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Educating Haitian Children in Bilingual Education Programs: A Problem Solving Symposium
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Dialogue for Development: The Political and Economic Reconstruction of Haiti
September 20-24, 1995 University of Puerto-Rico, Mayaguez, Puerto-Rico

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February 2000 - December 2001

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

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April 20, 2001 DRCLAS, Harvard University

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October 26, 2001 DRCLAS, Harvard University

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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

Keynote Speakers

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1990 Franketienne

1991 Edouart Glissant

1992 Katherine Dunham & Michel-Rolph Trouillot

1993 Jean Métellus

1994 Vèvè Clark

1995 Felix Morisseau-Leroi

1996 Sidney Mintz

1997 Leslie Desmangles

1998 Yves Dejean

1999 -----

2000 Frantz Leconte

2001 Paul Farmer

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2003 Dr. Rose-Marie Toussaint

2004 Michèle Pierre-Louis



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Haiti "Chérie":
Creating New Pathways for Tomorrow

17TH ANNUAL

HAITIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

October 13-15, 2005



UNIVERSITY of MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON
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"Chérie": Creating New Pathways for Tomorrow

As Haiti enters its third century, it has reached yet another crossroad at which it needs to reevaluate its past and set its course for the future. The 17th annual conference of the Haitian Studies Association will foster dialogues about the abundant richness of Haiti's heritage, capture the creative spirit of its people, envision solutions to its present impasse, and trace new pathways for the future.

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A Message from the President of HSA

After eleven years "on the road," H.S.A.'s annual conference is now back in its hometown, in Boston and at its host institution, the University of Massachusetts. The Chair of the Conference Committee, Josiane Hudicourt-Barnes, and our Executive Director, Marc Prou, are to be commended for an excellent job done in organizing a stimulating program. Scholarly contributions are varied and presenters from Haiti will allow us to continue the "transnational" dialogue that was initiated in 1996 with the first conference in Haiti. Circumstances have made it difficult to sustain the conversation but we shall not give up hope, since we have members that have traveled from Haiti to share their research and experience with us.

We want to look at the future and see how we can contribute to changes in our beloved country. Special focus is being put on the role and contribution of journalists in times of crisis. Papers at this conference will discuss issues in literature and art, language, education, religion and culture, politics, economy, human rights and justice as well as health issues. The migrant experience is not neglected and researchers will look at the situation of the Haitian Diaspora in the United States, the challenges it faces and its prospects. We are also very fortunate that there is a very active Haitian community in Boston and its vicinity. During these two days, we will have the opportunity to interact with many associations, which will bring testimony to its dynamism and showcase our culture.

A very rich and exciting program, indeed!

I look forward to your participation at and contribution to the success of our 17th conference.

Marie-José N'Zengou-Tayo

Professor, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica
President, Haitian Studies Association

PROGRAM

Thursday, October 13, 2005

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PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- 4:00 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. H.S.A Board of Directors' Meeting -
(University Dining Club 2nd Fl.)
- 5:30 p.m.— 6:30 p.m. Registration -(Alumni Lounge) 2nd Floor Campus
- 6:30 p.m.— 8:00 p.m. President's Welcome Reception—(Alumni Lounge)
Welcome Reception offered by TERC (Technical Education Research Centers)
- 8:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m. Film Documentary on Haiti (Alumni Lounge)

Friday, October 14 thru Saturday, October 15, 2005

9:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m. Exhibits of Arts and Books (Alumni Lounge)

Friday, October 14, 2005

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- 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
(3rd Floor Lobby)
- 9:30 a.m.—10:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks (Ballroom A) 3rd Floor
Representative Linda Dorcena-Forry, Massachusetts State House
Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD., University of Massachusetts Boston
Professor Robert Johnson Jr., Chair, Africana Studies, University of
Massachusetts Boston
Professor Marie-Jose N'Zengou-Tayo, H.S.A. President
University of the West Indies-Mona, Kingston, Jamaica
Professor Marc Prou, H.S.A, Director, Co-Chair Conference Planning Committee
University of Massachusetts Boston

PLENARY SESSION

10:05 a.m.— 11: 15 a.m Ballroom A (Campus Center, 3rd Floor)

JOURNALISM IN HAITI: RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Moderator: Leara Rhodes, Grady College of Journalism and Mass
Communication, University of Georgia

Panelists: Michèle Montas, Journalist Radio Haiti-Inter and United Nations
Bernard Diederich, Journalist and Author, Haiti Sun, Time Magazine

Panel 1A ENGENDERING LITERATURE

11:20- 12: 40 p.m — Room 2540

Moderator: Barbara Lewis, Director Trotter Institute, UMass Boston

Panelists: Edith Wainwright, Nassau Community College
Le Role de la Femme dans la Littérature Haitienne

Sharon Masingale Bell, Kent State University
*The Reluctant Bride and the Groom from afar: Values concerning Women in "Loufre the
Serpent" and its variants in H F*

Amy André San Francisco State University
Dialogue on Haitian-American Sexuality

Panel 1B DEMOCRATIC REFORM AND TRANSITION IN HAITI

11:20- 12: 40 p.m — Room 3545

Moderator: Wayne Thompson, Haiti Support Project, Washington, DC

Panelists: Jocelyn McCalla, National Coalition for Haitian Rights
Can Trusteeship End the Transition to Democracy?

Francois Pierre-Louis, Queens College, CUNY
Haiti: The Unending Transition to Democracy

Alix Cantave, Local Initiatives Corporation, Boston
Transforming the Haitian Non-Developmental State

Panel 1C ARTS IN A TIME OF TROUBLES: WHAT GOOD ARE THEY?

11:20- 12: 40 p.m — Room 3540

Moderator: Legrace Benson, Research Fellow, UCSB

Panelists: Barbara Negin, Spelman College

Lois Wilcken, La Troupe Makandal
A Brief Meditation on the Value of Ountò

Gage Averill, University of Toronto
Singing truth to power: Haitian music and musicians in times of trouble

Janet Anthony, Lawrence University Conservatory of Music
A cellist travels and teaches - lessons learned in the trenches

Amy Lueen Cornish, Wake Technical Community College
Turning Outside-In: Visual Arts and Boundaries

Katherine Smith, University of California, Los Angeles,
Condoms and Carnival: Art Changing the Meaning of Aids

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch (Ballroom A)

Panel 2A STATE OF THE RACE: CONSEQUENCES OF RACE, CLASS AND CULTURE
ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIASPORA

2:05- 3:20 p.m— Room 3545

Chair: Jemadari Kamara, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Marc Prou, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Tony Van der Meer, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Willard Johnson, Professor Emeritus, Mass Institute of Technology

Panel 2B PROSPECTS & CHALLENGES IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN HAITI

2:05- 3:20 p.m — Room 3540

Moderator: Florence Bellande Robertson, Multicultural Women Press
Panelists: Renée Bergner, Board Member, Hopital Albert Schweitzer,
Deschapelles, Haiti
Wesler Lambert, MD., Partners in Health/Zanmi Lasante, Cange, Haiti
Brigitte Hudicourt, MD., and Edith Hudicourt, MD., Hopital de la
Communauté Haitienne, Pétion-Ville, Haiti

Panel 2C IMAGES LITTERAIRES DE LA VIOLENCE

2:05- 3:20 p.m Ballroom A

Moderator: Carrol Coates, SUNY Binghamton
Panelists: Dennis Essar, Brock University
Mort et renaissance chez Roger Dorsinville : Les dernières œuvres (1986-90)
Frantz-Antoine LeConte, City University of New York (CUNY)
Haiti: Pulsions de violence chez Jacques Roumain
Marie-Agnès Sourieau, Fairfield University
Narration de narrations : Edwidge Danticat, archiviste de la violence
Karen Richman and Marlene L. Daut, University of Notre Dame
*Are They Mad? : Class, Morality and Nationalism in "Tous les hommes
sont fous"*

Panel 3A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN GREATER BOS-
TON AS A MODEL FOR HAITI, CCHER,

3:25- 4:40 p.m —Ballroom A

Chair: Nesly Métayer, Director of Comm. Development Capacity Building
CCHER
Eustache Jean Louis, Executive Director, CCHER
Ketly Thimoléon, Nurse Health Educator, MCHS
Gemina St Louis, Director of Mental Health, SPARC
Alix Cantave, Local Initiatives Corporation, Boston
*Community Development Corporations and the revitalization of Urban
Neighborhoods: Lessons for Haiti*

Panel 3B IMMIGRATION LAW: CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE

3:25- 4:40 p.m —Room 3545

Moderator: Robert Johnson, Jr., Esq.,
Panelists: Elda James, Esq.
James Woodard, Esq.
William Coffman, Esq.

Panel 3C HUMAN RIGHTS: JUSTICE AND INJUSTICE IN THE U.S.
AND HAITI

3:25- 4:40 p.m —Room 3540

Moderator: Marie-José N'Zengou-Tayo, UWI-Mona, Kingston, Jamaica
Panelists: Martine Pierre-Pierre, Savannah State University
*The Impact of the Interdiction Agreement on the Haitian Immigration
Experience: Can Social Work Intervene?*
Jean-Philippe Belleau, University of Massachusetts, Boston
*To Destroy. Eliticide, sylvicide and paupericide: Massacres in the 20th
century Haiti*
Alice Backer, Esq., New York University School of Law
World Bank Accountability in Haiti 1994-2002



FRIDAY EVENING

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm. CULTURAL EVENING CELEBRATION

Wellesley College Welcomes the Haitian Studies Association

Tribute and Cultural Reception Honoring Professor Gerdès Fleurant

- 5:00pm *Buses leave UMass Boston to Wellesley College*
- 6:00 pm *Dinner Reception in the foyer of Davis Museum*
- 7:30 pm. *Cultural Presentation: Yanvalou Dance and Drum Ensemble
(Jewett Auditorium)*
- 9:30 pm. *(Buses depart from Wellesley College to return to UMass
Boston) and conference hotels.*

Travel Directions to Wellesley College

By Car

From the West

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike to Exit 14 (Weston). Take Interstate 95/Route 128 South for 1/2 mile to Exit 21B (Route 16). Follow Route 16 West for 2.9 miles to a stoplight (5-way intersection) in the town of Wellesley; go straight on Route 135 (West). At the third traffic light turn left into the main entrance of the College. You may park in the new Davis Parking Facility immediately to your right.

From the East

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) to Exit 16 (West Newton). Follow Route 16 West for 4.7 miles to a stoplight (5-way intersection) in the town of Wellesley; go straight on Route 135 (West). At the third traffic light turn left into the main entrance of the College. You may park in the new Davis Parking Facility immediately to your right.

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Saturday, October 15, 2005

- 8:00a.m.—9:00 a.m Continental Breakfast and Registration (Ballroom A) 3rd Floor
- 9:00 —9:15 **Introductory Remarks:**
Odette Roy-Fombrun, *Educator*
- 9:15 - 10:00 a.m **Keynote Address:**
Professor Lionel Trouillot, *Author, Université d'Etat D'Haiti, PAP, HAITI*

Panel 4A HAITIAN CHILDREN AND SCIENCE LEARNING

- 10:00- 11: 20 a.m — Ballroom A
- Chair:** Josiane Hudicourt-Barnes, *Chèche Konnen Center at Terc*
Beth Warren, *Chèche Konnen Center at TERC*
Cynthia Ballenger, *Chèche Konnen Center at TERC*
Renote Jean Francois, *Boston Public Schools*

Panel 4B HEALTH CONCERNS IN THE HAITIAN DIASPORA

- 10:00- 11: 20 a.m — Room 2540
- Moderator:** *Nesly Métayer, Center for Comm. Health, Education Research*
- Panelists:** Michele David, MD, *Boston Medical Center*
Raymond Paul-Blanc, MD, *Private Practitioner*
Nicole Prudent, MD, *Boston Medical Center*

Panel 4C HAITI: ECONOMIC and ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

- 10:00- 11: 20 a.m — Room 2545
- Moderator:** *Myriam Augustin, World Education*
- Presenters:** Jean Marie Théodat, *Université de Paris, Sorbonne* *Pour une politique
d'aménagement concerté du territoire*
Pierre Orelus, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst* *Haiti is Under Siege*
Larissa Annual, *NYU School of Law*
Prospects and Challenges for A Poverty Reduction Strategy Process in Haiti
Marcel Wah, *Haitian Art Appraisal Society*
Creating New Pathways through Haiti's richest resource—The Fine Arts

Panel 4D TRANSFORMATION AND RELIGIOUS ADAPTATIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD

- 10:00- 11: 20 a.m — Ballroom B
- Moderator:** *Gerdès Fleurant, Professor Emeritus, Wellesley College*
- Panelists:** Nekita Lamour, *Cambridge Public Schools*
*Toward a Theology of Urban Education: Looking at the Haitian Church's
role in Educating the diaporic Community*
Mary Procopio, *Michigan State University*
*"Haitian Classical Music, Vodou, and Cultural Identity: Werner Jaegerhuber's
Trio for Flute, Viola and Cello"*
Eddy Petit, *Independent Scholar, Hip-Hop and African Religions*

Panel 5A EDUCATING FOR CHANGE IN HAITI

11:25- 12: 40 p.m — Ballroom B

Chair: Odette Roy-Fombrun, Educator

Richard Gosser, St. Vincent College
Defying the Odds: Educating for changes in Rural Haiti

Thomas Davies, Lee County Schools, FL
The Apperceptive Approach: Using the past to shape the Future in a Haitian Context

Suze Mathieu, Université d'Etat d'Haiti, Fondation Maurice Sixto,
Kreyòl nan Demokrasi

Panel 5B SHAPING THE ROLE OF HAITIAN DIASPORA: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL INVESTMENT IN HAITI IN THE 21ST CENTURY

11:25- 12: 40 p.m — Room 2545

Moderator: Alice Backer, Esq., New York University School of Law

Presenters: François Pierre-Louis, Queens College
The role of regional associations and their contributions to development in Haiti

Patrice Backer, Promo Capital, Haiti
Remittances, Investment in Haiti

Lynda Dykstra, *Remittance to Haiti: Leveraging Migrant Transfers for Economic Development*

Lesly Kernisant, RepresentAction, Haiti

Panel 5C HAITI AND HAITIANS IN POST-COLONIAL US HISTORY

11:25- 12: 40 p.m — Ballroom A

Moderator: Francois Pierre-Louis, Queens College, N.Y.

Panelists: Angel Adams Parham, Loyola University
Legacies of Haiti: History, Memory, and Identity in Louisiana.

Jayne Klein, Florida International University
The First U.S. Occupation of Haiti, 1915-1934

Kenneth E. Carpenter, Independent Scholar
Did Stephen Girard Appropriate Millions from Toussaint Louverture?

Yveline Alexis, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Judicial Justice? St. Domingue Slaves in Louisiana Courts

Panel 5 D JOURNALISME, PREMIÈRE ÉBAUCHE DE L'HISTOIRE

11:25- 12: 40 p.m — Room 2540

Moderator: Kathleen Balutansky, St. Michael's College, VT

Presenters: Charles Dupuy, Journalist
La Perspective Historique Objective

Nancy Roc, Journalist
La Perspective Journalistique

Charlot Lucien and Marcus Plaisimond, *Political caricatures as journalistic expression (with slide presentations)*

12:45 p.m. -1:55 p.m. Lunch— Ballroom B (Campus Center 3rd Floor)

Panel 6A HAITI: HISTORICAL LESSONS LEARNED

2:00- 3:15 p.m - Ballroom A

Moderator: Marc Prou, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Panelists: Jean-Francois Briere, SUNY/Albany
L'emprunt de 1825 dans la dette de l'indépendance haïtienne envers la France

Philip Kaisary, Warwick University
"C.L.R. James's Representations of the Haitian Revolution"

Matthew J. Smith, University of the West Indies
From Dessalines to Duvalier Revisited: A 25 Year Retrospective.

Mark Schuller, University of California Santa Barbara
Learning from a 200-Year Old ménage à Trois: Global Forces, the State, and Civil Society in Haiti's History

Panel 6B MANIFESTATIONS OF VODOU AND POLITICAL ACTIVISM

2:00- 3:15 p.m — Room 2545

Moderator: Grete Viddal, Harvard University

Panelists: Jayne Boisvert, Russell Sage College
Erzulie Dantor, the Fierce, Unyielding Mater Salvatoris : as Grande Da in Canape-Vert and as Lamerce in Fils de Misère

Antoinette Pressley-Sanon, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The Uses of Zombie

Manouchka Poinson, University of Maryland
Mapping out Haitian Women's Political Activism

Panel 6 C TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES AND THE HAITIAN MEDIA

2:00- 3:15 p.m — Room 2540

Moderator: Yvon Altheon, PDG, Tele-Diaspora, Boston

Panelists: Alejandra Bronfman, University of British Columbia
The Sound of Modernity: On the origins of Radio in Haiti

Nick Nesbitt, Miami University
Critique, Publicity, and Autonomy in Jonathan Demme's The Agronomist

Panel 6D IDENTITY OF HAITIAN YOUTH IN THE DIASPORA

2:00- 3:15 p.m -- Ballroom B

Moderator: Guerda Nicolas, Boston College

Panelists: Charlene Désir, Harvard University
From Privileged to Problem Students: Haitian Student's Conceptions of Self in Haitian and U.S. Schools

Edwidge Crèvecoeur Bryant, University of North Florida
Environmental Print and Literacy Socialization of Haitian Adults

Daphné Bruno, Howard University
The media's influence on cultural identity of Haitian adolescents

Lunine Pierre-Jérôme, Boston Public Schools/Umass Boton
Identity Development Among Low-Literacy Haitian Adolescent Newcomers: Collective and Integrative View of the Self

Panel 7A POLITICS AND PEOPLE SEEN THROUGH MEDIA LENS

3:20- 4:35 p.m — Room 2545

Chair: Leara Rhodes, Grady College of Journalism, University of Georgia
US Foreign Policy in Media Coverage of Haiti

Adam John, Albright College,
Past, Present, and Future: Telling the Tale of Haiti in Martinique through the Media.

Bill Forry, Managing Editor: Boston Haitian Reporter,
Covering a Local Haitian Community: Challenges and Successes.

Panel 7 B HAITIAN CREOLE AND CULTURE: VITAL TOOLS IN EDUCATING OUR YOUTH

3:20- 4:35 p.m — Room 2540

Moderator: Menès Déjoie, Brooklyn College

Panelists: Marie Lily Cérat, Nicole Rosefort, Jude Piquant, Brooklyn College

Guilhène W. Benjamin, Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Adlerian-Based Parenting Education in Little Haiti: Results of an Action research

Panel 7 C POSTER SESSION: Working on Haiti's Future: Small Development Projects

3:20- 4:35 p.m - Alumni Lounge

Moderator: Charlot Lucien, Massachusetts Artists

Panelists: Alexandra Celestin, Represent Action, Haiti
Haiti's untapped Patrimony

Christine Low, Lekòl Kominotè Mantenwa Lagonav, Haiti

Victoria Szatkowski, Deputy Director, Lambi Fund,
Supporting economic justice, democracy and sustainable development in Haiti

Mirlande Butler: Eritaj Foundation

June Levinsohn: *Literacy and Agriculture in Northern Haiti*

Jean-Patrick Lucien: Edem Foundation
Empowering Children through Sustainable Development,

Panel 7D BOOK EVENT: MEETING WITH NEW ENGLAND AUTHORS

3:20- 4:35 p.m — Room 3215

Moderator: Nadège Clitandre, UC Berkeley

Presenters: Angelucci Manigat, author, poet "20 ans de Poésie," Connecticut

Patrick Sylvain, author, poet, Massachusetts

Emmanuella Turenne, author, "Revolution 2004," New York

Emmanuel Védrine, author, poet Massachusetts

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

4:40 pm-5:40 pm. (University Dining Club) 2nd Floor

Call to order: Marie Jose N' Zengou-tayo, HSA President

Moderators: Florence Bellande Robertson, HSA Vice President

Marc Prou, HSA Executive Director

Rapporteur: Guerda Nicolas, HSA Secretary

6:30 pm. - 12:00 a.m. Ballroom A & B (Campus center, 3rd Floor)

ANNUAL BANQUET AND AWARD CEREMONY

Hosted by: Asoyasyon Fanm Ayisyen nan Boston, (AFAB)
(Association of Haitian Women in Boston)

Award for Excellence: Raoul Peck, Producer and Filmmaker (in absentia)

Award for Outstanding Service: Odette Roy-Fombrun, Educator

Special Award for Service to HSA: Gerdès Fleurant, Professor Emeritus

Mistress of Ceremony: Carole M. Berotte Joseph
H.S.A. Past President

President Mass Bay Community College, Boston

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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 Oct. 14-15, 1994	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 21 st Century Oct. 30-Nov 3, 1996	Xaragua 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, Georgia
Twelfth Annual Conference	Changing the Landscape of Education for Haitians in the new Century: Current Issues, Best Practices, and Promising Initiatives Oct 26-28, 2000	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 Vermont. Sponsored by St. Michael's College
Fourteenth Annual Conference	Communicating: Images and Realities of Haiti Oct 17-19, 2002	Université Quisqueya, Port-au-Prince, HAITI
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Sixteenth Annual Conference	Re-Discovering Haitian History : Archiving Memory to Construct Our Future October 6-8, 2004	Center for Advanced Studies of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean at University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR