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## Message from the President

*Rita Pemberton, formerly University of the West Indies, St. Augustine*

Greetings to all Members of the ACH and a special welcome to those who are joining us for the first time!

In appreciation of the efforts that went into making the Martinique conference the success that it was, I wish to convey, on behalf of the Association sincere thanks to Dominique Rodgers and the LOC for a job well done. Thanks also to our paper readers, panel chairs, commentators and the attentive audience for your inputs which added value to the conference sessions. Plans for the 48th conference are moving apace and I invite members to respond to the call for papers and submit proposals in time for consideration.

Welcome aboard to already active LOC Bahamas headed by Chris Curry and we look forward to meeting with you in mid November!

The Association joins with descendants of the “Silver Men”, the Caribbean Panamanians and their organizations and the groups who journeyed from Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago, to use the national commemoration of the centenary of the opening of the Panama Canal, to remember the Caribbean contribution to the canal construction and pay homage to all those who laboured and to those who lost their lives in the process. Coming up are the anniversaries of World War II (70<sup>th</sup>) and the Congress of Vienna. As Caribbean historians we need to provide new interpretations of these and other events and of their significance to the Caribbean.

At this time, the Association acknowledges the contribution, both to Caribbean History teaching and learning and to the Association, of our departed colleague and Association stalwart, KOLawrence. May he rest in Peace.

Best Wishes to all for a successful semester!

Rita

## 2014-15 Executive Committee

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## 2014-15 Nominating 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 members can be re-elected for a second year. All candidates for election are chosen by a three-person Nominating Committee selected at the Annual General Meeting. The following individuals have agreed to serve in 2014-15:

**Swithin Wilmot, Chair**  
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If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Executive Committee, or would like to nominate someone for the next election, please contact this year's Nominating Committee Chair. Any member of the ACH in good standing may propose names for consideration, or serve on the Executive Committee.

According to the ACH Constitution, nominations must reach the Nominating Committee Chair no later than October 31, 2014.

Ballots will be distributed in the winter issue of the *Bulletin* and can either be mailed to the Nominating Committee or the Secretariat prior to our next ACH Annual Conference in the Bahamas, or cast in person at that meeting.

## ELSA GOVEIA BOOK PRIZE:

The ACH is pleased to invite nominations for the 2013-2014 Elsa Goveia Book Prize. Previously awarded every three years, the ACH book prize has been awarded every two years since 1995, and recognizes excellence in the field of Caribbean history.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Any scholarly history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in 2013 or 2014 is eligible for this year's competition.
- Any press or place of publication will be considered.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.
- Only first editions of original works will be considered.
- Multi-authored collections, anthologies, and other such edited works are not eligible.

### Call for Submissions:

Authors, publishers, managing or marketing editors, and others must submit nominations to the prize chair and adjudicating committee by December 31, 2014. The winner will be announced at the 2015 ACH Annual Conference in Nassau, Bahamas. It is important that one copy of the book nominated be sent directly by courier or airmail to each member of the committee. Please ensure that all charges connected with mail or courier services are pre-paid. The addresses are:

#### Dominique Rogers, Chair

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## ANDRÉS RAMOS MATTEI-NEVILLE HALL ARTICLE PRIZE ANNOUNCED

The Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee, composed of Anne Macpherson (The College at Brockport, SUNY), Fernando Picó (Universidad de Puerto Rico), and Lara Putnam (University of Pittsburgh), received 24 submissions representing all three official languages of the ACH. The committee decided to award this year's prize for articles published in 2012 and 2013 to Pablo F. Gómez of the University of Wisconsin-Madison for his essay "The Circulation of Bodily Knowledge in the Seventeenth-century Black Spanish Caribbean," published in *Social History of Medicine*, 26:3 (2013).

In this essay Gómez draws on civil and ecclesiastical documents, including Inquisition documents from Cartagena and Havana, to analyze the practices of African and black healers in a context not dominated by slavery. He thus "showcases the diversity and richness of the multiple cultures of healing emerging in the early modern Caribbean."

The committee also decided to make special mention of Peter James Hudson of Vanderbilt University for his essay "The National City Bank of New York and Haiti, 1909-1922," *Radical History Review* 115 (Winter 2013) and of Gérard Lafleur of la société d'histoire de la Guadeloupe for his essay "Jean Antoine Amé-Noël: Libre de couleur de Guadeloupe (1769-1845)," *Bulletin de la société d'histoire de la Guadeloupe* nos. 161-162 (2012).





## The College of The Bahamas

### Arrangements for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual ACH Conference, Bahamas, 2015

*Una traducción al español está disponible en:*

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/annualmeeting>

*Une traduction en français est disponible à l'adresse:*

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/annualmeeting>

The 47th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Nassau, Bahamas, from Sunday, May 17 to Friday, May 22, 2015. Registration will open early afternoon on Sunday, and sessions will begin later that day. The conference fête, our annual dinner and dance—which is highly recommended and a central feature of this organization—is on Thursday evening, May 21.

An optional field trip to Clifton Heritage Park, featuring Lucayan and Loyalist ruins, as well as nature trails, a wetlands conservatory, and a lovely beach, is scheduled for Friday, May 22. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

#### CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

Nassau is the largest city and commercial centre of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Lynden Pindling International Airport, the major airport for the Bahamas, is located 16 kilometres (9.9 mi) west of Nassau city centre, and has daily flights to major cities in the U.S., the Caribbean, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Nassau's main harbour is protected by Paradise Island, and attracted settlers in the early days, particularly pirates. In fact, Nassau's population consisted primarily of pirates until 1718, when the Bahamas first Royal Governor Woodes Rogers expelled them, restored order, and built Fort Nassau.

Most conference activities will be held on the campus of The College of the Bahamas, at the Performing Arts Centre and Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre. Accommodation is being researched in nearby Cable Beach. Information about how to make a reservation will be posted on the ACH website as soon as it is available, and will include details about hotels at a variety of price points.



## Call for Papers

The ACH is pleased to receive paper and panel applications for next year's conference. Members suggested several themes at this year's Annual General Meeting in Martinique. While papers on these ideas are encouraged, applicants are welcome to submit proposals about other subjects or ideas. Instructions for submitting paper and panel proposals appear on the following pages.

Suggested themes included:

- “Reparations for Slavery”
- “Histories of Citizenship in Haiti and the Dominican Republic”
- “Piracy and Contraband Trade”
- “Race and Ambiguity”
- “Creole Languages in the Pan-Caribbean”
- “Poor Law and Welfare Reform”
- “Towns and Cities”
- “Indigenous Societies and Free People of Color in the Caribbean and Guyanas”
- “The Impact of the Congress of Vienna”
- “North American-Caribbean Economic Relations”
- “Health and Culture”
- “Methodology of Caribbean Studies”
- “Diasporic Communities of the Americas”

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## Application Instructions

There are THREE WAYS to participate in the 2015 ACH Conference.

**PAPER:** You can apply to present an individual paper. These applications are sorted by the Executive Committee by theme and composed into panels. This requires:

1. A paper/poster proposal form (check that you are applying as a paper).
2. An abstract of no more than 250 words (translated in English, Spanish, AND French).
3. A brief CV or resume (no more than 3 pages).

**PANEL:** You can also apply as part of a panel of 3 or 4 papers. This requires:

1. A panel proposal form
2. An abstract of no more than 250 words (translated in English, Spanish, AND French).
3. A brief CV or resume (no more than 3 pages) for each presenter.
4. **Please note** that while panel organizers may propose a chair, final assignment of chairs is the prerogative of the Executive Committee. Chairs should be experts in the panel field.

**POSTER:** You can apply to participate in our poster session. This is NEW to ACH this year and is intended as a fast-paced, fun session for newer scholars or for those embarking on a new project. This requires:

1. A paper/poster proposal form (this is the same as the paper proposal form—just check that you are applying to offer a poster).
2. An abstract of no more than 250 words (translated in English, Spanish, AND French).
3. A brief CV or resume (no more than three pages, please) for each presenter.

While cover forms and CVs can be submitted in one language, it is imperative that abstracts be translated into all three languages at the time of submission as the committee reviewing proposals is multi-lingual. Applications that do not include abstracts in English, Spanish, and French will not be considered, and all materials, including translations, are due by the application deadline.

### A few more important notes:

- In order to ensure that graduate student applicants are at an advanced stage of their research, they are also required to provide a letter of support from their academic advisors attesting to the research strength and progress of their proposed papers.
- All participants must be current members of the ACH by the time they present.
- ACH presentations 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. Presentations are intended to introduce the highlights of this written work, and so are strictly limited to 10 minutes.
- Poster presentations include both a shorter pre-circulated paper summarizing research to date (no more than 10 typed, double-spaced pages using 12-point font, including notes and references), and a visual display at the conference during the scheduled poster session. Presentations at the conference will be limited to no more than 5 minutes and 10 PowerPoint slides.
- Papers for both panels and for poster presentations will be made available online at the ACH website in advance of the conference and can be accessed only by those who pre-register and pay their registration.
- 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 15, 2015 to: Michelle McDonald, ACH Secretary-Treasurer, at [achsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:achsecretary@gmail.com)

If, after your proposal has been accepted, you find you are unable to attend, the ACH requests that you inform the ACH Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible in order to allow us to adjust the programme. All proposals for the 2015 ACH Conference, with translated abstracts and CVs, should be sent by email to:

**Michelle Craig McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians, at [achsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:achsecretary@gmail.com).**

**[The deadline for proposals is October 31, 2014. We look forward to your submissions.](#)**

***PLEASE NOTE: While the ACH tries to include as much good scholarship as possible, the cost of simultaneous translation of all sessions into English, Spanish and French restricts us to one panel at a time. Because we can accommodate only a limited number of speakers each year, proposals from those who did not present in the immediate year prior will be given priority.***

## ACH Paper or Poster Proposal

47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Nassau, Bahamas, May 2015

Please indicate whether you are applying to present a paper or a poster:

- Paper (paper presentations 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).
- Poster (poster presentations include both a shorter pre-circulated paper summarizing research to date (no more than 10 typed, doubled-spaced pages using 12-point font, including notes and references, and a visual display at the conference during the scheduled poster session).
- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants Listing provided to participants.
- Click here if you would like to be considered for the Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award (see the ACH website for eligibility requirements:  
<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/travelfund.htm>)

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 5 of the July 2014 *Bulletin*, list that theme here: \_\_\_\_\_

Paper or Poster Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember to attach an abstract in English, Spanish and French, of NO MORE than 250 words, describing your project, as well as a brief (no more than 3-page) curriculum vitae.

**Proposals and all supporting materials are due by Oct. 31, 2014** (those received after this deadline may not be considered).

All proposals for the 2015 ACH Conference, with translated abstracts and CVs, should be sent by email to Michelle Craig McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians, at [achsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:achsecretary@gmail.com) Proposals can also be mailed to Michelle Craig McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians, Department of Historical Studies, Richard Stockton College, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, New Jersey 08205-9441, USA

## ACH Panel Proposal

47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Nassau, Bahamas, May 2015

**Panel Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 5 of the July 2014 *Bulletin*, list that theme here:

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Suggested Chair (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants Listing provided to participants.

**Presenter #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants Listing provided to participants.

**Presenter #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants Listing provided to participants.

**Presenter #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants Listing provided to participants.

**Presenter #4:** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants Listing provided to participants.

Please remember to attach an abstract of 250 words in English, Spanish and French, for each proposed paper, as well as a brief CV(no more than 3 pages). **Proposals and all supporting materials are due by OCTOBER 31, 2014**, and should be sent by email to the ACH Secretary-Treasurer, Michelle Craig McDonald, at achsecretary@gmail.com. Papers can also be mailed to the Secretary-Treasurer at Richard Stockton College, Department of Historical Studies, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205-9441.



## Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Martinique, 2014

**PREPARED BY:** Michelle Craig McDonald,  
Secretary-Treasurer

**PRESENT:** Jacques Adelaide Merlande, Roy Augier, Letitia Bechet, Danielle Bégot, Kristen Block, Bridget Brereton, Heather Cateau, Kit Candlin, Henderson Carter, Cécile Celma, Jesús Dávila, Richard Chateau-Degat, Christian Cwik, Audra Diptee, Jacques Dumont, Jerome Egger, Claudius Fergus, Ada Ferrer, Gusti-Klara Gaillard-Pourchet, Antonio Gaztambide, Juan R. Gonzalez Mendoza, Gad Heuman, Gerard LaFleur, Anne Lebel, Daniel Littlefield, Woodville Marshall, Afi Martin, Gelien Matthews, Janice Mayers, Michelle Craig McDonald, Roderick McDonald, Bernard Moitt, Verena Muth, Melanie Newton, Tiffany Patterson, Sue Peabody, Jessica Pierre-Louis, Rita Pemberton, Carla Pestana, Crister Petley, Nora L. Rodríguez, Dominique Rogers, Edward Rugemer, Jean-Pierre Sainton, Gail Saunders, Cleve McD. Scott, Jenny Shaw, Leonard Smith, Fredrik Thomasson, Michael Toussaint, Curtis Wallace, Molly Warsh, Pedro Welch, Ronald Williams, Swithin Wilmot, and Michael Zeuske

**ACH President Rita Pemberton** called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

### Confirmation of the 2013 AGM Minutes:

The agenda and the May 2013 minutes were considered and unanimously approved; so moved by **Woodville Marshall**, seconded by **Roderick McDonald**.

### Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2013-2014:

**Michelle Craig McDonald** summarized the information provided to the AGM in a written report. The 2013/2014 Executive Committee (EC) included: Rita Pemberton (President), Jacques Dumont (Vice-President), Michelle Craig McDonald (Secretary-Treasurer), Ada Ferrer, Antonio Gaztambide, Melanie Newton, and Jean-Pierre Sainton. The

Committee met twice this year on October 19, 2013 and on May 14, 2014, both times in Fort de France. The EC wishes to thank the National Archives of Martinique and members of the Local Organizing Committee for their support of the October 2013 meeting, including space, refreshments, meals, and transportation. The main item of the October agenda was the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference academic program and local arrangements. The EC reviewed 10 panel and 68 paper proposals for the 2014 conference (as well as an additional 10 papers proposed for two local panels, for a total of 12 panel proposals). Originally, the EC chose 73 papers for a total of 16 panels and this preliminary program appeared in the January issue of the *ACH Bulletin*. As some presenters subsequently withdrew, the final conference slate was 55 papers on 14 panels, including two local panels (NOTE: For comparison, there were 9 panel and 64 paper proposal applications in 2013, 8 panels and 56 paper proposals in 2012, and 16 panel and 59 paper proposals in 2011).

The ACH also welcomed many new and returning members including (as of May 15, 2014):

- 4 new Life Members: Audra Diptee (Carleton College), Claudius Fergus (UWI, St. Augustine), Tara Inniss (UWI, Cave Hill), and Carla Pestana (U.C.L.A.)
- 1 new Benefactor: Natalie Zemon Davis, University of Toronto
- 1 renewed Institutional Member: The University of the West Indies Press
- 90 New Members or Member Renewals: names and institutions of these members appeared, or appear, in the January and July 2014 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.
- 32 New Student Members or Member Renewals: names and institutions of these members appeared, or appear,

in the January and July 2014 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*

- NOTE: For comparison, in 2013 we had 2 new Life Members, 1 benefactor, 1 institutional member, 74 new or renewed members, and 31 new or renewed student members.

The Secretariat completed the website pages containing past recipients of the Elsa Goveia Book Prize and Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize, and established a website page for the Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award (online at: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/prizes.htm>).

The ACH published two issues of the *Bulletin* (July 2013 and January 2014), which included the 2014 conference call for papers and local arrangements information, and the preliminary program respectively. Calls for papers and announcements about the conference were also advertised on over fifteen H-Net listservs (such as H-Caribbean and H-Atlantic), as well as to over fifty Latin American/Caribbean Studies Programs.

The fourth year of online registration and paper distribution systems continued to build strong coordination between the Secretariat, which managed conference paper collection, reformatting, and posting to the web, and the LOC. The Secretariat also oversaw conference registration, tracking both manual and online payments (conference registration monies were disbursed to the LOC, and membership funds retained by the ACH). The numbers of both members and conference attendees both remained strong this year; registration included 105 fully registered as well as an additional 40 local participants, who came for either a session or day, and student workers.

**Financial Report, 2013-2014:** Copies of the financial report were distributed to the AGM. **Michelle Craig McDonald** noted that both membership and registration income remained strong this year, and that the book

exhibit generated \$200. Interest rates remain low for checking, money market, and certificate of deposit accounts. One portion of ACH funds (\$52,082.26 US) is deposited in a Business Growth Savings/Money Market Account at an interest rate averaging .75-1.5%; the balance is in an interest-bearing Commercial Checking account earning .5%. The total interest income for this year was \$2,082.26 US, a sizeable increase over the past three years, and more than sufficient to support the Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Fund, which was the original intent of the endowment account's income. A full copy of the financial report appears in the July 2014 issue of the *Bulletin*.

#### **Report of the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee:**

**Michelle Craig McDonald** presented the report of the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee prepared by **Anne McPherson** of SUNY Brockport and chair of the prize committee for 2012-13. **McPherson** reported that the committee (including herself, **Fernando Picó**, Universidad de Puerto Rico, and **Lara Putnam**, University of Pittsburgh), received 24 submissions representing all three official languages of the ACH. The committee awarded this year's prize to Pablo F. Gómez of the University of Wisconsin-Madison for his essay "The Circulation of Bodily Knowledge in the Seventeenth-century Black Spanish Caribbean," published in *Social History of Medicine*, 26:3, 2013; (a full report of this committee's decision will also appear in the July 2014 issue of the *Bulletin*). **Professor Gomez** was unable to join the ACH in person, but the Secretary-Treasurer mailed a formal letter of award and certificate to him.

The committee also decided to make special mention of Peter James Hudson of Vanderbilt University for his essay "The National City Bank of New York and Haiti, 1909-1922," *Radical History Review* 115 (winter 2013) and of Gérard Lafleur of la société d'histoire de la Guadeloupe for his essay "Jean-Antoine

Amé-Noël: *Libre de couleur de Guadeloupe (1769-1845),* " *Bulletin de la société d'histoire de la Guadeloupe* nos. 161-162 (2012).

**Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award:**

**Gail Saunders**, a founder of the Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award, presented this year's prize to **Afi Martin**, Ph.D. Candidate, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, for "When Black Power met Socialism: Women in the New-Left and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 1972-1979." The Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award was established in 2005 in memory of **Virginia Gould's** and **Saunders's** late husbands. Its purpose is to provide assistance for graduate students and, in some cases, junior scholars, especially from universities and other institutions in the Caribbean and Central America, to attend the ACH conference. This is the fourth year it has been awarded.

**Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee:** **Rita Pemberton** called for nominations from the floor for the 2014-2015 Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee. **Roderick McDonald** nominated **Dominique Rogers**. As there were no other nominations from the floor, the Executive Committee was charged with forming the remainder of the committee in the early summer.

**Report of the Nominating Committee, 2013-2014:** This year's committee included **Heather Cateau** (convener), **Jonathan Dalby**, **Marisa Fuentes**, and **Dominique Rogers**. No officers were up for election this year, and **Cateau** reported that the following were elected to the EC for a one-year term: **Christopher Curry**, The College of the Bahamas, **Tara Inniss**, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, **Melanie Newton**, University of Toronto, **Clara Palmiste**, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane.

**Selection of the Nominating Committee, 2014-2015:** There being no further discussion, **Rita Pemberton** called for

nominations from the floor for the 2014-15 Nominating Committee. **Roy Augier** proposed the following slate: **Swithin Wilmot**, University of the West Indies, Mona, **Danielle Begót**, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, and **Ada Ferrer**, New York University. **Wilmot** agreed to convene the committee.

**Preliminary Report from the Local Organizing Committee for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Martinique:**

**Gail Saunders** delivered a report prepared by the chair of next year's Local Organizing Committee, **Christopher Curry**, on preliminary preparations for the 2015 ACH conference, proposed for May 17-22, 2015. The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual ACH Conference will be held in Nassau Bahamas. Registration will begin midday on Sunday in the foyer of the Performing Arts Centre (A Block), and sessions will commence at 3pm Sunday afternoon. An Opening Reception and Cocktail party will also be held on Sunday evening, May 17, at 7pm on the patio area located adjacent to the Harry B. Moore lecture theatre. The traditional conference fete, a highly entertaining and important feature of this organization, is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 21. An optional island tour on Friday, May 22, will provide conference participants with a chance to visit historic Clifton Heritage Park, located on the western end of the island. The Clifton Heritage Park allows participants to engage in an experiential tour of Lucayan and Loyalist ruins as well as enjoy nature trails and a wetland conservatory. Lunch will be provided.

All conference sessions will be held at The College of The Bahamas Oakes Field Campus. The College Campus boasts newly updated conference facilities including: a lecture theatre in the Harry B. Moore Library and Information Centre; a Performing Arts Centre that has seating capacity of upwards of 450; and many smaller classrooms equipped with whiteboards, screens and LCD projectors.

Conference participants might be housed at the following hotels: Super Club Breezes Resort, Cable Beach; Comfort Suites, Paradise Island; and the Hilton Colonial Hotel, downtown Nassau. Research into housing is still ongoing. The ACH will distribute more information when it is available, and participants will be responsible for making their own reservations. To this point only the group rates for Super Club Resort are available: Single Occupancy--DlxGardenview \$170.00 US per night--all inclusive; Double Occupancy--DlxGardenview \$130.00 US per person per night--all inclusive; Triple Occupancy--DlxGardenview \$117.00 US per person per night--all inclusive. Others rates for abovementioned hotels are forthcoming.

Delta, US Airways, United, American, Jet Blue, British Airways, and Bahamasair operate daily flight into Lynden Pindling International Airport. Please research flight schedules early as some may require overnight stays en route, or early morning departures. The first conference session is scheduled for Sunday May 10, at 3:00pm, so the LOC recommends arriving in Nassau by noon if at all possible. The drive to The College of The Bahamas is approximately 20 minutes from the airport.

Shuttle service will be arranged from Lynden Pindling International Airport to the three hotels housing Conference participants. Rates and times of shuttle services will be determined at a later date and based primarily on the travel schedules of registered conference participants. There will also be a daily shuttle service from the three hotels to the Oakes Field Campus. This shuttle service will be determined based on the forthcoming conference schedule.

Provisionally, the location of the fete on Thursday, May 21 will be historic Government House (completed in 1806), an elegant and spacious Georgian colonial structure with a verandah overlooking

downtown Nassau. The fete will begin at 7pm and end at 11pm.

There was some discussion at the AGM about the use of an all-inclusive hotel for ACH accommodation; traditionally, organizers have tried to keep room rates until \$150 per person a night, inclusive of breakfast and internet access. Other delegates noted that while a range of room rates were offered, as was transportation between hotels and the conference location, it would be ideal to have the hotels within walking distance of each other to facilitate networking in the evenings. The EC agreed to ask the LOC if such arrangements were possible.

#### Discussion of Proposed Conference Venues for the 2016 ACH Conference:

**Michelle Craig McDonald** noted that two locations—Aruba and Costa Rica—have expressed preliminary interest in hosting the ACH in 2016. **Ada Ferrer** added that tentative interest had also been expressed by Havana. McDonald will request that all interested parties prepare a formal proposal for consideration at the fall EC Meeting.

#### Any Other Business:

Several additional orders of business were brought to the floor. **Rita Pemberton** reminded the AGM that for two years the ACH sponsored a local student prize for the best essay in Caribbean history. The program was initiated by **Richard Blackett**, and held in the Bahamas in 2002, Puerto Rico in 2003, and Colombia in 2004. **Swithin Wilmot** and **Pedro Welch** both asked whether this project would not be better managed by respective local organizing committees, and **Pemberton** responded that this would be an initiative coordinated in conjunction with LOCs, but that it might be helpful to have an overarching committee to research possible competition strategies and application processes. She called for volunteers and **Cleve Scott** and **Henderson Carter**, both of University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, and **Roy Augier**, University of the

West Indies, Mona, volunteered to pursue the issue.

The EC next proposed the question of requesting, but not requiring, speakers to provide written notes to translators in advance of their presentations; **Michelle Craig McDonald** noted that this has been done by some speakers the past two years, and results in a better quality translation and subsequent conversation. **Gelien Matthews** asked whether such notes would need to be available in English, Spanish, and French, and **Molly Warsh** suggested that such a requirement might be intimidating (the requirement for abstract translations is already considered inhibiting to some potential applicants). **McDonald** clarified that speakers need only present such notes in one language, and that this would be a suggestion, not a prerequisite. The motion to request notes for translations passed unanimously.

**Danielle Begót** asked whether it was possible to consider extending speaker presentation times from 10 minutes to 15 minutes or more. **Michelle Craig McDonald** responded that while the EC had discussed the same concern, it would not be possible without either significantly extending the day or cutting several panels from the overall program. **Dominique Rogers** wondered if it was possible to consider simultaneous panels, and **McDonald** replied that the cost of simultaneous translation would be prohibitive. **Gad Heuman** added that, because the ACH was based on pre-circulated papers, presentations were intended only as brief reviews of material with which attendees should already be familiar; the emphasis on this conference has always been discussion, not presentation.

The EC next presented a recommendation to create a fee of \$50.00 US for pre-circulated paper access for non-conference attendees. Such access would only be extended only to current ACH members and after the

conference had concluded. **Pedro Welch** noted that UWI libraries maintained an archive of all past conference papers and had not been charged to do so in the past. **Michelle Craig McDonald** clarified that such libraries would continue to be provided with access to papers for archival purposes. **Susan Peabody** raised concerns about allowing broader access for work in progress. **Rita Pemberton** clarified this would be for paid members only, and that papers would remain password protected. The motion passed unanimously.

**Woodville Marshall** asked what progress had been made on **Roy Augier's** suggestion that the size of the EC be expanded. He had hoped that he and **Augier** would have been contacted for information that might be incorporated into a draft constitutional amendment. **Rita Pemberton** agreed to pursue this suggestion.

The EC next recommended the incorporation of a poster session as part of the conference. This was first suggested by **Jacques Dumont** two years ago as a means of expanding the number of conference participants, particularly junior scholars or those at the beginning stages of their projects. The format is most often used at science rather than humanities conferences, but is beginning to become more common across disciplinary lines. **Cleve Scott** suggested that this might be a good strategy to accommodate more people. **Carla Pestana** noted that not all schools provide funding for poster session participation; **Michelle Craig McDonald** responded that the ACH might be creative in how they describe the session (perhaps "Emerging Scholars"). **Kristen Block** has seen such poster sessions used to good effect, and recommended combining with a lunch or reception to encourage attendance. The motions to incorporate a poster session in the 2015 conference on a trial basis passed unanimously.

**Rita Pemberton** next reported on progress of the ACH Institutional History Initiative. ACH

records are officially housed at UWI, Cave Hill, and efforts are already underway to complete interviews with several founding members. **Juan Gonzalez** noted that some past Bulletins have information of relevance. **Michelle Craig McDonald** noted that she has begun a program of digitizing past issues and will put out a call to members for missing issues later this year.

#### Evaluation of the 2014 ACH Conference:

**Gad Heuman** complimented the LOC for a job well done, and **Gelien Matthews** specifically noted the conference's good organization, content, and style. **Roderick McDonald** wanted to note that this is the second year that one presenter presented without submitting a paper in advance and ask that it be prohibited in the future. **Rita Pemberton** agreed.

**Pedro Welch** asked that the practice of including a list of presenters in the registration packet be revived. **Kristen Block** added that such a list with contact information might be posted online. **Michelle McDonald** noted that permission would be required from all participants to distribute their contact information. **Molly Warsh** suggested that in future this could be considered part of registration. **Janice Mayers** noted that in the past there was an official directory.

**Rita Pemberton** specifically thanked the conference translators, and asked for recommendations for 2015 conference themes from the floor. The following were proposed:

“Reparations for Slavery”  
 “Histories of Citizenship in Haiti and the Dominican Republic”  
 “Piracy and Contraband Trade”  
 “Race and Ambiguity”  
 “Creole Languages in the Pan-Caribbean”  
 “Poor Law and Welfare Reform”

“Towns and Cities”  
 “Indigenous Societies and Free People of Color in the Caribbean and Guyanas”  
 “The Impact of the Congress of Vienna”  
 “North American-Caribbean Economic Relations”  
 “Health and Culture”  
 “Methodology of Caribbean Studies”  
 “Diasporic Communities of the Americas”

There being no further business, ACH President **Rita Pemberton** adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm.

## ACH Financial Report, 2014

### ACH Commercial Checking (all amounts appear in US Dollars)

#### INCOME

A. <u>Beginning balance (as of 6/1/13):</u>	\$15,476.11
B. <u>Conference income left over from the Belize LOC:</u>	\$0.00
C. <u>Membership Dues Income</u>	
<i>Dues Revenue (online via Google Checkout)</i>	\$4,844.68
Life Members (4 x \$400, less \$15.90 Google fee per transaction = \$1,536.40)	
Full Members (74 x \$40, less \$1.46 Google fee per transaction = \$2,851.96)	
Student Members (32 x \$15, less \$.74 Google fee per transaction = \$456.32)	
<i>Dues Revenue (by mail or on-site in Fort de France)</i>	\$855.00
Benefactor (1 x \$120 = \$120.00)	
Full Members (18 x \$40 = \$720.00)	
Student Members (1 x \$15 = \$15.00)	
D. <u>Conference Registration Income</u>	
<i>Registration Revenue (online via Google Checkout)</i>	\$8,377.12
Full Registration (70 x \$115, less \$4.79 Google fee per transaction = \$7,714.70)	
Student Registration (7 x \$60, less \$2.04 Google fee per transaction = \$405.65)	
Caribbean Student Registration (9 x \$30, less \$1.47 Google fee per transaction = \$256.77)	
<i>Registration Revenue (by mail)</i>	\$115.00
Full Registration (1 x \$115 = \$115.00)	
<i>Registration Revenue (on-site in Fort de France)</i>	\$1,730.00
Full Registration (14 x \$115 = \$1,610.00)	
Student Registration (1 x \$60 = \$60.00)	
Caribbean Registration (2 x \$30 = \$60.00)	
E. <u>Book Exhibition Income:</u>	\$200.00
1 non-local publisher at \$200.00	
<b>TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES + 2013/14 INCOME:</b>	<b>\$31,597.11</b>
<u>ACH Money Market Account (Gould-Saunders Fund)</u>	<b>\$52,082.06</b>

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**EXPENSES****A. Bank Fees:**

Wire transfer fee to send Funds to Martinique LOC (10/28/13 and 6/2/14; \$10 each): \$20.00

**B. Website/Communication-Related Fees:**

Website Domain Name Renewal (11/29/13) : \$204.94  
 Constant Contact (online membership/registration list service renewal (7/26/13): \$272.16  
 Translation Services: \$103.36  
 Stormhaven Designs (website maintenance, 2013-2014, paid 5/26/14): \$1,000.00

**C. Conference Expenses:**

ACH "Seed Money" for Conference Expenses: \$3,000.00  
 ACH Conference Registration Monies paid to Fort de France LOC (5/31/14): \$7,487.01  
*\*this represents the full amount of registration, less seed money sent 10/28/13*  
 Servicing of the Executive Committee (2013 EC Meeting): \$454.22  
 Servicing of the Executive Committee (2014 ACH Conference, 70 euros): \$90.00

**D. Prizes:**

2014 Gould-Saunders Prize: \$500.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES for 2013/14): \$12,856.80**

<b>TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES + 2013/14 INCOME:</b>	<b>\$31,597.11</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$13,131.69</b>
<b>BALANCE (INCOME LESS EXPENSES):</b>	<b>\$18,465.42</b>
<b>BALANCE IN MMA:</b>	<b>\$52,082.06</b>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL ACH ACCOUNTS:</b>	<b>\$70,547.48</b>

**Additional ACH expenses were paid by external sources:**

The Executive Committee wants to thank the National Archives of Martinique and members of the Local Organizing Committee for their support of the October 2013 Meeting, including meeting space, refreshments, meals, and transportation.

**Expenses of the Secretariat (provided by Richard Stockton College)**

Travel to the Executive Committee Meeting (Oct. 2013): \$1,318.33  
 Travel to the ACH Annual Conference (May 2014): \$2,203.37

**Expenses of the Secretariat (provided by Rider University)**

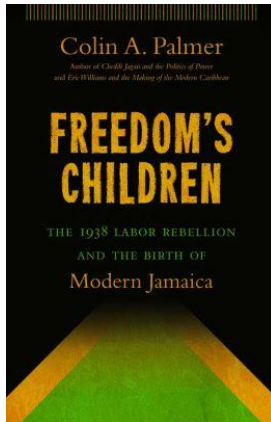
Photocopying services for the AGM Agenda, AGM Minutes, EC Minutes, EC Election Ballots (in English, French, and Spanish); 475 copies in all (provided gratis, but cost if paid at market rate of \$.05 a copy): \$23.75

Website Development (Stormhaven Designs; funded by balance of a grant managed by Roderick and Michelle Craig McDonald, through 2013-2014; \$1,280 for annual maintenance): \$1,280.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES PAID EXTERNALLY: \$4,825.45**



## MEMBER NEWS



Colin A. Palmer announces the publication of *Freedom's Children: The 1938 Labor Rebellion and the Birth of Modern Jamaica* (Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press). This volume completes his trilogy on the modern Caribbean. The first volume was *Eric Williams and the Making of the Modern Caribbean* (2006). The second was *Cheddi Jagan and the Politics of Power: British Guiana's Struggle for Independence* (2010). The three volumes are published by the University of North Carolina Press and are available in paperback.

## IN MEMORY: KEITH O. LAURENCE

Professor Keith O. Laurence (1933-2014) taught History at the Mona, Jamaica, campus of the University of the West Indies, between 1959 and 1972. He returned home to Trinidad and Tobago to join the Department of History at UWI, St. Augustine, as a Professor from 1972-1995. Professor Laurence taught both European History and West Indian history courses at Mona and St. Augustine and built a reputation as an excellent teacher and examiner. For these attributes as well as for his wonderful character and personality he was well respected by colleagues and friends. He was a long-serving Campus Coordinator of Graduate Studies at St. Augustine and Chairman of the cross-campus Board of Examiners.



His contribution to West Indian history and particularly to that of Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana is significant. His publications include *The Settlement of the Free Negroes in Trinidad before Emancipation* (1963); *The Development of the Medical Services in British Guiana and Trinidad, 1834-1963* (1964); *The Establishment of the Portuguese Community of British Guiana, 1834-1863* (1965); *Immigration into the West Indies in the 19th century* (1971); *The Restoration of Tobago to France in 1802* (1982); *Indians as Permanent Settlers in Trinidad before 1900* (1985); *Tobago in Wartime, 1793-1815* (1994); and perhaps his best-known work, *A Question of Labour: Indentured Immigration into Trinidad and British Guiana, 1875-1917* (1994). He also co-edited Volume IV, *The Long Nineteenth Century: Nineteenth Century Transformations for The General History of the Caribbean*, UNESCO series publications (2011).

Professor Laurence was a long-standing member of the Association of Caribbean Historians. He is remembered by his friends and colleagues, and he will be missed.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since January 2014  
(*Don't see your name? You were in the winter issue if you joined before January 31, 2104!*)

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