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Message from the President

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

Dear ACH Members,

Best wishes for the New Year! I hope you will all be blessed with good health and professional success throughout the coming year! The EC met in November and, as has become the norm, there were more paper offers than programme slots so those whose papers which could not fit into the programme were offered roles as chairs or in the poster session, which was new this year. I am happy to report that the Local Organizing Committee has been making good progress with preparations for this year's conference, which promises to be another sterling event.

This year the Association will undertake several ventures. In a previous column I mentioned the need to put the association on a healthier financial footing. The EC has agreed to initiate a fundraising measure to augment the Gould/Saunders fund and be able to offer more financial assistance to graduate students. We propose to hold three events at this year's conference: a silent art auction, and auctions of a collection of Caribbean books and another of Caribbean rum. To this end we are seeking your assistance for donations to these efforts. We are calling on all artists among us, and those with friends who are artists, to offer donations of art (any type) for the auction. We are also inviting members to donate a copy of their publications for the book collection and/or a bottle of Caribbean rum for the rum collection. I have already secured commitment for the donation of one item of art and several bottles of rum. We are depending on your support for the success of these ventures. The ACH history project is ongoing. Some interviews have been undertaken and we hope the first round will be completed shortly.

Looking forward, we have had strong expressions of interest from institutions in Cuba to host the 2016 conference. We welcome the opportunity but it would mean that the Association has to assist the LOC with fundraising. I will be in Cuba in mid-February and will hold discussions to ascertain their specific needs. Anyone who can direct us to possible funding sources for this conference is invited to share this information with the EC. Over the past year both EC members and those of all other ACH committees, have provided committed service to the Association, and I wish on your behalf, to convey our deepest appreciation to them. I take this opportunity to thank the LOC sincerely for the hard work that continues to be put into preparations for the 2015 conference. Thanks, also, to all members for your continued support to the Association. Looking forward to seeing you all in Nassau!

Rita



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ELSA GOVEIA BOOK PRIZE UPDATE



This May, the Association of Caribbean Historians will announce its 2013-14 Elsa Goveia Book Prize winner at the 47th Annual ACH Meeting in Nassau, Bahamas. The Elsa Goveia Prize, previously given every three years, has been awarded every two years since 1995, and recognizes excellence in the field of Caribbean history.

The application deadline was December 31, 2014, and the committee is hard at work. Over thirty-five books are in the running, one of the largest competitions in the award's history. The winner will be in good company. A list of past recipients is available on the ACH website at:

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/pastprizes.htm>

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

In the May 2012 Annual General Meeting, founding ACH member Roy Augier first proposed that the Executive Committee consider drafting language for a constitutional amendment to expand the number of its "at-large" members from 4 to 6 (bringing the total number on the EC, with its three officers, from 7 to 9). He offered two reasons for the proposed change: i) to reflect the larger overall membership of the organization; ii) to better represent the organization's current membership, particularly the number of delegates from Europe and the United States, in addition to the traditional representation of the different Caribbean regions. Woodville Marshall added that the expanded representation should be based on where a candidate currently resides rather than where he or she originates, and that all positions should continue to be voted on by the full membership. This issue was raised again at the 2014 AGM, and Augier and Marshall agreed to draft amendment language for consideration at the 2015 meeting (see also page 14, "Matters for the AGM").

Arrangements for the 47th Annual ACH Conference, Nassau 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 mid-day on Sunday, and sessions will begin later that afternoon. The conference fête—our annual dinner and dance and a central feature of this organization—is on Thursday evening, May 21, and an optional field trip to nearby Clifton National Park, historically important as the site of both Lucayan Indian and African slave habitation, is scheduled for Friday, May 22. Other receptions are scheduled on evenings throughout the week. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

Most conference activities will be held on the campus of The College of The Bahamas, at the Performing Arts Centre. Shuttle transportation will be provided to and from campus and the conference hotel. The main conference hotel will be the Meliá Nassau Beach Hotel, located in Cable Beach and close to the city centre, shops, and restaurants (<http://www.melianassaubeach.com>). A block of rooms has been reserved for our event at \$169.00/night (this includes Nassau's 7.5% VAT and 10% Room Levy, internet access, and breakfast each morning), and is available three days before and three days after the conference dates.

*The conference rate will only be valid through April 17, 2015, and thereafter is subject to availability. The Meliá's standard rate is substantially higher than the \$169 inclusive offered to the ACH. To receive this reduction, therefore, **ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL**—this means that no refunds can be given from the time of booking.*

In other words, please ensure that your funding is in place before making your hotel reservation. Once you book your hotel room, you will be liable for full payment FROM THE MOMENT OF BOOKING.

Reservations should be made with the hotel directly, and a credit card is required to hold each request; a hold will be placed on your card at that time for the first and last night's stay. To make a reservation, please use one of the following methods (if emailing or faxing, include your name, the group name, your arrival and departure dates, number in your party, and credit card information, as well as a means of confirming your reservation):

BY PHONE: (242) 327-6000 (ask for Reservations)
 BY EMAIL: reservations.melia.nassau.beach@melia.com
 BY FAX: (242) 327-5968

You can also contact the hotel group coordinators directly at Charmaine.Smith@melia.com and Lenora.Greene@melia.com. In all cases, you must identify yourself as being part of the ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN HISTORIANS to receive the group rate and to be counted in the group's room block. After April 17, 2015, rooms from the block will be released and reservations subject to current market rates and availability.



Meliá Nassau Beach Hotel

Nassau West Bay Street,
Bahamas

Phone: (242) 327-6000
 Fax: (242) 327-5968

Email: reservations.melia.nassau.beach@melia.com

HOTEL AMENITIES:

- Air-conditioned rooms
- 32-inch LCD television
- 24-hour reception
- Hair dryer
- Pool
- Adjacent beachfront
- Free WIFI access
- Laundry and ironing service
- In-room safe
- Coffee service in room
- Most rooms w/ balcony or patio

If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, you are welcome to do so. The following hotels are also located in Cable Beach (listed from least to most expensive; more details are provided under “Accommodations and Transportation” in the Annual Meeting section of the ACH website: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/annualmeeting.htm>):

Coco Plum: <http://cocoplumresortbahamas.com/>

\$105/night, taxes included

No breakfast, mini-fridge, AC, pool, restaurant on-site offers lunch and dinner

Best rate contingent on the number of nights booked.

Contact Mr. Evans, manager, after 7 PM; (242) 327-6364

Nettie’s Place: <http://www.nettiesplace.com/>

\$120/night before taxes (\$148 after taxes and fees for single or double occupancy). Subject to change.

Lunch and dinner available on-site for an additional fee, except Tuesdays; wifi in public areas

Contact: (242) 327-8153, ask for Shirley

Sandyport Beaches and Resort Hotel: <http://www.sandyportresort.com/>

One bedroom deluxe: Sleep 4. Discounted nightly rate \$165.00 + 20% (\$33.00)

Two bedrooms deluxe Suite: Sleeps 8. Discounted nightly rate \$215.00 + 20% (\$43.00)

Three bedrooms deluxe Suite: Sleeps 10. Discounted nightly rate \$315.00 + 20% (\$63.00)

Hotel room: Sleeps 4. Discounted nightly rate \$99.00 + 20% (\$19.80)

Studio: Sleeps 2. Discounted nightly rate \$128.00 + 20% (\$25.60)

Contact: (242) 327-4279; resort@sandyport.com; reservations@sandyport.com

Breezes Hotel: <http://www.breezes.com/> (all inclusive)

Deluxe Garden View : US\$170.00 per person per night, based on double occupancy

US\$255.00 per person per night, based on single occupancy

US\$153.00 per person per night, based on triple occupancy

Deluxe Ocean View : US\$190.00 per person per night, based on double occupancy

US\$285.00 per person per night, based on single occupancy

US\$171.00 per person per night, based on triple occupancy

Contact: salescoordinator2.bahamas@superclubs.com ; (242) 327-5356

Other Affordable Options located in the east of the island (not in Cable Beach):

Red Carpet: <http://redcarpetinselectbahamas.com/>

\$132 per night (VAT included) / two persons per room + free local calls and Free WIFI (mention COB discount). Contact: redcarpetinselectbahamas@gmail.com

The Towne Hotel: <http://www.townehotel.com/>

Single & Double \$95.00 ; Triple \$105.00 ; Quad \$115.00

Rates includes room, tax, services, the Towne breakfast daily and free WIFI throughout the Hotel. All rooms have A/C, cable TV, direct dial phone and staff on duty 24/7 at the front desk to assist our guests. Our restaurant and bar is open daily from 12 noon until 11pm and offers meals at very reasonable prices. Contact: Ethel Mcphee, frontdesk@townehotel.com, (242) 322-8450



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 Martinique have a valid membership until just after the conference in the Bahamas.

For those who still need to join, you can do so 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, or museums.
- 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 2015 conference appear below. While participants can register at the conference, speakers and chairs must do so in advance, and pre-registration online is encouraged for everyone—presenting or not—to gain access to all pre-circulated conference papers. All those presenting or chairing sessions at the conference MUST renew their membership and register for the conference by the time their pre-circulated papers are due on March 15, 2015:

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

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



WEATHER, CURRENCY & VISA REQUIREMENTS

The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is an island country consisting of more than 700 islands, cays, and islets in the Atlantic Ocean. It lies north of Cuba and Hispaniola (the Dominican Republic and Haiti), northwest of the Turks and Caicos Islands, and east of the Florida Keys. Its capital is Nassau on the island of New Providence. The Bahamas enjoy a moderate climate, and during the summer, temperatures rarely rise above 90° F. In mid-May it is more often in the mid-80s. The conference room, however, will be air-conditioned, so a light jacket or sweater is recommended. For evening receptions, delegates are advised to bring appropriate apparel. Receptions are scheduled for most evenings.

The currency is the Bahamian dollar (B\$1) which is tied to the U.S. dollar so that they are always equivalent. Hotels, larger restaurants and car-rental agencies accept Visa, MasterCard and, less commonly, American Express.

Most travelers, including from the U.S., Europe, and other Caribbean nations, do not require a visa, but please review information available at the Bahamas Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration for details: <https://www.bahamas.gov.bs/wps/portal/public/Visiting/Visa%20Requirements/>



TRANSPORTATION:

Most major U.S. air carriers, as well as Air Canada, British Airways, KLM, and regional Caribbean airlines, fly to Lynden Pindling International Airport in Nassau (<http://www.nas.bs/Public/Home.aspx>). The conference opens with an official welcome on Sunday, May 17 at 3:45pm and the first session begins at 4:00pm, so we recommend planning to arrive in Nassau by noon. Attendees are expected to arrange their own taxi transportation from the airport to the hotel; the drive is approximately 15 minutes and costs \$18 for two people, and \$3 for each additional person. Other possible fees, for example for extra luggage, may apply. All taxi fares are published for the Bahamas, and are available online, along with other travel information, at: <http://www.bahamas.com/travel-tips>.

Shuttle service will be arranged from Cable Beach to the conference session location in the morning, and returning to Cable Beach in the evening; details will be available in the registration packets.



ACCESSING PRE-CIRCULATED PAPERS:

ACH presentations include both a pre-circulated 25-page paper and a brief conference presentation. The ACH is making pre-circulated papers available online for those who 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 15; they will not, as a result, be available online until mid-April 2015.

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 February 2015.



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 field trip will be a day-long excursion to Clifton National Park. The Park is situated on 206 acres in western New Providence Island, historically important as both the site of Lucayan Indian and plantation economies. It is bounded by three beaches and boasts some of the best snorkeling in the Bahamas.

The cost of the trip will be \$32.25 and includes:

- a) A one-hour guided tour of the property
- b) Lunch on site (vegetarian option available)
- c) Snorkeling (equipment provided).

Tickets will be sold onsite at conference registration. We hope to see you there!

ACH 2015 Conference Presentation Guidelines

A number of 2015 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 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 (all presenters, please remember, must register in advance by March 15, 2015).

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.

Poster presentations are shorter, and pre-circulated papers should be limited to between 5 and 10 double-spaced pages.

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 or by mail to Richard Stockton College, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205, USA

PLEASE NOTE: You will be asked to register for the conference, and to pay for registration, at this time. Presenters who do not provide papers by the March 15, 2015 deadline will be removed from the program and will not be permitted to present.

4. Conference papers posted online will be password protected; only after someone has registered and paid for the conference will they be able to access this portion of the website.

5. Presentations at the conference should serve to briefly introduce information in pre-circulated papers, and as such are limited to 10 minutes. Poster sessions are shorter still—limited to no more than 10 Powerpoint slides, and a total of 5 minutes. It is very important, given the number of panels and presenters this year, that all presenters strictly adhere to these time limits, and panel chairs will be charged with ensuring that panels proceed on time.

6. Presentations at the conference can be in English, French or Spanish; simultaneous translation of all presentations will be provided by the ACH.

On behalf of the ACH, a warm welcome to those of you presenting for the first time or returning after a period away. Please, do not hesitate to contact the Secretary-Treasurer for more details or if you have any questions.

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2015 Preliminary Conference Programme

SUNDAY, May 17:

Conference Delegates arrive; registration opens by 1:00pm and runs through 3:00pm.

3:45-4:00pm **Welcome to the 47th Annual Conference**

4:00-5:30pm **Panel #1: Compensation and Reparations**

Chair: Richard Blackett, Vanderbilt University

Anne Ulentin, College of the Bahamas, "Securing their Future: Haiti's Free People of Color and the 1825 Indemnity"

Jane Baxter, DePaul University, "Negotiations for Compensations: Bahamian Slaveholders in 1834"

Claudius Fergus, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, "Reparations for Slavery: Shifting the Goalpost to Local Soil"

Gelien Matthews, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, "British Slave Apologies: An Appraisal"

Amy Strecker, Leiden University, "Reparations for Native Genocide?: The Indigenous Dimensions to the Reparations Discourse in the Caribbean"

5:15-5:30pm **Break**

5:30-6:30pm **Panel #2: Association of Caribbean Historians Inaugural Poster Session**

Chair: Ada Ferrer, New York University

Janice Anderson, MA Student, York University, "Of no Nation: Writing Enslaved Women into Human Sorority and Citizenship in the Americas"

Lisa Calvente, DePaul University, and Guadelupe Garcia, Tulane University, "The Visual Organization of Slave Geographies in Louisiana"

Cory Mills, PhD Student, York University, "A Rose by Any Other Name: The Rise of the Professional Militia in Jamaica. A History of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, 1834-1946"

Amanda Guzman, University of California, Berkeley, "An American Model of Culture: Puerto Rico in the Twentieth-Century Museum Imaginary"

Aakeil Murray, MA Student, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, "Hindu Resistance: PAOC and PAWI's attempt to proselytize the Indian community in Trinidad 1950-1990"

Monday, May 18:

9:00-10:30am Panel #3: The Local and the Global in Twentieth-Century Health Campaigns

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

Juanita de Barros, McMaster University, "Following Trade and the Flag: Researching Health in Twentieth-Century Jamaica"

Debbie W. McCollin, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, "A Culture of Cooperation: The West Indian Inter-Colonial Tuberculosis Conference of 1913"

Glenn O. Phillips, Morgan State University, "Training Caribbean Women to be Health Care Professionals in Barbados: The Work of Dr. Charles J.B. Cave, 1929-1939"

Henrice Altink, University of York, "A Black Scourge?: Race and the Rockefeller's Tuberculosis Commission in interwar Jamaica"

Nicole Boubonnais, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, "Blessed or Cursed with the Talent of Having Children: Contrasting Views on Caribbean Reproductive Health and Culture in the Mid-Twentieth Century"

10:30-10:45am Break

10:45-12:15pm Panel #4: Military Encounters during the Revolutionary Era

Chair: Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie, Howard University

Douglas Hamilton, University of Winchester, "Officers and Planters: The Royal Navy and Caribbean Society"

Geoffrey Ward, Ph.D. Student, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, "Captain Kelly's Do: The Bridgetown Riot at the Outbreak of Hostilities with the French in 1778"

Elena Schneider, University of California, Berkeley, "American Revolutions: The Role of Cuba in North American Independence"

Neil Kennedy, Memorial University, "Justice without Prejudice: Subjecthood and Speculation in Cases of Black Colonial Sailors Enslaved in the U.S. South"

David Lambert, University of Warwick, "Africa's Sons under Arms: Changing Perceptions of the British West Indian Regiments in the Caribbean, 1795-1838"

12:15-1:30pm Lunch

1:30-3:00pm Panel #5: Richard Dunn's A Tale of Two Plantations

Chair: Daniel K. Richter, University of Pennsylvania

Alison Games, Georgetown University
Roderick A. McDonald, Rider University

Swithin Wilmot, University of the West Indies, Mona
 Katherine Gerbner, University of Minnesota
 Response by: Richard S. Dunn, Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania and Co-Executive Officer,
 American Philosophical Society

3:00-3:15pm **Break**

3:15-4:45pm **Panel #6: The Cultural Construction of Race and Identity**

Chair: RoseMary Allen, University of Curacao

Gail Saunders, College of the Bahamas, “Passing for White in Bahamian Society, late Nineteenth Century to early Twentieth Century”

Katheryn Dungy, St. Michael’s College, “A Fusion of the Races: Race, Class and Gender in Colonial Puerto Rico, 1790-1850”

Anju Reejhsinghani, University of Wisconsin, “Cuban Boxing on the Margins, 1910s to 1950s”

Nicholas Creary, Bowie State University, “Beyond a Boundary in Belize”

Chelsea Schields, Goucher College, “A Tale of Two Campos: Aruba, Curacao, and the Debate over the Campo Alegre Brothels, 1950-1960”

Tuesday, May 19:

9:00-10:30am **Panel #7: Forced Diasporas of the Indigenous Circum-Caribbean**

Chair: Kris Lane, Tulane University

Erin Stone, University of West Florida, “Seeking Refuge: The Flight of the Tainos from Spanish Conquerors in the Sixteenth-Century Circum-Caribbean

Linford Fisher, Brown University, “Atlantic Indian Slavery and Indian Middle Passages”

James L. Hill, Ph.D. Student, College of William and Mary, “‘They can Neither Help Themselves Nor Us’: The Bahamas as a Place of Refuge in the Creek and Seminole Wars, 1812-1820”

Mariana C. Francozo, Leiden University, “Diasporic Objects: Indigenous Objects in European Museums”

10:30-10:45am **Break**

10:45-12:15pm **Panel #8: New Interdisciplinary Approaches around Spanish America in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries**

Chair: To Be Determined

Alice V.M. Samson, University of Cambridge, and Jago E. Cooper, British Museum, “The Writing on the Wall: Intercultural Interaction on Isla de Mona”

Paola Schiappacasse, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, “Documentary Sources as Indicators of Aspects of Daily Life in Puerto Rico between 1512-1513: A View from the Historical Archeology”

Josué Caamaño-Dones, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, “From the Island of Saba to Puerto Rico: The Maritime Cimarronaje in the Caribbean, 1656-1673”

Juan Ponce-Vázquez, St. Lawrence University, “Serving the King while Serving Oneself: Royal Officials, Local Smugglers, and Contraband Culture in Santo Domingo, 1630s-1660s”

Ricardo Raul Salazar Rey, University of Connecticut, “Religious Institutions of the Enslaved: Cohesion and Cooptation in the Province of Cartagena”

12:15-1:30pm **Lunch**

1:30-3:00pm **Panel #9: Diasporic Communities of the Americas**

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

Kameika Murphy, College of Charleston, “Gadsden’s Wharf and Loyalist Evacuations to the Caribbean”

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

Terencia Joseph, University of the Southern Caribbean, “Patterns of Resistance among Indentured Indians in St. Lucia”

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

Nicole Burrowes, Pre-doctoral fellow, Carter G. Woodson Institute, University of Virginia, “Overlapping Diasporas: Africans and Indians in British Guiana during the 1930s”

Rosemarijn Hoefte, KITLV, “From Nation Building to Nation Branding: The Case of Suriname”

3:00pm-3:15pm **Break**

3:15-4:45pm **Panel #10: Envisioning the Homeland: Race, Place, and Reinvention in the Caribbean Diaspora**

Chair: Alejandra Bronfman, University of British Columbia

Kennetta Hammond Perry, East Carolina University, “Imaging and Imagining Black Britain: Family Photography and the Politics of Citizenship and Belonging”

Glenn A. Chambers, Michigan State University, “Cooks, Waiters, Mechanics, and Race Men: West Indian Merchant Seamen in New Orleans and the Challenges to U.S. Racial Policies”

Janelle Marlina Edwards, Michigan State University, “In Search of ‘Love, Fraternity, and Benevolence’ in the American West Indian Aid Society, 1915-1936”

Eric D. Duke, University of Southern Florida, “A.M. Wendell Malliet, Black Print Culture, and the Diasporization of Black Freedom Struggles in the Early to Mid-Twentieth Century”

Grace Turner, Antiquities, Monuments, and Museums Corporation, Nassau, Bahamas, “Going to New York: A Guest Worker Program Created by Bahamians”

Wednesday, May 20:

8:30am-10:00am **Panel #11: Colonial Discourses on Poverty, Public Health, and Welfare in the Caribbean**

Chair: Fredrik Thomasson, Upsalla University

Shani Roper, Smith College, “Age and the Gendered Dimensions of Poverty: The Evolution of Poor Relief in Colonial Jamaica, 1877-1896”

Daniel Rodriguez, Brown University, “The Dangers that Surround the Child: Race, Gender, and Infant Mortality in Post-Independence Havana”

Brittany Merritt, Ph.D. Student, University of South Florida, “Public Health and Colonial Power in Barbados, 1925-1929”

Heather McCrea, Kansas State University, “Typhoid Fever, Blood Analysis, and Tropical Identity in Cuba”

Stéphanie Dargaud, Archives territoriales de Saint-Martin, “Se soigner à Saint-Martin du XVIIIe siècle à nos jours : organisation de la médecine entre médecine traditionnelle, médecine militaire et hôpital civil”

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

10:15-11:45am **Panel #12: Isolation and Refuge**

Chair: Leonard Smith, University of Birmingham

Kristen Block, University of Tennessee—Knoxville, “Contagion and Isolation: Leprosy Discourse and the Transatlantic Slave Trade”

Fernando Picó, Universidad de Puerto Rico, “Prevenções gubernativas contra fugitivos y acogida y ocultación de los escapados en la década de los 1840 en Puerto Rico”

John D. Burton, DePaul University, “Educating the Country: Bahamian Out Island Schools, 1870-1930”

Manuel Rodríguez Vasquez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, “La cartografía del desastre: Defensa Civil y refugios en Puerto Rico durante la Guerra Fría”

11:45-Noon **Break**

Noon-1:30pm **Panel #13: Local Panel--TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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 Nassau.

Thursday, May 21:

9:00-10:30am—Panel #14: Controlling Masculinity and Sexuality

Chair: Randy Browne, Xavier University

Trevor Burnard, University of Melbourne, “The Foundations of Patriarchy in Slave Households: Enslaved Men as Fathers and Husbands in Berbice, 1819-1822”

Cecily Jones, University of the West Indies, Mona, “Unmaking and Remaking Enslaved Masculinities on and Eighteenth-Century Jamaican Plantation”

Katherine Paugh, University of Wisconsin, “Conceiving Fertility in the Age of Abolition: Slavery, Sexuality, and the Politics and Knowledge”

Diana Paton, Newcastle University, “Sexual Violence and Crime in Post-Slavery Jamaica”

Nieve de los Ángeles Vázquez Lazo, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Bayamón, “Higiene, ginecología y espejuelos: La mujer de Puerto Rico y Cuba ante la mirada científica (1880-1920)”

10:30-10:45am Break

10:45-12:15pm—Panel #15: The Structure and Significance of British Slavery

Chair: Janice Mayers, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

Nicholas Draper, University College London, “The Slavery Networks of George Baillie, Merchant of London and St. Vincent: Credit, the State, and British Colonial Slavery”

Katie Donington, University College London, “The Ties that Bind: Family, Slavery, Commerce and the Making of a West Indian Fortune”

Kristy Warren, University College London, “What the Slave Registers Reveal about the Working Lives of Enslaved Children in St. Kitts”

Margaret Williamson, Dartmouth College, “Naming and Agency on Blue Mountain Plantation”

Kate Ramsey, University of Miami, “That Active and Terrible Power: Enlightenment Theories of Imagination and Afro-Caribbean Spirituality”

12:15-1:30pm Lunch

1:30-3:00pm—Panel #16: Environments of Economy

Chair: Jennifer Anderson, State University of New York, Stony Brook

Ross Nedervelt, Ph.D. Student, Florida International University, “The Bahamian Debate on Taxation and Representation in the Era of the American Revolution”

Monique Klarenbeek, Ph.D. Student, Leiden University, “The Emergence of Dutch Trade in St. Christopher”

Philippe Girard, McNeese University, “Was Plantation Slavery Profitable?”

Michael Bradshaw, Independent Scholar, “The Friendly Societies of Bermuda: A Case Study of ‘Packwood Old Folks Home’ and the Genesis of Trade Unionism in Bermuda”

Yvette Haughton, MPhil Student, University of the West Indies, Mona, “The Development of the Banana Trade and the Growth of Port Towns in Eastern Jamaica, 1860-1935”

Deidre Myers, Ph.D. Student, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, “Law, Policy and the Environment: Environmental Law and Policy History of Wetlands in Barbados”

3:00-5:00pm Annual General Meeting

7:00-11:00pm Dinner and Fete

Friday, May 22: Local field trip to Clifton Heritage Park (a description is posted under “Local Field Trip” on the ACH website, see: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/fieldtrip.htm>).

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 2015.

Rethinking the Role of the ACH Secretary-Treasurer: At the ACH Executive Committee in May 2014, current Secretary-Treasurer Michelle McDonald proposed rethinking the role of Secretary-Treasurer. The expansion of the association’s website, along with online registration and membership options and online pre-circulation of conference papers, has increased this position’s responsibilities, particularly in terms of Annual Meeting arrangements. The EC would like to discuss the possibility of dividing tasks between two members of the executive, retaining those functions previously assigned to the Secretary-Treasurer to that position (bi-annual publication of the *Bulletin*, minutes and financial reports for the EC and AGM, correspondence and member notifications, as well as processing of online membership and registration fees, and onsite registration), while reallocating tasks associated with Annual Meeting coordination to a Conference Coordinator. These might include: drafting calls for papers, coordinating with local arrangements on questions of housing, transportation, receptions, and local field trip options, overseeing collection, formatting, and online posting of conference papers, and assisting the Secretary-Treasurer in onsite conference registration.

Incorporation of Remote or Digital Presentations at the Annual Meeting: Each year the EC receives requests to consider virtual presentations for reasons ranging from lack of travel funding to illness or family responsibilities. In the past, the ACH has not permitted papers to be read when presenters are not present. Virtual presentations (i.e. via Skype) allow those unable to attend the Annual Meeting to still contribute, thereby opening up the association to more possible participants. On the other hand, it represents an important change in the organization’s prior emphasis on attendance in person. The EC asks the AGM to discuss the advantages of disadvantages of granting such requests, as well as the possible technological and financial costs of supporting virtual presentations.

Finally, the EC would like to reserve some time to review the progress of both the elementary and secondary school essay competition and this year’s inaugural ACH Poster Session, as well as Roy Augier’s and Woodville Marshall draft language to expand the size of the ACH Executive Committee from seven to nine members (see also page 2).

Conference Pre-Registration Form

To register for the 47th Annual ACH Conference in Nassau, Bahamas, visit the ACH website and click on “Annual Conference” and then “Registration” (<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>), or complete, print and mail this form to:

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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 (all chairs and presenters, however, must register and pay for registration by March 15, 2015). If registering by mail, forms must be received no later than April 30, 2015, so that all arrangements can be made in a timely manner, but you are encouraged to register early to gain online access to the conference’s pre-circulated papers. Please print as legibly as possible.

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2014-15 ACH Executive Committee Nominations and Ballot

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The ACH Executive Committee of seven members oversees administration of the Association. All members are chosen by a Nominating Committee of three members elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee is charged with ensuring that the Executive, as far as is possible from the members willing to accept nomination, reflects the geographic diversity of the Caribbean as well as its languages and cultures. All members of the Executive are chosen to serve for one year; positions are renewable for a second year, but the period of service may differ.

I. OFFICERS

The President serves at least two years, but not more than three consecutive years. The Vice-President serves for two years, and is expected to succeed the out-going President, if he or she has been nominated for a second year. The Secretary-Treasurer is expected to serve for three years, and may be renewed for a second three-year term. Although members are not asked to elect the Officers, the Nominating Committee has provided brief resumes for them as well as for the other members of the Executive Committee up for election, so that members of the ACH can consider the composition of the Executive as a whole.

President: Jacques Dumont, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane

Jacques Dumont is a Professor at the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane and Deputy Director of the Archéologie Industrielle, Histoire, Patrimoine - Géographie, Développement, Environnement de la Caraïbe (AIHP GEODE) research laboratory, founded in 1988 by scholars interested in studying Caribbean history and biogeography. He teaches cultural history of the body (health, hygiene, and sport), as well as modern Caribbean history, and has published forty articles and book chapters, as well as several books, including *L'amère patrie, histoire des Antilles françaises au XXe siècle* (2010). He is also recently the co-editor of "Les territoires de l'histoire antillaise" *Revue Outre-mers*, n° 278-279, 2013. He has formerly served on the ACH Executive Committee and chaired the ACH Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee, and has been Vice President for the past two years.

Vice-President: Juan R. González Mendoza, Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

Juan R. González Mendoza is Associate Professor of History at the San Germán Campus of Universidad Interamericana, where he has taught Puerto Rican, Caribbean, Latin American, and African History. He joined the ACH in 1985 and is currently a Life Member of the Association. He has served the ACH as Vice President (1997-1998), Secretary-Treasurer (1998-2004), and on the Executive, Nominating, and Antonio Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committees. He is a founding member of the Asociación Puertorriqueña de Historiadores and served as its Vice President and President. He was Director-Editor of *Revista/Review Interamericana* and has served on the Editorial Board of *Caribbean Studies*. His research centers on late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Puerto Rico and he has published, among others, in the *Colonial Latin American Review* and in the volume edited by David Geggus, *The Impact of the Haitian Revolution in the Atlantic World*.

Secretary-Treasurer: Michelle Craig McDonald, Richard Stockton College

Michelle Craig McDonald is Associate Professor of Atlantic History at Richard Stockton College, and is also on the faculty of the Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Africana Studies, and American Studies programs. Her research and publications focus on consumer behavior and trade in the Caribbean and early North America, on which topics she has published several articles and book chapters. She co-edited *Public Drinking in the Early Modern World* (with David Hancock, London: Pickering and Chatto, 2011), and most recently published "Why Americans Drink Coffee: The Boston Tea Party to Brazilian Slavery," with Stephen Topik in Robert Thurston, Jonathan Morris, and Shawn Steiman (eds.), *Coffee: A Guide to the Bean, the Beverage, and the Industry* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2013), and "Consumption in the Transatlantic World," in Frank Trentmann (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of the History of Consumption* (Oxford University Press, 2012). She is a Life Member of the ACH and has been Secretary-Treasurer since 2010.

II. MEMBERS (please select no more than 4 of the 6 candidates):

There are four places filled by election, initially for one year, from a list of names provided by the Nominating Committee. These members may be nominated for a second year if they are willing to accept nomination:

Christopher Curry, College of the Bahamas (member; eligible for re-election):

Born in the Bahamas, Christopher Curry earned his doctorate degree in history at the University of Connecticut in 2011. He currently serves as Chair of the School of Social Sciences, and was formerly Head of the History, Religion, and Philosophy Department at The College of the Bahamas. As Head, he engaged in a number of historical projects of national importance, including a 2012 four-day national symposium commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Movement in the Bahamas. In 2013, he co-chaired an international Conference in recognition of the Bahamas' 40th anniversary of independence. This event brought together academics from the United States and the Caribbean to critically examine issues related to the Bahamas. He is currently chairing the ACH Local Organizing Committee for the 2015 Annual Meeting. In 2006, he co-authored a three-volume series entitled *Social Studies for Bahamian Secondary Schools*, published by Macmillan Caribbean. Presently he is under contract with the University Press of Florida to publish a manuscript entitled *Liberty Extended, Liberty Denied: The Black Loyalist Quest for Freedom in the Bahamas*.

Armando Garcia, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine (first nomination):

Armando Garcia de la Torre is Lecturer in the Department of History at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago campus since 2009. He is coordinator for the Latin American Studies Major and specialises in the history of Cuba, Spanish Trinidad, the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, and Latin America and in World History. His publications include *Spanish Trinidad* (ed. & transl., Ian Randle, 2012); *José Martí y las conexiones globales de la construcción nacional cubana* (La Habana: Centro de Estudios Martianos, 2015) and *José Martí and the Global Origins of Cuban Independence* (forthcoming Kingston: UWI Press, 2015). He has presented his research in China, Morocco, Europe and throughout Latin America. Dr. Garcia's research has been awarded grants from the Ministry of Culture, Kingdom of Spain (2006, 2012). He holds a PhD from Washington State University and prior to joining UWI served as faculty at Eastern Washington University, and as visiting Assistant Professor in the Black Studies Department at Portland State University (Oregon) where he worked under Professor Kofi Agorsah. His next book project is situating José Martí's anti-colonial struggles in a Caribbean and African Diasporic context. He is currently spearheading efforts to bring the ACH to Cuba in 2016.

Tara Inniss, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill (member, eligible for re-election):

Tara A. Inniss is a Lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus. Her research interests include the history of medicine, heritage and social development. She continues to work on research concerning the history of health in the Caribbean and consults on heritage projects in the Caribbean. She currently sits on several administrative bodies including the Barbados World Heritage Committee, Barbados Museum and Historical Society, is a Life Member of the ACH, and has served as a member of the ACH Executive in 2011-13 and 2014-15.

Clara Palmiste, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane (member, eligible for re-election):

Clara Palmiste has a doctorate in History from the European University Institute in Florence. A qualified teacher in Spanish, she is currently Maitre de Conférences at Université des Antilles. In 2012 she published her first book on *The Organization of the Book Trade in Seville: 1680-1755*, and she has produced articles on the sales networks of books and the American trade. She has also focused her research on gender, women's history and feminism in the French Antilles in the twentieth century, in a comparative perspective with the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, and is interested in the issue of slavery as illustrated by the book she co-edited *Freedom and oppression: a multidisciplinary approach* (2013). She also published articles about the use of the memory of slavery and the political and administrative situation of the Netherlands Antilles in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. She is in charge of the online publication of the journal *Bulletin of the Historical Society of Guadeloupe* on Erudit, and has been a member of the ACH since 2009.

Tiffany Ruby Patterson, Vanderbilt University (first nomination):

Tiffany Ruby Patterson is an Associate Professor in African American and Diaspora Studies at Vanderbilt University and Director of Undergraduate Studies. She is also an affiliated member of the History Department and the Center for Latin American Studies. Publications include *Zora Neale Hurston and the History of Southern Life* (2005), “Diaspora and Beyond: The Promise and Limitations of Black Transnational Studies in the United States” in *Les diasporas dans le monde contemporain Un etat des lieux* ed. by W. Berthomiere and C. Chivallon, (2006) and several other journal articles and book chapters, and she is co-editor of the journal *Palimpsest: a journal on women and gender in the black international*, (2011-2015). Research projects include a study of Zora Neale Hurston in the Caribbean and internationalizing African American history. Teaching includes comparative slavery, colonial and decolonial movements, women, race and color, Haiti, and global Africa. Patterson joined the ACH in 1993, she is now a Life Member.

Francisco A. Scarano, University of Wisconsin-Madison (first nomination):

Francisco A. Scarano is a professor of Caribbean and Latin American History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he teaches courses on slavery and emancipation, race and nation-building, Caribbean history, and Puerto Rican history. He also directs the University’s Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies program. He has published several books and three dozen articles, chapters, and reviews in academic journals in the U.S., Europe, India, Latin America, and the Caribbean. His work, initially focused on the economic and demographic history of the plantation Caribbean, has of late turned toward medical, cultural, and political history. His current research interests include the social and cultural history of Caribbean peasants, especially the *jibaros* of Puerto Rico, and the interaction and conflict between medical systems of successive imperial formations (Spain and the U.S.) in Puerto Rican history. His most recent book, co-edited with Stephan Palmié, is *The Caribbean: A History of the Region and its People* (University of Chicago Press, 2011).

If voting by mail, please print this form and send it by **May 1, 2015** to:

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Images from last year’s ACH Conference. Don’t miss out in 2015!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since July 2014.

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