



## Le mot du président Message from the President

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Le colloque de Cuba a été un vrai succès, battant tous les records de participation. Les diverses possibilités d'hébergement, à proximité du lieu du colloque et sur des budgets variés, ont permis d'accueillir plus d'étudiants ou de collègues qui ne disposent pas nécessairement de prises en charge institutionnelles. L'espagnol et le français (sauf lors du colloque de Martinique) n'avaient jamais été autant employés. La qualité des communications présentées, les démarches méthodologiques souvent précisées, la cohérence des panels, permettaient des réflexions au-delà des apports factuels, par ailleurs fort riches.

Le comité exécutif sera très attentif, pour la sélection des panels de 2017 à la variété proposée dans leur constitution, croisant des chercheurs de différentes origines, expériences et langues, afin que le travail élargisse nos connaissances sur l'ensemble de la Caraïbe et celle-ci en tant qu'entité.

Pour la première fois à La Havane, quatre sessions de « posters » ont été organisées. Les communicants disposaient de cinq minutes pour exposer leur travail. Les présentations, utilisant des supports power point, ont été particulièrement dynamiques et appréciées. Cette première expérience ne laissait pourtant pas de temps de discussion. Nous reprendrons donc cette formule pour la prochaine conférence en tentant de l'améliorer. Puisque les présentations utilisent des diapositives - ce qui pourrait inspirer les papiers plus classiques et faciliterait la circulation des langues et le travail de traduction - pourquoi ne pas imprimer celles-ci dans un format visible et moins encombrant qu'un poster complet ? L'affichage des travaux permettraient ainsi de d'échanger pendant les temps de pauses avec les autres participants qui le souhaitent.

La première question souvent posée concernant un colloque est quel est son thème ? Difficile alors pour l'ACH de décliner tous ceux des panels. Tout en gardant cette organisation, et suite à la décision de l'assemblée générale, nous allons cette année proposer un thème fédérateur recoupant les différents objets traités. Ce travail sera fait lors de la sélection des résumés par le comité exécutif. Les communications retenues seront alors invitées à s'inscrire explicitement dans ce thème général, afin de multiplier encore la richesse des apports et des échanges tout en participant à une meilleure lisibilité des travaux de notre association.

*Translation available on page 3 of the Bulletin.*

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## CALL FOR THE ACH ELSA GOVEIA BOOK PRIZE:

The ACH is pleased to invite nominations for the 2017 Elsa Goveia Book Prize. Previously awarded every three years, the ACH book prize has been awarded every two years since 1995, and recognizes excellence in the field of Caribbean history.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Any scholarly history or general work acceptable as an historical work published in 2015 or 2016 is eligible for this year's competition.
- Any press or place of publication will be considered.
- Publication may be in English, Spanish, French or Dutch.
- Work should be marked by felicity of prose style and clarity of expression.
- Only first editions of original works will be considered.
- Multi-authored collections, anthologies, and other such edited works are not eligible.

### Call for Submissions:

Authors, publishers, managing or marketing editors, and others must submit nominations to the prize chair and adjudicating committee by December 31, 2016. The winner will be announced at the 2017 ACH Annual Conference in Tobago. 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:

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## Andrés Ramos Mattei–Neville Hall Article Prize Winner Announced:

The Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee, composed of Fredrik Thomasson (Uppsala University), Kristen Block (University of Tennessee), and Diana Paton (Newcastle University), received 23 submissions representing all three official languages of the ACH. The committee decided to award this year's prize for articles published in 2014 and 2015 to Lara Putnam of the University of Pittsburgh for "Citizenship from the Margins: Vernacular Theories of Rights and the State from the Interwar Caribbean," *Journal of British Studies* 53:1 (2014) 162-191. During the awards ceremony at this year's AGM, the committee described Putnam's work as: "truly trans-Caribbean in the way her analysis encompasses islands, Tierra Firme, Central and North America. Its topical discussion of Caribbean identity, subjecthood and citizenship speaks to contemporary migration debates, both in the Caribbean and elsewhere. To understand everyday Caribbean perspectives in the interwar period, Putnam deftly reframes traditional political theory from below, showing the depth of ordinary people's theorization about what it meant, and means, to be a citizen."



The committee also gave an honorary mention to Marcy Norton of George Washington University for her article "The Chicken or the Legue: Human-Animal Relationships and the Columbian Exchange," *The American Historical Review* 120:1 (2015) 28-60. Its concept and ethics of the "iegue," (an Arawakian/Carib way of making

animals *familial/ kin*) is a fascinating exposé of the role of human-animal interaction in the early modern period, one that puzzled European invaders who only saw animals as beasts to be *domesticated*. Using a wide variety of historical and anthropological sources over the 150 years, she shows this cultural tendency to incorporate potentially dangerous animals (like human captives) in response to warfare and survival needs. A list of all past Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize recipients can be found online at: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/pastarticleprize.htm>

## Message from the President

The conference of Cuba was a success, breaking all attendance records. Different hotel options, close to the conference venue and on various budgets, allowed more students and colleagues without significant institutional support to attend. Better still, there were more Spanish- and French-speaking delegates than ever (except at our last conference in Martinique). The quality of the papers was also high, offering a variety of methodological approaches and coherent panels that allowed reflections beyond just questions of fact.

The Executive Committee recommends that applicants seek to offer a range of perspectives when choosing potential presenters for 2017. This could include researchers from different backgrounds, experiences and languages, so that panels work to broaden our knowledge of the entire Caribbean as an entity.

We are also hoping to continue the poster session format. For the first time in Havana, four sessions of "posters" were organized. Speakers had only five minutes to present their work, but augmented their presentations with PowerPoint, and were particularly dynamic and well-received. This format, however, left little time for discussion, so the EC will work to improve it. Rather than slides—which in some respects are more like conventional papers—why not print them in a visible and less cumbersome format as a full poster? The display of work might allow for more exchange during break time with other participants who wish to engage presenters.

Each year, conference organizers are asked "what is the theme?" In the past, there has not been one unifying subject, but this has made it difficult to decide between the many strong proposals we receive. While keeping the tradition of suggestions from the AGM, this year the EC will propose a unifying theme which cuts across the themes recommended. This will be done in the abstract selection process by the EC. Selected papers will be invited to tailor their presentations explicitly in this general theme, to further increase the rich input and exchange, while encouraging connections between presenters at our association.

## Preliminary Information for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual ACH Conference, Tobago May 14-19, 2017

*Una traducción al español está disponible en:*

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

*Une traduction en français est disponible à l'adresse:*

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



The ACH Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the 49th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians will be held in Tobago, from Sunday, May 14 to Friday, May 19, 2017. Registration opens early afternoon on Sunday, and sessions will begin later that day. The conference fête, our annual dinner and dance, which is highly recommended and a central feature of this organization, will be on Thursday evening, May 18.

An optional field trip is scheduled for Friday, May 19. More details about the field trip will be posted to the ACH as they become available. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

### BRIEF HISTORY:

Tobago is the smaller of the two Caribbean islands comprising the nation of Trinidad and Tobago. It is known for its wide, sandy beaches and bio-diverse tropical rainforest. Framed by mountains, the village-like port capital, Scarborough, is anchored by its central food market. Overlooking the city are the eighteenth-century ruins of Fort King George, now housing the Tobago Museum and its local art and artifacts.

Initially occupied by the Caribs, Tobago was sighted in 1498 likewise by Columbus. The island experienced consecutive wars and conquests by the Spanish, British, Dutch, and French until 1814. During this time, the Napoleonic wars concluded and France had to let the island go in favor of Britain. Tobago was then made a part of the Windward Islands Colony up until 1889, when it was officially joined to Trinidad.

Trinidad and Tobago formally became an independent state and a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, on Aug. 31, 1962. During this period, the People's National Movement (PNM) took over. In 1967, the joint islands became part of the Organization of American States and soon after, it formed the Caribbean Free Trade Area (CARIFTA), now known as the Caribbean Common Market.

In September 1976, then Prime Minister Williams produced a new constitution giving birth to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

### CONFERENCE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

Tobago has been a field trip excursion for the ACH conference in past years when the annual meeting was held in Trinidad, but this will be the first time the full event will be held in this location.

The Local Organizing Committee, led by faculty at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, is currently reviewing a range of hotel options to provide conference attendees with different price points. Information about how to make a reservation will be posted on the ACH website as soon as it is available.

## Call for Papers

Members suggested several possible themes for the 2017 conference. These included:

- 1) Does the Field of History have a Future
- 2) Caribbean Business and Economic History
- 3) Caribbean Sports and Leisure
- 4) Communication
- 5) History of the Antilles
- 6) Archeology and History
- 7) Connections between Islands and Mainlands
- 8) The Caribbean and the Environment
- 9) Gender and Sexuality
- 10) Education Policy
- 11) Queer History
- 12) The Global Dimensions of Caribbean History
- 13) Comparative History
- 14) The Caribbean and World War II
- 15) Citizenship
- 16) Disability and the Caribbean
- 17) Caribbean Landscape
- 18) The Caribbean on the Move

While papers on these ideas are encouraged, applicants are welcome to submit proposals on other subjects.

Proposals must include the appropriate cover sheet, an abstract for each proposed presenter (abstracts must be in English, French AND Spanish), as well as a brief CV (no more than three pages). All documents should be combined into ONE file, and submitted as a Microsoft Word document (please do not submit as a PDF), and are due by SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 to [achconference@gmail.com](mailto:achconference@gmail.com).

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## Application Instructions

There are THREE WAYS to participate in the 2017 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. A paper/poster proposal form; check that you are applying as a paper.
2. An abstract of no more than 250 words (translated in English, Spanish, **AND** French).
3. A brief CV or resume (no more than 3 pages).

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

1. A panel proposal form.
2. An abstract of no more than 250 words (translated in English, Spanish, **AND** French) for each proposed paper presentation.
3. A brief CV or resume (no more than 3 pages) for each presenter.
4. **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 three 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 multi-lingual. Applications that do not include abstracts in English, Spanish, and French will not be considered, and all materials, including translations, are due by the application deadline of **SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**.

**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 can 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, 2017** to: Clara Palmiste and Armando Garcia, ACH Conference Coordinators, at [achconference@gmail.com](mailto:achconference@gmail.com)

If, after your proposal has been accepted, you find you are unable to attend, please inform the ACH Conference Coordinators as soon as possible in order to allow us to adjust the programme. All proposals for the 2017 ACH Conference, with translated abstracts and CVs, should be sent by email to:

**Clara Palmiste and Armando Garcia, Conference Coordinators, Association of Caribbean Historians: [achconference@gmail.com](mailto:achconference@gmail.com).**

**The deadline for proposals is **SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**. We look forward to your submissions.**

***PLEASE NOTE: While the ACH tries to include as much good scholarship as possible, the cost of simultaneous translation of all sessions into English, Spanish and French restricts us to one panel at a time. Because we can accommodate only a limited number of speakers each year, proposals from those who did not present in the immediate year prior will be given priority.***

## ACH Paper or Poster Proposal

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Please indicate whether you are applying to present a paper or a poster:

- Paper (paper presentations 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).
- Poster (poster presentations include both a shorter pre-circulated paper summarizing research to date of no more than 10 typed, doubled-spaced pages using 12-point font, including notes and references, and a brief presentation at the conference during the scheduled poster session).
- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.
- Click here if you would like to be considered for the Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award (see the ACH website for eligibility requirements:  
<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/travelfund.htm>)

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 6 of the July 2016 *Bulletin*, list that theme here: \_\_\_\_\_

Paper or Poster Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember to attach an abstract in English, Spanish and French, of NO MORE than 250 words, describing your project, as well as a brief (no more than 3-page) curriculum vitae.

**Proposals and all supporting materials are due by SEPTEMBER 30, 2016** (those received after this deadline may not be considered).

All proposals for the 2017 ACH Conference, with translated abstracts and CVs, should be sent by email to Clara Palmiste and Armando Garcia, ACH Conference Coordinators, at [achconference@gmail.com](mailto:achconference@gmail.com).

## ACH Panel Proposal

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**Panel Title:** \_\_\_\_\_.

If drawing on one of the proposed themes listed on page 6 of the July 2016 *Bulletin*, list that theme here:

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Suggested Chair (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.

**Presenter #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.

**Presenter #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.

**Presenter #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.

**Presenter #4:** \_\_\_\_\_

Institution and

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- If your application is accepted, please check here if you are willing to have your name and email address included in the Conference Registrants list provided to participants.

Please remember to attach an abstract of 250 words in English, Spanish and French, for each proposed paper, as well as a brief CV(no more than 3 pages).

**Proposals and all supporting materials are due by SEPTEMBER 30, 2016** and should be sent by email to the ACH Conference Coordinators, Clara Palmiste and Armando Garcia at [achconference@gmail.com](mailto:achconference@gmail.com).

## Minutes from the Annual General Meeting, Havana, 2016

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ACH President **Jacques Dumont** called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) began with a tribute to former ACH President

and longstanding member **Danielle Begót**, who passed away earlier this year after a long illness. Four ACH members, founder **Jacques Adelaide**, **Tiffany Patterson**, **Bridget Brereton**, and **Richard Blackett**, shared their thoughts and memories of **Begót**, and **Dumont** closed the ceremony by reading an adaptation of a poem by Jose Marti that he believed captured her pioneering and generous spirit.

**Dumont** began the regular session by noting that this year's programme—both panel and poster sessions—demonstrated especially strong research, and thanked all presenters for keeping to their allotted time and ensuring that the conference could proceed in an orderly fashion. He especially thanked those who participated in the inaugural poster sessions, and suggested that their innovative use of PowerPoint presentations could serve as a model for all presenters about how to creatively and dynamically convey their messages succinctly.

He also thanked audience members, whose questions and discussion led to important pedagogical exchanges about both research and teaching methodologies and allowed the conference to effectively showcase work from different cultures.

**Confirmation of the 2015 AGM Minutes:** The May 2015 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.

**Report of the Executive Committee and Secretariat, 2015-2016:** The 2015-2016 Executive Committee (EC) met twice this year, in November 2015 to plan the 2016 conference, and on June 9, 2016 during this year's Annual General Meeting. The fall meeting focused on review of conference applications and the 2016 annual programme.

In all, there were 25 panel proposals (comprised of 95 proposed presentations) as well as additional 80 individual paper

applications, as well as two panel proposals of four presenters offered by the Cuban Local Organizing Committee. The total potential number of presenters between panel and poster applications was 183. The initial programme, advertised in the winter issue of the *Bulletin*, featured 17 panels and 5 poster sessions composed of 102 presentations. The final programme included 16 panels and 4 poster sessions composed of 84 presentations.

The ACH welcomed many new and returning members including (as of June 9, 2015):

3 new Life Members: **Maureen Elgersman Lee** (Hampton University), **Myra Ann Houser** (Ouachita Baptist University), and **Ross Nedervelt** (Florida International University)

The ACH also had: 1 Institutional Member renewal; 129 New Members or Member renewals; and 44 New Student Members or Member renewals (names and institutions of all of which appeared, or will appear, in the January and July 2016 issues of the *ACH Bulletin*).

*NOTE: For comparison, in 2015 the ACH had 6 new Life Members, 102 New or Renewed Members, and 24 New or Renewed Student Members.*

The ACH published two issues of the *Bulletin* (July 2015 and January 2016), which included the 2016 conference call for papers and local arrangements information and the preliminary programme respectively. Calls for papers and announcements about the conference were also advertised on H-Caribbean and H-Atlantic, as well as to over fifty Latin American/Caribbean Studies Programs.

ACH website updates continue. The Secretariat is currently in the process of digitizing past issues of the *Bulletin* and hopes to complete a full digital archive by next year's conference.

**Financial Report, 2015-2016: Michelle McDonald** presented this year's financial summary, noting that both membership and registration income remained strong. The

following represents the total conference attendance this year:

129	Faculty/Professional
21	Local Delegates
12	Cuban-based volunteers
6	Caribbean Student Registration
19	Non-Caribbean Student Registration
25	Conference Guests

## 212 TOTAL EVENT ATTENDANCE

It is important to note that this conference represents the largest attendance of Spanish-speaking delegates in over 15 years (including when the conference was last in Puerto Rico). It also represents the largest attendance of French-speaking delegates in over 10 years (except when the conference was held in Guadeloupe in 2009 and Martinique in 2014). It is also the largest number of Caribbean-based graduate students in the last 10 years (who were not conference volunteers).

In addition, the University of the West Indies Press attended this year's event and renewed its institutional membership, which renewed its institutional membership. A full copy of the financial report appears in the summer 2016 issue of the *Bulletin*.

Despite record registration, however, constraints on local fundraising meant that the ACH contributed appreciably more in terms of seed money this year than in the past. While the EC agreed that the circumstances of this location warranted this level of support, it is not a pattern that that the organization and sustain in the future.

**Report of the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize Committee: Kristen Block**, a member of this year's prize committee, presented the 2016 Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize, a biennial award that recognizes the best article in the field of Caribbean history. The award went to ACH member **Lara Putnam** for "Citizenship from the Margins: Vernacular Theories of Rights and the State from the Interwar Caribbean," *Journal of British Studies* 53:1 (2014) 162-191. The committee also gave an honorary mention

to **Marcy Norton** for her article “The Chicken or the Legue: Human-Animal Relationships and the Columbian Exchange”, *The American Historical Review* 120:1 (2015) 28-60. The full report appears online at: <http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org/prizes.htm>.

**Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Prize:** **Virginia Gould** and **Gail Saunders**, founders of the Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award, jointly presented this year’s prize to **Jessica Pierre-Louis**, who studied at the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane AIHP/ GEODE. Her paper was entitled “Wealth and Racial Categorization of the Free people of Color in Martinique in the Eighteenth Century.” The Gould-Saunders Memorial Travel Award was established in 2005 to provide assistance for graduate students and junior scholars from institutions in the Caribbean and Central America to attend the ACH conference. This is the sixth year it has been awarded.

**Selection of the Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee:** **Jacques Dumont** called for nominations from the floor for the 2015-2016 Elsa Goveia Book Prize Committee. **Anne Macpherson** (The College at Brockport, SUNY), **Pedro Welch** (University of the West Indies, Cave Hill), and **David Trotman** (York University) all received nominations and agreed to serve. Calls for nominations will be distributed to members and via H-Caribbean beginning in August 2016.

**Report of the Nominating Committee, 2015-2016:** This year’s Nominating Committee included **Bridget Brereton** (convener, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine), **RoseMary Allen** (University of Curaçao), and **Kathryn Dungy** (St. Michael’s College). **Brereton** reported that the following were elected to the EC for a one-year term: **Jacques Dumont** (President) and **Rosemarijn Hoefte** (Vice President). **Tara Inniss** was elected as the new Secretary-Treasurer for a three-year term, while **Clara Palmiste** was elected as Conference Coordinator for one year. Changes in work obligations led the EC to divide the conference coordinator responsibilities, at her request, between **Palmiste** and **Armando**

**Garcia**, who was re-elected for a second one-year term. Joining these officers are three additional at-large members, **Jonathan Dalby**, **Ada Ferrer**, and **Margo Groenwoud**.

**Selection of the Nominating Committee, 2016-2017:** Following announcement of this year’s election results, **Jacques Dumont** called for nominations from the floor for the 2016-17 Nominating Committee. The following individuals were nominated and agreed to serve: **Kathleen Monteith** (University of the West Indies, Mona); **Jean-Pierre Sainton** (Université des Antilles et de la Guyane); **Rosanne Laura Adderly** (Tulane University); **Roderick McDonald** (Rider University); and **Richard Blackett** (Vanderbilt University). Although this committee is larger than the standard ACH nominating committee of three persons, it was decided, following discussion by the AGM, to allow all nominees to serve. Committee members agreed to select their own chair from among their members. This information will be posted on the ACH website.

**Report on locations for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual ACH Conference:** **Claudius Fergus**, outgoing department head of history at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, presented the preliminary report on the proposed location for the 2017 ACH Conference. Given summer meeting schedules, the full department has not yet voted on the precise location, although three options are being considered: Trinidad, Tobago, and a conference schedule that includes both locations. **Fergus** noted that Trinidad might be the easier location to coordinate, as there are more large hotels and a campus setting. Tobago, on the other hand, would be a more novel venue for ACH members (although the conference sessions would need to be located in a hotel; this would, however, also eliminate the labor and cost involved in moving delegates between hotel accommodation and meeting rooms). **Fergus** intimated that hotels might also be slightly less expensive in Tobago. Although the decision remains the purview of the local organizing committee, a show of hands indicated a strong preference for Tobago among AGM members. There are no formal proposals for other sites for 2017, or for outlying years, although members indicated that St. Martin and

Barbados had expressed preliminary interest in 2018. More certain is the date of the 2017 conference, which will be May 14-19, 2017. NOTE: Since the AGM, UWI's department has met and the location of the 2017 conference will be Tobago. Additional details will follow on the ACH website shortly.

**Any Other Business:** **Jacques Dumont** asked members to join him in thanking the translators for their exemplary service during the conference. He also asked the AGM to consider whether the ACH should move towards an overarching theme to guide conference planning and application selection. He noted that most major conferences have moved in this direction, and that a sufficiently broad theme would allow for a range of topics—both micro and macro—to be addressed. **Richard Blackett** suggested that the EC be charged with forming the theme based on the papers accepted to the conference at the fall EC meeting. The following recommendations for 2017 conference themes came from the floor:

- 1) Does the Field of History have a Future
- 2) Caribbean Business and Economic History
- 3) Caribbean Sports and Leisure
- 4) Communication
- 5) History of the Antilles
- 6) Archeology and History
- 7) Connections between Islands & Mainlands
- 8) The Caribbean and the Environment
- 9) Gender and Sexuality
- 10) Education Policy
- 11) Queer History
- 12) Global Dimensions of Caribbean History
- 13) Comparative History
- 14) The Caribbean and World War II
- 15) Citizenship
- 16) Disability and the Caribbean
- 17) Caribbean Landscape
- 18) The Caribbean on the Move

The EC noted that, in their selection process, there is a preference for panels that are broadly defined. This includes both in terms of topic, region, and linguistic tradition, as well as speakers' institution, level of professional development, etc. In other words, panels that focused narrowly on one nation, or that included speakers from the same institution,

were often not ranked as highly as those that offered more variety and the potential for comparative analysis. Applicants should bear these suggestions in mind for 2017.

**Evaluation of the 2016 Conference:** All AGM members agreed that the conference was very well organized, and that the translation services were strong.

**Carla Pestana** noted that those from the US received extra assistance from Roxsana Estrada of Academic Travel Cuba, Inc. who personally met delegates at the Miami Airport to ensure their smooth transportation to Havana.

**Anne Macpherson** recommended continuation of the poster panels in 2017, but suggested that—rather than brief presentations—presenters offer more traditional posters that are stationed in a room for one-on-one discussion. **Gad Heuman** seconded this recommendation. **Roderick McDonald** preferred the brief oral presentations, which he commended for being tightly scripted and dynamic; static posters might limit the number of delegates who learned of a poster presenter's research. **Ross Nedervelt** suggested that the ISECS conference has a more traditional poster session, and it is well attended. **Richard Blackett** concluded that the poster sessions are a departure from past ACH practice that always required pre-circulated papers. **Michelle McDonald** responded that poster presenters did have pre-circulated papers (they were filed in a different subpage in the "Annual Meeting" portion of the ACH website). The overall sense from the AGM was that poster presentations should continue, but the format needs to be more clearly articulated in the call for applications and instructions to presenters.

**Rita Pemberton** concluded the meeting by noting that 2018 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ACH, and that the institution should begin planning for this event. Efforts to collect testimonies from founders are already underway, and the ACH might look into the possibility of a commemorative publication. There being no further business, ACH President **Jacques Dumont** adjourned the meeting at 4:52pm.

## ACH Financial Report, 2015

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

A. <u>Beginning balance (as of 6/1/14):</u>	\$20,272.86
B. <u>Membership Dues Income</u> ( <i>NOTE: Paypal fees vary for U.S. versus non-U.S. transactions</i> )	
<i>Dues Revenue (online via Paypal through June 9, 2016)*</i>	\$5,963.84
Life Members (3 x \$400, less \$11.90 Paypal fee per transaction = \$1,164.30)	
Full Members (31 x \$40, less \$1.86 Paypal fee per transaction = \$1,182.34)	
(78 x \$40, less \$1.46 Paypal fee per transaction = \$3,006.12)	
Student Members (14 x \$15, less \$.89 Paypal fee per transaction = \$197.54)	
Student Members (29 x \$15, less \$.74 Paypal fee per transaction = \$413.54)	
 <i>Dues Revenue (by mail or on-site in Havana, Cuba)</i>	\$535.00
Full Members (by mail, 8 x \$40 = \$320.00)	
Full Members (on site, 5 x \$40 = \$200.00)	
Student Member (one site, 1 x \$15 = \$15.00)	
 C. <u>Conference Registration Income</u>	
<i>Registration Revenue (online via Paypal)</i>	\$25,019.84
Full Registration (36 x \$207, less \$8.37 Paypal fee per transaction = \$7,150.68)	
(71 x \$207, less \$6.30 Paypal fee per transaction = \$14,249.70)	
(3 x -\$207, for three conference refunds = -\$621.00)	
(Paypal refund transactions fees for registrations = -\$20.56)	
Student Registration (3 x \$92, less \$3.89 Paypal fee per transaction = \$264.33)	
(17 x \$92, less \$2.97, Google fee per transaction = \$1,513.51)	
(1 x -\$92, for one student conference refund = -\$92.00)	
Caribbean Student Registration (4 x \$46, less \$2.09 Paypal fee per transaction = \$175.64)	
(2 x \$46, less \$1.63 Paypal fee per transaction = \$88.74)	
Guest Fee (6 x \$100, less \$ 4.20 Paypal fee per transaction = \$574.80)	
(20 x \$100, less \$3.20 Paypal fee per transaction = \$1,936.00)	
(2 x -\$100, for two guest fee refunds = -\$200.00)	
 <i>Registration Revenue (on-site in Havana, Cuba)</i>	\$4,135.00
Full Registration (18 x \$207 = \$3,935.00)	
Guest Fees (2 x \$100 = \$200.00)	
 D. <u>Book Exhibition Income:</u>	\$200.00
Booth fee: University of the West Indies Press (fee includes institutional renewal for 2015-16)	
<b>TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE + 2015-16 INCOME:</b>	<b>\$56,126.54</b>
 <u>ACH Money Market Account (Gould-Saunders Fund), beginning balance:</u>	\$54,266.15
Interest earned 2015-16:	\$8.13
 <b>TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES + 2015-16 INCOME:</b>	<b>\$110,400.82</b>

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

Website Domain Name Renewal (\$204.94 for the year, paid by #1319 dated 9/3/15): \$204.94  
 Constant Contact (online membership/registration list service renewal)

- \$291.06 credit paid in advance for a monthly fee of \$26.46 for June 2015 to May 2016, check #1319 dated 9/3/15): \$291.06

Translation Services (One Hour Translation): \$479.95

- \$175.74 on 9/3/15(check #1319)
- \$218.28 on 2/21/2016 (check #1320)
- \$189.20 on 3/21/2015 (part of check #1319)

Stormhaven Designs (website maintenance, 2015-2016, check #1325) \$1,000.00

**B. Conference Expenses: \$34,482.16**

- 5/26/16: \$23,788.16 (check #1321, dated 5/26/16)
- 6/14/2016: \$10,694.00 (check #1324, dated 6/14/16)

The above two payments included ACH "Seed Money" for Conference Expenses, conference registration fees (\$25,019.84+\$4,135); as well as an additional \$3,700.25 supplemental approved by the EC on site to cover remaining conference expenses.

On-site conference petty cash: \$1,000.00

On site, the ACH EC also voted to provide the cost of a Tuesday night reception at the Centre for Marti Studies (\$4,500): \$4,800.00

**D. Prizes:**

2016 Gould-Saunders Prize (check #1313): \$500.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES for 2015-16: \$42,758.11**

**ACCOUNTS SUMMARY:**

<b>BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCES + 2015-16 INCOME:</b>	<b>\$110,400.82</b>
<b>2015-16 EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$42,758.11</b>
<b>FINAL ACCOUNT BALANCE (INCOME LESS EXPENSES):</b>	<b>\$67,642.71</b>

***Additional ACH expenses were paid by Stockton University (expenses of the Secretariat)***

<i>Travel to the Executive Committee Meeting (Nov. 2015):</i>	<i>\$1,623.86</i>
<i>Travel to the ACH Annual Conference (June 2016):</i>	<i>\$2,604.74</i>

**TOTAL EXPENSES PAID EXTERNALLY: \$4,228.60**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

The following people have joined—or rejoined—the ACH since January 2016  
(*Don't see your name? You were in the winter issue if you joined before January 31, 2106!*)

### LIFE MEMBERS

Myra Ann Houser, Ouachita Baptist University  
Ross Nedervelt, Florida International University

### BENEFACTORS

#### MEMBERS and MEMBER RENEWALS

Rose Mary Allen, University of Curacao  
Constance Allman,?? High Museum of Art  
Henrice Altink, University of York  
Sandy Baird, Cuban American Friendship Society  
Franco Barchiesi, Ohio State University  
Kofi Barima, Jackson State University  
Jean-Pierre Bat, Archives Nationales  
Devyn Benson, Louisiana State University  
Katherine Bjork, Hamline University  
Cynthia Bouton, Texas A&M University  
Karen Brown, University of St. Andrews  
Randy Browne, Xavier University  
Takkara Brunson, University of Pennsylvania  
Deserene Burrell  
Erica Carter, King's College London  
Henderson Carter, University of the West Indies,  
Cave Hill  
Glenn Chambers, Michigan State University  
Arnaldo Cordero, Stockton University  
John Coughlin, Arizona State University  
Grant Crichfield, Cuban American Friendship  
Society  
Alissandra Cummins, Barbados Museum and  
Historical Society  
Stephanie Dargaud, Archives territoriales de  
Saint-Martin  
Arlene Diaz, Indiana University  
Jacques Dumont, Université des Antilles et de la  
Guyane  
James Alexander Dun, Princeton University  
David Eltis, Emory University  
Luis Figueroa, Trinity College  
Margriet Fokken, University of Groningen  
Antonio Gaztambide, Universidad de Puerto Rico  
Rebecca Goetz, New York University  
Dave Gosse, University of the West Indies, Mona  
Margo Groenewoud, University of Curaçao  
Dannelle Gutarra Cordero, Princeton University  
April Hatfield, Texas A&M University  
Walter Hawthorne, Michigan State University

John Hogue, Bard Early College  
Leslie James, DePauw University  
Erica Johnson, Gordon State College  
Terencia Joseph, University of the Southern  
Caribbean  
Marjoleine Kars, University of Maryland, Baltimore  
County  
Craig Koslofsky, University of Illinois  
David LaFevor, University of Texas, Arlington  
Jane Landers, Vanderbilt University  
Kathleen Phillips Lewis, Spelman College  
Valinda Littlefield, University of South Carolina  
Daniel Livesay, Claremont McKenna College  
Henry Lovejoy, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Allison Madar, California State University, Chico  
Gorica Majstorovic, Stockton University  
Kevin McDonald, Loyola Marymount University  
Marc McLeod, Seattle University  
Matthew Mulcahy, Loyola University  
Stephen Mullen, University of Glasgow  
Celia Naylor, Barnard College  
Melissa Noventa, Independent Scholar  
Greg O'Malley, University of California, Santa  
Cruz  
Myles Osborne, University of Colorado  
Gilbert Pago, Université des Antilles et de la  
Guyane  
Clara Palmiste, Université des Antilles  
Rolande Bosphore Perou, Université des Antilles  
Gildo Jesús Peña-Gracia, Pontificia Universidad  
Católica de Puerto Rico  
Glenn O. Phillips, Morgan State University  
Marion Pluskota, Leiden University  
Julia Prest, University of St. Andrews  
Richard Ralston, University of Wisconsin  
Fiona Rajkumar, University of the Southern  
Caribbean  
Allison Ramsay, University of the West Indies, St.  
Augustine  
Anju Reejsinghani, University of Wisconsin,  
Stevens Point  
Dean Rehberger, Michigan State University  
Daniel K. Richter, MCEAS, University of  
Pennsylvania  
Carlos Rodriguez, Pontificia Universidad Católica  
de Puerto Rico  
Jessica Roitman, KITLV

Rachel Rubin, University of Massachusetts, Boston  
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 University

Elena Schneider, University of California, Berkeley  
 David Singerman, Harvard Business School  
 Karen Smith, University of the West Indies Press  
 Richard Smith, University College London  
 Jose Sola, Cleveland State University  
 Antonio Sotomayer, University of Illinois  
 Alice Sykes, University of the District of Columbia  
 Kristy Warren, Independent Researcher  
 Robert Waters, Ohio Northern University  
 Sarah Smith Waters, Ohio Northern University  
 Christine Walker, Texas Tech University  
 Lorena Walsh, Independent Scholar  
 David Wheat, Michigan State University  
 Swithin Wilmot, University of the West Indies,  
 Mona  
 Rodney Worrell, University of the West Indies,  
 Cave Hill

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

Matthew Breton, University of Maryland  
 Orlando Deavila Pertuz, University of Connecticut  
 Sally Delgado, Universidad de Puerto Rico  
 Jonathan Dusenbury, Vanderbilt University  
 Alain El Youssef, Universidade de Sao Paulo  
 Yvette Houghton, University of the West Indies,  
 Mona  
 Anasa Hicks, New York University  
 Ateeka Khan, McMaster University  
 Fernanda Bretones Lane, Vanderbilt University  
 Dylan LeBlanc, University of Notre Dame  
 Andrew Maginn, Howard University  
 Lucy Peña-Carro, Universidad de Puerto Rico  
 Justin Pergolizzi, University at Albany--SUNY  
 Dexnell Peters, Johns Hopkins University  
 Jessica Pierre-Louis, Université des Antilles et de  
 la Guyane  
 Andrew Rutledge, University of Michigan  
 Casey Schmitt, College of William and Mary  
 Michelle Springer, University of the West Indies,  
 Cave Hill  
 Maria Cecelia Ulrickson, University of Notre Dame  
 Liana Valerio, University of Warwick  
 Ronald Williams, University of the West Indies, St.  
 Augustine

## 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 2016-17:

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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, 2016. Ballots will be distributed in the winter issue of the *Bulletin* and can either be mailed to the Nominating Committee or the Secretariat prior to our next ACH Annual Conference in Tobago, or cast in person at that meeting.

#### **Association of Caribbean Historians**

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org>

President: Jacques Dumont, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane

Vice-President: Rosemarijn Hoefte, KITLV

Secretary-Treasurer: Tara Inniss, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill

Conference Coordinators: Clara Palmiste, Université des Antilles and  
 Armando Garcia, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

