



## Le mot du président Message from the President

*Jacques Dumont, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane*

Chers membres de notre Association,

Permettez moi tout d'abord et avec un peu de retard de nous souhaiter une belle année 2017, que celle-ci corresponde le plus possible à vos vœux. L'ACH s'approche de son demi-siècle, âge vénérable, et l'on peut remercier tous ceux qui ont permis cette belle aventure intellectuelle et humaine, ont su la maintenir vivante et dynamique.

Malgré le succès de nos colloques, notre association ne dispose toutefois pas de tout le rayonnement qu'elle mérite. Nos rencontres annuelles offrent des communications d'une grande richesse, souvent publiées ensuite dans des revues, mais qui ne participent pas directement à la reconnaissance de l'ACH. Nous voudrions proposer, sans gêner ces publications ultérieures, un dispositif autorisant **l'archivage, la diffusion et la valorisation** des contributions aux colloques annuels. Des spécialistes contactés, de l'université des Antilles (qui travaillent déjà en réseau avec universités, bibliothèques et banques de données caribéennes) sont prêts à nous aider dans ce sens. Nul doute que d'autres universités peuvent y contribuer, l'objectif n'étant pas l'appropriation des contenus mais bien leur mise à disposition la plus large possible.

La mise en ligne des contributions sur un portail scientifique de type HAL\* (dispositif national d'archivage et de diffusion scientifique auquel l'université des Antilles a adhéré) permettrait la création d'une "collection" ACH, sorte de site internet qui permet de consulter toutes les publications suivant les entrées classiques, par auteur, titre, année, et qui peut être enrichi par différents types de liens, renvois, présentations.

L'équipe de la bibliothèque universitaire se chargerait du dépôt et de la description documentaire des contributions acceptées et de l'administration de la collection en ligne, l'association disposant évidemment des droits d'administration de la collection. Le développeur se chargerait de l'adaptation graphique. Cette valorisation des contributions pourrait aussi prendre la forme de la publication d'actes numériques en pdf. L'ACH bénéficierait ainsi d'une plus grande visibilité et d'une meilleure reconnaissance de ses travaux et de la qualité de ses membres.

La seule contrainte est l'obtention de l'autorisation de diffusion pour chaque auteur, qui ne le prive absolument pas d'une publication remaniée dans une revue.

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## ACH ELSA GOVEIA BOOK PRIZE UPDATE:

The ACH will be announcing the winner of the 2017 Elsa Goveia Book Prize in Tobago. This year's winner will represent excellence in the field of Caribbean history. The prize was awarded every three years until 1995, when it started being awarded every two years.

The adjudicating committee, comprising of David Trotman (Chair, York University), Anne Macpherson (State University of New York) and Pedro Welch (The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill) has been busy reviewing over 40 submissions since the deadline of December 31, 2016.

The Eligibility Criteria is as follows:

- Any scholarly history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in 2015 or 2016 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.

Born in 1925 in British Guiana, Elsa Goveia (1925-1980) became one of the Caribbean region's foremost historians. She was the author of the seminal work entitled, *A Study on the Historiography of the British West Indies to the End of the Nineteenth Century* (1956). She spent most of her career teaching Caribbean History at the University College of the West Indies (now the University of the West Indies, Mona) in Jamaica.



## Message from the President (Continued)

Cette proposition a été évoquée en comité exécutif et elle mérite sans doute une discussion, avant même notre assemblée générale. Cela pourrait être une façon de prolonger les échanges sur la vie de l'ACH, en dehors de notre rencontre annuelle.

\* On pourra ci joint consulter à titre d'exemple et d'illustration, des « collections » déjà mises en place :

- la collection des publications de l'Université des Antilles

<https://hal-uag.archives-ouvertes.fr/>

- la collection de la conférence IGS 2015

<https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/IGS2015/>

- la collection de la conférence EUTIC 2015

<https://hal-uag.archives-ouvertes.fr/EUTIC2015>

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Dear ACH Members,

First, allow me after a few weeks delay, to wish you a Happy New Year in 2017. May this year, as much as possible, be in harmony with your wishes. The ACH is almost half a century old, memorable indeed. Thanks, to all those who have contributed to keep this dynamic human and intellectual adventure alive.

Nevertheless, our association has not been given the exposure it deserves, although our conferences are greatly appreciated. Our annual meetings are occasions of valuable exchange in communication, in which our papers are often published later in journals. These articles are not always associated with the ACH, however, and as a result we might be missing an opportunity to encourage more people to see us as their platform for academic exchange. For this reason, we would like to set up a system allowing the archiving, the dissemination and the enhancement of the contributions made at the annual symposiums, without hampering subsequent publication. Specialists from the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, (who are already networking with other universities, libraries and Caribbean databases) are willing to help us to do so. There is no doubt that other universities can contribute in this regard, with the objective being, not the appropriation of the contents, but rather making them as widely available as possible.

To reach this aim, the creation of a “ACH Collection”, a kind of database built according to classical entries, by author, title, year and which can be enriched by different types of links, references and presentations, would be necessary on a scientific portal like the HAL type (National system for scientific archiving and dissemination to which the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane has adhered). The library team of the university would deal with the deposit and the description of documentation selected and the management of the collection online; the association having the administration rights of the collection. The website developer would be in charge of the graphical adaptation. The documentation could take the form of digital publishing in PDF. The ACH would benefit in this manner by having greater visibility, and better recognition of its work and its members.

The only obstacle is to obtain the authorization of dissemination from each author, which does not deprive him or her from publishing a revised text in a journal. This proposal was referred to among the Executive Committee and certainly deserves a discussion, even before our General Assembly. It could be an opportunity to prolong discussions about the ACH beyond our yearly meeting.

As an example and illustration, we can consult “collections” already in place:

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Estimados miembros ACH:

Primero, os pido me permitís, con unas semanas de retraso, desearos un Feliz Año Nuevo 2017. Que este año, en la medida de lo posible, esté en armonía con vuestros deseos. ACH tiene casi medio siglo de edad, de hecho algo memorable.

Gracias a todos los que han contribuido a mantener viva esta aventura intelectual y dinámica humana.

Sin embargo, no ha sido divulgada como merece, aunque nuestras conferencias son enormemente apreciadas. Nuestras reuniones anuales son ocasiones de valiosos intercambios de comunicación, en las cuales nuestros trabajos a menudo son publicados más tarde en revistas. Estos artículos no siempre se encuentran asociados con ACH, sin embargo, y como resultado, puede que estemos perdiendo una oportunidad para incentivar a que más personas nos vean como su plataforma para el intercambio académico. Por esta razón, nos gustaría establecer un sistema que permita archivar, difundir y mejorar las contribuciones hechas en los simposios anuales, sin obstaculizar su posterior publicación. Los especialistas de la Universidad de las Antillas y Guyana, (quienes ya se encuentran en red con otras universidades, bibliotecas y bases de datos del Caribe) están dispuestos a ayudarnos a lograrlo. No hay duda de que otras universidades pueden contribuir en ello, donde el objetivo es, la no apropiación de los contenidos, sino más bien hacerlos lo más disponible posible.

Para alcanzar este objetivo, sería necesario crear una “Colección ACH”, un tipo de base de datos construida de acuerdo con entradas clásicas, por autor, título, año y la cual puede ser enriquecida con distintos tipos de enlaces, referencias y presentaciones, en un portal científico como el HAL (sistema nacional de archivo y difusión científica al cual se ha adherido la Universidad de las Antillas y Guyana). El equipo bibliotecario de la universidad se encargaría del depósito y la descripción de la documentación seleccionada y administraría la colección en línea; la asociación tendría los derechos de administrar la colección. El desarrollador del sitio web estaría a cargo de la adaptación. La documentación tomaría la forma de publicación digital en PDF. La ACH se beneficiaría con ello ya que tendría mayor visibilidad y mejor reconocimiento de su trabajo y sus miembros.

El único obstáculo es el de obtener la autorización para la difusión de cada autor, la cual no le impide publicar un texto revisado en una revista. Esta propuesta fue mencionada en el Comité Ejecutivo y ciertamente merece ser discutida, incluso antes de nuestra asamblea general. Sería una oportunidad para prolongar los debates sobre ACH más allá de nuestra reunión anual.

Como ejemplo e ilustración, podemos consultar las “colecciones” que ya se encuentran listas:

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### In Memoriam: A Farewell to Michael Craton

By, James Walvin (University of York)

Michael Craton 1931-2016, was a graduate of University College London and McMaster University who spent his academic career at the University of Waterloo. Until illness intervened he was a lively, regular and engaged member of the ACH.

While a school teacher in the Bahamas, Michael wrote his first book *History of the Bahamas* (1963) - still in print 50 years later. He then returned to university to complete a pioneering study of the Jamaica Vice-Admiralty Courts for his Ph.D. thesis. The publication of *A Jamaican Plantation. Worthy Park 1670-1970*, (with James Walvin) in 1970 marked the beginning of Michael's entry into Caribbean historiography. Over the next forty years, by dint of remorseless archival work in the Caribbean and Britain, Michael published a series of important books each raising new questions and suggesting new approaches to major historical issues in the history of the Caribbean, and especially of slavery.

His *Sinews of Empire* (1974) brought the specialised work of the scholarship to a wider readership. At the same time his collection of documents, many never previously published in *Slavery Abolition and Emancipation* (with James Walvin and David Wright) made available important material for a wider student readership. Michael's continued work on Worthy Park took a more extensive form in his pioneering study *Searching for the Invisible Man* (1978) in which he sought to link conventional archival research with modern oral testimony. It was an early attempt at linking past and present: a prototype of more recent studies by others in the field.

Michael's next major project, on slave resistance (*Testing the Chains*, 1982) was another bold enterprise, which revealed Michael's emergence as a historian who commanded both small detail and the broader sweep. Again, it was a pioneering volume that exercised great influence over subsequent studies of slave resistance.

Through all this, he continued a committed and industrious regime of undergraduate and graduate teaching at Waterloo, spreading his knowledge and enthusiasm for Caribbean history among large numbers of Canadian students. He established himself as a major figure in the dissemination of informed knowledge about the Caribbean and slavery. But it was his written word which reached a wider audience. Books continued to emerge at regular intervals - signs of his indefatigable industry and commitment to his craft, and evidence of his intellectual engagement with the major historical regional and broader historical issues.

Michael organised and then published the proceedings of a major conference (*Roots and Branches: current directions in slave studies* 1979) and returned, in the influential company of Gail Saunders to the Bahamas with their two-volume history, *Islanders in the Stream*, vols. 1 and 2, 1999, 2000. Retirement from teaching had not dimmed his energy and commitment to being a working historian. His research on the Cayman Islands led to his book, *Founded Upon the Seas*, 2003. He also wrote a biography of Lynden Pindling, *Pindling: The Life and Times of the First Prime Minister of the Bahamas*, 2002. Throughout, his career Michael continued to publish a string of important scholarly essays, the best of which were published by Ian Randall in the volume, *Empire, Enslavement and Freedom in the Caribbean*, in 1997.)

Through all this remarkable and industrious output and his busy teaching career, Michael remained a deeply-rooted family man: an Englishman who loved his cricket (he travelled everywhere with a cricket ball) who showed those qualities forged in wartime England. He had been evacuated from the London blitz to rural safety, and he later spent two years as a National Service soldier. His discipline and loyalty owed much to those formative times.

Many will remember Michael for his published work, for his persistence as an attentive and vigorous cross-examiner at ACH sessions and as a greatly-influential teacher. It was my good fortune, to have met Michael in graduate school and was to know him as a mentor and friend (his stern schoolmasterly supervision of my work helped shape my own career.) His influence however is much broader than that and we can mourn his passing by acknowledging his major impact and influence on the scholarly world we all belong to.

## Arrangements for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual ACH Conference, Tobago May 14-19, 2017

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 ACH Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the 49th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Tobago, from Sunday, May 14 to Friday, May 19, 2017. Registration opens 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, will be on Thursday evening, May 18.

An optional field trip is scheduled for Friday, May 19. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

### CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS

#### CONFERENCE HOTEL:

##### Magdalena Grand Beach & Golf Resort

Address: Tobago Plantations Estate, Lowlands, Tobago, West Indies.

Phone: (868) 660-8500

Website: <http://www.magdalenagrand.com/>

A group rate has been reserved for the ACH at **187.50US/\$1200TT** per night for a deluxe ocean front room inclusive of Wi-Fi, buffet breakfast, and all taxes for single/double occupancy. Reservations can be made at [www.magdalenagrand.com](http://www.magdalenagrand.com) with the **Group Block Code 1705ASSOCI** (to be placed in as the promo code). The Group Code must be provided at the time of booking. Daily shuttles to the Store Bay area from the resort are available.

Reservations should be made with the resort directly, a credit card is required to hold each request; a one night deposit would be taken from the credit card and the difference paid upon check-in. Kindly note a credit card must be left for incidentals or in case you wish to charge additional items to your room.

To make a reservation, you can use one of the following methods:

1. Online reservation at [www.magdalenagrand.com](http://www.magdalenagrand.com) using the promo code (Block Code) 1705ASSOCI
2. Directly at the resort- you can email or call providing the following: your name, the group name, Block Code 1705ASSOCI, your arrival and departure dates, number in your party, contact details, and completed credit card authorisation form (include link) to the below contact.

**BY PHONE:** (868) 660-8800 Reservations direct contact; (868) 660-8503

**BY EMAIL:** [reservations@magdalenagrand.com](mailto:reservations@magdalenagrand.com)

In case of queries or emergencies our Hotel Group Contact is Ms. Sannicia Sammy  
[sannicia.sammy@magdalenagrand.com](mailto:sannicia.sammy@magdalenagrand.com)

For a complete listing of Alternative Accommodation Arrangements, please visit the website.  
<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/conftravel.htm>



## TRAVEL TO TOBAGO

Participants travelling from Europe, US and South America or the Caribbean can purchase flights directly to Tobago (A.N.R. Robinson International Airport) via Caribbean Airlines, British Airlines, Virgin Airlines, Monarch Airlines and Gol Airlines.

### **VISA REQUIREMENTS:**

Citizens of the following countries do not require visas for entry to Trinidad and Tobago:

CARICOM: except Haiti (Holders of Diplomatic, Official or Service Passports from Haiti do not require visas).

EUROPEAN UNION: A visa for Business/Vacation purposes for visits of up to ninety (90) days within a 180 day period, is not required for European Union countries. (See below for a list of the Member States of the European Union).

Austria	Denmark	Hungary	Netherlands	Spain
Belgium	Estonia	Italy	Poland	Sweden
Bulgaria	Finland	Latvia	Portugal	
Croatia	France	Lithuania	Romania	
Cyprus	Germany	Luxembourg	Slovakia	
Czech Republic	Greece	Malta	Slovenia	

COMMONWEALTH with the exception of:

Australia	Nigeria	Uganda
Cameroon	Papua New Guinea	
Fiji	South Africa	
Mozambique	Sri Lanka	
New Zealand	Tanzania	

U.S. citizens **do not need a visa** for tourism or business-related visits of 90 days or less.

### **TRAVEL AROUND TOBAGO**

The conference opens with an official welcome on Sunday, May 14, so we recommend planning to arrive in Tobago before noon on that day. Attendees are expected to arrange their own taxi transportation from the airport to the hotel; the drive is approximately 20 minutes and costs TT \$80-130 (USD \$12-20) depending on the number of occupants. Taxis or mini-buses are available at reasonable prices to take you around the city, the Store Bay Area and the rest of Tobago.



## 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 Cuba have a valid membership until just after the conference in Tobago.

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 2017 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, 2017:](#)

ACH Members:	USD \$175
Caribbean-based Students:	USD \$65
Non-Caribbean-based Students:	USD \$80

***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 AND CURRENCY

Located just north of the equator, Tobago enjoys a tropical climate and is sunny all year round. The average daytime temperature is 29°C (83°F) and maximums in the low to mid 30s. The water temperature is a few degrees lower. Trade Winds blow consistently, cooling the island so effectively that air-conditioning is the exception rather than the rule.

The currency of Trinidad & Tobago is the T&T dollar. Coins come in denominations of TT\$1 and 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1 cents; and banknotes in TT\$1, 5, 10, 20 and 100. Major credit cards (Master Card, Visa, American Express) are accepted almost everywhere, but don't expect to use cards at small shops, stalls and bars, etc. The US dollar is accepted in most establishments, but it is wiser and cheaper to use local TT currency. It certainly does not make financial sense to change from your local currency to US dollars and then have these converted to TT dollars at typical rates of less than TT\$6=US\$1.





## REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH

Snack/Coffee Breaks will be provided during the conference. Lunch will be available at the Magdalena Grand hotel for purchase. Taxis will be available to shuttle participants to and from the Store Bay area where they may purchase lunch.



## 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 2016.

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 cheque 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 2017.



## OPTIONAL CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP(S)

There are three (3) optional field trip destinations on offer this year.

### 1. RAINFOREST TOUR

**PRICE:** \$100.00US

**TOUR ROUTE:** Guided Tour through the Tobago’s Historic Rainforest. Abundant flora and fauna abounds in the legally protected rain forest located at the main ridge. Experience the pristine atmosphere as we walk the Gilpin Trail listening to a variety of exotic Caribbean bird from the Blue Backed Manikin, Blue Crowned Mot-Mot, Parrots to the White-Tailed Sabrewing Hummingbird. As we walk towards the gold and silver falls inhaling the refreshing forest air, we can view the lush green trees, shrubs and flowers in an endlessly thriving ecosystem.

**LUNCH:** *Jemma’s Tree House Restaurant*

Includes breadfruit pie/cassava pie, meat/grilled fish, steamed veggies, fried plantain, beans. To enhance- shrimp \$100.00TT extra; lobster \$290.00TT extra

Comfortable footwear for hiking and walking required.

**2. LITTLE TOBAGO****PRICE: \$100.00US****TOUR ROUTE: 2.5hr experience**

Experience the Atlantic Ocean view as we drive the historic Windward Road to the rustic traditional village of Speyside. Get into the traditional glass bottom boat (an experience in itself) and cruise the Atlantic viewing flora and fauna such as Queen Angel Fish and Parrot Fish. Hike Little Tobago, the home of the largest sea bird colony in the Caribbean, view the magnificent Frigate Bird, the Red Bill Tropic Bird and other exotic species. View the Japanese Gardens and snorkel at Angel Reef. Take lunch at Jemma's Treehouse Restaurant and finally cool off at a waterfall.

**LUNCH: Jemma's Tree House Restaurant**

Includes breadfruit pie/cassava pie, meat/grilled fish, steamed veggies, fried plantain, beans. To enhance- shrimp \$100TT extra; lobster \$290.00TT extra

Comfortable footwear for hiking and walking required.

**3. SCARBOROUGH TRAILS TOUR (offered on Wednesday Afternoon and Friday)****PRICE: \$75.00US**

**TOUR ROUTE:** Tour the historical capital of Tobago beginning at the Old Moravian Church, then travel to the Black Rock Courland area (indigenous significance), Fort and Museum and the Scarborough Trail Areas including the Port, Central Market and Botanical Gardens.

**LUNCH:** Kariwak Hotel

## ACH 2017 Conference Presentation Guidelines

A number of 2016 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, 2017).
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, 2017** to:

Tara Inniss, ACH Conference Coordinator at [achconference@gmail.com](mailto:achconference@gmail.com)

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, 2017 deadline will be removed from the program and will not be permitted to present.

3. 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.
4. 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—half hour sessions are dedicated to poster presenters at the start of each day, with additional time during the morning breaks to engage with conference delegates. 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.
5. 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 Conference Coordinator for more details or if you have any questions.

## 2017 Preliminary Conference Programme

**SUNDAY, MAY 14:**

**Registration**                      **1:30-2:30 pm**

**OPENING CEREMONY 2:30-3:00 pm**

**3:00-4:30pm**                      **Panel #1: Why Caribbean History Matters: The Future of the Field**

**CHAIR:**                              Swithin Wilmot, University of the West Indies, Mona

**PRESENTERS:**

“The Crisis in History Numbers: The View from UWI Mona”, Jonathan Dalby, The University of the West Indies, Mona.

“What the Future can learn from the Past: An Analysis of the ACH’s Impact on the Field of Caribbean History”, Michelle Craig McDonald, Stockton University.

“Critical Applied History and the Caribbean Historian: Writing Useable Histories”, Audra Diptee, Carleton University

**4:30-4:45pm**                      **COFFEE BREAK**

**4:45-6:15pm**                      **Panel #2: Panel on Tobago**

**CHAIR:**                              TBA

**PRESENTERS:**

TBA

**6:30 PM**                              **WELCOMING RECEPTION**

**MONDAY, MAY 15:**

**9:00-10:30am**                      **Panel #3: World War II in the Caribbean**

**CHAIR:**                              Verena Muth, University of Cologne, Germany

**PRESENTERS:**

“The policy of the Third Reich towards the Caribbean, 1933-1945”, Michael Zeuske, University of Cologne, Germany.

“Cuba durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial”, Sergio Guerra Vilaboy, Universidad de La Habana, Cuba.

“La Inmigración alemana y austriaca a la costa colombiana del Caribe durante la época del Nacionalismo”, Jorge Elías-Caro, Universidad del Magdalena, Colombia.

“Lázaro Cárdenas del Río y Manuel Ávila Camacho: De la neutralidad a la guerra”, Bernardo García Díaz, Universidad Veracruzana, México.

“European Refugees in the Wider Caribbean in the Context of World War II”, Christian Cwik, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.

**10:30-10:45am**                      **COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45-12:15pm**                      **Panel #4: Culture and Identity**

**CHAIR:**                              **Craig M. Koslofsky, University of Illinois**

**PRESENTERS:**

“The Textual Cultures of Indenture: Translation, Letter-Writing and Language among Indian Migrants in British Guiana”, Louise Moschetta, University of Cambridge.

“The Kola Nut in the Atlantic World: Commercial and Religious Exchange”, Shantelle A. George, University of London.

“Contesting Domesticity: British Caribbean Domestic Servants in American Expatriate Households in Panama, Costa Rica and Cuba, 1900-1950”, Nicola Foote, Florida Gulf Coast University.

“La presencia árabe en San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1910-1940”, Soraya Asad Sánchez, Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe.

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

**1:30-3:00pm**                      **Panel #5: Maroons in the Caribbean**

**CHAIR:**                              **Jeffrey R. Kerr-Ritchie, Howard University**

**PRESENTERS:**

“Las comunidades libertas de La Española colonial: La ruptura de la alianza entre Enriquillo y Lemba”, Ana Ozuna, Hostos College, New York City.

“Lessons Learned from the Maroon Wars: the Accompanying Maroons and Post-Emancipation Jamaica”, Michelle Thompson, City College of New York, New York.

“A Literary Ambush: How Jamaica’s Maroons Thrive in Print and Practice”, Isis Naitah Semaj-Hall, The University of the West Indies, Mona.

“The First Maroon War and the Militarization of Jamaica, 1699-1739”, Edward B. Rugemer, Yale University, Connecticut.

**3:00-3:15pm**                      **COFFEE BREAK**

**3:15-4:45pm**  
**Caribbean**

**Panel #6: Between Nation, State, and Empire: Black Citizenship in the  
 and the Atlantic**

CHAIR:

Natasha Lightfoot, Columbia University, New York

PRESENTERS:

“More than Auxiliary: West Indian Social Organizations, Citizenship, Political Activism, and the Construction of Caribbean American Identity”, Tyesha Maddox, Fordham University, New York.

“To Transplant in Alien Soil’: Race, Migration, Nation, and Citizenship in the Age of the Haitian Revolution”, Westenley Alcenat, Fordham University, New York

“Cash fe sen’ Back Home”: Gendering Finance in the Panama Canal and Barbados”, Joan Flores, New York University.

“Citizen-Soldiers? Conscriptio and Citizenship in the British and French Caribbean in the Era of the Great War”, Michael Joseph, Pembroke College, University of Oxford.

**TUESDAY, MAY 16**

**9:00-10:30am**

**Panel #7: Crime and Law**

CHAIR:

Richard Blackett, Vanderbilt University

PRESENTERS:

“The Transplantation and Reverberations of Common Law in the British West Indies, 1700-1900”, Justine K. Collins, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History.

“Is There Any Point in Doing Crime History? Transnational Crime in the Nineteenth-Century Caribbean”, Marion Pluskota, Leiden University.

“Containing ‘Dread’: The Impact of the Prohibited and Unlawful Societies Act in Dominica”, Kate Quinn, Institute of the Americas, University College London.

“Crime and Punishment: Continuity of the Colonial Penal System in The Bahamas”, Anne Ulentin, University of The Bahamas.

“Beyond the Glittering: Semiotics of Piracy in the Early Modern Caribbean”, Onur Alptekin, Koç University, Istanbul.

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

**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45-12:15pm**

**Panel #8: The System of Indian Indenture: Experience and**

**Termination**

CHAIR:

Rosemarijn Hoefte, Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies

## PRESENTERS:

“The Impact of the Termination of the System of Indian Indenture: Trinidad, 1917-1930”, Sherry-Ann Singh, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.

“Abolishing Indian Indentured Labour in Saint Lucia”, Terencia Kyneata Joseph, University of the Southern Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago.

“Presbyterian Homes for Indian Indentured Females and their Descendants in Trinidad, 1890-1912: Continuity and Change”, Gelien Matthews, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.

“History, Landscape, Religion, and Architecture: the One-Hundred-Year-Old Mud Temple in Trinidad”, Kumar Mahabir, University of Trinidad and Tobago.

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

**LUNCH**

**1:30-3:00pm**

**Panel #9: Intellectuals in the Caribbean**

CHAIR:

Tiffany Patterson, Vanderbilt University

## PRESENTERS:

“Eusebia Cosmé and the Sounds of *Négritude*”, Alejandra Bronfman, University of British Columbia.

“Dorothy Padmore: Pan-Africanism and the Caribbean”, Peter James Hudson, University of California, Los Angeles.

‘...Repudiate no part of the ancestral heritage...’: Jean Price-Mars and Haitian Black Identity”, William H. Alexander, Norfolk State University, Virginia.

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

**COFFEE BREAK**

**3:15-4:45pm**

**Panel #10: Business and Commercial Rivalries**

CHAIR:

Carla Pestana, UCLA

## PRESENTERS:

“The Coffee Planters: Residency, Status and Demographic Profile in Early Nineteenth-Century Plantation Jamaica”, Kathleen E. A. Monteith, The University of the West Indies, Mona.

“Expansion and Collapse of Cotton Cultivation in British Guyana, c. 1795-1833”, Alexey Krichtal, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland.

“Both Sides Now: The Role of the Caribbean in the Emergence of New Trade Links between Asia and Latin America, 1680 - 1760”, Ryan Holroyd, Pennsylvania State University.

“Gustavia during the Napoleonic Wars: An Anglo-American Port of Convenience”, Victor Wilson, Åbo Akademi University, Finland.

“A Spanish Perspective on Providence Island”, Daniel Genkins, Vanderbilt University, Tennessee.





CHAIR: Randy Browne, Xavier University

PRESENTERS:

“Queering the ‘Love Birds’: Air Jamaica’s First Male Flight Attendants, 1988-2001”, Phil Tiemeyer, Kansas State University.

“I’m a Creole-Kongo’: Kongolese Vodou and Creolization in Haiti”, Christina Mobley, University of Virginia.

“The Efficacy of Elsewhere: Hindu Identification, Obeah, and Politics of Categorization in the Colonial Caribbean”, Alexander Rocklin, Willamette University, Oregon.

“Citizenship and Political Culture in the Swedish Colony of St. Barthélemy”, Ale Palsson, Stockholm University.

*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 Tobago.*

**SCARBOROUGH Trails Tour**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

**9:00-10:30am**

**Panel #14: Heritage and Historical Memory**

CHAIR: Emily Mann, University of Kent

PRESENTERS:

“Le Fort Louis (Marigot, Saint-Martin). Redécouvrir un monument historique symbolique de l’île”, Stéphanie Dargaud (Archives Territoriales de Saint-Martin) et Emmanuel Barthelemy-Moizan (Inrap).

“Pathways to memory: Excursions into the Past in Late Nineteenth-Century Guadeloupe”, Stella Vincenot, New York University.

“Sweden and the Haitian Revolution”, Fredrik Thomasson, Uppsala University, Sweden.

“Suriname and Brazil in the First Half of the Twentieth Century”, Jerome Egger, Anton de Kom University of Suriname.

“Sources for the Study of French Tobago”, Armando García de la Torre, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.

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

**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45-12:15pm**

**Panel #15: Slavery and Abolition**

CHAIR: Gad Heuman, Center for Caribbean Studies, Warwick

PRESENTERS:

“Digitizing Enslavement”, Margaret Williamson, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire.

“Free at last? Intermediate Labor Systems in Saint-Domingue after the Abolition of Slavery”, Philippe Girard, McNeese State University, Louisiana.

“Making Freedom Work: Washington Harper, the Tuskegee Institute, and Atlantic Coloniality”, Franco Barchiesi, Ohio State University.

“Piracy, Slavery, and Clandestine Trade: Transitioning to a Plantation Economy in the Caribbean-Atlantic”, Jamie L.H. Goodall, Stevenson University, Maryland.

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

**LUNCH**

**1:30-3:00pm**

**Panel #16: The Post-1945 Caribbean**

**CHAIR:**

Roderick McDonald, Rider University

**PRESENTERS:**

“Puerto Rico’s Paradiplomacy in the 80s and the 90s: Close Encounters with the Caribbean and Beyond”, Raymond Laureano-Ortiz, Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe.

“Les dimensions mondiales de la lutte pour la décolonisation dans les Antilles françaises à partir de 1950”, Maël Lavenaire, Université des Antilles.

“The Press and the Public: Attitudes Towards The West Indies Federation, 1958-1961”, Renée A. Nelson, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.

“Killing Communists in Havana: The Start of the Cold War in Latin America”, Steve Cushion, London Metropolitan University.

“Jagernath Lachmon and India”, Peter Meel, Leiden University.

**3:00-5:00pm**

**Annual General Meeting**

**7:00-11:00pm**

**DINNER AND FÊTE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**

**FIELD TRIP**

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

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(<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>), or complete, print and mail this form to:

Tara Inniss  
 Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians  
 c/o Department of History and Philosophy  
 Cave Hill Campus, The University of the West Indies,  
 St. Michael, BARBADOS

Forms can also be emailed to: [achsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:achsecretary@gmail.com)

Remember that all conference presenters and attendees must also be current members of the ACH. If you are not already a member, you can join onsite during the conference, or in advance via the ACH website (**all chairs and presenters, however, must register and pay for registration by March 15, 2017**). If registering by mail, forms must be received no later than April 30, 2017, 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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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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### TRAVEL DETAILS:

ARRIVAL DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

AIRLINE NAME/FLIGHT #: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

AIRLINE NAME/FLIGHT #: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION (please check one):

Registration:	USD \$175	_____
Student:	USD \$ 80	_____
Caribbean Student:	USD \$ 65	_____

Please state any special needs related to **DIET** or **MEDICAL CONDITION**. Delegates who are on doctor-prescribed medication should ensure that they travel with adequate supplies. If you are presenting at the conference, please state your **TECHNOLOGY** needs (Powerpoint, LCD projector, DVD player, CD player, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

## Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Havana, 2016

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

**PRESENT:** Rosanne Adderly; Jacques Adelaide; RoseMary Allen; Jean-Pierre Bat; Devyn Benson; Richard Blackett; Kristen Block; Cynthia Bouton; Bridget Brereton; Karen Brown; Randy Browne; Takarra Brunson; Kit Candlin; Erica Carter; Henderson Carter; Heather Cateau; John Coughlin; Arnaldo Cordero; Alissandra Cummins; Jonathan Dalby; Stephanie Dargaud; Sally Delgado; Ligia Domenech; Jacques Dumont; Claudius Fergus; Margriet Fokeen; Marissa Fuentes; Armando Garcia; Janette Gayle; Antonio Gaztambide; Rebecca Goetz; David Gosse; Margo Groenewoud; Ginger Gould; April Hatfield; Yvette Haughton; Gad Heuman; Anissa Hicks; Rosemarijn Hoefte; John Hogue; Myra Houser; Terencia Joseph; Aleric Josephs; Marjoleine Kars; Jeff Kerr-Ritchie; Roberta Kilkenny; Jane Landers; David LaFervor; Jean-Pierre Le Glaunec; Dan Littlefield; Val Littlefield; Anne Macpherson; Allison Madar; Gorica Majstorovi; Woodville Marshall; Sylvain Mary; Gelien Matthews; Janice Mayers; Kevin McDonald; Michelle McDonald; Roderick McDonald; Don Mitchell; Kathleen Monteith; Kareene Morris; Matthew Mulcahy; Yaheira Murphy; Celia Naylor; Ross Nedervelt; Melissa Noventa; Myles Osborne; Greg O'Malley; Gilbert Pago; Clara Palmiste; Tiffany Patterson; Rita Pemberton; Rolande Bosphore Perou; Carla Pestana; Dexnell Peters; Jessica Pierre-Louis; Allyson Poska; Fiona Ann Rajkumar; Richard Ralston; Allison Ramsey; Daniel Richter; Leon Robichaud; Gabriel de Avilez Rocha; Jessica Roitman; Sharon Salinger; Jean-Pierre Sainton; Gail Saunders; José O. Solá; Antonio Sotomayor; Alice Sykes; Glenroy Taitt; Rosalyn Terborg-Penn; David Trotman; Ronald Williams; Margaret Williamson; Swithin Wilmot; Rodney Worrell; Kevin Young; and Nuala Zahadieh.

ACH President **Jacques Dumont** called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) began with a tribute to former ACH President

and longstanding member **Danielle Begót**, who passed away earlier this year after a long illness. Four ACH members, founder **Jacques Adelaide**, **Tiffany Patterson**, **Bridget Brereton**, and **Richard Blackett**, shared their thoughts and memories of **Begót**, and **Dumont** closed the ceremony by reading an adaptation of a poem by Jose Marti that he believed captured her pioneering and generous spirit.

**Dumont** began the regular session by noting that this year's programme—both panel and poster sessions—demonstrated especially strong research, and thanked all presenters for keeping to their allotted time and ensuring that the conference could proceed in an orderly fashion. He especially thanked those who participated in the inaugural poster sessions, and suggested that their innovative use of PowerPoint presentations could serve as a model for all presenters about how to creatively and dynamically convey their messages succinctly.

He also thanked audience members, whose questions and discussion led to important pedagogical exchanges about both research and teaching methodologies and allowed the conference to effectively showcase work from different cultures.

**Confirmation of the 2015 AGM Minutes:** The May 2015 minutes were distributed electronically in advance of the AGM, and attendees asked to bring corrections and changes. As none were forthcoming, the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2015-2016:** The 2015-2016 Executive Committee (EC) met twice this year, in November 2015 to plan the 2016 conference, and on June 9, 2016 during this year's Annual General Meeting. The fall meeting focused on review of conference applications and the 2016 annual programme.

In all, there were 25 panel proposals (comprised of 95 proposed presentations) as well as additional 80 individual paper

applications, as well as two panel proposals of four presenters offered by the Cuban Local Organizing Committee. The total potential number of presenters between panel and poster applications was 183. The initial programme, advertised in the winter issue of the *Bulletin*, featured 17 panels and 5 poster sessions composed of 102 presentations. The final programme included 16 panels and 4 poster sessions composed of 84 presentations.

The ACH welcomed many new and returning members including (as of June 9, 2015):

3 new Life Members: **Maureen Elgersman Lee** (Hampton University), **Myra Ann Houser** (Ouachita Baptist University), and **Ross Nedervelt** (Florida International University)

The ACH also had: 1 Institutional Member renewal; 129 New Members or Member renewals; and 44 New Student Members or Member renewals (names and institutions of all of which appeared, or will appear, in the January and July 2016 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*).

*NOTE: For comparison, in 2015 the ACH had 6 new Life Members, 102 New or Renewed Members, and 24 New or Renewed Student Members.*

The ACH published two issues of the *Bulletin* (July 2015 and January 2016), which included the 2016 conference call for papers and local arrangements information and the preliminary programme respectively. Calls for papers and announcements about the conference were also advertised on H-Caribbean and H-Atlantic, as well as to over fifty Latin American/Caribbean Studies Programs.

ACH website updates continue. The Secretariat is currently in the process of digitizing past issues of the *Bulletin* and hopes to complete a full digital archive by next year's conference.

**Financial Report, 2015-2016:** **Michelle McDonald** presented this year's financial summary, noting that both membership and registration income remained strong. The

following represents the total conference attendance this year:

129	Faculty/Professional
21	Local Delegates
12	Cuban-based volunteers
6	Caribbean Student Registration
19	Non-Caribbean Student Registration
25	Conference Guests

## 212 TOTAL EVENT ATTENDANCE

It is important to note that this conference represents the largest attendance of Spanish-speaking delegates in over 15 years (including when the conference was last in Puerto Rico). It also represents the largest attendance of French-speaking delegates in over 10 years (except when the conference was held in Guadeloupe in 2009 and Martinique in 2014). It is also the largest number of Caribbean-based graduate students in the last 10 years (who were not conference volunteers).

In addition, the University of the West Indies Press attended this year's event and renewed its institutional membership, which renewed its institutional membership. A full copy of the financial report appears in the summer 2016 issue of the *Bulletin*.

Despite record registration, however, constraints on local fundraising meant that the ACH contributed appreciably more in terms of seed money this year than in the past. While the EC agreed that the circumstances of this location warranted this level of support, it is not a pattern that that the organization and sustain in the future.

**Report of the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee:** **Kristen Block**, a member of this year's prize committee, presented the 2016 Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize, a biennial award that recognizes the best article in the field of Caribbean history. The award went to ACH member **Lara Putnam** for "Citizenship from the Margins: Vernacular Theories of Rights and the State from the Interwar Caribbean," *Journal of British Studies* 53:1 (2014) 162-191. The committee also gave an honorary mention

to **Marcy Norton** for her article “The Chicken or the Legue: Human-Animal Relationships and the Columbian Exchange”, *The American Historical Review* 120:1 (2015) 28-60. The full report appears online at: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/prizes.htm>.

#### **Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Prize:**

**Virginia Gould** and **Gail Saunders**, founders of the Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award, jointly presented this year’s prize to **Jessica Pierre-Louis**, who studied at the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane AIHP/ GEODE. Her paper was entitled “Wealth and Racial Categorization of the Free people of Color in Martinique in the Eighteenth Century.” The Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award was established in 2005 to provide assistance for graduate students and junior scholars from institutions in the Caribbean and Central America to attend the ACH conference. This is the sixth year it has been awarded.

#### **Selection of the Elsa Goveia Book Prize**

**Committee:** **Jacques Dumont** called for nominations from the floor for the 2015-2016 Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee. **Anne Macpherson** (The College at Brockport, SUNY), **Pedro Welch** (University of the West Indies, Cave Hill), and **David Trotman** (York University) all received nominations and agreed to serve. Calls for nominations will be distributed to members and via H-Caribbean beginning in August 2016.

#### **Report of the Nominating Committee, 2015-**

**2016:** This year’s Nominating Committee included **Bridget Brereton** (convener, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine), **RoseMary Allen** (University of Curaçao), and **Kathryn Dungy** (St. Michael’s College). **Brereton** reported that the following were elected to the EC for a one-year term: **Jacques Dumont** (President) and **Rosemarijn Hoefte** (Vice President). **Tara Inniss** was elected as the new Secretary-Treasurer for a three-year term, while **Clara Palmiste** was elected as Conference Coordinator for one year. Changes in work obligations led the EC to divide the conference coordinator responsibilities, at her request, between **Palmiste** and **Armando**

**Garcia**, who was re-elected for a second one-year term. Joining these officers are three additional at-large members, **Jonathan Dalby**, **Ada Ferrer**, and **Margo Groenwoud**.

#### **Selection of the Nominating Committee,**

**2016-2017:** Following announcement of this year’s election results, **Jacques Dumont** called for nominations from the floor for the 2016-17 Nominating Committee. The following individuals were nominated and agreed to serve: **Kathleen Monteith** (University of the West Indies, Mona); **Jean-Pierre Sainton** (Université des Antilles et de la Guyane); **Rosanne Laura Adderly** (Tulane University); **Roderick McDonald** (Rider University); and **Richard Blackett** (Vanderbilt University). Although this committee is larger than the standard ACH nominating committee of three persons, it was decided, following discussion by the AGM, to allow all nominees to serve. Committee members agreed to select their own chair from among their members. This information will be posted on the ACH website.

#### **Report on locations for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual ACH**

**Conference:** **Claudius Fergus**, outgoing department head of history at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, presented the preliminary report on the proposed location for the 2017 ACH Conference. Given summer meeting schedules, the full department has not yet voted on the precise location, although three options are being considered: Trinidad, Tobago, and a conference schedule that includes both locations. **Fergus** noted that Trinidad might be the easier location to coordinate, as there are more large hotels and a campus setting. Tobago, on the other hand, would be a more novel venue for ACH members (although the conference sessions would need to be located in a hotel; this would, however, also eliminate the labor and cost involved in moving delegates between hotel accommodation and meeting rooms). **Fergus** intimated that hotels might also be slightly less expensive in Tobago. Although the decision remains the purview of the local organizing committee, a show of hands indicated a strong preference for Tobago among AGM members. There are no formal proposals for other sites for 2017, or for outlying years, although members indicated that St. Martin and

Barbados had expressed preliminary interest in 2018. More certain is the date of the 2017 conference, which will be May 14-19, 2017. NOTE: Since the AGM, UWI's department has met and the location of the 2017 conference will be Tobago. Additional details will follow on the ACH website shortly.

**Any Other Business:** Jacques Dumont asked members to join him in thanking the translators for their exemplary service during the conference. He also asked the AGM to consider whether the ACH should move towards an overarching theme to guide conference planning and application selection. He noted that most major conferences have moved in this direction, and that a sufficiently broad theme would allow for a range of topics—both micro and macro—to be addressed. Richard Blackett suggested that the EC be charged with forming the theme based on the papers accepted to the conference at the fall EC meeting. The following recommendations for 2017 conference themes came from the floor:

- 1) Does the Field of History have a Future
- 2) Caribbean Business and Economic History
- 3) Caribbean Sports and Leisure
- 4) Communication
- 5) History of the Antilles
- 6) Archeology and History
- 7) Connections between Islands & Mainlands
- 8) The Caribbean and the Environment
- 9) Gender and Sexuality
- 10) Education Policy
- 11) Queer History
- 12) Global Dimensions of Caribbean History
- 13) Comparative History
- 14) The Caribbean and World War II
- 15) Citizenship
- 16) Disability and the Caribbean
- 17) Caribbean Landscape
- 18) The Caribbean on the Move

The EC noted that, in their selection process, there is a preference for panels that are broadly defined. This includes both in terms of topic, region, and linguistic tradition, as well as speakers' institution, level of professional development, etc. In other words, panels that focused narrowly on one nation, or that included speakers from the same institution,

were often not ranked as highly as those that offered more variety and the potential for comparative analysis. Applicants should bear these suggestions in mind for 2017.

**Evaluation of the 2016 Conference:** All AGM members agreed that the conference was very well organized, and that the translation services were strong.

Carla Pestana noted that those from the US received extra assistance from Roxsana Estrada of Academic Travel Cuba, Inc. who personally met delegates at the Miami Airport to ensure their smooth transportation to Havana.

Anne Macpherson recommended continuation of the poster panels in 2017, but suggested that—rather than brief presentations—presenters offer more traditional posters that are stationed in a room for one-on-one discussion. Gad Heuman seconded this recommendation. Roderick McDonald preferred the brief oral presentations, which he commended for being tightly scripted and dynamic; static posters might limit the number of delegates who learned of a poster presenter's research. Ross Nedervelt suggested that the ISECS conference has a more traditional poster session, and it is well attended. Richard Blackett concluded that the poster sessions are a departure from past ACH practice that always required pre-circulated papers. Michelle McDonald responded that poster presenters did have pre-circulated papers (they were filed in a different subpage in the "Annual Meeting" portion of the ACH website). The overall sense from the AGM was that poster presentations should continue, but the format needs to be more clearly articulated in the call for applications and instructions to presenters.

Rita Pemberton concluded the meeting by noting that 2018 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ACH, and that the institution should begin planning for this event. Efforts to collect testimonies from founders are already underway, and the ACH might look into the possibility of a commemorative publication. There being no further business, ACH President Jacques Dumont adjourned the meeting at 4:52pm.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since July 2016 to January 2017  
(*Don't see your name? You were in the summer issue if you joined before July 1, 2106!*). You can  
join the organization and renew membership online at  
<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/membership.htm>

### **MEMBERS and MEMBER RENEWALS**

William Alexander\*  
Devyn Benson, Davidson College  
Steve Cushion, University of London  
Joyce Moore Turner, Retired Scholar  
Shantel George, State University of New York, Oneonta  
Jamie Goodall, Stevenson University  
Erika Johnson, Gordon State College  
Raymond Laureano, Centro Estudios Avanzados, Puerto Rico  
Stephen Mullen, University of Glasgow  
Maurice St. Pierre\*

### **STUDENT MEMBERS AND MEMBER RENEWALS**

Onur Alptekin, Koc University  
Michael Becker, Duke University  
Maria Blas-Perez, Ashford University  
Joanne Camacho Escobar, University of Texas, El Paso  
Jonathan Dusenbury, Vanderbilt University  
Michael Joseph, Oxford University  
Dylan LeBlanc, University of Notre Dame  
Alberto Marti, University of Nottingham  
Amanda McAllister, University of Middle Georgia State  
Lucy Pena Carro, University of Puerto Rico  
Justin Pergolizzi, State University of New York, Albany  
Hector Rivera\*

\* Members who need to update their Membership information. Please contact the ACH Secretary-Treasurer for more information.

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Armando Garcia, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine