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Message from the President

Fernando Picó, University of Puerto Rico

The splendid organization and good turnout at the 42nd Annual Conference of our Association in Barbados will be a hard standard to match in future association meetings. The conference included two wonderful evening events; the first, hosted by the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, explored the visual past of Barbados through nineteenth-century photography. The second, the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecture—featured a riveting presentation by Dr. Winston McGowan, Professor Emeritus, University of Guyana, entitled "The Making of a Revolutionary Caribbean Intellectual: Walter Rodney," followed by a warm reception on the hall steps.

Everything combined to make it a memorable meeting, and outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Pedro Welch and the local organizing committee have become instant legends of efficiency, poise and productivity. This florid language, of course, should alert us to the fact that we are moving on to the 43rd Annual Conference in Puerto Rico next May. The conference theme panels (listed on page 3 of this *Bulletin*) suggested at our recent meeting will no doubt prompt a variety of paper proposals, which should be in our Secretariat's hands by the deadline of September 15, 2010. While a taste for the location also appears on page 3, more details on the Puerto Rico conference will be forthcoming in the December issue of the *Bulletin*.

The 2010 conference stands out for another reason as well, as it had the largest number of first-time presenters in quite some time—over a dozen scholars for whom this was their inaugural ACH meeting. They came from a number of Caribbean nations, the United Kingdom, and the United States. This is a trend that we hope will continue, and all ACH members can play a vital role by inviting those colleagues we have not seen in the last couple of years to come to the next conference. Above all, we hope that younger scholars feel encouraged to submit proposals, so that we can have a pan-Caribbean program, full of novelty both in topics and theoretical approaches.

Have we lost touch? The ACH is launching a new membership initiative in 2010. For more details about how you participate, see page 12 of this newsletter.

2010-2011 Executive Committee

During the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Barbados on May 13, 2010, the following were elected to the ACH Executive Committee:

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2010-11 Nominating Committee

Each year positions become available on the ACH Executive Committee, the governing body charged with administrative oversight of the organization. Executive Committee terms are for one year, although current members can be re-elected.

All candidates for election are chosen by a three-person Nominating Committee selected at the Annual General Meeting. The following individuals have agreed to serve in 2010-2011:

Richard Blackett, Committee Convenor

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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 direct your inquiry to this year's Nominating Committee Convenor. Any member of the ACH in good standing may propose names for consideration. According to the ACH Constitution, such notices must reach the Convenor no later than October 31, 2010.

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

Advance Information: 43rd Annual ACH Conference, Puerto Rico, 2011

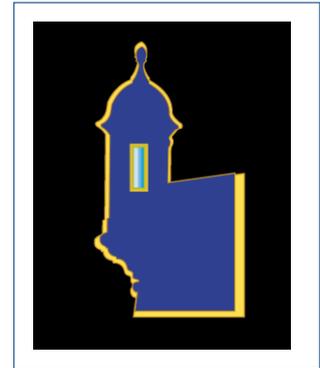
The 43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians is scheduled for Puerto Rico in 2011. Preliminary discussions have suggested a mid-May date, though this has yet to be confirmed. Final details about location, housing, transportation, and program will appear on the ACH website as soon as they are available (<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>), as well as in the December ACH *Bulletin*. Puerto Rico is a popular tourist destination and has a wide range of hotels in all price points. Most hotels have websites and an internet search should provide ACH members with general information about costs on the island. The local currency is the U.S. dollar.

Visa requirements for Puerto Rico are the same as for the United States, so please ensure that you have a valid visa if one is necessary.

Call for Papers

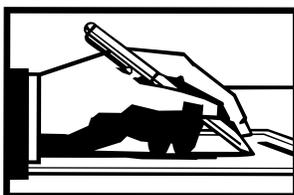
The Executive Committee is pleased to receive paper and panel applications for next year's annual conference. Members suggested a number of themes at this year's Annual General Meeting in Barbados. While papers on these ideas are encouraged, please note that applicants are welcome to submit proposals about other subjects or ideas. Instructions for submitting paper and panel proposals appear on the following page. Suggested themes included:

- Religion in the Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Caribbean
- The Relationship between Caribbean Literature and History
- Political Institutions of the Twentieth Century
- Financial and Banking Comparisons
- Transportation and Travel History
- Haiti and African-Atlantic Identities in the Nineteenth Century
- Israelites, Jews and Rastafarianism in the Caribbean
- Digital Sources for the Study of Caribbean History
- Teaching Caribbean History
- Dance and Culture of the Caribbean, in Honor of Rex Nettleford
- Slavery and Abolition in the Spanish and Circum-Caribbean
- Archives and the Construction of Knowledge
- Intellectual Traditions of the Twentieth Century



El Morro National Monument, one of many historic sites in Old San Juan.

“While papers on suggested themes are encouraged, applicants are welcome to submit proposals about other subjects and ideas.”



Instructions to Proposers

To propose a paper or panel for the 43rd Annual ACH Conference in Puerto Rico, please provide the following:

- The relevant form for either a paper or panel proposal (included on the following two pages of in this issue of the *Bulletin*, as well as posted online at the ACH website, <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>). Forms ask for the name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, and email address for the presenter or presenters, as well as the panel convener and theme, if relevant.
- An abstract (of 250 to 400 words) for each proposed paper that indicates what new information or approach the work provides, as well as which major archival sources were consulted. Because the ACH is a multi-lingual organization **it is imperative that abstracts be submitted in Spanish, French and English.** Proposals that do not include abstracts in these three languages will not be considered for the conference.
- If the proposed speakers or panel members are not current members of the ACH, please also provide brief curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages). Also note that all conference presenters must be or become members of the organization. If an applicant is not a current member at the time of the paper or panel proposal, he or she must join prior to presentation at the conference.

In addition to the above, if completing a panel proposal, please note that if a panel is accepted:

- Panel organizers will be responsible for ensuring that papers are properly integrated into the overall theme.
- Organizers are also responsible for ensuring that panelists submit their papers in good time and are informed of the contents of each other's papers. A copy of each paper **MUST** be sent to the Panel Chair prior to the conference.
- **Please note**, while panel organizers may propose a chair, final assignment of chairs is the prerogative of the Executive Committee. Chairs should be experts in the panel field.

If, after your paper or panel has been accepted, you find you are unable to attend, the ACH requests that you inform both your panel chair and the ACH Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible in order to allow us to adjust the program. This year was a banner year for new presenters at the ACH; the Executive Committee hopes this is a trend that will continue.

All proposals for the 2011 ACH Conference, with abstracts and CVs where relevant, should be sent via e-mail to:

Michelle Craig McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians:
achsecretary@gmail.com. **The deadline for proposals is September 30, 2010.**

ACH Paper Proposal

43rd Annual Conference, Puerto Rico, 2011

(to receive a copy of this form by email, please contact the ACH Secretary Treasurer, Michelle McDonald at achsecretary@gmail.com)

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 2 of the June 2010 *Bulletin*, list that theme here: _____

Paper Title: _____

Presenter: _____

Institution and
Address: _____

Email: _____

Please remember to attach an abstract of 250 to 400 words describing your project in English, Spanish and French, as well as a brief (no more than 3-page) curriculum vitae if you are not an ACH member.

Proposals and all supporting materials are due by SEPTEMBER 30, 2010.

All proposals for the 2011 ACH Conference, with abstracts and CVs where relevant, should be sent via e-mail to:

Michelle Craig McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians at achsecretary@gmail.com.

Proposals can also be mailed to:

Michelle Craig McDonald,
Secretary-Treasurer, Association of Caribbean Historians
Richard Stockton College
P.O. Box 195
Pomona, New Jersey 08240, U.S.A.

Please note that proposals received after the September 30 deadline may not be considered.

ACH Panel Proposal

43rd Annual Conference, Puerto Rico, 2011

(to receive a copy of this form by email, please contact the ACH Secretary-Treasurer Michelle McDonald at achsecretary@gmail.com)

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 2 of the June 2010 *Bulletin*, list that theme here: _____.

Panel Title: _____

Convenor: _____

Institution and Address: _____

Email: _____

Suggested Chair (if applicable): _____

Presenter #1: _____

Institution and Address: _____

Email: _____

Presenter #2: _____

Institution and Address: _____

Email: _____

Presenter #3: _____

Institution and Address: _____

Email: _____

Presenter #4: _____

Institution and Address: _____

Email: _____

Please remember to attach an abstract of 250 to 400 words for each proposed paper in English, Spanish and French, as well as a brief (no more than 3-page) curriculum vitae if a presenter is not an ACH member. **Proposals and all supporting materials are due by SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**, and should be sent by email to the ACH Secretary-Treasurer, Michelle McDonald at achsecretary@gmail.com. Papers can also be mailed care of the Secretary-Treasurer at: Richard Stockton College, Department of Historical Studies, P.O. Box, 195, Pomona, NJ 08240.

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Barbados, 2010

PRESENT: Aarons, Adelaide, Allen, Anderson, Bennett, Blackett, Brereton, Buffon, Camaño-Dones, Cateau, Chamberlain, Craig McDonald, Cumberbatch, Cummins, Dalby, Fergus, Ferrer, Gaztambide, García de la Torre, Handler, Heuman, Hudson, Inniss, Jagdew, Jiménez-Muñoz, Johnson, Josephs, Kilkenny, Laurence, Littlefield, Mangar, Matthews, Mayers, McDonald, McGowan, Moitt, Monteith, Patterson, Pemberton, Picó, Richmond, Santiago, Smith, Stafford, Terborg-Penn, Toussaint, Turner, Veldhuizen-Doelahasori, Walker-Kilkenny, Watson, Welch, and Wilmot

ACH President Fernando Picó called the meeting to order at 2:55pm and extended apologies on behalf of those presenters and members unable to attend the conference. The agenda was considered and approved.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in Guadeloupe: The minutes were approved with minor corrections (two residents noted that they were present though not reflected in the minutes, while a third was listed, but did not actually attend). One more substantive correction, the minutes recorded that **Craig McDonald** asked for clarification about the amount used by the Secretariat in 2009; in fact, **Monteith** had posed the question.

Evaluation of the 2010 Annual Conference: The AGM was asked to provide comments or concerns about the 2010 conference in Barbados; as no comments were forthcoming, **Heuman** asked that the AGM's gratitude to the local organizing committee for an enjoyable conference and recognition of their extraordinary efficiency be recorded in the minutes.

Ramos-Mattei–Neville Hall Prize: ACH Secretary-Treasurer **Welch** reported that last year the selection of a prize committee was deferred at the AGM. Subsequently, no committee was constituted, and he proposed that nominations be required at the AGM to avoid such difficulty in the future. To mitigate this oversight, this year's prize

committee will consider articles published in either 2009 or 2010. **Kelvin Santiago, Pedro Welch** and **Ada Ferrer** were nominated and agreed to serve; **Santiago** will serve as the committee chair.

Elsa Goveia Prize: The 2007-08 Elsa Goveia prize committee was unable to render a decision before the 2009 annual conference, but **Dumont**, who chaired the committee, sent their decision by email for this AGM, which Welch read aloud: "Out of 12 books submitted for consideration for the Elsa Goveia Prize the committee, composed of Jacques Dumont, president, Juanita de Barros and Fernando Picó, selected Anne S. Macpherson's *Women Activists and the Gendering of Politics in Belize, 1912-1982* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2007) as the winner for this edition of the award. The novelty of the topic, the study of Belize, not always favored by Caribbean researchers, the span of time covered, and the usefulness of the work as a model for similar studies in other parts of the Caribbean recommended it to the members of the panel." Nominations for the next prize committee, which will review work published in 2009 and 2010, ensued and **Gladys Jiménez-Muñoz, Herman Bennett, and Alain Buffon** agreed to serve; **Buffon** will chair the committee.

Preliminary Report from the Local Organizing Committee for the 43rd Annual Conference, Puerto Rico: Several members recommended Old San Juan as a desirable conference location,

but more research about hotel and conference facilities needs to be completed. The University of Puerto Rico is currently on strike, so funding has become difficult to determine; external funds will, however, be necessary to support the conference. **Gaztambide** deferred serving as the local organizing committee chair, but supported the Old San Juan location; he believed that the Plaza des Armas is the only inexpensive hotel option. **Jiménez-Muñoz** noted that the 2008 Puerto Rican Civic Association used the El Convento Hotel, at rates that were only \$10 above the hotel rate for 2010. **Heuman** seconded the suggestion for El Convento, and noted that having one central hotel was very convenient. **Gaztambide** agreed, but noted that several hotels in Old San Juan are within blocks of each other, so that even if conference attendees were not in the same hotel, they would still be within easy walking distance of each other. He added that areas outside of Old San Juan are less expensive, but depend on public transportation, which is sporadic, or private transportation, which can be prohibitively expensive. **Picó** noted that dates have not yet been set pending final selection of the venue.

Preliminary Report on the 44th Annual Conference in Curaçao: **Rose Marie Allen** of the University Netherlands Antilles briefly reported that the 2012 ACH conference will be jointly sponsored by the University Netherlands Antilles, the National Archives, and the Netherlands Antilles Archaeological and Anthropological Institute.

Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2009-2010: **Welch** reported that the Executive Committee (EC) met three times this past year, in Guadeloupe in May 2009, in Barbados in October 2009, and in Barbados again during the annual conference in May 2010. He noted that there was some difficulty this year in reviewing conference proposals as not all

proposals included abstracts in three languages; he reminded members that as the ACH is a multi-lingual organization, proposal abstracts must be submitted in English, Spanish and French, or they will not be considered.

The EC approved Curaçao for the 2012 annual meeting, and expressed interest in an Eastern Antilles venue for the subsequent year. **Gaztambide** added that the University of Puerto Rico has a relationship with the Eastern Caribbean states, and offered to pursue outreach to St. Lucia. He has also met with representatives from Havana, but notes that an ACH conference in Cuba will still be unlikely for several more years.

The Secretariat published and distributed two issues of the *Bulletin*, and, to further enhance public and membership communication, purchased a domain name, <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>, for the organization. It is hoped that the incoming Secretary-Treasurer will pursue additional website development.

Finally, while the ACH records indicate 482 members, active membership is closer to 150. Recapturing old members, and actively recruiting new members, needs to be an institutional priority. In the past, lapsed members have been required to pay back membership dues, but **Welch** recommended that ACH focus on encouraging reconnection with the organization rather than worrying about potential past balances.

Financial Report, 2009-2010: Copies of the report were distributed to the AGM. **Welch** noted that the ACH continues to benefit from financial support provided by a local Colombian bank during the annual conference in Cartagena in 2008, and that the current bank deposit is \$10,289.55. He emphasized, however, that a reliable stream of income is essential for the organization's future fiscal health. He

asked that the EC and AGM consider raising the annual membership rate which, at \$25, is among the lowest of any professional organization. In light of the location of the incoming Secretariat, he noted that the ACH accounts will need to be moved to the United States, which can be done but might take some time as it requires a special dispensation from the Barbadian government. He also recommended that the Gould-Saunders fund be placed in an interest-bearing account.

Walker-Kilkenny asked why there had been no expenditures from the Gould-Sanders fund, and whether it was an endowment fund. **Welch** responded that the fund was established to help support graduate student or junior scholar attendance to the ACH annual conference; the grant was advertised in the December 2009 *Bulletin* but garnered no applications. **Blackett** added that the Gould-Sanders account was always intended to be an endowment in an interest-bearing account; indeed, it is the interest that will provide the basis for financial support as the principal is to remain intact. **Gaztambide** concurred, and noted that the ACH should actively promote the award beyond the *Bulletin*, which is largely seen by members, in order to recruit new presenters to the conference. **Heuman** noted that a sophisticated website will significantly help to promote the organization.

Veldhuizen-Doelahasori noted a discrepancy in the figures for the Barbadian dollar account, which **Welch** noted will be corrected. **Terborg-Penn** asked whether the Gail-Saunders fund would not fare better in a U.S. account, as it was initially donated in U.S. dollars; **Welch** responded that the Barbadian account was perfectly safe, but reiterated that the account will likely be shifted to the U.S. with the because of the location of the new Secretariat. **Gaztambide** asked that the EC consider establishing longer-

term fiscal positions, such as financial trustees, to oversee the ACH's accounts and ensure continuity. Finally, **Watson** noted that a \$5,000 fee was charged when the Gail-Saunders fund was initially transferred to Barbados, something that both the EC and AGM asked to be rectified if at all possible; **Welch** responded that this matter is being pursued privately by the two principal donators.

Report of the Nominating Committee, 2009-2010: This year's committee included **McDonald** (convenor), **Wilmot** and **Saunders**, though **Saunders** left the conference before the AGM, so was unable to participate in the discussion. **Wilmot** reported the remaining two members, as well as **Blackett**, who served as an external observer, counted the ballots and the following were elected to the EC for a one-year term: Heather Cateau, Gad Heuman, Juan Gonzalez, and Kathleen Monteith. Fernando Pico remains President and Bernard Moitt as Vice President, while Michelle Craig McDonald is the incoming Secretary-Treasurer. This represented the consensus of the entire committee. **Wilmot** did allow that, in hindsight, once **Craig McDonald** was put forward as a candidate, he should perhaps have suggested that **McDonald** step down as convenor, but the thought had not occurred earlier as the level of communication and decision-making had been so transparent among all members of the committee.

Selection of the Nominating Committee, 2010-2011: Three names were submitted in writing to the president in advance of the AGM for consideration, while two additional names were put forward during the meeting itself. After some discussion of these five candidates, **Welch** suggested that one proposed person was not well (and was not at the AGM in any event), while a second opted to decline the nomination. The resulting committee will

thus be **Richard Blackett** (convenor), **Antonio Gaztámbide**, and **Janice Mayers**.

Jiménez-Muñoz asked if the criteria for nomination could be more clearly specified, and whether candidates could submit short biographies to aid in the voting process. Welch responded that the Constitution clarifies the nominations process, as does the call for candidates listed in each June issue of the *Bulletin*.

The AGM moved to a discussion of topics for the 2011 conference (which appear on page 3 of this *Bulletin*). **Gaztambide** asked that the *Bulletin* emphasize that, while these topics serve as useful guidelines, they are not exhaustive; papers and panels on different topics are also welcome. He also suggested that the conference, and all ACH prizes, be advertised beyond the *Bulletin*, which

predominantly reaches only current ACH members, and that the EC consider asking presses of those books selected for awards to offer a discounted member rate to encourage not only recognition of exceptional work, but also purchase and review of such material by members.

Any Other Business: **McDonald** encouraged ACH members involved or affiliated with archives in the Caribbean to learn more about the British Library's Digital Archive Initiative designed to digitize collections in endangered facilities.

Finally, **Jiménez-Muñoz** asked whether the EC would like to submit a statement in support of the student strike ongoing in Puerto Rico.

ACH President **Fernando Picó** adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm.

ACH Financial Report, 2009-2010—Prepared by Pedro Welch, Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer

A) INCOME

Balance brought forward from the 2009 Conference:	7,800.94 US\$
Balance remaining in ACH Puerto Rico Account:	313.03 US\$
Dues collected during the 2010 Conference (up to May 12, 2010):	965.00 US\$
	980.00 BDS\$
Dues collected post-2009 Conference:	1,210.58 US\$
	1,556.00 BDS\$
Total US Funds:	10,289.55 US\$
Total BDS Funds:	2,536.00 BDS\$

B) SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Gould-Saunders Fund:	45,000.00 US\$
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C) EXPENSES

Remittance to Local Organizing Committee, Barbados Conference:	2,015.13 US\$
Payment to Webmaster:	600.00 BDS\$
Fees (of the Secretariat):	200.00 US\$
Servicing of Executive Committee:	(paid by ACH) 60.00 BDS\$
	(paid by UWI Cave Hill) 600.00 BDS\$
Expenses of the Executive Committee, 2010 Conference:	240.00 BDS\$

Balance in US Dollar and Puerto Rican Accounts:	8,074.42 US\$
Balance in Barbadian Dollar Account:	1,636.53 BDS\$
Balance in Gould-Sanders Fund:	45,000.00 US\$

NOTE: Members of the ACH Executive Committee, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer, travel at their own expense to the executive meetings, and provide their own accommodation. This is a contribution to the ACH in kind and is identified but not accounted for in this financial statement. In addition, the support for the Secretariat at Cave Hill is documented but is not calculated in the balance of the Barbados account. Accounting for those sums is made with the UWI, Cave Hill Bursary. The ACH is again very grateful to the Principal of the UWI, Cave Hill, for his support over the past six years.

Awards and Opportunities

ANDRES RAMOS MATTEI–NEVILLE HALL ARTICLE PRIZE:

Nominations are being sought for the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize. This is a biennial award that recognizes the best article in the field of Caribbean history. The current committee will consider work published in 2009 and 2010.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Any history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in a scholarly journal between 2009 and 2010 is eligible for the award, provided it has not received an award elsewhere.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.
- Multi-authored articles are not eligible.

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 **February 15, 2011**. The winner will be announced at the 2011 ACH Annual Conference in Puerto Rico.

It is important that one copy of the article nominated be sent directly by courier or airmail to **each** member of the committee. The addresses for this year's committee are:

Kelvin Santiago: Binghamton University-SUNY
(convenor) Sociology Department
Binghamton, NY 13902-6000

Pedro Welch: Faculty of Humanities and
Education, University of the
West Indies, Cave Hill
BB11000, Barbados

Ada Ferrer: New York University
Department of History
53 Washington Square South,
7th Floor
New York, NY 10012, USA

GOULD-SAUNDERS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND TRAVEL AWARD:

The Gould-Saunders Memorial Endowment Fund was established in 2005 by two long-standing ACH members, Virginia Gould and Gail Saunders, in memory of their late husbands, Jeffry L Gould, M.D. and Winston Saunders, CMG, respectively. Its purpose is to provide assistance for graduate students and, in some cases, junior scholars, from universities and other institutions in the Caribbean and Central America to attend the ACH conference. The first award will be made for the 2011 conference in Puerto Rico.

Eligibility Criteria:

To apply, graduate student applicants must:

- Be a member of the ACH in good financial standing (at the time of the award).
- Be in the final year of their Ph.D. program and apply to present a paper at the 2011 conference.
- Enclose a recent CV, letter of support from a supervising faculty member, and a paper proposal.
- Submit a budget (including invoice from an airline or travel agency).

Junior scholar applicants must:

- Be a member of the ACH in good financial standing (at the time of the award).
- Hold a permanent position in his or her department, and have been employed for 1 to 5 years.
- Enclose a recent CV, letter of support from their Head of Department, as well as a paper proposal.
- Submit a budget (including invoice from an airline or travel agency).

Applications, with all required materials, are due, either by mail or email, by **December 15, 2010** to:

Fernando Picó, University of Puerto Rico
1940 Saucó, Urb., Santa María
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00931
e-mail: fapico@hotmail.com

Elsa Goveia Book Prize Competition

The ACH is pleased to invite nominations for the 2009-2010 Elsa Goveia Book Prize. The Elsa Goveia Prize, previously awarded every three years, 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 2009 or 2010 is eligible for this year's competition, provided it was not previously submitted for a Goveia award.
- 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 30, 2010**. The winner will be announced at the 2011 ACH Annual Conference in Puerto Rico. 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. The addresses are:

Alain Buffon, Convenor:	Societe d'Histoire de la Guadeloupe, Bisdary-Gourbeyre, BP 74, 97113 Basse-Terre Cedex, Guadeloupe
Gladys Jiménez-Muñoz:	Binghamton University-SUNY, Sociology Department, P.O. Box 6000 Binghamton, NY 13902-6000
Herman Bennett:	Ph.D. Program in History, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10019

Give Us 5 Campaign!!

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, and is the primary association for scholarly and public historians working in the field. Initially formed from a 1969 colloquium under the leadership of Francophone scholar Jacques Adelaide, the ACH held its first annual conference in 1972. Since then, the organization has grown to as high as 400 members around the globe. **But we have room for many more.**

This year, the Executive Committee invites all members to help support the "Give Us 5 Campaign" membership initiative. The concept is simple. All of us know colleagues and friends who would benefit from ACH activities, and in turn contribute to the health and vitality of the organization. We are asking that you provide the ACH Secretariat with the name and email address of at least five such persons. These five will immediately be emailed this issue of the *Bulletin* and be encouraged to attend and present at the next ACH conference.

Please take a few minutes to look through your address book and send your names to: Michelle Craig McDonald at achsecretary@gmail.com. If we all participate, the results will be exponential!

Interesting in renewing—or upgrading—your own ACH membership? See page 14 of this Bulletin.

Au Revoir et Bonne Chance, Danielle Bégot

This June one of ACH's leading members is retiring from her academic position. Her institution, the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, asked the association to comment on Danielle and her scholarly contributions as part of that celebration. The following represent thoughts from some of those who know her best.

“Danielle Bégot has been without question one of the leading members of the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) during the last twenty years. Ever since she gave her first paper at the 1989 Guadeloupe Conference, we have been impressed with her incisive analysis and erudition. Equally important, she has shown herself to be sensitive to the Pan-Caribbean perspective, fully recognizing like Jacques Adelaide and Alain Buffon, that knowledge of developments in other fractions of the Caribbean can sharpen her understanding of those issues in the social and intellectual history of the Francophone Caribbean that she studies. Like most of our Anglo-colleagues, imprisoned in a unilingual world, we have felt privileged because her command of English has facilitated my access to her many insights. Most deservedly, she ascended to the ACH presidency in 2004; and we are sure that all our colleagues in the ACH sincerely hope that, though she is going into formal retirement, we shall still have the pleasure and stimulus of her presence and intelligence at our ACH conferences.”

Woodville Marshall, Professor of History, University of the West Indies, Cavehill and ACH President (1974-1977, 1992-1994)
Sir Fitzroy Augier, Professor Emeritus of History, University of the West Indies, Mona and ACH President (1981-1984)

“Danielle Bégot, jeune agrégée d'Histoire, est arrivée au Centre Universitaire des Antilles-Guyane en 1973 ; elle aura ainsi passée l'essentiel de sa carrière aux Antilles assurant au fil des années des enseignements à tous les niveaux du cursus universitaire. Elle a participé au développement et à la vie de l'Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, dynamisant également la recherche par la création de l'équipe Archéologie industrielle et Patrimoine qui a notamment procédé à l'inventaire et l'étude du patrimoine industriel, l'établissement d'une série de bases de données pour la cartographie et de nombreux travaux qui lui ont valu d'être retenue comme expert par nombres d'organismes nationaux et internationaux.

Depuis 1989 où Danielle Bégot a présenté sa première communication à l'ACH, elle a été un membre particulièrement actif, assurant même la vice présidence de l'association de 2002 à 2004, puis la présidence de 2004 à 2006, et oeuvrant inlassablement pour renforcer la qualité des échanges et la compréhension entre les historiens de la Caraïbe. Initialement spécialiste de l'histoire de l'art, discipline qu'elle a contribué à introduire à l'UAG, elle a développé l'approche de l'habitation comme fondement de la société aux Antilles françaises. Directrice du laboratoire de recherche AIHP elle en a constamment élargi les thèmes sur des bases rigoureuses. Très attachée au devenir de l'ACH, elle y défend la place de chaque langue et d'une culture historique qui sait mêler compétences, respect et affection.”

Alain Buffon, Historien et Économiste and Président de l'ACH (1986-1988)
Jacques Dumont, Professeur, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane and Membre du Bureau de l'ACH (2007-2010)

“Genuina y bella historiadora del Caribe:” Mi recuerdo más temprano de Danielle Bégot se remonta a la década de 1980, a nuestras primeras reuniones anuales de la ACH. Llamaba la atención por una cierta timidez, tal vez circunspección, al igual que la colega de Cayena con quien solía aliarse durante las reuniones. No hablábamos mucho entonces, pero sus ponencias, así como sus preguntas y comentarios, eran sólidas y muy pensadas. Aunque se ha dedicado a la historia económica y arquitectónica del Caribe francófono, Danielle la analiza desde un contexto regional. Compartimos, además, una gran pasión por la preservación y conservación del patrimonio histórico.

Considero un privilegio haber servido en el Comité Ejecutivo de la ACH mientras ocupó la presidencia, de 2004 a 2006. De entrada, me impactó su esfuerzo titánico por viabilizar la reunión anual de 2004 en Haití para celebrar el bicentenario de su independencia. Quiso, además, agotar las posibilidades de reunirnos allí antes de resignarse al traslado de la sede. Compartí también con Danielle nuestros tercos empeños por aumentar la participación de los Caribes hispano y francófonos en la ACH. No pocas veces, sufrimos las frustraciones por la renuencia a la integración de los diversos grupos lingüísticos. Ante todo y sobre todo, Danielle Bégot es un bello ser humano cuya amistad atesoraré por lo que nos quede en el escenario mágico del Caribe.”

Antonio Gaztámbide, Catedrático, la Universidad de Puerto Rico, Miembro del C. Ejecutivo (2002-2006) and Vice-Presidente (2006-2009)

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