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## Message from the President

**Carla Pestana, Distinguished Professor &  
Joyce Appleby Endowed Chair of America  
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Greetings, Association Members!

I greatly regret that I am the one to write this president's message. I am only serving as interim president to our organization because of the unexpected death of our elected President, Jean-Pierre Sainton, who died last August. He had been elected for a second presidential term at our June meeting in Puerto Rico, and as Vice President I stepped in to cover the remainder of his term. There is a tribute to him and a discussion of his career elsewhere in this bulletin, where you can read of his many accomplishments as a scholar and a leader and of his special interest in the events of May 1967 in Guadeloupe. He is missed, and I know we all wish he was still with us to write this message himself.

Despite this difficult turn of events, the ACH continues its recovery from the challenges of the global pandemic. Our meeting in Puerto Rico, if small, was very successful and our membership numbers remain strong. Our various prizes continue to recognize exceptional research while our Gould-Saunders Travel Fund assists members (especially junior colleagues coming from the West Indies) to attend our meetings. We hope members living and working in the Caribbean will bring that award to the attention of their younger colleagues and encourage them to apply.

We look forward to meeting again in the Spanish Caribbean, this time at the University of Magdalena, in Santa Marta, Colombia, in late May. I do hope you will join us for what promises to be an excellent meeting. Two consecutive Spanish-language hosts is a little unusual, but a quick look at our previous 54 meetings shows that it is not unprecedented, and we only met five times in a Spanish-language location in the last 25 years. We have also been to Colombia only once before, in 2005. Even as we prepare for our May meeting—see the draft program elsewhere in the bulletin—we are looking ahead to 2025. If you would like to host our meeting—or find out more about doing so—please be in touch with me or other members of the Executive Committee.

My thanks to all of you who work to support our organization, but particularly our officers and members at large on the Executive Committee. Javier Alemán Iglesias, newly elected to the EC after coordinating local arrangements in Puerto Rico, kindly volunteered to take over the Vice President position after I stepped into my current role; Randy Browne continues to do superb work as Secretary Treasurer; and Claire Palmiste has proven an organized and gracious Conference Coordinator in the planning of ACH 2024. This organization would not run without their efforts as well as those of members-at-large Rose Mary Allen, Terencia Joseph, and Marjoleine Kars, and without your participation and support as our members.

I hope to see you in Santa Marta!

Carla Pestana

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## In Memoriam: Jean-Pierre Sainton (1955-2023)

### By Clara Palmiste

On Tuesday, 22 August 2023, we were deeply saddened to hear about the passing of our colleague and friend, Jean-Pierre Sainton, a university professor and activist involved in cultural, social, and political changes in Guadeloupe.

Jean-Pierre Sainton worked to promote a better understanding of the history of the West Indies, first with his thesis on *Les Nègres en politique* (1997), then with *Histoire et civilisation de la Caraïbe; Territoires de l'histoire antillaise*, which have paved the way for a renewed and critical approach to the political, social and cultural history of the French West Indies. Jean Pierre was a historian of great rigor and intellectual integrity, concerned with the transmission of knowledge and with the future of West Indian societies.

He shed light on the events of May 1967 in Guadeloupe and explored the issues surrounding the departmentalization of the French West Indies during the pivotal period of the decolonization movements worldwide (*La décolonisation improbable*, 2012). The latest book he edited with Elsa Dorlin and Mathieu Rigouste, *Mai 67. Massacrer et laisser mourir* (2023), is a synthesis of this painful episode in the history of Guadeloupe. The book won the Fetkann-Maryse Condé literary prize. Sainton was concerned with the “silences of history” and compiled a collection of testimonies available on the online section of the Bettino Lara Media Library.

Thanks to his determination, he contributed to setting up the Camp Jacob campus in Saint-Claude and in creating the multi-disciplinary Department of Humanities at the University of the Antilles. He was also instrumental in promoting Guadeloupe’s culture and heritage through his involvement in the creation of the Performing Arts degree. His work has inspired a number of national and international researchers, and he directed a number of projects, publications, most recently on Interpersonal Networks in the West Indies (Rezo).

He was also President of the Association of Caribbean Historians.

As a great master of martial arts, he instilled a whole philosophy and ethic in the new generation. We must also honor his extreme humility, his profound generosity, and his ability to manage ambitious projects at the university and association levels. The academic world has lost not only a historian and a researcher, but also an enlightened man of great intellectual generosity, with a deep respect for Guadeloupe's cultural values.

Clara Palmiste  
Associate Professor  
University of the Antilles



**Jean-Pierre Sainton**

Photograph from <https://www.karibinfo.com/news/jean-pierre-sainton-mort-dun-historien-engage/>

## Arrangements for the 55th Annual Meeting Santa Marta, Colombia, May 26-30, 2024

*Una traducción al español está disponible en: <https://associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/es/reunion-anual/>*

*Une traduction en français est disponible à l'adresse: <https://associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/fr/reunion-annuelle/>*

The ACH Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the 55th Annual Meeting of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Santa Marta, Colombia, from Sunday, May 26 to Thursday, May 30, 2024. On-site registration and check-in opens Sunday afternoon. The conference fête, our annual dinner and dance (which is highly recommended and a central feature of this organization) will be held on Thursday evening, May 30. An optional field trip is scheduled for Friday, May 31.

### CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference will be held at the University of Magdalena (Universidad del Magdalena), 15-20 minutes from the historic center of Santa Marta.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has selected **one primary hotel**, with **two alternatives**, and secured **discounted ACH rates** for each. Transportation to and from the conference venue and these three accommodations will be provided. Note that if you choose to stay elsewhere, you will need to arrange your own transportation to and from the conference venue. There are many other hotels, short-term rentals, etc. at various price points within walking distance of the official hotels.

#### 1. Best Western Plus — primary hotel: [https://www.bestwestern.com/es\\_ES/book/hotels-in-santa-marta/best-western-plus-santa-marta-hotel/propertyCode.76072.html](https://www.bestwestern.com/es_ES/book/hotels-in-santa-marta/best-western-plus-santa-marta-hotel/propertyCode.76072.html)

This modern hotel in downtown Santa Marta features 125 rooms, a rooftop pool and bar, gym, free wifi, and two restaurants. ACH members who book directly with the hotel will receive free buffet breakfast. Nightly rates for a single guest range from 240,000 COP (Colombian pesos—about \$62 USD) for a “superior king” to 290,000 COP (\$74 USD) for a “junior suite.” Additional persons can be added for 80,000 COP/night (\$21 USD). These rates do not include IVA of 19% or optional hotel insurance. To book, email [ventas2@bwsantamartahotel.com](mailto:ventas2@bwsantamartahotel.com) OR [reservas@bwsantamartahotel.com](mailto:reservas@bwsantamartahotel.com) with your dates of arrival and departure, name, and requested room type and indicate that you are a member of the ACH by using reservation code BWP-CaribbeanHistorians2024.

#### 2. AC Hotel: <https://www.marriott.com/es/hotels/smrm-ac-hotel-santa-marta/overview/>

The AC Hotel is also in downtown Santa Marta, about five minutes walking distance from the Best Western Plus. Features 120 rooms, a pool, four restaurants/cafes, free wifi, and gym. Nightly rates for one or two guests are 300,000 COP for a “superior king” or 350,000 COP for a “premium twin,” with an additional charge of 100,000 COP/night for another guest. These rates do not include tax or optional hotel insurance. Buffet breakfast is included. To make a reservation, email [reservasac@oxohotel.com](mailto:reservasac@oxohotel.com) with the following information: reservation code ASAMBLEAANUAL ACH 2024, name, dates of arrival and departure, type of room requested, number of guests, and phone number.

#### 3. Hotel Catedral Plaza: <https://hotelcatedralplaza.com>

A smaller hotel (60 rooms) in the center of Santa Marta’s historic district, about 10-15 minutes walking distance from the Best Western Plus and AC Hotel. Features rooftop pool and terrace, free breakfast and wifi, restaurant, and business center. ACH rates are 250,000 COP/night (not including tax). For reservations, email [mercadeo@hotelcatedralplaza.co](mailto:mercadeo@hotelcatedralplaza.co) and request the University of Magdalena rate.

## TRAVEL TO AND WITHIN COLOMBIA

Santa Marta (Aeropuerto Internacional Simón Bolívar–SMR) is well connected to airports in the Caribbean, United States, and Europe, primarily via El Dorado airport in Bogotá. For visa requirements and information, see: [https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/en/procedures\\_services/visa/requirements](https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/en/procedures_services/visa/requirements).

Official taxis are affordable and widely available at the airport (about 15-20 minutes) and throughout Santa Marta. Payment is only accepted in cash (Colombian pesos). While taxis can be hailed on the street, for safety it is recommended to request them via phone or app (hotels, restaurants, and other businesses can also request a taxi for you). Confirm the fare with your driver before starting your trip.

The LOC will provide transportation to and from the three hotels above to the university each day. Transportation schedules will be shared with participants in advance of the conference.

## REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH

The LOC will provide information on lunch options during the conference as soon as possible. For dinner and drinks, downtown Santa Marta is full of restaurants, bars, and cafes in a wide range of prices. Those recommended by the LOC include:

- Cinto (Cl. 17 con Cra. 2)
- Donde Chucho Gourmet (Cl. 19 #2 – 17)
- Casa Magdalena (Cl. 17 #2-09)
- El Gran Manuel (Cra. 1a #26A-158)
- Mañe Cayón (Cra. 1a #26-37)
- Porthos Steakhouse (Cl. 19 #3-25)
- Ouzo (Cra. 3 # 19-29)
- Guásimo (Cra. 2 #19-15)
- Belo (Cl. 18 #4-08)

## OPTIONAL FIELD TRIP

The LOC will organize an optional field trip, “Ruta al Realismo Mágico,” to important historic and cultural sites in the region on Friday. The cost and other details will be shared with participants at a later date.

## MEMBERSHIP AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

All conference attendees and presenters **must be current members of the ACH**. Those who joined at or before the last conference in June 2023 will need to renew at or before this year’s meeting; those who joined since the 2023 meeting have a valid membership until just after the conference in Santa Marta. If you have questions about your membership status, please email Secretary-Treasurer Randy Browne at [achsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:achsecretary@gmail.com).

For those who still need to join, you can do so via the ACH website: <https://associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/membership-giving/>

There are six categories of membership (all amounts below appear in U.S. dollars):

- **Non-tenured faculty, Caribbean-based lecturers (\$50 a year):** for faculty, public history, or governmental positions.
- **Tenured professors and other established researchers (\$75 a year):** for tenured faculty, public history, or governmental positions.

- **Teachers (primary/secondary), students, and retirees (\$25 a year):** a special rate for primary/secondary teachers; graduate and undergraduate students, and retirees.
- **Institutional Members (\$100 a year):** for colleges, universities, libraries, museums, and other cultural and educational organizations.
- **Benefactor (\$150 a year):** a higher category of giving to support the organization's activities.
- **Life Membership (\$500):** the best membership bargain—equivalent to 10 years of regular annual membership, but valid for life.

In addition to annual membership, there is a **registration fee** for the conference itself to defray local expenses. Registration fees for the 2024 conference appear below. While participants can register at the conference, **speakers and chairs must do so in advance**, and **pre-registration online is encouraged for everyone**—presenting or not—to gain access to all pre-circulated conference papers. **All those presenting or chairing sessions at the conference MUST renew their membership and register for the conference by the time their pre-circulated papers are due on March 15, 2024.**

- **ACH members: \$170**
- **Caribbean-based students: \$65**
- **Non-Caribbean-based students: \$95**
- **Guests: \$100**

Membership and registration can be completed **online** via PayPal at the ACH website: <https://associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/annual-meeting/>. When registering, please be sure you select the appropriate category and corresponding fee. If you choose to register **on site**, fees are still payable via **PayPal (credit card) only**. We cannot accept cash or other forms of payment.

### ACCESSING PRE-CIRCULATED PAPERS

ACH presentations include both a pre-circulated 25-page paper and a brief (10 minutes or less) conference presentation. The ACH is making pre-circulated papers available online for those who pre-register. Once the ACH receives your completed registration, you will receive a password to access the portion of the website where papers are housed. Please be aware that papers are not due until March 15; they will not, as a result, be available online until late April. You can pre-register for the conference online at <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>. You will be asked to complete an electronic registration form and pay with a credit card.

## ACH Conference Presentation Guidelines

A number of 2024 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> or in person during registration at the conference (all presenters and chairs must register by March 15, 2024).

2. ACH papers include both a pre-circulated paper and a brief presentation at the conference. Papers can be written in English, French, or Spanish, and can be no longer than 25 typed, double-spaced pages using 12-point font. This includes notes and references. **ALL** presenters must strictly adhere to this format—papers longer than 25 pages or not double-spaced will be returned for editing.

To allow time to format and post material, presenters should email their papers (as a Microsoft Word file) NO LATER THAN March 15, 2024 to: Claire Palmiste, ACH Conference Coordinator, at [achconference@gmail.com](mailto:achconference@gmail.com)

PLEASE NOTE: You will be asked to register for the conference and to pay for registration at this time. Presenters who do not provide papers by the March 15, 2024 deadline will be removed from the program and will not be permitted to present.

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

4. Presentations at the conference should serve to briefly introduce information in pre-circulated papers and as such are limited to 10 minutes. It is very important that all presenters strictly adhere to these time limits, and panel chairs will be charged with ensuring that panels proceed on time. Please hand a 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 2024 Preliminary Conference Program

**Migration and Space in Caribbean History:  
55th Annual Conference of the  
Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH)**

**Santa Marta, Colombia, May 26-30, 2024  
Universidad del Magdalena**

### SUNDAY, May 26

<b>3:00-5:00pm</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>5:00-6:30pm</b>	<b>Panel 1 (Local Organizing Committee Panel)</b>
<b>6:30-8:00pm</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception</b>

### MONDAY, May 27

<b>9:15-10:45am</b>	<b>Panel 2: Migration and colonization: unsettled archives</b>
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Chair: TBD

Rosemarijn Hoefte (KITLV/Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and Caribbean Studies): "Dutch research into the Colonial Past: A Tale of Two Cities"

Elise A. Mitchell (Princeton University): "Smallpox and Slavery in the Early Modern Atlantic World: A Digital History"

Paola Vargas Arana (University of Manchester): "African voyages to Antioquia's gold mines in New Granada, and the Caribbean mainland/islands relations during the British 'Asiento' (1713-1750)"

Nuala Zahedieh (University of Cambridge): "Canoes, commons, and capitalism in the early English Caribbean"

<b>10:45-11:00am</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
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<b>11:00am-12:30pm</b>	<b>Panel 3: Migration as a breeding ground for resistance</b>
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Chair: TBD

Gelien Matthews (University of The West Indies, St. Augustine Campus): "Eliza Fenwick's Private Account of the Barbados Servile War of 1816"

Armando Garcia de la Torre (Independent Scholar): "The Cultural Clash of Migrations in the Island of Trinidad: The Case of Dominique Dert, 1781-1784"

Heather Freund (University of Copenhagen): "Marronage and the Kalinago of St. Vincent"

Gunvor Simonsen (University of Copenhagen): "A Business of Freedom? Marronage and Maritime Transport in the Nineteenth-Century Lesser Antilles"

<b>12:30-1:45pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
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<b>1:45-3:15pm</b>	<b>Panel 4: Circulation and movement: trade, labor and family networks</b>
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Chair: TBD



Terencia K. Joseph (University of the Southern Caribbean): "Trans-Caribbean Migrations: Indians in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries"

Sebastian Gomez Gonzalez (Universidad de Antioquia): "Alias 'El Mompoxino' y el negocio del contrabando en el istmo de Panamá y las Antillas, 1730-1746"

Yevan Terrien (University of Louisiana at Lafayette): "Wheel of Misfortune: The Intercolonial Slave Trade between the Caribbean and Colonial Louisiana in the 18th century"

Felicia Fricke (University of Copenhagen): "Maritime Family Networks at Lesser Antillean Free Ports, 1804-1830 (St. Barts, St. Thomas, and Curaçao)"

**3:15-3:30pm                      Coffee break**

**3:30-5:00pm                      Panel 5: New research on abolition: the Caribbean and West Africa**

Chair: Suzanne Schwarz (University of Worcester)

Henry B. Lovejoy (University of Colorado Boulder): "Quantifying 'Liberated Africans' in the Greater Caribbean, 1807-1866"

Suzanne Schwarz (University of Worcester): "Interrupted Middle Passages: Tracing the Movements and Identities of 'Liberated Africans' Released from Slave Ships"

Mégane Coulon (Susquehanna University): "Transatlantic Connections: The Caribbean and the Colony of Sierra Leone"

Erika Melek Delgado (King's College London): "The labour experiences of Liberated African children in Matanzas, Cuba (1840-1880)"

## TUESDAY, May 28

**9:15-10:45am                      Panel 6: Migration and reversals of belonging in the Caribbean borderlands: Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, the Dominican Republic, and Garifuna New York, 1850s-today**

Chair: Laura Rosanne Adderley (Tulane University)

Lara Putnam (University of Pittsburgh): "Violence Against Afro-Caribbean Immigrants in Venezuela, 1850-1950: A Regional and Comparative Assessment"

Sharika D. Crawford (United States Naval Academy): "From North End to Pañatown: How the Free Port and Tourism Sector Spurred Migration that Transformed the Colombian Island of San Andrés, 1953 -1972"

Kaysha Corinealdi (Emerson College): "Denationalization in Comparative Perspective: Panama and the Dominican Republic (1941-Present)"

Paul Joseph López Oro (Bryn Mawr College): "Central America's Caribbean Coasts in/of Diaspora: Garifuna New Yorkers in the 21st Century"

**10:45-11:00am                      Coffee Break**

**11:00am-12:30pm                      Panel 7: Transnational Caribbean actors and the making of blackness in the Greater Circum-Caribbean**

Chair: Lara Putnam (University of Pittsburgh)

Felix Jean-Louis (University of California): "For the Race, for the Fatherland: Haitian Internationalism in the Age of Global Blackness"

Tyesha Maddox (Fordham University): "Friends of Abyssinia: West Indian Immigrant Mutual Aid Societies and the Impact of the Second Italo-Ethiopian War"

Willie Mack (University of Missouri): "'Triple Minority': Haitian Immigrants, Policing, Race and Identity in New York City and Haiti, During the Cold War"

J. Marlena Edwards (Pennsylvania State University): "An Unintended Modality: American Whaling, Labor, and Race-Making in New Bedford Massachusetts, 1870-1930"

**12:30-1:45pm**                      **Lunch**

**1:45-3:15pm**                      **Panel 8: Accommodating practices**

Chair: TBD

Dexnell Peters (University of the West Indies, Mona Campus): "Religious pluralism, missionaries and the integration of the Greater Southern Caribbean in the Revolutionary Era"

John Balz (University of Wisconsin-Madison): "How Virgin Islands Dutch Creole Became Black: Translation, Christianity, Language Ideology, and Race in the Danish West Indies, 1736-1775"

Kristen Block (University of Tennessee): "Medicinal Springs in the Early Caribbean: Disfiguring Ailments and Permeability in Creole Healing Stories"

José Andrés Fernández Montes de Oca (University of Costa Rica): "Afro-Caribbean Peasantry in the Costa Rican Caribbean: Land Tenure, Mobility, and Ethnicity, 1870-1970"

**3:15-3:30pm**                      **Coffee break**

**3:30-5:00pm**                      **Panel 9: Reclaiming the Dutch Caribbean space within a larger regional historical context**

Chair: TBD

Rose Mary Allen (University of Curaçao): "Reclaiming the Dutch Caribbean space within a larger regional historical context"

Margo Groenewoud (independent scholar): "Dutch Caribbean Radicals and the Spaces they Claimed"

Donate B. Philbert-Nieveland (University of Curaçao): "How regional and non-regional migration processes during the mid-nineteenth century influenced religious practices in the (Dutch) Caribbean"

Raimie Richardson, Camiel de Kom, and Arminda Franken-Ruiz (Department of History and Heritage for the Public Entity of St. Eustatius): "Towards Accessibility: Empowering (Dutch) Caribbean communities with diasporic colonial collections"

### **WEDNESDAY, May 29**

**9:15-10:45am**                      **Panel 10: Rethinking repatriation: legacies of colonial collecting in the Caribbean**

Chair: Alissandra Cummins (Barbados Museum and Historical Society)

Shani Roper (University of the West Indies): "Repatriation, Colonial Collecting and its Impact on National Natural History collections in Jamaica"

Tara Inniss (University of the West Indies, Cave Hill): “Loss, Repair and Repatriation: Caribbean Objects and Collections in British Museums”

Arminda Franken-Ruiz (Independent Heritage Consultant): “The Return of Artifacts from Colonial Collections and its Effect on Museums and their Communities: The case of the National Archaeological Museum of Aruba and the Wereldmuseum in Leiden”

Katarina Jacobson (Saint John Perse municipal museum): “The Return of Artifacts from Colonial Collections and its Effect on Museums and their Communities. From colonies to departments: what about objects ‘collected’ in France’s overseas territories?”

**10:45-11:00am                      Coffee Break**

**11:00am-12:30pm              Panel 11: Choices, decisions and policies in a global context of changes**

Chair: TBD

Diana Paton (University of Edinburgh) and Juanita de Barros (McMaster University): “Policing Public Space in Post-Slavery British Guiana, 1881-1897”

Anasa Hicks (Florida State University): “Decolonial Decisions: Cuba’s Choice at the Outset of Angolan Independence”

Joy D Lewis (Morgan State University): “The Two Virgin Islands: A Case Study in Transnational Interdependency”

*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 Santa Marta.*

## THURSDAY, May 30

**9:15-10:45am                      Panel 12: Migrants in the Colombian Caribbean in the 20th Century: Discourses, Diplomacy and Business**

Chair: Julián Lázaro Montes (Universidad de Cartagena)

Ana Milena Rhenals Doria (Universidad Industrial del Santander): “De la xenofobia a la solidaridad transnacional: los obreros de Cartagena y la presencia de migrantes antillanos en Colombia durante el ascenso del socialismo, 1910-1930”

Laura De Moya-Guerra (Rutgers University): “Las inmigrantes chinas en el Carnaval de Barranquilla (Colombia) y la diplomacia de género de Taiwán, 1960-1980”

Neil Del Valle Villarreal (Politecnico de la Costa Atlántica): “El almacén norteamericano SEARS en la Barranquilla de la ‘Prosperidad de Milagro’ (1953)”

**10:45-11:00am                      Coffee Break**

**11:00am-1:00pm              Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

**6:00-10:00pm                      Dinner & Fête**

## FRIDAY, May 31

**Optional Field Trip — details to be announced at a later date**

## 2024 Executive Committee Nominations and Ballot

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

The Nominating Committee is finalizing the ballot, which will be distributed via email as soon as possible. The election will be held online during the 2024 conference.

## Welcome to Our New and Renewed Members

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH between July 2023 and January 1, 2024. Affiliations are listed for all members who provided them upon joining or renewing.  
*(Don't see your name? You were in the July 2023 issue if you joined before then.)*

### **LIFE MEMBERS**

Walter Rucker  
Lara Putnam, University of Pittsburgh  
Marjoleine Kars, MIT  
Joseph Starr, Independent Scholar  
Anne Eller, Yale University  
Gunvor Simonsen, University of Copenhagen

### **MEMBERS and MEMBER RENEWALS**

Javier Alemán Iglesias, Fundación Luis Muñoz Marín  
Lorena Walsh, Independent Scholar  
Laila Haidarali, Queen's University  
April Hatfield, Texas A&M  
Michael Becker, William and Mary  
Isabel Bradley, NYU  
Rebecca Goetz, NYU  
Ricardo Camunas,  
Claire Palmiste, University of French Guyana  
Armando Garcia de la Torre, Independent Scholar  
Terencia Joseph, University of the Southern Caribbean  
Dexnell Peters, UWI Mona  
Margo Groenewoud  
Melanie Holmes, Howard University  
Shani Roper

Felicia Fricke, University of Copenhagen  
Rose Mary Allen, University of Curaçao  
Jonathan Connolly, University of Illinois at Chicago

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

Mary Startz, Daughters of the American Revolution  
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