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Dear ACH Members,

Bonne année, Feliz año nuevo, Gelukkig nieuwjaar, Happy New Year!

From an ACH perspective the number 50 connects the past year and this present year. Last year we celebrated our 50th conference in Barbados and in 2019 we hope to welcome many of you in Curaçao where the ACH will be part of the 50th commemoration of the 'Trinta di Mei', or Thirtieth of May, a day of socio-economic revolt in 1969 with some far reaching consequences for the Dutch (post)-colonial empire.

In November the Executive Committee and the Local Organizing Committee met in Willemstad to discuss the programme for our upcoming conference. We are pleased that a number of accepted proposals will reflect on the conference theme 'Resistance: a view from the margins'. The LOC, chaired by Margo Groenewoud, plans to organize some special events connected to the conference theme in general and 'Trinta di Mei' in particular.

The EC will introduce a new feature in this year's programme: a welcome for graduate students on Sunday before the opening session. It will include a short introduction to ACH (and on how to speak while being simultaneously translated) as well as a roundtable with a few seasoned researchers on the conference theme.

The conference venue will be the auditorium of the University of Curaçao mr. dr. Moises Frumencio da Costa Gomez as part of its 40th anniversary celebrations. The LOC will provide transportation from downtown Willemstad and other places to the university. For more details please see this Bulletin.

As for other non-conference plans: in 2019 the EC hopes to incorporate the ACH, (which turns has presented some challenges) in order to facilitate our financial administration and fundraising, among other things.

We are very grateful for your donations as life members, benefactors, or as purchasers of the ACH@50© T-shirts and items sold at the silent auction in Barbados. This helps us to support LOCs in organizing conferences, boost the Gould-Saunders Memorial Endowment Travel Fund that subsidizes selected graduate students from the Caribbean, and helps us to meet the legal costs of incorporation.

I hope to see you all in Curaçao!

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The Elsa Goveia Book Prize

The ACH will announce the winner of the Elsa Goveia Book Prize at the next AGM in Curaçao 2019.

Previously awarded every three years, the ACH book prize has been awarded every two years since 1995, and recognizes excellence in the field of Caribbean history.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any scholarly history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in 2017 or 2018 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.

The Call for Submissions is now closed.

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In Memoriam: Anthony 'Tony' Phillips, 1939-2018

By Henderson Carter, The UWI Cave Hill Campus [Extracted from his eulogy delivered 29 September 2018]

Anthony De Vere Phillips was born to James and Genetha Phillips in Durham, St. Lucy, Barbados on 10 February 1939. He was their third son, following their earlier arrivals of Amory and Vinston. Anthony attended the St. Clements Primary School in Pie Corner, St. Lucy, and then the Parry School in St. Lucy.

He was a very gifted student and won a place at the prestigious Harrison College in 1950. At Harrison College, he excelled in his academic studies and completed his Advanced levels in History, French and English, winning a Barbados Scholarship on his second try in 1958.



He proceeded to the Mona campus in Jamaica to take a history degree, and it was there where he met his wife Sylvia 'under the Mona moon' as they both put it. Having met for the first time in 1959, they were married on 14 April 1965 in Georgetown, Guyana. They had two daughters, Angela and Joan and were blessed with four grand-sons - Zuri (9 years old), Luke (6), Azi (6) and Alex (1).

Upon graduating from Mona, he took his M.A. at the University of London, Kings College, graduating in 1964. Tony returned to Barbados in 1963 and when the Barbados Campus of The UWI opened that year, was the first person to be recruited as assistant lecturer to teach history. He played a leading role in organising the programme of the Department of History. He was also therefore among that group of persons who moved from the Harbour to the Hill.

At The UWI, he moved up the ranks to lecturer (1966), lecturer on tenure (1971), senior lecturer (1988) and Head of Department between 1988 and 1991. He would have taught many of our now prominent citizens, lawyers and academics. All told, he served for 41 years in the department.

He was fully supportive of the departmental programmes, particularly the Oral History Project, and was always on hand at departmental seminars to give encouragement and support to young scholars. In 1992, when I did my first postgraduate seminar paper on the history of the rum enterprise in Barbados, (and I am not a drinker) he was kind enough to go through the paper to indicate ways in which it could be improved. Dr Marcia Burrowes recalls that as early as 2001, Dr. Phillips "was an integral member of "The Journey", the group of Barbadian/UK migrants and friends who met to discuss the gathering of the narratives of migration. In 2003, he continued to work with the UWI Migration Oral History/Cultural Studies Project and engaged in outreach and workshop activities. He conducted several interviews with Barbadian/UK migrants and undertook archival research. He remained an active member of the Migration project until circa 2011, when health concerns intervened."

The UWI was a central part of his life. He absolutely loved it there.

As one of the early lecturers at the campus, Dr. Phillips has contributed much to what we know about the early beginnings of the campus through his article "From Harbour to the Hill", published in the *Jamaican Historical Review* in 1988. However, his main research contribution was in the realm of political and legal history, where he published papers and articles on the parliament of Barbados, World War I, and the labour movement. His two book publications which stand out are: *The People Who Came Bk 3* with Edward Brathwaite, which was standard reading in the secondary schools in the 1980s and 1990s and the *Modernisation of Barbados*, which surveyed the island's developments from the 1880s to the early twentieth century. He was also editor of the *Journal of Barbados Museum and Historical Society* between 1988 and 1995.

Tony was both was a member of the ACH and the American Historical Association (AHA), and attended the conferences of these organisations. He completed his PhD in 1992 at The UWI, Cave Hill Campus and returned to the classroom in the mid-1990s to take the LL.B. degree in 1999 via distance education. As was expected, he wrote several articles in the field of legal history.

Dr. Phillips retired from the University on October 1, 2004 and spent much of his retirement travelling, visiting libraries, researching and writing.

In giving tribute on his passing, Vice-Chancellor of The UWI, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles remarked that “Tony was an ideal colleague and quintessential team man. The kindest, gentlest soul imaginable occupied his person. Never in my near four decades of knowing him have I ever heard him utter an ill word of anyone or raised his voice in vexation. Men possessed of such a phenomenal nature were defined as gentlemen.” Professor Emeritus Sir Woodville Marshall, his colleague and neighbour for many years, recalls that “He was our resident expert on the political and institutional developments of Barbados. The institution and indeed Barbados has lost an important person.”

In Memoriam: Selwyn H. H. Carrington, 1937-2018

By Bridget Brereton, The UWI St. Augustine Campus [Republished from the *T&T Express*, 25 October 2018, p.12]



I want to notice the recent death of my colleague Selwyn H. H. Carrington. Born in 1937 in Tobago, he never let anyone forget he was a proud Tobagonian, and it was no surprise that when he finally retired from Howard University, he went to live in Canaan, the village of his birth, where he died. His parents were William and Beata Carrington; his father was an old-school headmaster who, later in his life, was ordained as an Anglican priest.

After school in Tobago, the young Carrington went to Canada, where he worked and put himself through university, gaining a BA at Sir George William University (now Concordia), and a MA at Manitoba. Academically ambitious, he crossed the Atlantic to do research for his Ph.D. from London University (1975); its title was “Economic and Political Developments in the British West Indies during the American Revolution”.

In 1986 Carrington came to UWI, St Augustine, where I got to know him. He taught courses on Caribbean Economic history and the history of the United States. As the current Faculty Dean, Dr. Heather Cateau (herself one of his doctoral students) puts it, he was “a larger than life” figure at St Augustine; you were never unaware of his views on any number of issues, historical or present-day. He was well known for his interest in, and care for, his students and was a popular teacher.

It was UWI’s loss when he left to go to Howard, the famous historically black university in Washington DC, in the mid-1990s as Professor of Caribbean History; he stayed there until his retirement in 2014. His areas of teaching and graduate supervision, besides Caribbean history, included the Black Diaspora and African-American history.

Carrington was a significant scholar whose published work has contributed to shaping our understanding of the history of the region. His revised doctoral thesis became a book (1988), *The British West Indies during the American Revolution*, and in 2002 he published a second major work, *The Sugar Industry and the Abolition of the Slave Trade (1775-1810)*. He also published dozens of chapters in edited books, articles in scholarly journals, and book reviews.

Academics help to generate new knowledge by their published work, but also (and just as importantly) by supervising and mentoring young scholars, especially graduate students. Carrington supervised many doctoral and masters theses, both at UWI and at Howard, most of them on Caribbean topics—Howard has always been engaged in research on the Caribbean, ever since Eric Williams taught there in the 1940s. And Carrington was one of the staunchest academic defenders of Williams and the arguments set out in his groundbreaking *Capitalism and Slavery* (1944). In particular, Carrington’s work reinforced two of the key theses in that book: that the older British West Indian colonies entered a period of economic decline from

the time of the American Revolution (1776-1783) onwards; and that this decline was the major reason for the abolition of the British slave trade in 1806-07.

Carrington was a key participant in the big debate among historians about the “Williams theses” and, more generally, the development of the British Caribbean after 1776 and the reasons for abolition. He organised an international conference at St Augustine in 1996 on “Capitalism and Slavery Fifty Years Later: Eric E. Williams and the Modern Caribbean”, out of which a major book emerged co-edited by himself and his former student Heather Cateau. It was no surprise that in 2015 he was asked by the Central Bank to deliver the prestigious annual Eric Williams Memorial Lecture.

The community of historians of the Caribbean has lost an important member, but Carrington’s contribution will endure through his publications and the work of his students.

In Memoriam: Roslyn Terborg-Penn, 1941-2018

By Glenn Phillips, Morgan State University



Rosalyn Terborg-Penn (1941-2018) was a pioneering American author, Civil Rights and Black women’s activist and professor of History at Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland. She is best known and most highly regarded, for her carefully researched and excellently written, *African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920*, (1998) that challenged the almost century long dominant historical narrative regarding the American women’s suffrage movement. However, Professor Terborg-Penn was deeply involved in numerous other trailblazing academic interests ranging from undertaking an extensive oral history project on Civil Rights activists for many years; advocating the creation of a new feminist theory approach to more clearly understand the historical struggles of women of color; and promoting the careful study of women in the African Diaspora experience. She was also involved in the founding and operations of two historical associations dedicated to the study of women of color. During the 1990’s she served on the Executive Committee of the Association of Caribbean Historians. She had been a life long member of this Association who very frequently attended the annual conferences and presented papers at these meetings.

Over the years, she authored seven books, including editing with Darlene Clarke and Elsa Barkley, the 1,530 page *Black Women in the U.S.: A Historical Encyclopedia*, (1992), with Sharon Harley, *The African Woman: Struggles and Images*, (1997), with Andrea Benton Rushing, *Women in Africa and the African Diaspora*, (1997), and with Robert L. Harris, Jr., *The Columbia Guide to African American History Since 1939*, (2006). Dr. Terborg-Penn also published many chapters in various books. Among them is the first chapter in Verene Shepherd, Bridget Brereton, and Barbara Bailey’s *Engendering History: Caribbean Women in Historical Perspective*, (1995), entitled “Through an African Feminist Theoretical Lens: Viewing Caribbean Women’s History Cross-Culturally.” This volume was a selection of papers presented at an international symposium on Caribbean women’s history and methodology held at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, in Jamaica in mid-November of 1993. She also published numerous articles in a wide variety of journals including the *Journal of Caribbean History*. She made numerous presentations at major history conferences in the United States, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Terborg-Penn also made a number of C-SPAN appearances between 1995 and 2016 speaking on a wide range of themes that aligned with her main research interests.

However, one of her most pivotal roles was the encouraging support she gave to many young scholars whom she taught in her history graduate classes at Morgan State University, as well as other aspiring academics who crossed her path. She also played a critical role in the State of Maryland’s approval of Morgan State University’s Ph. D. degree in History program beginning in the fall of 1995. For ten years she served as the Department’s Coordinator for its graduate students until her retirement in the fall of 2006. During these years the Department of History’s Graduate Program witnessed the graduation of the University’s first Ph.D. candidates beginning in the spring of 2000.

She was very proud of her family roots in Indianapolis, New York City, Suriname, the Caribbean, and Holland and carefully researched and shared her findings. Rosalyn Marian Terborg was born in New York City on October 21, 1941. She was the first child and only daughter of Jeanne Van Horn Terborg of a prominent African-American family in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her father, Jacques A. Terborg—a popular Surinamese Jazz guitarist, influenced his daughter to become involved in a wide range of Civil Rights activities during her college years.

When she was ten years old the family moved to the borough of Queens where she later graduated from John Adams High School in 1959. She decided that after graduation that she would attend college and major in history. Rosalyn received her bachelor's degree in History from Queens College, City University of New York in 1963, her Masters' in Diplomatic History from the George Washington University in Washington, DC, and earned her Ph.D. degree from Howard University in 1978. However, she began as a lecturer in the Department of History at Morgan State University in 1969 while in graduate school. In her early years of teaching at Morgan State she was greatly influenced by two of the Department's leading scholars, Professors Benjamin A. Quarles and Roland McConnell, and later by Dr. Lorraine Williams, one of her mentors at Howard University.

In 1968 Rosalyn married William T. Penn, a university administrator and to this union came their daughter, Jeanna, who followed her mother in studying history and graduating from both Morgan State University and Howard University. Dr. Terborg-Penn was also very instrumental in the creation of two history associations, co-founding of the Association of Black Women Historians and the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora. Additionally, she was a life-long member of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Over the years, she was also a member of both the American Historical Association (AHA) and the Organization of American Historians (OHA).

After her retirement from Morgan State University in 2006, she remained very active writing and attending various conferences around the world. Most recently, during June of 2018, she attended the annual conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians held on the Cave Hill campus of the University of the West Indies in Barbados. She was also the recipient of many awards during her long career. These included numerous awards from Morgan State University, as well as the 1998 Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Prize for her book published that year on Black women, the 2008 Carter G. Woodson's Scholar's Medallion from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and in 2012 another Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Prize for an essay she published on Black women.

As described in 2008's *Telling Histories: Black Women Historians in the Ivory Tower* edited by Deborah Gray White, Terborg-Penn explained how at times she felt overlooked, and perhaps not as respected, as a black history scholar among counterparts at mainstream institutions. But to the contrary, less than a month before her passing, she attended with her daughter and grandson, the fortieth anniversary symposium of the Association of Black Women Historians (ABWH) in Los Angeles, California where she was honored and revered for her decades of work and scholarship. Appropriately, ABWH also offers a merit-based, professional recognition award and monetary prize bearing her name: the Rosalyn Terborg-Penn Junior Faculty Award.

She died at her home in Columbia, Maryland on December 25, 2018. Since her sudden passing, numerous tributes have been published about her impact and scholarly contributions. Among them are Katharine Q. Seelye's in the January 4, 2019 edition of *The New York Times*, Jacques Kelly's in the *Baltimore Sun* from January 9, 2019, as well as others from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Black News Zone, the History Makers, and Wikipedia.

Professor Emerita Rosalyn Terborg-Penn will be honored at a memorial with an Ivy Beyond the Wall ceremony to be held on the campus of Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland on March 14, 2019.

In Memoriam: Cherri-Ann Beckles, 1977-2019

By Sharon Alexander-Gooding, The UWI, Cave Hill Campus

Dr. Cherri-Ann Beckles, a Barbados National Development Scholar, was a



member of the University Archives and Records Management senior team, which I head as University Archivist (Ag.) and Campus Records Manager. She joined the team in 2004 and during this period she excelled as an Archivist “extraordinaire” and was a stellar example of an information professional who spanned the archival spheres in data protection, digital asset management, archival arrangement and description, training and unique exhibitions to name a few. Dr Beckles (Cherri) also presented numerous papers locally, regionally and internationally and served at the executive levels in the Caribbean Archives Association (CARBICA) and the International Council of Archives’ Section on universities and research institutions (ICA SUV).

I first met Cherri in 1998 as a student in a records management course that I carried out on behalf of Barbados government. Cherri was then on the staff of the BDA and she was the outstanding student of the group. I encouraged her to do the Master’s programme in Heritage Studies which she completed with a major research paper on Light Houses of Barbados for which she was awarded an A. Just last year she concluded a proposal to the government to repurpose the Ragged Point Lighthouse at East Point into a Museum that would serve to preserve the area’s historic heritage and generate income for Barbados. She was the recipient of a Barbados National Development Scholarship with which she furthered her studies in Archives and Records Management at the University College London and in 2014 she was awarded a PhD degree with a focus on Information Rights from the University of Dundee, Scotland. This is the only PhD in Information Rights of which I am aware.

Some notable achievements by Cherri include her input into the White Paper on Archives in Barbados and her excellent Barbados Development Plan proposal, which was commissioned by the Archives Advisory Committee. So too, she conceptualised numerous community workshops and projects within the local and regional community and was the Chair of the Campus’ Digital Asset Management project. It was always a pleasure for students of the records management programme to do her archives classes and many have sent tributes speaking to her beautiful welcoming smile that put them at ease and her passionate engagement on the care of records.

I’ve also had numerous letters from a wide “spectrum” of persons near and afar who interacted with Cherri and there is a common thread through all those messages; that Cherri was one of the nicest, purist persons that one could meet, an inspiration with a keen spirit and powerful intellect, they also noted her courage and positivity in the face of her challenges, her beautiful personality and her selflessness to family, staff, friends and the profession to name a few.

On a personal note, Cherri was my colleague, friend, confidante, supporter, travel companion and co-consultant. I nurtured her over the past 14 years and envisioned her as my able successor when I retire. I loved her like my own daughter; some people referred to her as my “clone” for we often said things or wrote the same messages at the same time and then we would laugh about it.

She will forever be remembered and revered in The University of the West Indies as the Principal stated “she leaves a hole in the heart of the Campus”. The University of Dundee, Scotland to which she was affiliated as a mentor and graduate thesis supervisor has sent special condolences. The local, regional and international Archives, Museum and Library communities mourn her passing. Bill Maher former Chair of the ICA SUV said that “working with Cherri was one of the brightest spots in his service to the ICA” and as Alan Bell - Archivist & Compliance officer at the University of Dundee has aptly summed it up “ the world is now smaller and duller without Cherri.”

The President, on behalf of the ACH, has extended condolences to Cherri-Ann’s family, friends and colleagues. She is remembered fondly for her hard work to ensure that the West Indies Federal Archive Centre (WIFAC) was the official repository for the ACH archive. Cherri-Ann was quite visible at the ACH@50 in Barbados in June 2018 where she Chaired the panel on Digital History.

Arrangements for the 51st Annual ACH Conference, Curaçao May 26-30, 2019

Una traducción al español está disponible en:

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

Une traduction en français est disponible à l'adresse:

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The ACH Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the 51st Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Willemstad, Curaçao from Sunday, May 26 to Thursday, May 30, 2019. Registration opens early afternoon on Sunday. The conference fête, our annual dinner and dance, which is highly recommended and a central feature of this organisation, will be on Thursday evening, May 30. An optional field trip is scheduled for Friday, May 31. More details about the field trip will be posted to the ACH as they become available. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

The ACH will be celebrating the 51st Annual Conference as part of the University of Curaçao's 40th Anniversary calendar.

CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The University of Curaçao Dr. Moises da Costa Gomez is proud to be hosting the 2019 ACH Conference. The 51st ACH conference will be held 26-30 May 2019 at the University of Curaçao, Jan Noorduynweg 111. Though we regret that the Renaissance as preferred conference location by the ACH membership is not available this year because of ongoing renovations, we are presenting you with the below accommodation offerings. Transport to the conference location *vice versa* will be provided on schedule to a selection of hotels in the downtown Otrobanda area and the Piscadera Bay area. Also, dorms are available on campus.

Otrobanda area hotels

Renaissance hotel

Renaissance is conveniently located in the Riffort area of Otrobanda, with ample restaurant and shopping options in the near vicinity. The hotel is undergoing refurbishment, which may cause some disturbances during office hours. The special rate for ACH participants is US\$155 single and US\$170 double for a newly refurbished Resort King Room with American breakfast buffet included. Taxes and charges not included in the rate are 24.12%. Book early to guarantee this rate. There is a booking form available on <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/conftravel.htm>. <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/curbr-renaissance-curacao-resort-and-casino/>

Kura Hulanda Hotel

This boutique hotel is located in an historic area of Otrobanda, with restaurants and museums at walking distance. The special rate for ACH participants is US\$89 single and US\$115 double, American breakfast included. Extra person in the room is US\$26. Taxes and charges not included at 19,84%. <http://www.kurahulanda.com/en/sonesta-kura-hulanda-village-a-spa>

For the ACH rate, use the code: KHVUOC2019 for reservations. You can book by emailing Ms. Yoyce Goilo: yoyce.goilo@ghlhoteles.com.

World Heritage Willemstad

This is a collection of rooms, studios and apartments in newly renovated & tastefully decorated historical Otrobanda town houses. Regular prizes range \$40 - \$88 per person per night, excluding taxes and charges. For a 15% ACH discount, please mention your ACH participation when contacting the host, Kurt Schoop via email schoop@unu.cw or whatsapp +59995271297.

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



TRAVEL TO CURAÇAO

Direct flights, time & airlines:

Aruba	35m	Insel Air, Aruba Airlines, Winair
Miami, United States	3u 15m	American
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Sint Maarten, Sint-Maarten	2u 5m	Winair, Insel Air
Bogota, Colombia	2u 15m	Avianca
Panama-Stad, Panama	2u 20m	COPA
Caracas, Venezuela	55m	Avior, LASER
Paramaribo, Suriname	2u 25m	Fly Always, FlexFlight
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	1u 25m	Sunrise Airways, FlexFlight, Fly Always
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	1u 15m	Air Century
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	1u 30m	Surinam Airways
Toronto, Canada	5u 20m	Air Canada, WestJet
New York, United States	4u 50m	JetBlue
Montreal, Canada	5u 15m	Air Canada
Charlotte, United States	4u 25m	American
Frankfurt am Main, Deutschland	9u 40m	Condor
Santiago de Cuba, Cuba	2u 5m	Fly Always

VISA REQUIREMENTS:

All visitors to Curaçao are required to fill in an ED Card online. This can be done here: <https://edcardcuracao.com/>. For general info regarding entry requirements, please check out <https://www.curacao.com/en/directory/plan/know-you-go/entry-requirements/>

TRAVEL AROUND CURAÇAO

The best way to travel around Curaçao is by car. Some hotels offer area shuttles. Taxis can be expensive, and are unmetered. It's best to agree on a fare before you enter the cab. Fares from Hato International Airport (CUR) to Willemstad range from about US\$40 to US\$50.



WEATHER AND CURRENCY

For a complete overview of practical information please see: <https://www.curacao.com/en/>

For current weather and prognosis: www.meteo.cw

The local currency is the Antillean guilder (ANG), for the best change rates and locations we recommend you to check www.centralbank.cw. Credit cards are generally accepted and so are US Dollars, at an exchange rate of ANG 1.75. Some stores will return your exchange in guilders. There is an ATM at the UoC Campus and ATM's are readily available elsewhere, supporting many major cards (e.g. Mastercard, Visa) and payment systems (e.g. Maestro, Cirrus, Cashnet). Check your bank whether it requires you to adjust international settings for your card to enable using ATM's in Curaçao.



REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH

For your convenience a special lunch menu (with vegetarian options) will be prepared for the conference participants by our campus chef on all conference days (Mon-Thursday). Please buy your lunch in advance (\$45); tickets available on site will be limited. Alternative lunch options are limited and are all located outside campus at a 10-15 minutes walk.



OPTIONAL CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP(S)

No detailed info is available yet. Please check on website later. However, you can be sure to bring some comfortable clothes and shoes as well as your sunblock and insect repellent. Also, please note that some official gatherings will require business attire.



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WELCOME TO CURAÇAO



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES:

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

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 (\$50 a year): for faculty, public history, or governmental positions.
- Students Members (\$25 a year): a special rate for graduate and undergraduate students.
- Institutional Members (\$100 a year): for colleges, universities, libraries, or museums.
- Benefactor (\$120 a year): a higher category of giving to support the organization's activities.
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ACH 2019 Conference Presentation Guidelines

A number of 2019 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, 2019).

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To allow time to format and post material, presenters should email (as a Microsoft Word file) **NO LATER THAN March 15, 2019** to:

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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. 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. **Please hand the hard copy of your presentation to translators to facilitate their job.**

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

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.

ACH 2019 Tentative Conference Programme

SUNDAY, MAY 26

2:30 - 4:00pm	Graduate Welcome
4:00 - 5:00pm	Registration
5:00pm	Opening Ceremony
6:00 - 7:30pm	Panel #1 LOC Roundtable "Resistance: A View from the Margins: The Case of Curaçao 30 May 1969"
7:30pm	Welcome Reception

MONDAY, MAY 27

9:00 - 10:30am Panel #2 LOC Panel "Dutch Caribbean Resistance & Resilience"

Chair - Rose Mary Allen, University of Curaçao

Presenters -

Walter Hellebrand, St. Eustatius Monuments, "The 1848 Slave Revolt on St. Eustatius"

Aisha Leer, SKAI Curaçao, "Muhé na Kandela (Women on fire): Women's Role in the Revolt of "Trinta di Mei" 1969"

Luc Alofs, University of Aruba, "The Political Impact of 30 May on the Separatist Movement on Aruba"

Richenel Ansano, Independent Researchers, "Critical Thinking and Critical Thinkers of Curaçao"

COFFEE BREAK 10:30 - 10:45AM

10:45 - 12:15 Panel #3 "Resistance from the Periphery"

Chair - Claudius Fergus, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

Presenters -

Justine Collins, Max Planck Institute, "Amelioration & Manumission: The Transplantations and Reverberations of English Property and Succession Laws in the British Caribbean 1770s to 1800"

Ross Nedervelt, Florida International University, "Resisting Revolutionary Change: Bermudians and Bahamians' Efforts to Continue the Pre-American Revolution British Atlantic World"

Dexnell Peters, University of Oxford, "Resisting the Metropole: Inter Imperial Transitions in the Greater Southern Caribbean during the Revolutionary Era"

Emily Whewell, Max Planck Institute, “Undesirable Subjects: Law and the Question of Subjecthood in Colonial Trinidad 1880 - 1930”

LUNCH 12:15 - 1:30pm

1:30 - 3:00pm

Panel #4: “Itinerant Ideologies in the Twentieth Century Caribbean”

Chair - Gad Heuman, Warwick University

Presenters -

Kirwin Shaffer, Penn State University, Berks College, “The Canal, the Great War, Puerto Rico’s Status and Banana Republics, 1914 - 1926”

Ileana Rodriguez-Silva, Washington State University, “Luis Phillipe Dessus: Radical Mulataje: Defining the Contours of an Afro Puerto Rican Intelligentsia at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”

Arti Ramsaroop, The UWI, St Augustine Campus, “Garveyism: The Strategic Operations of Marcus Garvey in the United States of America 1916 - 1927”

Anne’el Bain, The UWI, St Augustine, “Una Amistad Equitativa: Exchanges of Support among Cuba, Grenada and Nicaragua, 1975 - 1990”

3:00 - 3:15pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:15 - 4:45

Panel #5 “Afro-Disaporic Childhoods”

Chair - Bridget Brereton, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

Presenters -

Glenn Phillips, Morgan State University, “Resistance and Response: Establishing a Colonial Boarding School in Colonial Trinidad, 1926 - 1938”

Solsiree del Moral, Amherst College, Massachusetts, “Sources and Methods in the Study of Afro- Caribbean Childhoods”

Natanya Duncan, Lehigh University, “Broadcasting Life from Station UNIA: The UNIA’S Kiddie Corner and the Spread of Pan Africanism”

Shani Roper, Liberty Hall: The Legacy of Marcus Garvey, “Creating Colonial Citizens: Labour and Masculinity at the Government Industrial School 1918 - 1938”

TUESDAY, MAY 28

9:00 - 10:30am

Panel #6 “Locating Agency in Documentary Sources”

Chair - TBA

Presenters -

Fanny Malegue, Ecoles des Hautes en Sciences Sociales, “Resisting the Census to Resist the Empire? State Imperial Politics and Censuses in the French Caribbean, 1763 - 1804”

Coen van Galen, Radboud University Nijmegen, “Escaping the Books, Bending the Rules: Resistance in the Slave Registers of Suriname”

Mildred Caprino, University of Suriname, “Resistance A View from the Margin. The New Taxation Rebellion of the People of the Para Region in Suriname in 1891”

Dante Barksdale, University of California, Davis, “Black Janus *La Gazette Royal*, Class and Race in Post Revolutionary Haiti”

10:30 - 10:45

COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 12:15pm

Panel #7 “Considering Gender in the History and Historiography of the Caribbean”

Chair - Randy Browne, Xavier College

Presenters -

Daniel Murphree, University of Central Florida, “Reassessing La Navidad: Native Women, Spanish Men, and Colonial Precedents in the Fifteenth Century Caribbean”

James Dator, Goucher College, “Race, Class and Gender in the Barbuda Rebellions of the 1740s”

Maria Ulrickson, Morgan State University and Andrew Walker, Wesleyan University, “Independence on the Margins: Local Economies, Family Strategies, and Political Lives of Formerly Enslaved Women in Haiti”
Hilde Neus, University of Suriname, “Historiography on Women in Surinam”

Sasha Turner, Quinnipiac University, “Caribbean Slavery and the Affective Turn in History”

12:15 - 1:30pm

LUNCH

1:30 - 3:00PM

Panel #8 “Land and Labour in the Caribbean”

Chair - Roderick McDonald, Rider University

Presenters -

Bethania Santos Pereira, Universidade Estadual de Campina Brasil, “Between Prison and Contract: Free Work and the Haitian Rural Code, 1826 - 1843”

Loverne Jacobs Browne, University of the Southern Caribbean, “Resistance on the Ground”

Nicole Jacobberger, Camden County College, “Lowly Labourers: Race, Class and Identity in Montserrat, 17th - 19th Centuries”

José Andrés Fernández Montes de Oca, University of Pittsburgh, “Politics of Development and Representation in Rural Jamaica 1929 - 1944”

3:30 - 3:15pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:15 - 4:45PM

Panel #9 “The Politics of Commemoration”

Chair - Carla Pestana, UCLA

Presenters -

Gelien Matthews, The UWI, St Augustine, “The Monumental Rise of Toussaint Louverture at Home and Abroad”

Guadalupe Garcia, Tulane University, “*Patrimonio* in Havana and the City of 1912”

Amanda Reid, University of Michigan, "Plantation Plots: Staging the Great House in Post-Independence Jamaica"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

8:30 - 10:00am **Panel #10 "Creating and Contesting Caribbean Borders"**

Chair - TBA

Presenters -

Tessa Murphy, Syracuse University, "Constructing Narratives of Resistance: The Invention and Dispossession of the 'Black Caribs' of St Vincent"

Ernesto Montero Mercado, University of Texas at Austin, "The Politics of Native Sea Marauding and the Emergence of Indigenous-European Frontiers in the Early Modern Antilles"

Casey Schmitt, College of William and Mary, "Alianza and Resistencia en el Caribe in los principios del Siglo XVII"

Victoria Barnes, Max Planck Institute, "Resistance towards English Company Law in the Caribbean?"

Stephen Aranha, Max Planck Institute, "The General Assembly Elections Act of 1959 in the Bahamas: Resting Reform from the Oligarchy"

10:00 - 10:15am **COFFEE BREAK**

10:15 - 11:45am **Panel #11 "African Caribbean Diasporas"**

Chair - David Lambert, Warwick University

Presenters -

Vickram Tamboli, University of London, "The Eighteenth Century History of Indigenous and Afro Spiritual Geopolitics in the Essequibo"

Martina Amoksi, University of Suriname, "Historiography of Maroons in Suriname"

Caree Banton, University of Arkansas, "From the West Indies to West Africa: The Materiality of Immigration and Colonization"

Justin Pope, Missouri University of Science and Technology, "An African Vision for New World Slavery: The Akwamu in the Caribbean 1729 - 1734"

11:45am - 1:30pm **Panel #12 "Finding Voice: Rights and Representation in the Caribbean"**

Chair: TBA

Presenters:

Jerome Egger, University of Suriname, "Trade Unionism in the Historiography of Suriname"

Reena Goldthree, Princeton University, "'We want practical sympathy': Rehabilitation, Welfare Policy, and the Problem of the Disabled Veteran in the Interwar Caribbean"

Maurits Hassankhan, University of Suriname, "The Historiography of Indian Indentured Labour in Suriname, 1950 - 2018"

Paul Trigt, Leiden University, “Emancipation of People with Disabilities in the Dutch Caribbean since the 1970s”

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 Curacao.

OPTIONAL FIELD TRIP

THURSDAY, MAY 30

9:00 - 10:30am

Panel #13 “Documenting Caribbean Cultures”

Chair - TBA

Presenters -

Emile Martens, University of Amsterdam, “Towards a Small Island State Film Tourism Industry? The Making of Film Location Policy in Jamaica, 1948 - 2018”

Orpheo Donk, University of Suriname, “Main Trends in the Historiography of Slavery in Suriname, 1945 - 2018”

Rose Mary Allen, University of Curaçao, “Carnival as Popular Political Culture in Curaçao, a Changing Play of Searching for Identity, 1969 - 2010”

Leigh Devin, University of California, “Notes from the Field: An Introduction to Newly Discovered Enslaved Musical Notations from Eighteenth Century Jamaica”

10:30 - 10:45am

COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 12:15pm -

Panel # 14 “Finding Refuge”

Chair - TBA

Presenters -

Elena Schneider, University of California, “Refugees from Slavery: Maritime Maroonage in Eighteenth Century Cuba”

Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie, Howard University, “America’s Coastal Slave Trade and Caribbean Spaces of Freedom”

Rosa de Jong, University of Amsterdam, “Paramaribo as a Safe Harbor during the Second World War”

Alan McPherson, Temple University, “Caribbean Taliban: Cuban- American Terrorism in the 1970s”

12:15-1:30pm

LUNCH

1:30 - 3:30

Annual General Meeting

6:30-11:00pm

ACH DINNER AND FÊTE

FRIDAY, May 31

FIELD TRIP (Details to follow. Please continue to check

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 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

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Leonard Smith, "Insanity and Society in 1870s Barbados"

Caroline Emmons, "Testing Boundaries: The NAACP and the Caribbean, 1910-1930"

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Rana Hogarth's *Medicalizing Blackness: Making Racial Difference in the Atlantic World, 1780-1840* (Tara Inniss)

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