SYMPOSIA

Educating Haitian Children in Bilingual Education Programs: A problem Solving Symposium
Saturday, April 11, 1992
Somerville High School
Somerville, MA

Dialogue for Development: The Political and Economic Reconstruction of Haiti
Sept. 20-24, 1995
University of Puerto-Rico
Mayaguez, Puerto-Rico

Haitian Studies Series in Collaboration with DRCLAS at Harvard University
February 2000 – December 2001

Haitian Education, Economic Political and Social System: An Historical Perspective
February 16, 2001
DRCLAS
Harvard University

Education and Development
April 20, 2001
DRCLAS
Harvard University

Immigration and Transnationalism
Oct. 26, 2001
DRCLAS
Harvard University

Health and Development
December 7, 2001
DRCLAS
Harvard University

Emergency Conference on the Future of Democracy and Economic Development in Haiti
May 11-12, 2001
University of Massachusetts
Boston, MA

Keynote Speakers

1989

1990 Franketienne
1991 Edouart Glissant
1992 Katherine Dunham & Michel-Rolph Trouillot
1993 Jean Metellus
1994 Vèvè Clark
1995 Felix Morisseau-Leroy
1996 Sidney Mintz
1997 Leslie Desmangles
1998 Yves Dejean
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2000 Frantz Léonce
2001 Paul Farmer
2003 Rosemarie Toussaint

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THE GEDÉ FAMILY: LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLES
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A Message from the President of HSA
October 2004

Welcome to the Sixteenth Annual Conference of HSA. On behalf of our Board of Directors, I want to thank the University of Puerto Rico and the Centro de Estudios Avanzados el Puerto Rico y el Caribe for hosting our conference this year. HSA is also delighted that KOSANBA is joining us this year for its sixth International Colloquium.

I offer my deepest thanks to on-site Co-Chairs, Dr. Paul Latortue and Prof. Sara Benitez. I also extend my sincere thanks to all the members of the local committee for all their hard work.

The theme of this year’s conference, Re-Discovering Haitian History: Archiving Memory to Construct our Future, was chosen with Haiti’s bicentennial in mind. Events in Haiti earlier this year have dashed our hopes of meeting in Haiti to celebrate Haiti’s bicentennial, but they served as a reminder that we can never lose sight of our history, both glorious and horrific, if we are to understand our past, our present and, most importantly, if we are to contribute to Haiti’s future.

This is a year in which we might be tempted to turn to pessimism and even cynicism as we contemplate Haiti’s history. And yet, recent events make it all the more important for us to come together to share the many ways in which Haitians at home and abroad have nurtured a nation in crisis. In fact, if members of HSAA are to participate in the construction of Haiti’s future, we will have to be relentless in our determination to continue to create a space where an open conversation about Haiti can take place.

We are extremely grateful to be able to engage in dialogue in this a historically rich and beautiful environment, but we know that we must also continue this dialogue in Haiti. To this effect we plan to hold HSA’s Seventeenth Annual Conference in Haiti in 2005. Josiane Hudicourt-Barnes, the co-chair of this year’s Conference Planning Committee, will chair the conference next year. I hope that you will give her your support in the organization of the conference and in becoming actively involved in HSA’s attempt to create a safe space for dialogue in Haiti.

In spite of the delay in sending our call for papers this year, we received many paper and panel proposals and we are pleased to offer a rich program for the next two days. This year, as last year, we have scheduled several concurrent panels in order to give each panel enough time for a meaningful discussion at the end of the panelists’ presentations.

This year at our Annual Business Meeting, at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, October 8, we will elect new members for the Board of Directors of the Association. And, as my three-year term comes to an end, the Board of Directors will select a new president. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board of Directors who served HSA during my term. I want to give special thanks to Dr. Marc Prou, HSA’s Executive Director, for his patience and good humor in conducting HSA’s business with fewer resources every year, and to Dr. Lea Rhodes for her generous offer to organize the conference for two consecutive years. In chairing HSA’s fifteenth and sixteenth annual conferences, she took over many of the tasks that had previously fallen to the Executive Director and the President. For this unprecedented commitment of time and energy, my personal dept to Lea is enormous.

Finally, I hope that you will fully enjoy the wonderful space that our hosts have made available to us for our exchange of ideas and reflections.

Kathleen M. Balutansky
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Saint Michael’s College
PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Morning
9:30  HSA Board of Directors’ Meeting – Centro de Estudios Avanzados of Puerto Rico y el Caribe (CEA)

Evening
7:30  Welcome Reception / CEA
Sponsored by the Univ. of Puerto Rico-Atlantia Caribbean Exchange Program

Thursday, October 7, 2004

8:30  Welcome and Opening Remarks

Haitian Studies Association
  Kathleen Balatusky, HSAPresident, St. Michaels College
  Marc Prou, HSAExecutive Director, Univ. of Mass.-Boston

Puerto Rican Hosts
  Paul Latortue, Dean, Faculty of Business Administration,
  Univ. of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras
  Sara Bantavia, Department of Social Science, Univ. of Puerto Rico-Humacao
  Miguel Rodriguez Lopez, Rector, Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe
  Ignacio Olazagasti Colon, Decano Académico Asociado, Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe

KOSANBA
  Patrick Bellegarde-Smith, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Announcements / Marc Prou, HSAExecutive Director

Panel 1 / KOSANBA Panel / Gedé Turms and Returns
  Chair: Florence Bellande-Robertson, Independent Scholar
  Patrick Bellegarde-Smith, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
  "Fignettes of life, death and rebirth"
  Lois Wilken, La Troupe Makandal, New York
  "Gedé’s drama of death and rebirth in Brooklyn, New York"

Panel 2 / Leaving Home: The Influence of Acculturation for Haitians
  Graduanate Student Panel
  Chair: Guerda Nicolas, Boston College
  Diana Gonzalez-Eastep, Boston College
  "Acculturation: Good or bad for Haitians living in the U.S.?
  Angela Desilva, Boston College
  "God as the protector?: Religion and mental health among Haitians"
  Martisyl Joseph, Boston College
  "Family ties: The function of family for Haitians in the U.S.

11:45 – 12:45 Lunch
  Lunch will be served at CEA for registered participants in the conference.
  Name badges must be worn for admittance. Additional lunches may be
  offered at $15.00 per person. Please check at the registration desk prior to
  lunch for additional tickets to check availability.

1:00 – 2:30
  Panel 3 / Media’s Role as Public Memory
  Chair: Lera Rhodes, University of Georgia
  Media’s Role as Public Memory: Haitian newspapers in the
  United States and in Haiti
  Jésus Dávila, Journalist, Puerto Rico
  Media’s Role as Public Memory: Micro to Macro
  Ignacio Rivera, News Analyst, Puerto Rico
  Media’s Role as Public Memory: Globalization and Interpretation

Panel 4 / Documenting Haitian Women’s History
  Chair: Barbara Nisen, Spelman College
  Amy Cornish, Independent Scholar and Artist
  The credibility of the unreal: Surrealism and Haitian art
  Taronda Spencer, Archivist, Spelman College
  Cooperative HBCU archival survey project
Marlene Racine Toussaint, New York Theological Seminary  
_The first ladies of Haiti_

Panel 5 / Cultural Heritage: archival, violence, history  
Chair: Marc Prou, Univ. of Mass.—Boston

Catherine Marsicek, Florida International University  
_Global resource sharing: Archiving haitian cultural heritage in the broader context_

Gardy Guiteau, Univ. of Mass.-Amherst / M.Ed in Social Justice Education  
_Interrogating violence against haitian women: A historical analysis of masculinity_

Eddy Souffrant, Univ. of North Carolina—Charlotte  
_Frederick Douglass, hospitality and cosmopolitanism_

2:45-4:00  
Panel 6 / Haiti en Puerto Rico: literatura y sociedad  
Chair: Camille Villafañe, Univ. of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras

Mayra Montero, Cuban-Puerto Rican Writer  
_Haiti en la narrativa de Mayra Montero_

Aaron Gamalier Ramos, Political Scientist, Univ. of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras  
_Haiti in the Puerto Rican social imaginary: Some historical thoughts_

Nilsa Medina, Univ. of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras  
_Solidarity between Puerto Rico and Haiti_

Panel 7 / Art and Dance as Ways to Remember  
Chair and discussant: Lois Wilcken, La Troupe Makandal

Ella Turenne, Columbia University  
_Visualizing the haitian revolution: Using art to remember and reflect_

Millery Polyne, CUNY-Staten Island, New York  
_Dancing for development: The uses of danse folklorique_  
_Haitienne by Léon Destiné, Lavinia Williams and Katherine Dunham_

4:15-5:00  
Keynote Address

Introduction: Kathleen Balutansky

Michèle Pierre-Louis, Director, Fondasyon Konesans ak Libète FOKAL

_Dinner on your own in Old San Juan_

Friday, October 8, 2004

8:30-10:00  
Panel 8 / African and Haitian Spiritualities: A Religious Continuity  
Chair and Discussant: Francois Pierre-Louis, Queens College CUNY

Jayne Klein, Florida Atlantic  
_Haitian vodou: Its african and catholic origins and impact_

Eddy Petit, Jr., graduate of Brooklyn College  
_Hip hop as part of the african spiritual continuum_

Tamara Xavier, Temple University  
_Transcending boundaries of fascination and fanaticism_

Panel 9 / Haiti’s Culture and Literature Through Others’ Eyes  
Chair and Discussant: Adam John, Albright College, PA

Mark Pfeiffer, University of Georgia  
_Erzulie and Afrikan: Female tricksters in caribbean oraliture_

Jennifer Heusel, Indiana University  
_Ayiti on my mind: The reflections of Eldzier Cortor on Haiti and the caribbean_

Nesly Metayer, Weatherhead School of Management, Ohio  
_Reshaping the haitian experience: Momentum for change in the U.S. haitian diaspora community_
Panel 10 / Language and History: Promoting Haiti's Best Assets
Chair and Discussant: Carole Berotte Joseph, Dutchess Com. College, New York
Marie Lily Cerat, Brooklyn College and
Nicole Baron Rosefort, Brooklyn College
*Haiti's historical and cultural legacy: A journey through time*
Michaelle Vincent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida
*Extended foreign language program – haitian creole*

10:15-11:45
Panel 11 / KOSANBA Panel / Vodou Perspectives in Change and Development
Chair: Regine Latortue, CUNY-City College of New York
Claudine Michel, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara
*Vodou perspectives on schooling and development*
Roberto Strongman, Univ. of California-Santa Barbara
*Ambivalent representation: Vodou in La Revue Indigène*
Nancy Mikelsons, Independent Scholar, Chicago
*The Iwa in Cuba*
Marilyn Houlberg, School of Art, Institute of Chicago
*Exploring vodou dolls in historical and global perspectives*

Panel 12 / Haitian Transnationalism and Mental Health Issues
Chair and Discussant: Josianne Hudicourt-Barnes, King Open School, Cambridge, Mass.
Guerda Nicolas, Boston College
*Feeling the blues: Depression among haitians*
Vanessa Prosper, Boston College
*Does family heal?: Social support networks of haitians*
Johanne Eliacin, Univ. of Chicago
*The social and psychological reintegration of repatriated haitian refugees in Haiti*

Chair: Francisca Corrada del Rio, Univ. of Puerto Rico
Blanca Ortiz-Torres, Univ. of Puerto Rico
Claudio Guerra, Univ. of Puerto Rico
Juan Cersosimo, Univ. of Puerto Rico
Ramon Corrada, Univ. of Puerto Rico
Carlos Altagracia, Univ. of Puerto Rico

2:45-4:00
Panel 13 / Enfances haitiennes
Chair: Marie-Agnès Sourieau, Fairfield University, CT
Carrol Coates, SUNY-Binghamton, NY
*L'appel des traditions: Fonds des nègres de Marie Chauvet*
Dennis Essar, Brock University, Canada
*Comment écrire l'enfance: l'exemple de trois écrivains haitiens*
Marie-José N'Zengou-Tayo, Univ. of the West Indies, Jamaica
*La vérité sort-elle toujours de la bouche des enfants? La voix narrative dans les enfants des héroes de Lyonel Trouillot*

Panel 14 / Societal Issues and Value: Re-examining Haiti
Chair and Discussant: Florence Bellande-Robertson, Foundation of Hope for Haiti
Tatiana Wah, New School University, Milano Graduate School of Urban Management and Policy, New York
*Examining Haiti's value system structure: Toward a common societal vision*
Edwidge Crevecoeur Bryant, Univ. of North Florida
*Literacy socialization of haitian adults*
Pierre Kèbreau Alexandre, Health Services Research Center, Univ. of Miami
*Prenatal care use in rural and urban Haiti*

1:00-2:30
Roundtable
Haiti and Puerto Rico: Atlantica’s Collaboration and Research Projects
4:15-6:00

HSABusiness/Membership Meeting – CEA, Auditorium

7:30

Celebration
Puerto Rico State Department Building Gardens
(next door to Plaza de Armas, one block from CEA)

Award Presentation

Introduced by Marie-Jose N’Zengou-Tayo

Outstanding Service Award
Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Deschappelles
Accepting: Dr. Venkita Suresh and Dr. Jacqueline Gautier

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Dr. Franck Laraque and Paul Laraque

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Previous Haitian Studies Conferences

First Annual Conference
June 17, 1989
Tufts University
Medford, MA

Second Annual Conference
June 15-16, 1990
Tufts University
Medford, MA

Third Annual Conference
Haiti Two Hundred Years Later: Prospects for the Year 2004
Oct. 18-19, 1991
Tufts University
Medford, MA

Fourth Annual Conference
Haiti in the Global Context
Oct. 16-17, 1992
Tufts University
Medford, MA

Fifth Annual Conference
Governance: Conflict Resolution in Haitian Institutions
Oct. 15-16, 1993
University of Massachusetts
Boston, MA

Sixth Annual Conference
Rethinking Haiti: Grassroots, Community Participation and Popular Culture
University of Massachusetts
Boston, MA

Seventh Annual Conference
Haitian Expressions: Word, Image, and Action
Oct. 13-14, 1995
Milwaukee Art Museum
Milwaukee, WI

Eighth Annual Conference
Beyond 1804: Consensus and nation Building for the 21st Century
Oct. 30-Nov. 3, 1996
Xanagua Hotel
Montrouis, Haiti

Ninth Annual Conference
Haitians in the Pan-African Community: Culture, Identity and Affirmation
Oct. 23-25, 1997
Museum of Afro-American History
Detroit, MI

Tenth Annual Conference
Haiti at the Crossroads: Visions, Continuity and Change
Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 1998
Le Plaza Hotel (Holiday Inn)
PAP
Haiti

Eleventh Annual Conference
Bridges Across the Waters: Connecting the Haitian Community at Home and Abroad
Nov. 3-7, 1999
Sheraton Buckhead Hotel
Atlanta, GA

Twelfth Annual Conference
Changing the Landscape of Education for Haitians in the New Century: Current Issues, Best Practices, and Promising Initiatives
Crowne Plaza Hotel
West Palm Beach, FL
Co-sponsored by the West Palm Beach Public Schools

Thirteenth Annual Conference
Institutions building: The Road to the Social, Political and Economic Development of Haiti
Oct. 11-13, 2001
St. Michael’s College
Winooski Park
Colchester, VT
Sponsored by St. Michael’s College

Fourteenth Annual Conference
Communicating: Images and Realities of Haiti
Oct. 17-19, 2002
Universite Quisqueya
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Fifteenth Annual Conference
Investing in the Haitian Human Capital at Home and Abroad