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Message from the President

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Dear Colleagues,

This message would usually have come right after our annual conference and it would have brought back memories of some of the highlights of an academic and social engagement of the highest standard which serves to reinvigorate all of us as we wind down one academic year and mentally prepare for a new one. This is the first time that we have not been able to have our Annual General Meeting and Conference. It is indeed a watershed moment in our history. However, it is also a time when the invigoration needed comes from what is going on in our societies. It is interesting to me that at first the medical and scientific professionals took centre stage as the world grappled with COVID-19. However, the tide has turned once again and the world now has to look to historians for insight into the developments that have unfolded since the death of George Floyd and ensuing #BlackLivesMatter protests. The combined events have put the world as we know it into a tailspin. Influenced by what *Time Magazine* has called "The Overdue Awakening", I have adopted the hashtag; *#it's not a restart it's a rethink*.

As Caribbean Historians we are in a unique position to influence the much-needed rethink that is now so clearly needed. Our insight into the issues such as pandemics and their aftermath, the historical antecedents of systemic racism, the unfinished process of decolonisation, the roles of monuments and other signifiers in our communities and the historical significance of social conflict all provide lenses that are much needed in our current reality. It is time for historians to come out in full force to shape the discourse and the ACH must respond to that need. We are in the process of finalizing the details of an online event and we will keep you posted on the details. I also invite members to volunteer to be part of a committee that will draft an ACH statement based on the Call to Action that we have posted in this Bulletin for the consideration of our membership.

The membership of the ACH has been incredibly supportive during this period. Members have gone over and beyond to ensure that the business processes of the organization continue to function smoothly. The Executive Committee and the Nomination Committee have agreed to serve for an additional year. Many members of other committees have also agreed to continue to serve for an additional year. The LOC in Guadeloupe is holding steady and they will host us in 2021. Members have stepped forward and have agreed to be part of our Elsa Goveia Prize Committee. We have now heard from almost all our panelists and the majority of them have already committed to joining us in 2021. I thank you all for the support given and the commitment shown.

The 2019-2020 Association of Caribbean Historians Andres Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize was awarded to Marvin Chochotte for the article, "The Twilight of Popular Revolutions: The Suppression of Peasant Armed Struggles and Freedom in Rural Haiti during the US Occupation, 1915-1934." I take this opportunity to congratulate Marvin. We hope he can join us in 2021. I also want to thank the Prize Committee chaired by Sasha Turner for the excellent work and the thoroughness of their report.

These are indeed uncertain times. I hope all of you stay safe. I look forward to our meeting next year but hope to see most of you virtually in the meantime.

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Call for Executive Committee Nominations

Each year positions become available on the ACH Executive Committee, the governing body charged with administrative oversight of the organization. Terms are for one year, although members can be re-elected for a second year. All candidates for election are chosen by a Nominating Committee selected at the Annual General Meeting. Due to the special circumstances this year, the Nomination Committee appointed in 2019-20 has agreed to continue to serve in 2020-21.

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

According to the ACH Constitution, nominations must reach the Nominating Committee Chair no later than October 31, 2020.

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



The ACH is now on Facebook!

You can now find us on Facebook! Get the latest information on Call for Papers; announcements; events; new publications; historical debates and news using our new social media platform on Facebook. Like us on Facebook and join the ACH community online today!
<https://www.facebook.com/AssociationofCaribbeanHistorians/>

We are looking for English-, French-, and Spanish-speaking moderators for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to broaden our outreach! If you are interested, please contact

COVID-19 EC Decisions

As you are aware, the Executive Committee (EC) regrettably had to postpone the 52nd ACH Conference to June 6-11, 2021. Therefore, our Annual General Meeting also had to be postponed. This necessitated the following decisions so that we could continue with the business of the organization:

- The EC remains in place for 2020-21
- The Nomination Committee remains in place for 2020-21
- The Guadeloupe LOC remains in place for 2020-21
- The 2021 Conference will still take place in Guadeloupe June 6-11, 2021.
- The panelists for 2019-20 were asked to remain on the programme for 2020-21. Most of them have agreed.
- A 2021 Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee has been instituted.
- The 2019-20 Andres Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee has reported and the decisions are in this Bulletin.
- ACH Financial Report for 2019-20 is shared in the Bulletin.
- In the absence of our annual AGM minutes, we will share the EC Report for 2019-20 in this Bulletin.
- The EC continues to meet as the need arises to ensure the business continuity of the organization.



Call for the Elsa Goveia Book Prize

The ACH is pleased to invite nominations for the 2021 Elsa Goveia Book Prize. Previously awarded every three years, the ACH book prize has been awarded every two years since 1995, and recognizes excellence in the field of Caribbean history.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any scholarly history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in 2019 or 2020 is eligible for this year's competition.
- Any press or place of publication will be considered.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.
- Only first editions of original works will be considered.
- Multi-authored collections, anthologies, and other such edited works are not eligible.

Call for Submissions:

Authors, publishers, managing or marketing editors, and others must submit nominations to the prize chair and adjudicating committee by December 31, 2020. The winner will be announced at the 2021 ACH Annual Conference in Guadeloupe. It is important that one copy of the book nominated be sent directly by courier or airmail to each member of the committee. Please ensure that all charges connected with mail or courier services are pre-paid.

Due to COVID-19 social distancing protocols at academic institutions, please send an email to each of the Prize Committee members to obtain their current addresses. Alternatively, you can contact the ACH Secretary-Treasurer for mailing addresses achsecretary@gmail.com.

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The ACH congratulates Marvin Chochotte our 2020 Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Winner!

The Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) is pleased to announce the winner of the 2020 Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize in recognition of excellence in the field of Caribbean history. The prize committee awarded this year's prize to Marvin Chochotte (Dartmouth College) for "The Twilight of Popular Revolutions: The Suppression of Peasant Armed Struggles and Freedom in Rural Haiti during the US Occupation, 1915-1934," which was published in *The Journal of African American History* 103, no. 3 (2018): 277-308. The prize will be awarded at the 52nd Conference of the ACH in Le Gosier, Guadeloupe, June 6-11, 2021.

The prize committee, chaired by Sasha Turner (Johns Hopkins University), notes that Chochotte brilliantly links nineteenth century peasant revolts to Haiti's longer revolutionary history and popular politics. He makes an important contribution to the ongoing challenge to America's persistent portrayal of Haiti as intrinsically unstable, undemocratic, and violent.

The article takes seriously Haitian peasants claim that US occupation was 'slavery,' tracing how, through anti-black racism, incarceration, and forced labor, US officials simultaneously exported Jim Crow and systematically reimposed slavery era laws and conditions. Chochotte's creative combination of oral history and Haitian archival records with US military reports and congressional testimonies provides rich, bottom-up insight into Haitian subjectivity, defining twentieth century US occupation as upending the rough egalitarianism Haitians secured through nineteenth century popular revolts. Chochotte connects Haiti's experience under U.S. occupation with the history of slavery in important ways, rethinking U.S. occupation as "a post-emancipation crisis reinvigorated by U.S. imperialism."



Marvin Chochotte, Dartmouth
College

The prize committee would also like to make honorable mention of Tyesha Maddox (Fordham University) for "More than Auxiliary: Caribbean Women and Social Organization in the Interwar Period" *Caribbean Review of Gender Studies*, 12 (2018): 67-94 and Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy (University of New Brunswick) for "'Had his nose cropt for being formerly runaway': Disability and the Bodies of Fugitive Slaves in the British Caribbean" *Slavery and Abolition*, 41, no. 2 (2019): 212-233. Maddox's piece examined more than fifty mutual aid and benevolent societies, drawing attention to the crucial but neglected role women have played in building Caribbean migration networks and grassroots political organizing in the Diaspora in New York City. The article highlights women's role in creating deep and meaningful engagement with the black Diaspora the interwar period. Hunt-Kennedy makes novel use of runaway slave ads by analyzing them through the lens of disability studies, a promising new avenue for work in the field. She argues that through runaway advertisements and the law, slavery produced a peculiar kind of disability that was spatially, temporally, and conceptually bound. She reveals that disability, like gender and race, is socially constructed.

The Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall prize was launched in 1996 and is a biennial award for the best article in the field of Caribbean History. The award is named jointly for late ACH members Puerto Rican historian Andres Antonio "Tony" Ramos Mattei (1941-1988) and Jamaican historian Neville Hall (1936-1986).

For more information on the winning publication please visit:

<https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/full/10.1086/698523>. If you would like more information on the award, please contact the ACH Secretary-Treasurer at achsecretary@gmail.com. The next award will be made at the 53rd Annual Conference in 2022. The call for submissions will be issued after the 52nd Annual Conference in 2021 and will cover publications in 2020 and 2021. This press release will be updated on the ACH website with translations in late July 2020.

In Memoriam: Edward Kamau Brathwaite, 1930-2020



Poet and historian, Lawson Edward Kamau Brathwaite was born in Barbados on 11 May 1930. After attending Harrison College, he was awarded a scholarship to Pembroke College, Cambridge where he graduated with a degree in History in 1953. The following year he obtained a diploma in Education. He then went on to serve as an Education Officer in Ghana where he witnessed Ghanaian Independence under Kwame Nkrumah. In 1962, Brathwaite moved back to the Caribbean where he took up teaching posts for The UWI in St. Lucia and Jamaica while also writing poetry. He began his PhD at the University of Sussex in 1965, with

his groundbreaking dissertation on “The Development of Creole Society in Jamaica, 1770-1820” which was published in 1971.

While in the UK he co-founded the Caribbean Artists Movement. He returned to Jamaica and launched the journal *Savacou* in 1971. In 1971, Brathwaite was awarded a fellowship at the University of Nairobi where he underwent a naming ceremony after the grandmother of Kenyan writer and poet Ngugi wa Thiong’o named him “Kamau”. From 1982 to 1991, Brathwaite lectured in social and cultural history at Mona Campus, The UWI.

Brathwaite was made professor of comparative literature at New York University (NYU) in 1992. He spent his time between New York and Barbados, finally resettling in the island towards the end of his life.

Brathwaite was a critically acclaimed poet publishing a number of poems and compilations of his work including his first trilogy *The Arrivants* (1973), and comprised of “Rights of Passage” (1967), “Masks” (1968), and “Islands” (1969) and *Ancestors* (2001) comprising, “Mother Poem” (1977), “Sun Poem” (1982) and “X/Self” (1987). But, to the ACH, he will always be remembered as an historian.

ACH President, Heather Cateau, paid tribute to Brathwaite, which was included in his Order of Service at his funeral in Barbados on 21 February 2020:

Kamau, as he was called, was often referred to as a historian and a poet, but can perhaps best be described as the quintessential Caribbean intellectual. He will be remembered for his historical theorizing, his linguistic innovations and his literary works. He was one of that generation of Caribbean scholars who led a parallel independence movement through his academic work and activism in the 1960s. Kamau returned to the region from Ghana in the 1960s to become an intellectual voice that guided the region as the countries matured as newly independent nation states. He introduced concepts like nation language and pushed Caribbean scholars to grapple with the issue of creole identity.

He worked in the Caribbean, Ghana and the United States but his reach was international. His ideas and theories still infuse Caribbean History through our theses, lectures, papers, articles, books and indeed even our conversations. His work will live on as we continue to grapple with revising Caribbean History, as we thrive to understand the Caribbean’s place in this globalized world and as the region tries to chart a new development trajectory. His words were not only beautiful in themselves, but were the perfect transmitters for the powerful messages he left us through his historical and literary works. He was indeed part of the region’s Rites (Rights) of Passage as it moved from newly independent countries to mature nation states.

We extend our condolences to his family and friends. We hope they know that their sense of loss is shared.

Join us as we Call for a Rethink with History at the Forefront

By, Heather Cateau, ACH President

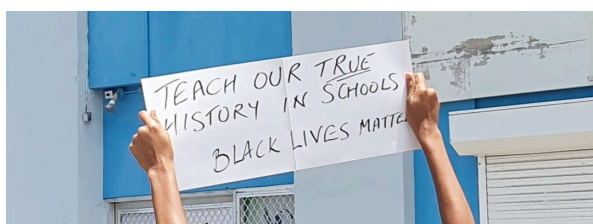
Like many academic organizations from all over the world, the EC has felt a need to respond to the recent #BlackLivesMatter protests that have taken place globally and within the region triggered by the death of George Floyd in the US. The EC has decided to take action to facilitate meaningful change and to help address the past injustices in the Caribbean.

The Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) can trace its roots to 1969 and a colloquium on the theme: “From Slavery to Emancipation.” It is informative that this was the first theme chosen by the academic historians in the Caribbean for discussion. It captures the principles under which the ACH was formed. We have grown and expanded our range of themes and participants. However, these four simple words still capture the main pursuit that is at our core. As academics in the field of Caribbean History from all over the world we have intimate knowledge of the dangers of inequity and the ways it can be perpetuated. In the midst of a wave in the region’s independence movement the founders of our Association knew that the vestiges of enslavement were still with us and understood that we could not move forward without grappling with a history based on various forms of coerced labour masked with different emancipation acts, systems and policies.

It signaled the commitment of our academics to examine these issues in a comparative manner using the highest standards of research. Fifty-one years after we remain committed to the same principles. As such, we wish to clearly support the outcries for a more just and equitable society that has taken place all over the world. It has been a tragic and protracted battle and we also mourn all the lives that have been lost in this battle. As historians we feel a sense of urgency to ensure that the transformation and the rethink that is needed finally takes place.

The solutions we promote involve historical research and teaching; impactful dissemination of findings; decolonization of the curriculum; frank and meaningful comparative discussion directing the region’s approach to reparations, museums, monuments and other historical sites; engagement with community groups in our societies and promotion of the need for meaningful history as a discipline in our schools.

As a first step, in solidarity with other academic organizations, we reviewed and agreed to join as signatory to the American Historical Association’s (AHA) [Statement of the History of Racist Violence in the United States \(June 2020\)](#). We now invite members to volunteer to part of a committee to work towards a more in-depth and comprehensive ACH response.



Preliminary Information for the 52nd Annual ACH Conference, Guadeloupe June 6-11, 2021



The ACH Executive Committee is pleased to announce that its 52nd Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Guadeloupe from Sunday, June 6 to Thursday, June 10, 2021. Registration opens early afternoon on Sunday. The conference fête, our annual dinner and dance, which is highly recommended and a central feature of this organization, will be on Thursday evening, June 10. An optional field trip is scheduled for Friday, June 11. More details about the field trip will be posted to the ACH as they become available. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

Dr. Clara Palmiste, from the Université des Antilles, chairs the Local Organising Committee (LOC). The LOC is currently finalizing preparations to receive conference participants. As soon as information on the Conference Venue and Accommodations are available, these details will be made available on the ACH website. The LOC is committed to providing a range of options for delegates wishing to travel to Guadeloupe on various budgets.

TRAVEL

Guadeloupe has good air connections from several major cities in North and South America and the Netherlands/Europe via St. Maarten/St. Martin. Participants travelling from the Caribbean, US, Canada, the United Kingdom and Europe can purchase flights to Pointe-a-Pitre on LIAT, Air Antilles, Air Caraïbes, Air Canada and Air France.

Guadeloupe Entry Requirements (for stays less than 3 months)

For European citizens a valid passport is required. For Canadian and US citizens, no visa is required and valid passport. You may be required to provide proof of accommodation. For passport holders of other countries, a visa application based on nationality may be required. You must hold a valid passport (issued less than 10 years before and valid for at least 3 months after departure date) to enter Guadeloupe; a valid visa (if required); a return or outward ticket on arrival; sufficient funds for accommodations and food and the necessary documents for returning to the country of origin, or further travel elsewhere. Some Caribbean territories may require special visa requirements. A list of entry requirements for Caribbean territories will be forthcoming. For further information on exactly what will be required at immigration please contact the French Embassy or Consulate in your country of origin or this <https://tinyurl.com/y4cqscqd>. The LOC advises that it will issue a Letter of Invitation to delegates wishing to travel for the Conference if required.



Executive Committee (EC) Report, 2019-20

PREPARED BY: Tara Inniss, Secretary-Treasurer

Members and Activities of the Executive Committee

The 2019/2020 Executive Committee (EC) included: Heather Cateau (President), Gérard LaFleur (Vice-President), Tara Inniss (Secretary-Treasurer), Gelien Matthews (Conference Coordinator), Rosemarijn Hoefte, Stéphanie Dargaud, Raymond Laureano-Ortiz and Fiona Rajkumar. The Committee met once in person, on November 23, 2019 in Guadeloupe and two (2) times online on June 21, 2019 and March 30, 2020. The EC especially wishes to thank the Faculty and staff at Université des Antilles and members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for their support of the November 2019 meeting, including space and transportation. The main item of the November agenda was the 52nd Annual Conference academic programme and local arrangements in Guadeloupe. The EC reviewed 6 panels, 56 individual paper proposals and 3 poster proposals for the 2020 conference. Originally, the EC chose 47 papers, and 3 panels and 3 posters for a total of 15 panels and this preliminary program appears in the January 2020 issue of the *ACH Bulletin*. However, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, in consultation with the LOC, the EC postponed the 52nd Conference to June 6-11, 2021. The 52nd conference will be hosted at the same venue in Guadeloupe in Le Gosier. The conference theme will remain “Caribbean Interconnections/ Global Reach”. The final conference programme will be published in the January 2021 Bulletin.

ACH Membership and Dues Information

Over the past year, the ACH has welcomed many new members, and welcomed back several returning members. These include (as of May 30, 2020):

- 6 new Life Members: Alissandra Cummins (Barbados Museum and Historical Society); Evelyn Jennings (St. Lawrence University), Gladys Jimenez (Binghamton University), Kelvin Santiago Valles (Binghamton University), Tyesha Maddox (Fordham University), Aaron Moulton (Stephen F. Austin State University)
- 1 new Benefactor: Nathalie Zonzon (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales)
- 26 New Members or Member Renewals: names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and July 2020 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.
- 16 New Student Members or Member Renewals: names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and July 2020 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.¹

Activities of the Secretariat

The ACH published two issues of its newsletter, the *Bulletin* (July 2019 and January 2020), which included the 2020 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-Net listservs (such as H-Caribbean and H-Atlantic), as well as in several Latin American/Caribbean Studies Programs. We also used social media such as Facebook platforms to circulate information about the conference.

We continued online registration, but subsequently had to suspend online registration due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members were offered refunds for conference registration.

Interest rates remain low for chequing, money market, and certificate of deposit accounts. One portion of ACH funds (\$55,363.11 US) is deposited in a Business Growth Savings/Money Market Account at an interest rate averaging .75-1.5%; the balance is in an interest-bearing Commercial Checking account (\$26478.77 US).

¹ NOTE: For comparison, in 2019 we had 7 new Life Members, 53 new or renewed members, and 20 new or renewed student members.

Decisions/Actions May 2020 to July 2020

In the light of COVID-19 pandemic, a number of decisions had to be taken because of the postponement of the 52nd conference and to ensure the business continuity for the organization. Consulting with standing committees, the EC decided the following:

- All standing committees will remain in place once the members agreed to serve. Current Membership Rates remain in place for 2020-21
- The panelists for 2019-20 were asked to remain in the programme for 2020-21
- A Call for Volunteers for 2020/2021 Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee was made.
- The 2019-20 Andres Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee has reported and the decisions are in this Bulletin but the award will be delivered at the next conference
- ACH Financial Report for 2019-20 was completed and circulated
- In the absence of our annual AGM minutes, we will share the EC Report for 2019-20 in this Bulletin.
- The EC will continue to meet virtually as the need arises.

Website Redesign and Social Media

The EC launched the re-designed website on February 15, 2020 on a new platform that will make it easier to update. Currently, the look and feel is very similar to the old website, but we will hopefully have a fresh look by the Summer 2021. The ACH Executive Committee (EC) invites members to take a look and offer suggestions.

ACH Membership Fees - Tiered Structure

Another priority for the EC was reviewing membership fees. On January 1, 2019 membership fees were raised to:

USD\$25 for students (it was \$15)

USD \$50 for full members (it was USD \$40).

USD \$100 for Institutional membership (it was USD\$80)

Life memberships were increased to USD \$500 from USD\$400 on January 1, 2020. Last year Kristen Block presented a tiered membership system at the AGM which would have been brought into effect in 2020-21. However, due to the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic and the strain on students, Faculty and academic/cultural institutions in the region and globally, the EC decided to retain the current membership fee structure until 2021-22.

Statement of Conduct/ Sexual Harassment Policy

The EC was asked to consider formulating a Statement of Conduct/ Sexual Harassment Policy as other organizations/ conferences have done to address sexual harassment and discrimination and to support a fair and respectful space for academic discourse. The EC agreed to place the item on the agenda for the next AGM. A small committee was formed from among the membership with Randy Browne serving as Chair. The following text was submitted for the discussion at the next AGM:

ACH Code of Ethics *proposed November 2019*

Purpose

The Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) is an independent, non-profit, professional organization devoted to the promotion of Caribbean history from a multidisciplinary, pan-Caribbean perspective. As the

primary organization for historians of the Caribbean, the ACH is committed to promoting a safe and welcoming environment for all members and participants in its activities, including but not limited to its annual conference. The ACH is similarly committed to promoting an atmosphere in which free inquiry and free expression are encouraged as central components of rigorous scholarly interchange, collegiality, and professional development.

Because harassment, discrimination, bullying, and retaliation (hereafter “harassment”) of colleagues, students, or other participants undermines the above goals and because they are unethical and unprofessional, the ACH prohibits the harassment of all participants in ACH activities on the basis of their actual or perceived race, sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, ethnicity, national origin, disability, military status, age, or religion. Such harassment undermines the integrity of the ACH as well as academic freedom and is considered to be a serious form of professional misconduct. The ACH recognizes the distinction between appropriate and legitimate scholarly critique and debate versus harassment, and this Code should not be misconstrued as a limitation on the ability of ACH members and participants to critique one another’s scholarship. Consequently, dedication to scholarly rigor will not be considered a legitimate defense for harassment.

Expectations

The ACH expects all members and participants, including contractors, vendors, volunteers, and guests, to abide by the Code at all ACH activities and to engage in consensual and respectful behavior at all times, including formal meetings as well as official and unofficial social gatherings. Harassment can take many forms and includes a wide variety of unacceptable behaviors, which range from a single intense and severe act to multiple persistent or pervasive acts which create what a reasonable person would deem a hostile environment. Unacceptable behaviors include *but are not limited to* the following: unwelcome sexual solicitation or solicitation of physical intimacy which may include an expressed or implied reward for compliance or threat of reprisal for refusing to comply; threatening, intimidating, or demeaning speech (verbal or written); epithets, slurs, or negative stereotyping based on group identity; stalking; physical assault (including unwelcome touching or groping); and the purposeful exclusion of a person from a decision-making body such as but not limited to the Executive Committee based on their identity. Such behaviors are antithetical to the spirit and purpose of the ACH’s academic mission.

If ACH members or participants witness potential harm to another participant or behavior that undermines a safe and welcoming environment, they should be diplomatically proactive in helping to mitigate or avoid that behavior. They should also consider notifying a member of the ACH Executive Committee. Members or participants who witness a scenario in which someone might be in physical danger should immediately alert ACH leadership, security personnel, or law enforcement.

Call to Action: Rethink with History at the Forefront

Like many academic organizations from all over the world, the EC has felt a need to respond to the recent #BlackLivesMatter protests that have taken place globally and within the region. . In solidarity with other academic organizations, we reviewed and agreed to join as signatory to the American Historical Association’s (AHA) [Statement of the History of Racist Violence in the United States \(June 2020\)](#). The EC has decided to take action to issue a statement in support of the movement’s principles and to focus on the use of Caribbean history to bring about meaningful change to address the past injustices and forms of unfreedom in the Caribbean. See page 7 of the Bulletin.

[Preparation for the 2021 ACH Annual Conference—Guadeloupe](#)

We are grateful to members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) who kept the Executive Committee informed on the preparations of the 52nd Annual Conference, especially given the unforeseen circumstances of the global pandemic which instigated the postponement of this year’s conference. The LOC, particularly

Clara Palmiste, provided continuous updates, which informed the EC's decision making. We are most grateful that the LOC immediately agreed to continue as our host for next year's conference.

Future Projects

The EC will embark on the following projects for 2020/21:

1. Online ACH Forum
2. Continuing outreach and advocacy to promote Caribbean History teaching and learning as well such as CXC and CARBICA.
3. Statement of Conduct/ Sexual Harassment Policy
4. Call to Action: Rethink with History at the Forefront Statement

Preparation for Future ACH Annual Conferences

The 2021 ACH Conference has been scheduled for Guadeloupe. The EC looks forward to additional proposals for later years with interest from Jamaica and Puerto Rico.

ACH Financial Report, 2019-20

ACH Commercial Checking (all amounts appear in US Dollars): INCOME

A. Beginning balance Checking Account (as of 6/01/19):

\$26541.62

B. Membership Dues Income (NOTE: Paypal fees vary for U.S. versus non-U.S. transactions)

Dues Revenue (online via Paypal through May 31, 2020)*

\$4632.17

Life Members (3x \$400, less \$11.90 Paypal fee per transaction = \$1164.30)

(1x\$400, less \$4.65 Paypal fee per transaction = \$395.35)

(2x\$500, less \$14.80 Paypal fee per transaction = \$ 970.40)

Full Members (18x \$50, less \$1.75 Paypal fee per transaction = \$868.50)

(15x \$50, less \$2.50 Payppal fee per transaction = \$712.50)

Student Members (10x \$25, less \$.1.03 Paypal fee per transaction = \$239.70)

(7 x \$25, less \$1.40 Paypal fee per transaction = \$165.20)

Benefactor (1x \$120, less \$5.58 Paypal fee per transaction = \$116.22)

Dues Revenue (by mail or on-site in Curaçao)

\$425.00

Life Members (by mail, 1 x \$400 = \$400)

Student Member (by mail, 1 x \$25 = \$25.00)

C. Conference Registration Income

Registration Revenue (online via Paypal)

\$1684.37

Full Registration (5 x \$175, less \$5.38 Paypal fee per transaction = \$848.10)

(17 x \$175, less \$8.00 Paypal fee per transaction = \$668.00)

REFUNDS PROCESSED NOT INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION REVENUE

(2 x -\$175, for conference refunds = -\$350.00)

(Paypal refund transactions fees for registrations = -\$10.76)

Student Registration (1x \$85, less \$2.77 Paypal fee per transaction = \$82.23)

Guest Fee (1 x \$100, less \$3.20 Paypal fee per transaction = \$96.80)

D. Publication Income

University of North Carolina Press Royalty 11/12/2019

\$103.73

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE

+ 2019-20 INCOME:

\$33386.89

ACH Money Market Account (Gould-Saunders Fund), beginning balance:

\$55352.01

Interest earned 2019-20:

\$11.10

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE + 2019-20 INCOME:

\$ 55363.11

EXPENSES

A. Website/Communication-Related Fees:

Translation Services (One Hour Translation):

\$3222.30

- \$41.05 on 06/08/19 (Payment from Paypal Account)
- \$89.19 on 06/26/19 (Payment from Paypal Account)
- \$102.73 on 02/07/20 (Payment from Paypal Account)

Constant Contact pre-paid (12 months 30% discount)

- \$408.24 on 7/01/19 (Online Debit)

Internet Domain Registration (GoDaddy) (2-years):

- \$81.09

Website Redesign (Nicole Scalesa): \$2500.00

B. Conference Expenses:

\$3004.98

- 2/27/20: \$3004.98 (Incl. \$4.98 PayPal fee) to Clara Palmiste/ LOC

The above payment included ACH "Seed Money" for Conference Expenses (\$3,000).

C. EC Expenses

\$680.84

November 2019 and Secretariat \$300.00

Legal Incorporation Expenses in St. Maarten

Notary Completion of Services 07/02/2019 \$135.50

T. Inniss Flight Saba-St. Maarten 07/02/2019 \$235.34

Wire Transaction Fee 07/19/2020 \$10.00

TOTAL EXPENSES for 2019-20:**\$6908.12****ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:****BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE + 2019-20 INCOME:****\$33386.89****2019-20 EXPENSES:****\$ 6908.12****FINAL CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (INCOME LESS EXPENSES):****\$26478.77****BEGINNING MMA BALANCE + 2019-20 INCOME****\$55363.11****TOTAL OF ALL ACH ACCOUNTS:****\$81841.88**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since January 2020
(*Don't see your name? You were in the winter issue if you joined before January 31, 2020!*)

LIFE MEMBERS

Tyesha Maddox, Fordham University
Eveyn Jennings, St. Lawrence University

BENEFACTORS

Nathalie Zonzon, École des Hautes Études en
Sciences Sociales

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Franco Barchiesi, Ohio State University
Matthew Chin, Fordham University
Paul Friedland, Cornell University
Dexter Gabriel, University of Connecticut
Margo Groenewoud, University of Curaçao
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Renée Nelson, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus
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Diana Paton, University of Edinburgh
Jessica Pierre-Louis, Université des Antilles
Shani Roper, UWI Museum
Livingston Smith, University College Cayman
Islands
Kathleen Wilson, Stony Brook University

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Shimon Lopez, University of Cambridge
Catherine Peters, Harvard University
Teanu Reid, Yale University

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- Electronic subscription to the semi-annual ACH newsletter, the Bulletin.

- Early notification of conference calls for papers and registration.
- Eligibility for ACH awards and prizes.
- Notification of other events and programs beneficial to members.
- Inclusion in the premier academic institution of pan-Caribbean Studies.

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There are five (5) membership categories:

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Students Members (\$25 a year): a special rate for graduate and undergraduate students.

Institutional Members (\$100 a year): for colleges, universities, libraries, museums, and other cultural and educational organizations.

Benefactor (\$120 a year): a higher category of giving to support the organization's activities.

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- **Teachers (primary/secondary), Graduate students and Retirees: \$25**

- Non-tenured Faculty, Caribbean-based lecturers: \$50
- Tenured professors and other established researchers: \$75
- Institutional: \$100
- Benefactor: \$150
- Life: \$500

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