The Haitian Renaissance: Exploring New Paradigms & Building on Strengths to Construct a Nation

18th Annual HSA Conference
October 5–7, 2006
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Message from the President

Welcome to the Haitian Studies Association’s 18th annual conference. When choosing a theme of Haitian renaissance, we wanted to offer a space in which to take stock of Haiti’s assets, successes, and contributions with a view to building upon those as a springboard for all concerned with Haiti’s future. In so doing, we also hope to present a more accurate and positive image of the country.

With a newly elected president and government in Haiti, we think our conference can contribute to a continued dialogue between scholars and practitioners from the Haitian Diaspora and those at home in Haiti. Many outstanding presenters have responded to our call for papers and I can guarantee that we will have a very stimulating and exciting conference. Two distinguished scholars based in Haiti will share their views respectively on politics and health issues. And two additional plenary sessions will stimulate a larger conversation on the challenges and the opportunities to shape a different future for Haiti.

I would like to express our gratitude to the University of Virginia for hosting this conference, for the generosity of its administration, numerous departments and centers. I would also like to thank the Office of the President of Mass Bay Community College, the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Boston and the Wah Gallery. Thanks to their sponsorship, the conference promises to be rich in scholarship, and in the expressions of the art, music, and culture of Haiti. I will conclude by saying thanks to the full Conference Planning Committee for its diligence in organizing this conference. A particular word of appreciation goes to the chair of the on-site committee, Professor Robert Fatton Jr, and his team for ensuring the efficient operation of the conference.

Being at the prestigious University of Virginia, the brain child of President Thomas Jefferson, is an extraordinary experience that I hope will leave an indelible impression on every participant at the conference.

Marie-José Nzengou-Tayc, Ph.D
President, Haitian Studies Association
University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica
Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2006

3:00 – 5:00 pm  HSA Board Meeting (board members only)
Carter G. Woodson Institute, Minor Hall

5:30 – 6:30 pm  Registration
Carter G. Woodson Institute, Minor Hall

6:30 – 8:30 pm  President’s Opening Reception & Art Exhibit
Breaking from Tradition: Contemporary Haitian Art, Wah Gallery
Artspace/Main Lounge, Newcomb Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006

8:00 – 8:45 am  Registration:
Main Lounge, Newcomb Hall

9:00 – 9:30 am  Opening Ceremony
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library
Karen Ryan, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Science, University of Virginia
Robert Patton Jr., Julia A. Cooper Professor, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, University of Virginia
Marie-José Nzengou-Tayo, President, Haitian Studies Association
Florence Bellande-Robertson, Vice-President, Haitian Studies Association

9:30 – 10:30 am  Opening Plenary
Les dilemmes de la démocratie en Haïti
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library
Keynote: Lassene Hubert, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, Paris, France

10:45 am – 12:00 pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 1

Session 1 – A: Dreams, Memory, and the Power of Haitian Arts to Imagine and Deconstruct
Commonwealth Room, Newcomb Hall
Chair: Lois Wicken, La Troupe Makandal, Brooklyn, NY
Panelists:
Jean Marcel Wah Jr, Painter, Studio Wah, Gaithersburg, MD
Kesler Pierre, Multi-media Artist, Gil Studio, NYC, NY
Legrace Benson, Arts of Haiti Research Project, Ithaca, NY

Session 1 – B: Immigrant Strengths: Helping Haitians Help Themselves
South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall
Chair: Guerda Nicolas, Boston College, Boston, MA
Panelists:
Angela DeSilva, Boston College, Boston, MA; The Haitian Immigrant Families: An Important Source of Strength
Mara Countinho, Boston College, Boston, MA; The Primacy of the Haitian Family: Haitian Immigrants and Emotional Self Help
Vanessa Prosper, Boston College, Boston, MA; Navigating Different Worlds: Ethnic and Racial Identity of American Born Young Adult Women with Haitian Immigrant Parents

Session 1 – C: Communicating Haiti
Byrd/Morris Room, Mary and David Harrison Library
Chair: Florence Bellande Robertson, Foundation Hope for Haiti, Inc., Delray Beach, FL
Panelists:
Aleta Stahl, Earlham College, Richmond, IN; Reading Revolution: Language Literacy, and Translation in Late St. Domingue
Thomas Spear, Lehman College and the Graduate Center, CUNY, NYC, NY; Preserving, Digitizing and Promoting Haiti’s Literary Archives
Marlene Daut, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN; The Promise of the Press: The Emergence of Print Culture in 19th Century Haiti
Session 1 – D: African Cross-Currents in the Atlantic: Race, Ethnicity & Transnational Identity?

A Roundtable Discussion
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library

Chair:
Scot A. French, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Panelists:
Melvin Butler, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Roguinaldo Ferreira, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Jalane Schmidt, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

12:00 – 1:25 pm
Lunch in town on your own (see restaurant suggestions in your folder)

1:30 – 2:45 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 2

Session 2 – A: Representing Haiti? The Media and Historical Perspectives
Commonwealth Room, Newcomb Hall

Chair:
Laura Rhodes, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Panelists:
Amy Potter, University of Kansas, Overland Park, KS; Haiti’s Identity Crisis: Representation in U.S. Newspaper Coverage
Shelley Stevens, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA; Competing Narratives in the Development of Haitian Art History
Mariana Past, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA; Contesting the Historical Record Through Narrative: Fignon’s “Mai, Toussaint L’ouverture”

Session 2 – B: Standardizing Haitian Creole? A Roundtable Discussion
South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall

Chair: Albert Valdman, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Panelists:
Emmanuel Védrine, Independent Writer, Boston, MA
Josianne Hudicourt-Barnes, TERC, Boston, MA
Marc Prou, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA

Session 2 – C: Writing Resistance: Caribbean Women in Literature
Byrd/Morris Room, Mary and David Harrison Library

Chair: Marie-José Nzengou-Taye, University to the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica

Panelists:
Ada Villeggia-Diar, Howard University, Washington, DC; Writing on Edge: Edwidge Danticat and Narrative Resistance
Régine Jean-Charles, Carter G. Woodson Center of African and African American Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; A Haitian Woman of Letters: Naming, Claiming, and Framing Marie Vieux Chauvet
Régine O. Jackson, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; The Trap of Visibility: Immigrants in Zadie Smith’s On Beauty

Session 2 – D: Health & Development? Strategies for Community Impact
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library

Chair: Claudine Michel, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

Panelists:
Robert Nicolas, AME SADA, Washington, DC
Mitsuoe Colin, AME SADA, Washington, DC; Community Impact: The AME SADA/Haiti Health Program and Economic Development
Jeannine Hatt, International Child Care USA Health and Education at Grace Children’s Hospital in Port au Prince Haiti: Connecting U.S. and Haitian Health Care Professionals
Ellen Palmer, University of Texas, Arlington School of Nursing, McKinney, TX; Thirty Five Years of Success and Impact in Health Care for Children in Haiti

3:00 – 4:45 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 3

Session 3 – A: Globalization, Foreign Aid, and Development
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library

Chair: Jayne Klein, Florida International University, Miami, FL
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Panelists:
Lumenise Gilot, IBM, Aventura, Fl; The Future Impact of the Global Integration Business Model on Third World Countries like Haiti
Mark Schuler, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA; Reconstructing the Renaissance: Impacts of International Assistance on Participation and Autonomy in Women's NGO's in Post Coup Haiti
Kevin Meehan, University of Central Florida, FL; Rural Renaissance: A Screening and Comment on Fondwa? Haiti: Planting Seeds of Hope
Marc Christophe, University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC
Brian Stephenson, OODESH CM Engineering, Baltimore, MD; The 1804 Memory Garden and Training Center? A Model for Haitian Development and a Homage to the Ancestors

Session 3–B: Translating Haitian Creole: Mediating Language Outside the Academy
Commonwealth Room, Newcomb Hall
Chair: Sharon Massingale Bell, Kent State University, Kent, OH
Panelists:
Jacques Pierre, Kent State University, Kent OH
Ginette Cédrar, Independent Translator/Interpreter, Springfield Gardens, NY
Féquiere Vilain, Educa Vision Educational Materials Publishing Group, Miami, Fl

Session 3–C: Shifting Gazes/Paradigm Shift I
South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall
Chair: Gina Athena Ulysse, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
Panelists:
Kate Ramsey, University of Miami, Miami, FL; Records of Resistance: Re-reading the 19th Century Archive on Vaudois Chantalle F. Verona, Florida International University, Miami, FL; Haiti's Second Independence: Toward a Focus on the Post-Occupation Period, 1930-1945
Brunine David, Independent Writer/Performer; Chine

Session 3–D: Educating for Change
Boyd/Morris Room, Mary and David Harrison Library
Chair: Marlene Racine Toussaint, Multicultural Women's Presence, Pembroke Pines, FL
Panelists:
Chris Low, The Matènwa Community Learning Center, La Gonave, Haiti; Circles of Change in Matènwa
Rachelle Doucet, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario; Languages, Education, et Développement Participatif en Haiti
Charlene Désir, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Culture Under Siege: The Eradication of the Haitian Consciousness in Public Schools in the United States

5:00 – 6:30 pm
Friday Afternoon Plenary
Diaspora Philanthropy: A Potential Paradigm to Support Haiti's Renaissance?
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library
Chair: Guitele Nicoleau, Public Education Network, Washington, DC
Panelists:
Tatiana Wah, New School University, NYC, NY; The Strengths and Role of the Diaspora in Haiti's Development a Theoretical and Historical Review
Florence Bellande-Robertson, Foundation Hope for Haiti, Inc., Delray Beach, FL; Philanthropy on the Ground in Haiti: Hopes and Challenges

7:00 – 8:30 pm
Cultural Event
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library
Presenter: Yves Joseph, Tabou Combo, The Evolution of Konpa

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006

8:00 – 8:55 am
Registration
Main Lounge, Newcomb Hall

9:00 – 10:30 am
Saturday Morning Plenary
What has worked in Haiti and why. The experience of les Centres GHESKIO
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library
Keynote: Jean William Pape, MD, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; Director, Les Centres GHESKIO, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
10:45 am - 12:30 pm

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS—4**

**Session 4—A: How to Teach Haiti? A Roundtable Discussion**
Commonwealth Room, Newcomb Hall
Chair: Marie-Agnès Sourieau, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT
Panelists:
Marie-José Nzengou-Tayo, University of West Indies, Mona, Jamaica
Adam M. John, Albright College, Reading, PA
Frantz Antoine Lecante, City University of New York, NY
Féquiere Vilain, Educa Vision, Inc. Coconut Creek, FL

**Session 4—B: Arts and Humanities in a Haitian Context**
South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall
Chair: Marc Prov, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA
Panelists:
Kersuze Simeon Jones, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL; Haiti’s Politico Cultural Transcript: Moving Toward National Rehabilitation
Jean Jonassaint, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY; Le Paradigme Haïtien dans les Humanités
Shelley C. Wiley, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA; The Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti: Valuing Haitian Creativity While Changing Lives

**Session 4—C: Is the State Necessary? The Transnational Experiences of Civil Society Organizations from the Diaspora with Haiti? A Roundtable Discussion**
Byrd/Morris Room, Mary and David Harrison Library
Chair: Carolle Charles, Baruch College, CUNY, NYC, NY &
American Friends Service Committee/Haitian Dialogue Experience
Panelists:
Lily Serat, HABETAC, NYC, NY
François Pierre-Louis, Queens College CUNY, NYC, NY
Régine Rene, AHDH, NYC, NY
Alice Blanchet, Former Secretary of Prime Minister Robert Malval

**Session 4—D: Shifting Gazes/Paradigm Shift II: Retelling Haiti’s Unknown**
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library
Chair: Gina Athena Ulysse, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
Panelists:
Maude Tate Citandre, University of California-Berkeley, CA; The Historical Imaginings in Myriam Chancy’s Spirit of Haiti
Greg Beckett, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; A History of Crisis or a Crisis of History? Silence and Blame in the Etiology of Haiti’s Environmental Crisis
Katia Ulysse, Independent Writer, Baltimore, MD; The Disappearance of Yvela Germain
Respondent: Sylville Fischer, New York University, NYC, NY

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Lunch, box lunches available
Main Lounge, Newcomb Hall

1:30 – 2:30 pm

**HSA Business Meeting**
Commonwealth Room, Newcomb Hall

2:45 – 4:00 pm

**Saturday Afternoon Plenary**
Prévôl Redux: Pyrrhic Victory or New Beginning?
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library
Chair: Robert Fatton Jr, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Panelists:
Alex Dupuy, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
Bob Maguire, Trinity College, Washington, DC
Kathe Klarreich, Independent Journalist, Key Biscayne, FL
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4:15 – 5:45 pm

Session 5–A: Haiti Through Political & Economic Lenses
Byrd/Morris Room, Mary and David Harrison Library
Chair: Leslie Desmangles, Trinity College, Hartford, CT
Panelists:
Karen Richman, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN; Political Transnationalism in Fits and Starts: Haitian and Mexican Cases and the Campaigns of Tomato and Frozen Food Kings
Tatiana Wah, New School University, NYC, NY; The Potentials and Challenges for Economic Organization in Haiti
Yveline Alexis, University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA; Charlemagne Péralte and the Cacou During the Early Years of The United States Occupation (1915-1919)

Session 5–B: Student Caucus – Open Session for Student Scholars
Carter G. Woodson Seminar Room, Minor Hall
Facilitators:
Barbara Neasin, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA
Nadège Tanite Citandre, University of California-Berkeley, CA
Charlene Désir, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

7:30 – 10:00 pm

Annual Banquet and Award Ceremony
Auditorium, Mary and David Harrison Library
Mistress of Ceremonies: Florence Bellande-Robertson, Vice-President, Haitian Studies Association
Award for Excellence: Yves Déjean, PhD
Presented by: Carole Berotte Joseph, President, Mass Bay Community College, Wellesley, MA
Award for Outstanding Service: Leora Rhodes, PhD
Presented by: Marie-José Nzengou-Taye, President, Haitian Studies Association

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