include:

Rebecca J. Scott, “Slavery and the Law in Atlantic Perspective: Jurisdiction, Jurisprudence, and Justice.”

Natalie Zemon Davis, “Judges, Masters, Diviners: Slaves’ Experiences in Criminal Justice in Colonial Suriname.”

Malick W. Ghachem, “Prosecuting Torture: The Ethics of Slavery in Pre-Revolutionary Saint Domingue (Haiti).”

Martha S. Jones, “Time, Space, and Jurisdiction in Atlantic World Slavery: The Volunbrun Household in Gradual Emancipation New York.”

Rebecca Scott, “Paper Thin: Freedom and Re-Enslavement in the Diaspora of the Haitian Revolution.”

Walter Scott, “Resetting the Legal History of Slavery: Divination, Torture, Poisoning, Murder, Revolution, Emancipation, and Re-Enslavement.”

Just two months later, *Atlantic Studies* (vol. 9/1, January 2012) published “Rethinking the Fall of the Planter Class.” The issue brought together scholars working on the history of the British West Indian planter class to discuss how, when, and why their fortunes declined. Articles include:

Christer Petley, “Rethinking the Fall of the Planter Class.”

Trevor Burnard, “Et in Arcadia Ego: West Indian Planters in Glory, 1674-1784.”

David Beck Ryden, “Sugar, Spirits and Fodder: The London West India Interest and the Glut of 1807-15.”

Nicholas Draper, “The Rise of the New Planter Class? Some Countercurrents from British Guiana and Trinidad, 1807-33.”

Christer Petley, “Gluttony, Excess, and the Fall of the Planter Class in the British Caribbean.”

Daniel Livesay, “The Decline of Jamaica’s Interracial Households and the Fall of the Planter Class.”

In addition, two ACH members recently published guides to regional scholarship.

Danielle Bégot, past president of the ACH and a long-time member, edited *Guide de la recherche en histoire antillaise et guyanaise XVIIe-XXIe siècles* (Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyane, Saint-Domingue), Paris, CTHS, 962 p. , 2 vol. (or *Handbook for Researchers in French Caribbean History, 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries* (Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guyana, Saint-Domingue).

In addition to Bégot, authors include: Benoît Bérard, Bernard Camier, Myriam Cottias, Vincent Cousseau, Laurent Dubois, Didier Destouches, Philippe Delisle, Jacques Dumont, Léo Elisabeth, Philippe Hrodej, Gérard Lafleur, Serge Mam Lam Fouck, Gérard Gabriel Marion, Monique Milia-Marie-Luce, Frédéric Régent, François Regourd, Dominique Rogers, Jean-Pierre Sainton, Christian Schnakenbourg, Alain Tirefort.

And Tony Martin published *Caribbean History: From Pre-Colonial Origins to the Present* (Pearson, 2012), a sweeping, comprehensive survey of Caribbean history from pre-colonial times to the present (for more information visit: <http://www.pearsonhighered.com/product?ISBN=0132208601>).

Finally, the triennial Berkshire Conference in women’s history is the premier international conference in North America on the history of women, gender and sexuality. The conference organisers of the 2014 ‘Big Berks’ wish to particularly highlight scholarship on the Caribbean and Latin America, and extend a special invitation to Caribbean and Latin American-based scholars to submit proposals for individual papers, panels, roundtables or workshops.

For more information please contact Franca Iacovetta, President of the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, or Melanie Newton, Program Co-Chair, Organising Committee for University of Toronto ‘Big Berks,’ and ACH member ([melanie.newton@utoronto.ca](mailto:melanie.newton@utoronto.ca)). For more news and information about the event, please go to their website: <http://berksconference.org>

## Member News

### 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 2012.

1. The ACH has been approached by Cambridge Scholars Publishing about the possibility of publishing selected papers from the Annual Conference. CSP has a policy of actively seeking and commissioning works in areas in which it has a publishing interest but at the same time invites and will consider unsolicited manuscripts in all of the areas in which it publishes. The publishing house constitutes the fruit of the ideas of a group of scholars who attended Cambridge University - lecturers, research fellows and doctoral students, but it has no formal connections to the University and is not related in any way to Cambridge University Press. It publishes around 500 new academic titles a year and has produced numerous editions of collected works of literary figures. The EC wishes to propose the project to the AGM before pursuing the matter further.
2. Melanie Newton, current chair of the Adres Ramos Mattei–Neville Hall Article Prize, has proposed that future competitions encourage applicants to submit their materials to committee members electronically, rather than by mail. Doing so would not only save the applicant postage, but likely ensure that committee members receive materials more expeditiously.
3. After considering two proposals for the 2013 Annual Conference venue, the EC voted to move forward with Belize. The EC will now actively solicit proposals from other prospective sites for 2014 and beyond.

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