

ACH 2023 Conference Program

**The Global Caribbean:
54th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians
(ACH)
San Juan/Carolina, Puerto Rico,
June 11-15, 2023**

Archivo General de Puerto Rico (June 11)
Biblioteca y Centro de Investigación Social Jesús T. Piñero, Universidad Ana G. Méndez en
Carolina (June 12-15)

Sunday, June 11

3:00-5:00pm **Registration (Archivo General de Puerto Rico)**

5:00-6:30pm **Panel 1 (Local Organizing Committee Panel)**

6:30-8:00pm **Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception**

Panel 1:

5:00pm - 6:30pm: Interdisciplinary views of our Global Caribbean: three proposals from the Puerto Rican Academy of History

Chair: Héctor Feliciano (Academia Puertorriqueña de la Historia)

Silvia Álvarez Curbelo (Academia Puertorriqueña de la Historia) “El orden de la palabra eficiente y la plantación en Puerto Rico: tráficos discursivos globales en la primera mitad del siglo 19”

Jorge Rodríguez Beruff (Academia Puertorriqueña de la Historia) “Una universidad entre tres continentes: las redes intelectuales de la reforma universitaria en Puerto Rico”

Rafael Cabrera Collazo (Academia Puertorriqueña de la Historia): “Ciudades musicales y lo popular: un nuevo turismo cultural en el Caribe Hispano”

Monday, June 12

9:30-11:00am **Panel 2: Caribbean Pioneers**

Chair: **Rebecca Anne Goetz** (NYU)

Andrew Manginn (Sewanee): “Louise Louverture: L’Ange du Malheu”

Philippe Girard (McNeese State University): “Le marronage à Saint-Domingue (Haïti) et la révolte de 1791”

Pedro L. Ramos (Ana G. Mendez University): “Democracy, Equality and Doctors: Cuban Diplomacy after 1971”

11:00-11:15 am **Coffee Break**

11:15am- 12:45pm **Panel 3: Disaster Capitalism and Histories of Health and Wellness**

Chair: **Kathleen Monteith** (UWI Mona)

Christopher Montague (Northwestern University): “Self-Government and White Sovereignty: The Black Marxist Critique of Colonialism in Jamaica”

Mary Draper (Midwestern State University): “Underwater Land and the 1692 Port Royal Earthquake”

Nicholas Crawford (Sam Houston State University): “Factories and Gardens: Enslaved Food Cultivation and the Alimentary Economy of Sugar in the British Caribbean”

Daniel Livesay (Claremont McKenna College): “The Declining Health of Enslaved Elders: Mounting Pressures Against the Aged in Nineteenth-Century Jamaica”

12:45-1:45pm Lunch

1:45- 3:15 pm Panel 4: Negotiating the Caribbean: Historicizing a Changing World

Chair: **Bridget Brereton** (UWI St Augustine)

Michelle McDonald (Stockton University): “The Globalization of Caribbean Studies: How the ACH Reflects and Shapes the Field”

Edward Paulino (CUNY) and **Jorge Colon Delgado** (John Jay College): “La Ruta del Béisbol: the Case for a Caribbean Field of Dreams UNESCO Heritage Trail”

Aura S. Jirau Arroyo (Eastern Illinois University): “‘Como las del norte’: Shifting Conceptions of Higher Education in Puerto Rico”

Tuesday, June 13

9:30-11:00am Panel 5: Supplying the Enemy: Empire and Spain’s *asiento de negros*, 1596-1750

Chair: **Wim Klooster** (Clark University)

Miguel Geraldés Rodrigues (FCSH, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa): “The Portuguese Administration of the Asiento and the Conquest of Angola (1595-1641)”

Ramona Negrón (Leiden University): “The Dutch West India Company (WIC) and the Spanish Asiento de Negros, 1660s-1680s”

Camilla de Koning (Manchester University): “Disturbing Spanish Monopoly Trade: Britain’s Conquest Through the Asiento de Negros”

11:00-11:15 am Coffee Break

11:15am-12:45pm Panel 6: The Global Caribbean Across Centuries

Chair: **Celia Naylor** (Columbia University)

Tiffany Momon (Sewanee): “‘Free Born in Virginia’: The Geography of Black Craft and Trade Labor in Jamaica”

Maël Lavenaire (London School of Economics and Political Science): “The Aftermaths of the World War II and the Social Transformation in the French Antilles (1944-1963)”

Anne’el E. Bain (UWI St Augustine): “‘Hot War’ In The Caribbean Basin: How Leftist Solidarity In The Caribbean Region Interacted With The Global Cold War”

Arlene J. Díaz (Indiana University): “The US Spy and the Cuban Insurgent General, 1895-1898”

12:45-1:40 pm **Lunch**

Wednesday, June 14

9:30-11:00am **Panel 7: Moving Forward: Analyses of Modernization and Reparatory Justice**

Chair: **Carla Pestana** (University of California)

Audra A. Diptée (Carleton University): “Operation Legacy in the Caribbean”

Isar Godreau (Universidad de Puerto Rico en Cayey): “Justicia Reparativa y Educación Afro-digna: La esclavitud en los libros de texto escolares”

Marcos A. Vélez Rivera (Ana G Méndez University): The construction of a popular library in the modernization of Puerto Rico: cultural observations and international considerations

Rafael V. Capó García (University of British Columbia): “Eurocentric Portrayals of Conquest, Colonization, and Indigeneity: An analysis of Social Studies textbooks in Puerto Rico”

11:00-11:15 am **Coffee Break**

11:15am-12:45pm **Panel 8: Rethinking the Coloniality of the Past**

Chair: **Roderick McDonald** (Rider University)

Laura Rosanne Adderley (Tulane University): “Black Caribbean Humanity in the Fraught Archives of British Slave Trade Abolition: Finding African Kinship and Social Ties in Vice-Admiralty Courts and Customs Houses of the Early 1800s Caribbean”

Gad Heuman (University of Warwick): “The Apprenticeship System in the Caribbean: The World of the Apprentices”

Bronwyn Lee (Binghamton University): “Aluminum and Autonomy: the Dutch Contribution to Nationalism Without Nationalization in Suriname, 1950s-1960s”

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

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 Puerto Rico.

1:45pm **Optional Field Trip**

Thursday, June 15

9:30-11:00am **Panel 9: Testing the Limits of Race and Gender**

Chair: Kathleen Phillips Lewis (Spelman University)

Antonio Gaztambide-Géigel (Universidad de Puerto Rico): “Martí, Nuestra América y la América Latina”

Anne Ulentin (University of The Bahamas): “Interpersonal Violence in the late 19th-/early 20th-century Bahamas”

Debbie McCollin (UWI St Augustine): “Bridging the Gap: The Child Welfare League of Trinidad and Tobago 1918-1970”

José Orlando Sued (Ana G. Méndez University): “Cuando gobernar es despoblar: filmes comisionados por el Gobierno de Puerto Rico para promover la migración y el control de natalidad durante las décadas del 1950 al 1960”

11:00-11:15 am **Coffee Break**

11:15am- 1:00pm **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

1pm - 2pm **Lunch**

6:00-10:00pm **Dinner & Fête**

Friday, June 16

Optional Field Trips