New Ecologies: Actualizing Global Contributions and Development in Haiti

November 12-14, 2009
Indiana University, Bloomington
The year 2009 ushered in a new phase in our global world! As always, Haitians celebrated our historic Haitian independence day on January 1st and during the same month, the world watched the first African-American male, Barrack Obama, took the Presidential Oath in the United States of America. In May, this very President applauded Haitians contributions by issuing a White House statement for Haitian Heritage Month, acknowledging our past and our present. In Haiti, we witnessed another woman, Michèle Duvivier Pierre-Louis, appointed Prime Minister, hinting at the nation's progressive tone. Recently, the MacArthur Foundation honored Edwidge Danticat, one of Haiti's proudest children, with a renowned grant for her stellar combination of Haitian history and culture in her literary work. We at H.S.A are proud as it has been a grand year! The organization celebrates its 21 years in service to Haitians at home and in the Diasporic communities.

There is no better way for us to continue our celebration than through three days of stimulating presentations and dialogues on Haitian Studies. And there is no better place for us to come to together to celebrate Haitian Studies than at the Indiana University, home of the first Haitian Creole Institute in the United States.

On behalf of the Executive Board, I welcome you to the 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE, New Ecologies: Actualizing Global Contributions and Development in Haiti. The conference's theme calls for greater collaborations between the various disciplines within Haitian Studies to continue to serve as a reflection of the Association's future. The conference planning team developed a program designed as a voyage of learning and exuberance. The various presentations will enable you to make connections between concepts and praxis and build bridges between disciplines and across boundaries. You will have access to knowledge, expertise and evidence the elements of a road map for Haiti in its journey to achieving community safety, health and well-being.

Similarly to our collective approaches as a culture, this conference would not have been possible without the dedication, passion, commitment of our H.S.A's Executive Director, Dr. Marc Prou for taking the initiative three years ago; and the onsite planning committee headed by Dr. Tatiana Wah, Dr. Charlene Désir, Dr. Albert Valdman and Ms. Wendy Hill for doing an exceptional job in planning this year's conference. Our sincere gratitude, Chapo ba, as we say in Creole to Ms. Shauna Murray, H.S.A's Administrative Assistant, the superglue who keeps things all together, not just for the annual conference but at the HSA office throughout the year! As a result of your contributions, this year's conference promises to feed your mind, nourish your soul, and enlighten your spirit. We hope that through the conference you will renew friendship and connect with new ones across disciplines.

Here is to another 20 years of continued success for H.S.A., Haitian Studies, and our devoted scholars, and all Haitianists across the globe.

Guerda Nicolas,
President of the Haitian Studies Association
Welcome to Indiana University, Bloomington and to Haitian Studies Association's 21st Annual Conference. Marking our 21st Annual Conference in the first decade of the Twenty-First Century, HSA explores the changing nature of Haitianist scholarly works across the disciplines and of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for Haiti's political, social and economic development. Appropriately entitled: “New Ecologies: Actualizing Global Contributions and Development in Haiti,” this conference at Indiana University demonstrates how today's Haitianist scholars are motivated by an extensive and broader vision, shaped by realities of Haitian livelihoods across the globe, by personal experiences, practical applications and scholarly activism. The various plenary sessions, panels and roundtable discussions cover these newer socio-ecological trends while attempting to make this annual conference ever more exiting, interactive and inclusive.

Our keynote speaker Glenn Smucker places 'New Ecologies' front and center in our discussion, presentation and actualization of global contributions and development in Haiti, serving as a reminder that our works must change and have changed to adjust to the new realities on the ground. Glenn Smucker's own scholarly work speaks volume on 'new ecologies' as it covers a number of inter-related subject matters on a fractured organizational and environmental system, ailing from social, cultural, economic, political and spatial constraints.

As our activities are essentially interdisciplinary, we have made a special attempt to cover most of the disciplines in our plenary sessions on new ecologies from the arts, humanities to the social sciences. Accordingly, our first plenary session on Friday starts us off on Haitian Scholarship across the Disciplines and Implications for Future Development. Our Saturday morning plenary session is entitled: Historical Memory, Religious Culture and Grassroots Ecologies. We close our plenary sessions on Saturday afternoon with a crucial topic – Language Ecology as the central theme. This year we have introduced two new activities, the HSA Book Launch, during our Friday Cultural evening led by Carolle Charles and François Pierre-Louis; and the Graduate Student and Emerging Scholars Breakfast on Saturday morning. These new initiatives will help strengthening the mission and vision of the organization. In addition to the panels and plenary sessions there will be a Haitian rare books and art works display in the Museum of Fine Arts. We encourage participants to visit this great collection.

HSA continues to encourage dialogues, discussions and debates on all aspects of Haitian society both at home and abroad. Furthermore, this conference seeks to illustrate for our members, guests and students an important dimension of that objective, leading the way toward addressing vital issues Haiti and Haitians face today locally, nationally, regionally and globally. The opening reception, plenary sessions, and awards dinner promise to bring us together for not-to-be-missed common experiences and create opportunities for personal connections.

This conference is made possible by the hard work of many people: our Executive Director, Marc Prou, our Administrative Assistant, Shauna Murray, led by our tireless President - Guerda Nicolas. We especially thank the local host committee at Indiana University, Professor Albert Valdman for his leadership, Ms. Wendy Hill and the student support staff. We greatly appreciate the support of all our sponsors at Indiana University.

We hope you enjoy this year's conference!

Dr. Tatiana Wah and Dr. Charlene Désir, Conference Co-Chairs
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

5:00 – 6:00 pm  Registration  
Location: Alumni Hall

6:00 – 8:00 pm  Provost’s and Presidential Reception  
Speakers:
Dr. Bradley Levinson, Director, Center for Latin America and Caribbean Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington
Dr. Karen Hanson, Provost and Executive Vice President, Indiana University, Bloomington
Dr. Guerda Nicolas, President, Haitian Studies Association  
Location: Alumni Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009

8:00 – 9:00 am  Breakfast

8:00 am– 4:30 pm  Registration  
Location: Tree Suites Common Area

9:00 – 10:30 am  OPENING CEREMONY  
Location: Whittenberger Auditorium  
Speakers:
Dr. Albert Valdman, Director, Creole Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington
Dr. Bennett Bertenthal, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University, Bloomington
Dr. Guerda Nicolas, President, Haitian Studies Association

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Chair: Dr. Tatiana Wah, Conference Co-Chair & Vice-President, Haitian Studies Association
Keynote Speaker: Glenn Smucker, Smucker Consulting, Ecological Disaster, Peasant Livelihoods and Haitian cities
10:30 – 10:45 am  
**Coffee Break**  
**Location:** Tree Suites Common Area

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

**Session 1–A: Model for Sustainable Grassroots Development**  
**Location:** Maple Room  
**Chair:** Matthew Smith, University of the West Indies, Mona  
**Panelists:**  
- Rachelle Élien and David Decieux, FRADES, *Participation et responsabilité de la jeunesse pour le développement d'Haïti: l'expérience de FRADES dans la Croix-des-Bouquets.*  
- John Mazzeo, DePaul University, Chicago and Rose Marie Chierici, SUNY Geneseo, *13 Years of Community-Based Participatory Development in Borgne, Haiti.*  
- Dale Snyder, Haiti Outreach, *Development vs. Relief for Haiti.*

**Session 1–B: Learning in the Diasporic Context**  
**Location:** Walnut Room  
**Chair:** Charlene Désir, Nova Southeastern University  
**Panelists:**  
- Lilia Santiague, Nova Southeastern University, *The College Experiences of Haitian and Haitian American Students.*  
- Benjamin Hebblethwaite, University of Florida, *Haitian Creole and Haitian Studies among Second Generation University Students.*

**Session 1–C: Haitian Family: Transnational Grassroots**  
**Location:** Sassafras Room  
**Chair:** Guerda Nicolas, University of Miami, FL  
**Panelists:**  
- Guilhène Wolff Benjamin, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, *Students’ Perspectives on Family Relationships: A Case Study of Miami Middle School Students.*  
- Sophine Joseph, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, *Have Haitian Immigrants’ Spatial Assimilation Patterns in the US Changed?*
Session 1–D: Poverty: Politics and Stability in Haiti
Chair: François Pierre Louis, CUNY Queens College, N.Y
Panelists: Oak Room

12:00 – 1:30 pm   Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 pm   CONCURRENT SESSIONS–2

Session 2–A: Roundtable-Taking Haitian Music and Dance to the Global Stage: New Directions in Research Performance
Location: Oak Room
Chair: Lois Wilcken, La Troupe Makandal
Panelists:
- Celia Weiss Bambara, University of Illinois, Chicago
- Daniel Désir, Tamboula Ethnic Dance Troupe, Chicago, IL
- Kera Washington, Brown University, Providence, RI

Session 2–B: Rethinking Haiti’s Environment: Challenges and Solutions
Location: Maple Room
Chair: Marc Prou, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Panelists:
- Crystal Andrea Felima, Cornell University, De-Constructing the Concepts of “Natural Disasters” in Haiti.
- Paul Bick, University of Illinois, Chicago, Makaya from Below: The Park Idea and the Political Ecology of Big Conservation in Southwestern Haiti"
Session 2–C: Unresolved Issues of Linguistic Variations in Haiti
Location: Sassafras Room
Chair: Anne-José Villeneuve, Indiana University, Bloomington
Panelists:
- Albert Valdman, Indiana University, Bloomington, *Une affirmation identitaire capoise à travers le créole*
- Jason F. Siegel, Indiana University, Bloomington, *Sociolinguistic Variations in Northern Haiti.*
- Marky Jean-Pierre, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, *Language and Pedagogical Practices in Haiti.*

Session 2–D: Global Implications for Technology Development
Location: Walnut Room
Chair: James Eliscar, University of Massachusetts Boston
Panelists:
- Patrick Guilbaud, Virginia Tech, *From Faculty Training to Knowledge Co-Creation: Pathways to Catalyzing World Class Technological Innovations in Haiti.*
- Yveline Alexis, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, *Marie St. Fleur: Identifying Locally, Acting Globally.*

2:45 – 3:00pm Coffee Break
Location: Tree Suites Common Area

3:00 – 4:15 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS–3

Session 3–A: Addressing Mental Health Issues in the Haitian Community: A Review of Psychological Stressors for Haitians in the Media, the Diaspora and a Model for Culturally–Specific Interventions
Location: Sassafras Room
Chair: Guerda Nicolas, University of Miami
Panelists:
- Billie Schwartz, University of Miami, *Becoming Culturally Appropriate: Adapting EBT Treatments for Haitian Clients.*
- MaríaJosé Rendon, University of Miami, *Haitian Women Images in the Media.*
- Darren Bernal, University of Miami, *Ramifications of Acculturation Stress on the Mental Health of Haitians.*
Session 3–B: Roundtable-Storming the Gates: Improving Higher Education in an Emerging Democracy
Location: Oak Room
Chair: Alix Cantave, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Panelists:
- Harry Dumay, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- Francel St. Hillien, INAGHEI, (UEH) Port-au-Prince, Haiti
- Marc Prou, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Ma
- Robert Sinclair, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Ma

Session 3–C: Ecology of Violence through Haitian Letters
Location: Maple Room
Chair: Yveline Alexis, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Panelists:
- Marion-Christina Rohrleitner, University of Texas, El Paso,
  *Testimonio, Revisionary, Historiography and Survivor’s Guilt in Edwidge Danticat’s The Farming of Bones and The Dew Breaker.*
- Marky Jean-Pierre, University of Massachusetts Amherst,
  *Coloniality, Symbolic Violence and Language Practices in Haiti.*
- Patrick Sylvain, Brown University,
  *The Ecology of Haitian Folklore and the Embedding of Violence.*

Session 3-D: Environmental Concern in Haitian Religion, Literature and Art
Location: Walnut Room
Chair: LeGrace Benson, Arts of Haiti, NY
Panelists:
- Toni-Pressley Sanon, Pennsylvania State University,
  *No Mangroves to Cross: The Making of Haiti’s Ecological Crisis in History and Literature.*
- Claire-Hélène Heese Boutin, University of Toronto,
  *An Ecological Approach to Masters of the Dew.*
- LeGrace Benson, Arts of Haiti,
  *Trees: Implications of Attitudes and Practices of people in the Arts, Religions and Agriculture for the Forests of Haiti.*
- Gerdès Fleurant, Centre Culturel Léocardie & Alexandre Kenscoff (C-CLAK),
  *A Consideration of the relationship of Vodou and the Ecosystem.*
4:30-6:00 pm  PLENARY SESSION I: Haitian Scholarship across the Disciplines and Implications for Future Development

Location: Whittenberger Auditorium
Chair: Tatiana Wah, New School, New York
Panelists:
- Michael Dash, New York University, Haitian Identity Today: The Strange Afterlife of Bovarysme.
- Claudine Michel, University of California, Santa Barbara, Beyond Revolution: Scholastic Trends and Models of Reconstruction.
- Gina Athena Ulysse, Wesleyan University, Writing, Performing and Pluralizing Haiti.

6:00pm-7:30pm  Documentary: Poto Mitan: Haitian Woman Pillars of the Global Economy
Location: Oak Room
Chair: Mark Schuller, CUNY, New York, NY
Panelists:
- Gina Athena Ulysse, Wesleyan University, CT
- Alex Dupuy, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
- Carolle Charles, CUNY Baruch, NY
- Bob Maguire, Trinity University, Washington, DC

7:30 – 8:30 pm  Cultural Evening
Location: Indiana University Art Museum

Book Launch

Entertainment: A musical performance by Solfils Telfort and his Trio
Nathan Wendte – banjo
David Tezil – drums
Diana Thomas – guitar
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

7:00 – 8:30 am  Breakfast

7:30 – 8:30 am  Graduate Students and Emerging Scholars Networking Breakfast  
Location: Frangipani Room

8:00 am – 4:30 pm  Registration  
Location: Tree Suites Common Area

8:30 – 10:00  CONCURRENT SESSIONS -4

Session 4-A: Reflections on the Ecology of the Haitian Revolution  
Location: Oak Room  
Chair: François Pierre Louis, CUNY Queens College  
Panelists:  
• Marlene Daut, Claremont Graduate University, *Eméric Bergeaud’s Romantic Vision of the Haitian Revolution*.  
• Matthew J. Smith, University of West Indies, Mona, *Colonials and “The Republic of Revolutions”: Haiti in the Imagination of Late 19th and Early 20th Century Jamaica*.

Session 4-B: Ecology of Social and Political Engagement  
Location: Sassafras Room  
Chair: Carolle Charles, CUNY Baruch  
Panelists:  
• Sandre Jean-Giles, *Femmes et économie sociale et solidaire*.  
• Lynn Marie Selby, University of Texas, Austin, *Social Structure, Social Transformation of Women in the Popular Neighborhoods: Martissant as a Case Study of Social Formation in Port-au-Prince*.  
• Mark Schuller, CUNY York, *Tout blan se blan, men tout blan pa menm: an outline of a Haitian Sociology of blan*.  
• James Eliscar, University of Massachusetts, Boston, *Food Security and Political Stability in Haiti*.

Session 4–C: Researching Haiti in the Digital Age  
Location: Maple Room  
Chair: Adam John, Albright College  
Panelists:  


### Session 4–D: Ecology of Religiosity

**Location:** Walnut Room  
**Chair:** Claudine Michel, University of California, Santa Barbara  
**Panelists:**
- Kate Ramsey, University of Miami, *Rethinking the Roman Catholic Church’s “Campagne Anti-Superstitieuse” in Haiti 1940-1942*.
- Nathan Jérémie-Brink, McCormick Theological Seminary, *"The Voice of Liberty is Sweet in Our Ears:" African American Clergy and the Image of Haiti, 1823-1827."
- Alessandra Benedicty, The City College of New York, *Between Ethics and Aesthetics: The ‘objet d’art’ in the Haitian Twentieth Century?*

#### 10:15 -12:00 pm  PLENARY SESSION II: Historical Memory, Religious Culture & Grassroots Ecologies

**Location:** Frangipani Room  
**Panel Chair:** Flore Zéphir, University of Missouri-Columbia  
**Panelists:**
- Serge Madhère, Howard University, *Local Ecology, Global Opportunities, and Generative Knowledge in Haiti*.

**Lunch**

#### 1:15 - 2:30 pm  PLENARY SESSION III: Haiti’s Political Economy: The Domestic External Nexus

**Location:** Frangipani Room  
**Chair:** Leslie Desmangles, Trinity College, Hartford, CT  
**Panelists:**
- Robert Fatton Jr., University of Virginia, VA
• Alex Dupuy, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
• Bob Maguire, Trinity University, Washington, DC

2:30 – 2:45 pm  Coffee Break
Location: Tree Suites Common Area

2:45 – 4:00 pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS–5

Session 5–A: Ecology of Cultural and Artistic Expressions
Location: Sassafras Room
Chair: LeGrace Benson, Arts of Haiti, NY
Participants:
• Jana Braziel, University of Cincinnati, *Grand Rue Gallerie: Street Sculpture, Urban Environmentalism and New Ecologies of Haitian Art.*
• Yanique Hume, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, *From Bush to Street: The Shifting Performance Geography of Haitian Rara and Cuban Gaga.*

Session 5–B: Roundtable-Haiti Today: Study Abroad Reflections
Location: Maple Room
Chair: Alix Cantave, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Panelists:
• CJ Lotz, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
• Dionissi Aliprantis, University of Pennsylvania, PA
• Alison Joersz, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
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• Laurie Williams, Independent Scholar, Washington, DC
• Evan Jose, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
• David Adams, Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland

Session 5–C: Ecologie et énergie renouvelable: Haiti en vert
Location: Oak Room
Chair: Tatiana Wah, New School, New York
Panelists:
• Dieulermesson Petit-Frère, Université d'Etat d'Haiti, *Sauver l'environnement d’Haiti: Comment et quoi faire?*
• Yves Voltaire, Université Publique du SUD Aux Cayes, *Université haitienne et reconstruction de l'environnement.*
• Joaneson Lacour, Université de Lyon, *Méthanisation de d’échets agricoles: Source d’énergie alternative pour les populations marginales d’Haïti.*

Session 5-D: Navigating Scholarship: Student and Emerging Scholars Forum  
**Location:** Walnut Room  
**Discussion Facilitators:** Charlene Désir and Lilia Santiague, Nova Southeastern University  

**4:15 – 5:30 pm** PLENARY SESSION IV: Language Ecology  
**Location:** Frangipani Room  
**Panel Chair:** Albert Valdman, Indiana University, Bloomington  
**Panelists:**  
• Suze Mathieu, Bureau D’Ethnologie,(UEH),Haiti, *Ki plas pou lang franse a ann Ayiti jodi a?*  
• Robert Chaudenson, Université de Provence (Aix-Marseille I), *Créole et français en Haïti : parenté, concurrence, complémentarité.*

**5:30 – 6:30 pm** BUSINESS MEETING of the Haitian Studies Association  
**Location:** Frangipani Room  
Open to All conference participants  
Election for HSA Board Membership

**8:00 PM** ANNUAL BANQUET & AWARD CEREMONY  
**Location:** Neal Marshall Black Cultural Center  

**Mistress of Ceremonies:** Dr. Guerda Nicolas, President, HSA  

**Introduction of Presenters:** Dr. Marc Prou, Executive Director, HSA  

**Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence:** Dr. Albert Valdman  
**Presented by:** Dr. Flore Zéphir, University of Missouri-Columbia

**Award for Service:** *FONDASYON KOLE ZEPÔL aka FONKOZE*  
**Accepted by:** Nicole Muller Cesar, Director of Health, and Katleen Felix, Diaspora Liaison  
**Presented by:** Dr. Tatiana Wah, Vice-President, HSA

**Special Recognition for the Haitian Studies Association Founders**
Albert Valdman (PhD Cornell) is Rudy Professor Emeritus of French and Italian and of Linguistics at Indiana University and director of the Creole Institute. He has also taught at Harvard, the University of the West Indies, and the University of Nice. At Indiana, he served as chairman of the department of linguistics, directed the basic French program and three summer institutes for Haitian Creole bilingual teachers. He has held Guggenheim, NATO-NSF, Fulbright, and Senior Fulbright Research fellowships; he was named Commandeur dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques of France and to the Ordre des francophones d'Amérique by the government of Quebec and holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Neuchâtel.


Professor Albert Valdman served as secretary-treasurer of the American Association for Applied Linguistics, as president of the International Association of Applied Linguistics and of the American Association of Teachers of French, and as vice-president of the Comité international des études créoles.
Recipient: Fondasyon Kole Zepòl (aka) FONKOZE

Accepted by: Nicole Muller Cesar, Director of Health, and Kateen Felix, Diaspora Liaison

Fonkoze is Haiti’s alternative bank for the organized poor. Founded in 1994 by Fr. Joseph Philippe, a Spiritan priest, it is now the largest microfinance institution (MFI) in Haiti, with 41 branches and a staff of over 750 full-time employees. It has a 15-year track record of success in providing financial and educational services to rural women who live below the poverty line. Fonkoze's clients currently have over 190,000 savings accounts, and the institution has more than 50000 borrowers, 98% of whom are poor women.

Fonkoze has a broad mission: to build the foundations for democracy in Haiti by democratizing the Haitian economy. Its strategic vision is more focused, but no less ambitious, encompassing the following three goals:

1. to provide poor, rural women the tools – financial and educational – that they need to lift their families out of poverty,
2. to prove that it is possible to eliminate extreme poverty in Haiti,
3. to help poor Haitian women organize themselves to participate in the struggle for sustainable development and democratic governance in Haiti.

The heart of Fonkoze's strategy for transforming Haiti is the transformation it works for in its members. Fonkoze accompanies the women who turn to it as they develop into leaders in their communities. It gives them the financial tools they need to establish their self-reliance along with the training they need to make good use of those tools, it helps them develop the spirit of leadership and collaboration through educational programs designed to help them teach one another, and it nurtures solidarity among them by structuring both credit and educational services to encourage them to turn first to one another for support.
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We at the Haitian Studies Association (H.S.A) cannot miss this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation and to congratulate her for this prestigious 'Genius Award' since she was the recipient of HSA's 2007 Award of Excellence.
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