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Message from the President

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Dear ACH Members,

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I still feel invigorated from our first online conference! ACH Online/Guadeloupe will be remembered! Our membership embraced the new online mode and our history association made its own little bit of history. We welcomed our regular participants, as well as new ones. Some members who had not been with us for quite some time also joined us. This year our online presence facilitated participation from a wider range of geographic areas. These included Guyana, China, Turkey, Venezuela, Haiti, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Brazil. The online mode also allowed us to offer more scholarships and this facilitated greater participation, particularly from students. Registration peaked at 118 participants and 98 percent attendance on the first day of the conference. Once again, I will like to thank the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and the ACH Executive Committee (EC). I also want to thank the membership for embracing the new mode.

We now look forward to the 53rd annual conference. Next year signals the start of a significant phase in the independence experience of the region. Jamaica and Trinidad, the first English-speaking countries in the Caribbean to become independent, will commemorate sixty years of independence; and Barbados is set to confront the issue of republican status. Recent developments in Haiti and Cuba have highlighted the complications of the road to independence that the various territories in region have travelled. Indeed the independence journey continues. The region is no stranger to economic downturns, political turmoil and social inequity. In the wake of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Caribbean has also grappled with rebuilding efforts after devastating volcanic eruptions and other natural disasters, such as Hurricane Elsa. These developments still shape the very landscape of the region. However, our young nation states have prevailed. As we discussed the possible themes for the 53rd ACH conference, we felt that one word encapsulated it all -- "Resilience". Our call for papers captures this context. We have also included the very interesting themes suggested at the conference.

I take this opportunity to express support and solidarity with our Haitian colleagues. As historians, we have unique insight into the challenges faced by the first independent state in the region. Haiti has led the region in both our emancipation and independence phases. Thus, as the development journeys continue in the Caribbean, we are very conscious that we can only move forward buttressed by the diversity and strength that comes from regional solidarity. This solidarity must be grounded in historical research.

I welcome and congratulate the new EC. Planning has already started for next year. Our colleagues at Mona are considering various modes as we continue to monitor the pandemic. However, we are sure that next year's conference will be another rewarding experience. Stay tuned for more information in the next *Bulletin*. We look forward to Jamaica in 2022!

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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. The following individuals have agreed to serve in 2021-22:

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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, 2021.

Ballots will be distributed in the January issue of the *Bulletin*. Details for casting your vote will be provided prior to our next ACH Annual Conference in Jamaica.



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 achsecretary@gmail.com for more information!



In Memoriam: Bonham Richardson (1939-2020)
By Rita Pemberton, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

The Association of Caribbean Historians is deeply saddened by news of the passing of our colleague Professor Bonham Richardson on November 18, 2020 at Foxdale Village in State College, Pennsylvania. A devotee of Caribbean History, Professor Richardson was a Visiting Research Fellow in the Department of History at The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus and a participant at several of our annual conferences. A significant part of his research effort was focused on the Caribbean where he undertook field and archival research in Guyana, Grenada,

Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis. These research experiences generated a fruitful career marked by professional presentations and publications. Based on his painstaking research in the Caribbean, Professor Richardson authored seven books six of which elucidated the role of the environment in the history of the Caribbean including:

The Rice Culture of Coastal Guyana: A Study in Location and Livelihood (1980).

Caribbean Migrants: Environment and Human Survival on St. Kitts and Nevis (1983)

Panama Money in Barbados 1900-1920 (1985)

The South and The Caribbean: Essays and Commentaries (1991)

The Caribbean in the Wider World: A Regional Geography 1492-1992 (1992)

Economy and Environment in the Caribbean: Barbados and the Windwards in the Late 1800s (1997)

Igniting the Caribbean Past: Fire in the British West Indies History (2004)

This collection has enriched the historiography of the Caribbean and is on the list of essential reading for anyone undertaking research on the region. The Association of Caribbean Historians records its appreciation for Professor Richardson's contribution to the history of the region and extends condolences to his relatives and friends. May he rest in eternal peace.

In Memoriam: Joseph Powell (1968-2021)
[extracted from a UWI Press Release dated 26 April 2021]

The ACH was saddened to hear of the passing of The UWI Press General Manager, Dr Joseph B. Powell who died on April 25, 2021.

Powell led The UWI Press for the past four and a half years, having joined The UWI in September 2016. He brought more than two decades of experience in scholarly publishing to the role. In an outpouring of tributes from his UWI Press team, he is remembered by colleagues for his professionalism, kindness and genuine concern for members of staff and their families.



The following is an excerpt from the Vice-Chancellor of the UWI, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles: "a gentleman, scholar and exemplary leader... We had the privilege of his dedication and love for literature and academia for a short time, but his impact was profound. I send blessings and empowerment during this period of loss to his loved ones."

Powell was a student and scholar of the Caribbean with a career in scholarly publishing that spanned over 25 years. He held a BSc in Sociology from the College of Charleston, an MA in Anthropology and a PhD in Geography and Anthropology from Louisiana State University. Prior to his appointment at The UWI, he served as Senior Acquisitions Editor at the University of Alabama Press, and as Acquisitions Editor at Louisiana State University Press. During his time at The UWI, he worked towards his vision of increasing The UWI Press' presence and visibility in the Association of American University Presses (AAUP), and to acquire more North American-based scholarship on the Caribbean, particularly work by Caribbean diaspora scholars. The ACH extends its deepest condolences to Dr. Powell's colleagues at The UWI Press and his family and friends.

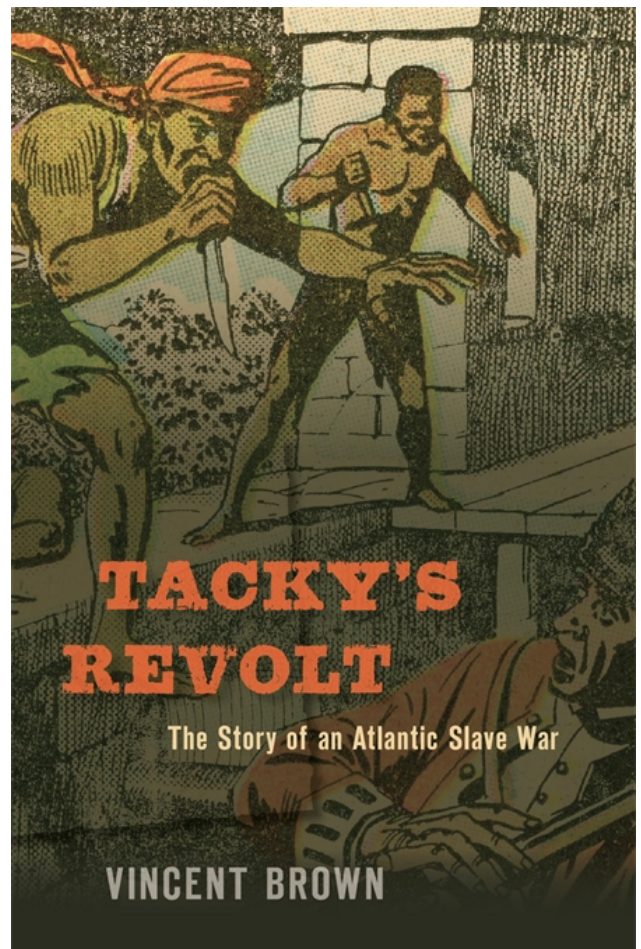
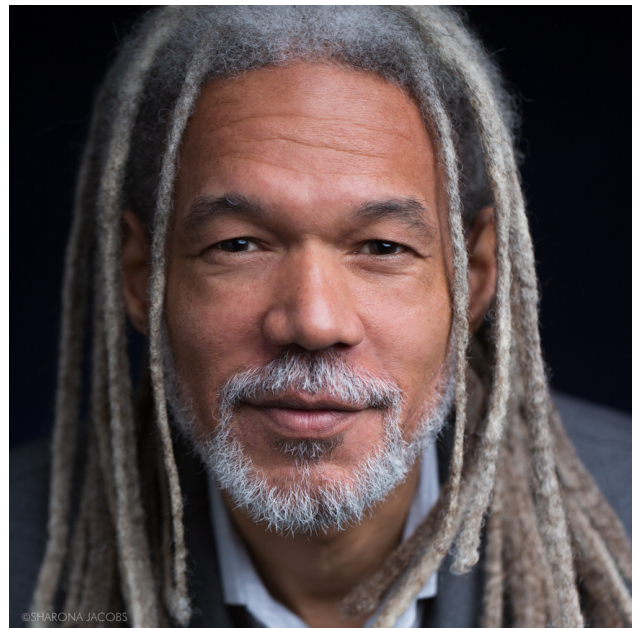
2021 Elsa Goveia Book Prize Announced

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After receiving 42 submissions for the 2021 Elsa Goveia Prize, the Committee, comprising Randy Browne (Chair), Chelsea Schields and Dannelle Gutarra Cordero, was in unanimous agreement about this award. The decision was announced at the ACH Annual Conference (June 6-11, 2021) which was hosted by the Société d'histoire de la Guadeloupe. The prize is named for renowned Caribbean historian Elsa Goveia (1925-80).

The following extract of the citation was read during our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 11:

Tacky's Revolt is a groundbreaking interpretation of the eponymous 1760-61 Jamaican rebellion and a landmark contribution to Caribbean history. Writing at the intersection of histories of Jamaican slavery, British imperialism, West African warfare, and the transatlantic slave trade, Brown offers a truly diasporic military history. He convincingly argues that we should view Tacky's Revolt—as well as the many rebellions that preceded and followed it—as the participants did, that is, as acts of war in which African actors engaged as rebels. Centering the rebels themselves and taking seriously their previous experiences in West Africa, especially as soldiers, Brown reframes a rebellion commonly seen as a Jamaican episode in the Seven Years' War as a new phase of wars that began on the Gold Coast of Africa and took on new contours in the context of racialized Caribbean slavery. Throughout the book, Brown deftly moves between different scales of analysis, balancing intimate stories of people such as rebel leader Apongo with a sophisticated understanding of broader transatlantic and imperial dynamics. Yet even as Brown tells a transatlantic story that takes us from Gold Coast politics to British naval ships crossing the Atlantic, *Tacky's Revolt* remains firmly grounded in Jamaica. Brown's deep knowledge of and sensitivity to the island's topography—displayed in dozens of carefully constructed maps—allows him to show how Jamaica's physical environment shaped the tactics and political imaginaries of the rebels and their adversaries. Vividly narrated, painstakingly researched, and beautifully written, *Tacky's*



Revolt is a gripping account of one of the most impactful rebellions in Caribbean history. As a story of struggle—or war—against racialized slavery and terror that spans continents, empires, and generations, it is a tale of enduring relevance.

In addition to the prize being awarded to Vincent Brown, the Committee recommended two additional books for special mention: Caree Banton, *More Auspicious Shores: Barbadian Migration to Liberia, Blackness and the Making of an African Republic* (Cambridge University Press, 2019) and Sharika Crawford, *The Last Turtlemen of the Caribbean: Waterscapes of Labor, Conservation and Boundary Making* (UNC Press, 2020).

For more information on the winning publication please visit:
<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674737570>

Join Us! The New Outreach Sub-Committee

The EC invites interested members to volunteer to be part of a new sub-committee that will focus on the outreach of the Association. We hope to become more vocal as an association as we contend with the historical dimensions of the contemporary issues that have come to the forefront in the twenty-first century. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact the Secretary-Treasurer at achsecretary@gmail.com.

Call for Nominations for the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize

The Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize is a biennial award that recognizes the best article in the field of Caribbean history. The next prize will be awarded in 2022, and will cover work published in 2020 and 2021.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in a scholarly journal between 2020 and 2021 is eligible for the award.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.

Call for Submissions:

Authors, publishers, editors and others interested in submitting articles for consideration must submit nominations to the

chair and other members of the adjudicating committee by **January 15, 2022**. The winner will be announced at the next ACH Annual Conference in Jamaica.

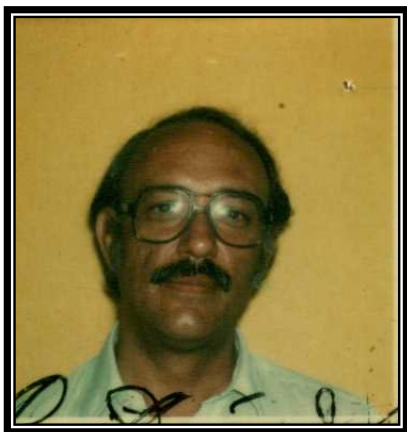
It is important that one copy of the article nominated be sent directly by email, courier or airmail to **each** member of the committee. Due to the changing nature of the COVID-19 Pandemic, please contact Committee members by email to get their current mailing addresses if required.

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Andrés "Tony" Ramos Mattei (1941-88), Puerto Rican Historian



Neville Hall (1936-86), Jamaican Historian
University of the West Indies, Mona

The Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize was named in honour of historians and long-time ACH members Andrés "Tony" Ramos Mattei and Neville Hall. The prize was launched in 1996.

Preliminary Information for the 53rd Annual ACH Conference, Kingston, Jamaica June 5-10, 2022



The ACH Executive Committee is pleased to announce that its 53rd Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) will be held in Kingston, Jamaica from Sunday, June 5 to Thursday, June 9, 2022. Friday, June 10, 2022 will be reserved for an optional field trip(s). Although our preference is to return to hosting conference in a face-to-face format, we are continuing to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and will announce which modalities will be feasible in 2022.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is chaired by Dr. Enrique Okenve Martinez, the Head of the Department of History and Archaeology, The University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus. The LOC is currently finalizing preparations. As soon as details for the conference are available, the information will be shared on the ACH website.



Call for Papers

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The ACH welcomes this opportunity to work with local organisers in the Department of History and Archaeology at The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus. The ACH has chosen the overarching theme of “Resilience” for our 53rd Annual Conference.

We encourage participants to reflect on how the region’s resilience has been tested historically, and to share their research on the challenges and other developments which have shaped the Caribbean region. Our 53rd annual conference comes at an important period in Caribbean nationhood. The region enters a new phase in its independence trajectory with some of the English-speaking territories commemorating sixty years of independence. At the same time recent political turmoil, global health challenges and natural disasters have presented development challenges. The region continues to be highly dependent on international travel and communication and is highly vulnerable to external shocks in the global economy. In spite of the challenges individual states are actively re-shaping themselves and are at different phases of their independence journeys. In this context, the theme “Resilience” provides an important focal point.

Join us at the 53rd ACH conference as we explore the challenges and successes of the Caribbean region.

We invite papers under the general theme of “Resilience”. In addition to the overall theme of ‘Resilience’ the 2022 ACH conference will also welcome papers on the following topics suggested by members after our last AGM

- Pan-Caribbean Approaches to writing Caribbean history
- Historical monuments in the Caribbean in the Modern World
- Cultural Representation - Rethinking Caribbean Cultural Identities
- The Independence Project in the Caribbean
- Gender, Peace and Security- Reimagining roots of Caribbean adaptability
- Political Turmoil and Social Mobilisation in the Caribbean
- Developments in Caribbean Archaeology

While papers on the overall themes are encouraged, applicants are welcome to submit proposals on other subjects.

For those proposing panels, please note that we seek linguistic and geographic diversity and representation. Applicants may also wish to consider that the ACH promotes diversity among panelists in institutional affiliation and academic experience.

Preference is given to applicants who did not present at the previous conference, held online in 2021.

Application Instructions

There are THREE WAYS to participate in the 2022 ACH Conference:

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

1. The appropriate form for either a [paper/poster](#) or panel proposal;
2. A 250-word abstract for each proposed presenter (Abstracts must indicate what new information or approach the work provides as well as the archival or oral sources consulted. Abstracts must be submitted in English, French and Spanish); and
3. A brief CV (no more than 2 pages).

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

1. [A panel proposal form](#).
2. A 250-word abstract for each proposed presenter (Abstracts must indicate what new information or approach the work provides as well as the archival or oral sources consulted. Abstracts must be submitted in English, French and Spanish); and
3. A brief CV or resume (no more than 2 pages) for each presenter.

Please note that while panel organizers may propose a chair, final assignment of chairs is the prerogative of the Executive Committee. Proposed chairs should be experts in the panel field.

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

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

While cover forms and CVs can be submitted in one language, it is very important that abstracts be translated into all three languages at the time of submission as the committee reviewing proposals is multilingual. Applications that do not include abstracts in English, Spanish and French will not be considered.

Please see Application Instructions here

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

Please do not submit abstracts in PDF. The deadline for proposal submission is **October 15, 2021**.

A few more important notes:

- To ensure that graduate student applicants are at an advanced stage of their research, they are required to provide a letter of support from their academic advisors.
- All participants must be current members of the ACH by the time they present.
- ACH presentations include both a pre-circulated paper and a brief presentation at the conference. Papers can be written in English, French or Spanish, and must be no longer than 25 typed, double-spaced pages using 12-point font. This includes notes and references.

Presentations are intended to introduce the highlights of this written work, and so are strictly limited to 10 minutes.

- Poster presentations include both a shorter pre-circulated paper summarizing research to date (no more than 10 typed, doubled-spaced pages using 12-point font, including notes and references). Presentations at the conference will be limited to no more than 5 minutes and 10 PowerPoint slides.
- Papers for both panels and for poster presentations will be made available online at the ACH website in advance of the conference and can be accessed only by those who pre-register and pay their registration.
- To allow time to format and post material, presenters should email papers (as a Microsoft Word file) **NO LATER THAN March 15, 2022** to: Dalea Bean, ACH Conference Coordinator, at achconference@gmail.com

If, after your proposal has been accepted, you find you are unable to attend, please inform the ACH Conference Coordinator as soon as possible in order to allow us to adjust the programme.

All proposals for the 2022 ACH Conference, with translated abstracts and CVs, should be submitted through the website forms: [A paper/poster proposal form](#) or [A panel proposal form](#).

Dalea Bean, Conference Coordinator, Association of Caribbean Historians:
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[The deadline for proposals is October 15, 2021. We look forward to your submissions.](#)

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, ONLINE, Guadeloupe, 2021

PREPARED BY: Tara Inniss, Secretary-Treasurer

PRESENT: Anne'el Bain; Jan Bant; Dalea Bean; Kristen Block; Raymond Boutin; Bridget Brereton; Heather Cateau; Cécile Celma; Matthew Chin; Joanne Collins-Gonslaves; Alissandra Cummins; Loic Darian; Juanita De Barros; Roekmienie Debipersad; Audra Diptee; Yvonne Fabella; Claude Foix; Anna Forestier; Shantel George; Rebecca Goetz; Gad Heuman; Rosemarijn Hoefte; Rosa de Jong; O'Neal Joseph; Terencia Joseph; Benoit Julien; Neil Kennedy; Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie; Gerard LaFleur; David Lambert; Enrique Okenve Martinez; Raymond Laureano; Olivier Malo; Gelien Matthews; Janice Mayers; Charmaine McKenzie; Kathleen Monteith; Roy Murray; Renée Nelson; Clara Palmiste; Rita Pemberton; Lucy Peña Carro; Carla Pestana; Dexnell Peters; Kathleen Phillips Lewis; Fiona Rajkumar; Arti Ramsaroop; Daniel Rapke; Shani Roper; Elena Schneider; Jenny Shaw; Len Smith; Glenroy Taitt; Vikram Tamboli; Marie-Christine Touchelay; David Trotman; Grace Turner; Juan José Ponce Vázquez; Curtis Wallace

ACH President **Heather Cateau** called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Confirmation of the 2019 AGM Minutes: The June 2019 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. **Rebecca Goetz** moved their adoption and this was seconded by **Jenny Shaw**.

A moment of silence honoured ACH members who passed away since the 2019 AGM: **Colin Palmer, Edward 'Kamau' Brathwaite, Bonham Richardson and Joseph Powell**.

The **Ramos Mattei-Hall Article Prize** citation was delivered on behalf of the Committee by **Gerard LaFleur**. **Marvin Chocotte**, the 2020 winner, was not able to attend the AGM. The

article prize announcement was included in the [July 2020 Bulletin No. 92](#).

Report of the Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee (2019-20 publications):

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Brown was not present to accept his award. **Raymond Laureano** accepted the award on his behalf and read a note of appreciation sent by the author.

Committee Members included **Randy Browne** (Chair), **Danelle Gutarra Cordero** and **Chelsea Schields**.

Nominations to the Andr s Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee: The following nominations were made to the selection committee for the article prize: **Joanne Collins-Gonsalves**, **Rebecca Goetz**, **Kathleen Phillips Lewis**, **Dexnell Peters**, **Jessica Pierre-Louis**, **Shani Roper**, **Glenroy Taitt**, **Vikram Tamboli**

Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2020-2021: The 2020-21 Executive

Committee (EC) included: **Heather Cateau** (President), **Gerard LaFleur** (Vice-President), **Tara Inniss** (Secretary-Treasurer), **Gelien Matthews** (Conference Coordinator), **Rosemarijn Hoefte**, **St phanie Dargaud**, **Raymond Laureano-Ortiz** and **Fiona Rajkumar**. The Committee met on December 14, 2020 and on June 9, 2021, both times online. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, members of the EC also met a number of times online in ad hoc meetings to discuss preparations for the 2021 conference. The EC especially wishes to thank the Soci t  d'Histoire de la Guadeloupe, **Clara Palmiste** (Chair of the Local Organizing Committee), the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and the ACH general membership for their support during this very strenuous two-year period.

The main item of the December agenda was the 52nd Annual Conference academic programme and local arrangements in Guadeloupe. The Conference Coordinator confirmed that there were 59 papers and 3 posters remaining on the 52nd conference programme after a number of withdrawals from the summer. Nineteen presenters in total withdrew. The final conference slate was 35 papers, 3 special roundtable presentations and 1 poster organized into 12 panels, including two local panels. One special roundtable on La Soufriere: Volcanic Hazards in Historical Perspective was organized by Dr. Cleve Scott to shed light on the recent volcanic eruptions in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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 June 9, 2021):

- **6 new Life Members:** **Gabriel Rocha** (Brown University); **Juanita De Barros** (McMaster University); **Rosa de Jong** (University of Amsterdam); **Kevin McDonald** (Loyola Marymount University); **Jenny Shaw** (University of Alabama) and **Rodney Worrell** (The UWI, Cave Hill Campus)
- **2 Benefactors:** **Virginia Gould** (Tulane), **Nathalie Zonzon** (Education Nationale)

- 6 Donors: **Kristen Block** (University of Tennessee); **Mary Chamberlain** (Oxford Brookes University); **Enrique Okenve Martinez** (The UWI, Mona Campus); **Catherine Peters** (Harvard University) and **Sandra Taitt-Eaddy** (Independent Researcher)
- 79 New Members or Member Renewals: Names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and June/ July 2021 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.
- 22 New Student Members or Member Renewals: Names and institutions of these members appeared, or will appear, in the January and July 2021 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*.¹

Activities of the Secretariat

The ACH published two issues of its newsletter, the *Bulletin* (July 2020 and January 2021), which included the 2021 conference programme and some local considerations as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Announcements about the conference were also advertised on H-Net listservs (i.e. H-Atlantic; H-LatAm), as well as several Latin American/Caribbean Studies Programmes. We also used social media such as Facebook platforms to circulate information about the conference.

We continued online registration. This was supported by our paper distribution system which reinforced strong coordination between the Secretariat and Conference Coordinators. This facilitated conference paper collection, reformatting, posting to the web, and communications with the LOC. The Secretariat also oversaw online conference registration, tracking both manual and online payments (the conference registration advance was disbursed to the LOC in early 2020, and the remainder of registration and membership funds retained by the ACH). The EC worked with the LOC in its selection of a Guadeloupe-based online conference production company, Ururumi for

the delivery of the association's first online conference.

Interest rates remain low for checking, money market, and certificate of deposit accounts. One portion of ACH funds (\$55375.18 US) is deposited in a Business Growth Savings/Money Market Account at an interest rate averaging .75-1.5%; the balance is in an interest-bearing Commercial Checking account earning 0.5% (\$38217.69 US).

Legal Incorporation and Banking Jurisdiction

The EC will continue to pursue relocating the EC's bank accounts to St. Maarten where it is legally incorporated since 2019. The pandemic and travel restrictions prevented the EC from completing the relocation.

Ongoing EC Projects

The focus of ACH activity over most of 2019-20 and 2020-21 was on ensuring a successful 52nd Annual Conference in the light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which had an obvious impact on conference planning.

A number of projects have continued. The EC will focus its efforts over the next year on some of the projects established prior to the pandemic:

Code of Conduct

The EC was asked to consider formulating a Code of Conduct/ 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 wanted to place the item on the agenda for this AGM, but we agreed that it would be best to give members some more time to review the draft statement. We will place this on the Agenda of the next AGM.

CXC Task Force Report

The EC will engage The UWI Departments of History in efforts to address the regional decline in History at CXC and CAPE levels mostly in the English-speaking Caribbean.

¹ NOTE: For comparison, in 2020 we had 6 new Life Members, 1 benefactor, 26 new or renewed members, and 16 new or renewed student members.

Establishment of a Social Outreach Committee

Given a number of issues that have become increasingly topical in the region regarding history and heritage, the EC would like to establish a committee to provide immediate guidance and outreach on advocacy matters such as last year's Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests.

Preparation for the 2021 ACH Annual Conference—Guadeloupe

We are grateful to members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for hosting our first online conference. They, in fact, engaged in two sets of preparations to host us in-person and online over an extended two-year period.

The EC commends the LOC on an excellent job hosting the conference. This conference will be remembered in the history of the ACH.

Special appreciation goes to **Clara Palmiste** who oversaw every detail of the conference and ensured its success, especially with respect to our transition to an online platform.

We would also like to thank all of the local sponsors of the ACH Conference especially the Région Guadeloupe, Conseil départemental de Guadeloupe, la Direction des Affaires culturelles de Guadeloupe (DAC), le laboratoire de recherche AIHP-Geode de l'Université des Antilles, la Société d'Histoire de la Guadeloupe. We also wish to express our warm appreciation to Professor **Jean-Pierre Sainton** who organized the two (2) local panels and Sally Stainier and her team at URURIMI who made this first online conference possible by creating the platform that we used and providing quality translation services.

We must also thank the Chairs and panelists for their participation in the conference and assistance with conference preparations.

Finally we wish to thank all of you for keeping the ACH alive during these very difficult times.

Preparation for Future ACH Annual Conferences

The 2022 ACH Conference has been scheduled for Kingston, Jamaica. There is some interest from Puerto Rico and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean and we are working on new destinations in the English-speaking Caribbean.

Evaluation of the 2021 Conference:

Given this was the first time that the ACH Conference was conducted online, the EC noted some comments that were shared in the "Chat" which reflected the positive response from the membership who were grateful that the camaraderie that exemplifies the organization could continue in the online environment. Here are some comments:

Dalea Bean: "Best online [conference] I have been to since Covid 19. Kudos team!"

Kristen Block: "This was an amazing online conference addressing the little hiccups that are inevitable. Bravo @Clara PALMISTE and everyone there in Guadeloupe."

Bridget Brereton: "Clara, Jean-Pierre, Gerard and all your team in G: wonderful job and a really unique and successful conference, thanks to all your hard work."

Matthew Chin: "This was my first ACH conference. I had such a positive experience even as it was online. Thank you to the hard work of all the organizers."

Antonio Gaztambide: "I want to congratulate all parties involved in this excellent conference. I want to particularly comment the best translation in an ACH conference that I can remember. I am only sorry missing once again Guadeloupe and sharing with my Francophone Caribbean colleagues and friends, particularly my friend Gerard LaFleur. Of course, as many of you could predict, I also have comments on persistent cases and problems bu[t] will make them to the EC"

Carla Pestana: "This has been a great conference. I miss seeing all my friends and colleagues, but I thoroughly enjoyed the meeting. Even the 6 a.m. start time did not

dampen my enthusiasm. Thank you to the organizers for a great meeting”

Shani Roper: “Congratulations to Clara and her team. The conference went well and I found the tech team responsive to questions.”

Juan José Ponce Vázquez: “You guys did an Herculean work to put this together (TWICE, in two different formats!). Thank you very much for all your efforts. This conference has been a tremendous success.”

53rd ACH Conference Presentation:

Presented by LOC Chair, Dr. Enrique Okenve Martinez.



Association of
Caribbean
Historians
53rd Conference

**Kingston,
Jamaica 2022**

PRESENTER: DR. ENRIQUE
OKENVE
DATE: JUNE 11, 2021

Conference Format:

Hybrid Format:
Meetings
(face-to-face and
Virtual)

and

100% Virtual

Estimated:
75 physical attendees + 100
virtual attendees

Venue




Facts About Kingston
Located on the southeastern coast of the island, Kingston was founded in 1692 and is both the capital and largest city of Jamaica. Kingston is the seat of government in Jamaica and the island's business capital.

➤ Hotel in New Kingston
OR
➤ Jamaica Conference Centre, Downtown Kingston





Hotel Accommodations:

Preliminary Rates:
Range from US\$170 -
US\$200 per night



Travelers entering Jamaica are required to present travel document as evidence of their identity and nationality



No visa requirement (30 days or less visits) for most countries of CARICOM, the Commonwealth, North and Latin America, EU & UK.

Listing available from
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Local Organizing Committee

Dr. Enrique Okenve (Chair) Head of Department	Dr. Renee Nelson Lecturer Department of History
Dr. Zachary Beier Lecturer Department of Geography & Geology, UWI Mona	Dr. Dave Gosse Senior Lecturer, Institute of Caribbean Studies, UWI Mona
Dr. Shani Roper Museum Curator, University of the West Indies Museum	Dr. Julian Cresser African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank
Dr. Thera Edwards Map Curator and Lecturer, Department of Geography & Geology, UWI Mona	Mrs. Camillia Clarke Brown Snr. Assistant, Department of History & Archaeology, UWI

Field Trip Options for In-Person Attendees



Blue & John Crow
Mountains National
Park



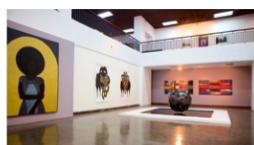
Port Royal Heritage
Tour

Field Trip Options for Virtual Attendees

Virtual Exhibit & Tour:



Artist Tour & Walk by
Kingston Creative



Museum Tour - National
Gallery

Nominations to the 2021-22 Nominating Committee:

The following members were nominated to serve on the 2021-22 Nominating Committee: **Janice Mayers (Chair); Jenny Shaw and Jean-Pierre Sainton.**

Heather Cateau adjourned the meeting at 11:35am.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Rita Pemberton (Chair) delivered the report.

So How Did We Do for the First ACH Online Conference?

Going online allowed the EC to engage with members from across the region and the globe! We are particularly pleased that we could offer over 70 online conference registration scholarships to students and Faculty in the English-; French-; and Spanish-speaking Caribbean as well as the Diaspora. We were happy to see increased interest and participation from Cuba, Haiti, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, the Eastern Caribbean, Suriname, Belize and Guyana and even colleagues in Latin America. Unfortunately, connectivity issues in several territories limited the participation of some of our colleagues and if we can retain an online component for the conference going forward we can address some of these issues in the future.

You have also heard the positive comments from attendees at our first ACH online conference but let's look at the numbers. Ururimi, the online conference hosts who provided the platform and the translation, has provided us the following statistics. The numbers for attendance on each day shows that conference participants remained engaged for the duration of the sessions. Not bad!

ACH conf. 2021 stats	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
average time spent	4h13min	3h	2h49	3h7
turnout	98 %	96 %	94 %	95 %
peak active attendees	78	72	67	74
registrations	118	101	105	95
attendee score	8,3 / 10	8,7 / 10	8,7 / 10	9,2 / 10

ACH Financial Report, 2020-21

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

A. Beginning balance Checking Account (as of 7/01/20):

\$26478.77

B. Membership Dues Income (*NOTE: Paypal fees vary for U.S. versus non-U.S. transactions*)
*Dues Revenue (online via Paypal through June 30, 2021)**

\$7536.35

Life Members (3x \$500, less \$14.80 Paypal fee per transaction = \$1455.60)
 (3x \$500, less \$22.30 Paypal fee per transaction = \$1433.10)

Full Members (36x \$50, less \$1.75 Paypal fee per transaction = \$1737.00)
 (42x \$50, less \$2.50 Payppal fee per transaction = \$1995.00)

Student Members (14x \$25, less \$.1.03 Paypal fee per transaction = \$335.58)
 (8 x \$25, less \$1.40 Paypal fee per transaction = \$188.80)

Benefactor (2x \$120, less \$3.78 Paypal fee per transaction = \$232.44)
 (1x \$120, less \$5.58 Paypal fee per transaction = \$108.83)

Membership (Full Member in cash, 1x\$50= \$50.00)

C. Conference Registration Income

Registration Revenue (online via Paypal)

\$6960.25

Full Registration (24 x \$100, less \$3.20 Paypal fee per transaction = \$2323.20)
 (41 x \$100, less \$4.70 Paypal fee per transaction = \$3907.30)

REFUNDS PROCESSED NOT INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION REVENUE FOR 2020
 CONFERENCE RATES*

(1 x -\$275, for conference refunds = -\$275.00)

(1x -\$175, for conference refund = -\$175.00)

* Other Conference Registrations that were collected in 2020 @ 2020 Conference Rates were donated by members to the organization or were converted into memberships.

Student Registration (3x \$50, less \$1.75 Paypal fee per transaction = \$144.75)
 (6x \$50, less \$2.50 Paypal fee per transaction = \$285.00)

Registration Revenue cash collected in Barbados/ Canada 3x\$100 = \$300.00

D. Book Exhibition Income:

\$48.97

Flyer Insert (1x \$25.00, less \$1.03 Paypal fee per transaction = \$23.97)

University of the West Indies Press (\$25.00)

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE

+ 2020-21 INCOME:

\$41024.34

<u>ACH Money Market Account (Gould-Saunders Fund), beginning balance:</u>	\$55364.05
Interest earned 2020-21:	\$11.07
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE + 2020-21 INCOME/ EXPENSES:	\$ 55375.12

EXPENSES**A. Website/Communication-Related Fees:**

Translation Services (One Hour Translation): **\$1213.35**

- \$102.48 on 06/15/20 (Payment from Paypal Account)
- \$105.68 on 09/14/20 (Payment from Paypal Account)
- \$55.23 on 06/10/21 (Payment from Paypal Account)

Constant Contact Monthly Billing (07/28/2020-11/30/2020)@ \$48.60

- \$243.00

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

- \$408.24 on 11/30/21 (Online Debit)

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

- \$298.72 (Payment from Paypal Account)

B. Conference Expenses:**\$250.00**

Elsa Goveia Prize Winner V. Brown (Payment from Paypal Account)

TOTAL EXPENSES for 2020-21: **\$1463.35**

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:

BEGINNING CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE + 2020-21 INCOME: **\$41024.34**

2020-21 EXPENSES: **\$ 1463.35**

FINAL CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (INCOME LESS EXPENSES): **\$39560.99**

BEGINNING MMA BALANCE + 2017-18 INCOME/ EXPENSES: **\$55053.82**

TOTAL OF ALL ACH ACCOUNTS: **\$94614.81**

Additional ACH expenses were paid by external sources:

Expenses of the Secretariat (UWI)

*ACH Annual Conference (June 2021): **\$ 100.00***

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID EXTERNALLY: **\$ 100.00**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since January 2021
(Don't see your name? You were in the winter issue if you joined before January 31, 2021!)

LIFE MEMBERS

Juanita De Barros, McMaster University
 Rosa de Jong, University of Amsterdam
 Kevin McDonald, Loyola Marymount University
 Gabriel Rocha, Brown University
 Jenny Shaw, University of Alabama
 Rodney Worrell, The UWI, Cave Hill Campus

BENEFACTORS

Virginia Gould, Tulane University

MEMBERS and MEMBER RENEWALS

Franco Barchiesi, Ohio State University
 Dalea Bean, The UWI, HQ
 Michael Becker, Duke University
 Marie-Cramelle Boutin, Independent Scholar
 Raymond Boutin, Société d'Histoire de la Guadeloupe
 Fernanda Bretones Lane, University of Florida
 Desrene Burell-Ingram, Mico University College
 Henderson Carter, The UWI, Cave Hill Campus
 Andy Caul, Independent Scholar
 Cécile Celma, Independent Scholar
 Matthew Chin, University of Virginia
 Joanne Collins-Gonsalves, St. Mary's University
 Karen Eccles, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus
 Yvonne Fabella, University of Pennsylvania
 Claude Foix, Independent Scholar
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 John Garrigus, University of Texas at Arlington
 Antonio Gaztambide, Universidad de Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras
 Shauntel George, University of Glasgow
 Rebecca Goetz, NYU
 Margo Groenewoud, University of Curaçao
 Kaye Hall, Barbados Museum and Historical Society
 Philip Janzen, University of Florida
 Terencia Joseph, University of the Southern Caribbean
 Neil Kennedy, Memorial University of Newfoundland
 Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie, Howard University
 Winelle Kirton-Roberts, Independent Scholar
 Monique Klarenbeek, Independent Scholar

Gerard LaFleur, Société d'Histoire de la Guadeloupe
 David Lambert, Warwick University
 Marie-Helena Laumuno, Independent Scholar
 Raymond Laureano, Independent Scholar
 Mael Lavenaire-Pineau, Independent Scholar
 Susan Lowes, Columbia University
 Natasha Lightfoot, Columbia University
 Deidre Lyons, University of Chicago
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 Elizabeth Manley, Xavier University
 Charmaine McKenzie, The UWI, Mona Campus
 Kathleen Monteith, The UWI, Mona Campus
 Matthew Mulcahy, Loyola University
 Aakeil Murray, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus
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 Claire Palmiste, Université de Guyane
 Glenn Phillips, Morgan State University
 Jessica Pierre-Louis, Université des Antilles
 Fiona Rajkumar, University of the Southern Caribbean
 Kathy Ranalli
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 Leonard Smith, Birmingham University
 Sandra Taitt-Eady, Independent Scholar
 Vikram Tamboli, UCLA
 Marie-Christine Touchelay, Independent Scholar
 Grace Turner, Antiquities, Monuments and Museum Corporation (Bahamas)
 Anne Ulentin, University of the Bahamas
 Kristy Warren, University of Leicester
 Karl Watts, The UWI, Mona Campus
 Margaret Williamson, Dartmouth

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Chad Attenborough, Vanderbilt University
 Patrick Barker, Yale University
 Lucayo Cassillas, UC Berkeley
 Kaysha Cornealdi, Emerson College
 Jeanette Corniffe, The UWI Mona Campus
 Anna Forestier, Université Paris IV Sorbonne
 Thabiselle Griffin, UCLA

Sarah Hannon, Memorial University of Newfoundland
 O'Neil Joseph, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus
 Natalie McGuire, Barbados Museum and Historical Society
 Carlie Manners, University of Toronto
 Daniel Mora-Ortiz, Universidad de Puerto Rico
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 Curtis Wallace, The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

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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,

Please note that as of January 1, 2022, the ACH will be moving to a tiered membership structure that will be as follows:

- 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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