23rd Annual Conference of
THE HAITIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Haiti at the Intersection of the Caribbean:
Tracing the Past, Mapping the Future

VENUE:
The University of the West Indies, Mona
Faculty of Humanities and Education
November 10-12, 2011
Welcome to the Haitian Studies Association’s 23rd annual conference and The University of the West Indies, (UWI), Mona campus. This year’s conference in Jamaica marks the first time in the association’s history that we are meeting in the English-speaking Caribbean.

Far too often the centuries of deep associations among the islands of the Caribbean are minimized. Yet these relationships endure differences of language, colonial history, and post-colonial experience. Haiti is pivotal to discussions of the Caribbean’s past and future. As one of Haiti’s closest neighbors, Jamaica has been connected with major developments in Haiti: from the leadership of the Jamaican-born Boukman Duty early in the Haitian Revolution, to the assistance to Haiti in the wake of the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010.

The theme this year, “Haiti at the Intersection of the Caribbean: Tracing the Past, Mapping the Future,” places the relationship between Haiti and its regional neighbors front and center. Our esteemed keynote speaker is Ambassador Reginald Dumas, author, diplomat, and former UN Special Adviser to Haiti. Through his lectures, writings, and charity, Ambassador Dumas has been a leading voice for Haiti in his native Trinidad and Tobago. We are honored to have him speak at the conference this year.

Our plenary sessions place Haitian studies in active dialogue with Caribbean studies. Each session features a unique mix of noted scholars and writers of Haiti and those of the Anglophone Caribbean, on issues of great relevance to the region: governance, education, and recovery from traumatic events. This conversation across disciplines and regions will continue throughout the conference. We are also proud to continue our celebration of the recent achievements of our members with the annual Book Launch.

With presenters from North America, Latin America, Europe, and Africa, and many first-time participants from the Caribbean, this year’s conference will showcase the diversity of Haitian studies while reminding us of the role of the Caribbean in it.

I would like to thank our host, the UWI-Mona campus and Principal Gordon V. Shirley for enthusiastic support. My deep gratitude to the local organizing committee and its chairs, HSA past-president, Dr. Marie-José Nzengou-Tayo, and Mrs. Annette Insanally, for their impressive work with the conference arrangements. I also thank the Executive Director, Marc Prou and members of the HSA Board for their input and support. Our hard-working Executive Assistant, Ms. Shauna Murray, deserves a special note of appreciation for her work on the conference and her years of service and dedication to HSA.

Enjoy the conference, the campus, and Jamaica.

One heart,

Matthew J. Smith
President
A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Onè! Respè!

M ap swete tout patisipan Byenweni nan 23zyèm konferans anyèl Asosyasyon Etid Ayisyen nan vil Kinston, Jamayik.

First, let me offer my special THANKS to the local onsite committee at UWI for organizing such a magnificent conference on this splendid campus in the heart of the Caribbean. The history of the Mona Campus is a fascinating one. I firmly believe that it is in itself a history lesson that all Caribbean independent island-nations could learn from. I hope that all of you who are visiting for the first time will have a chance to learn about the campus and also to reflect upon its history during the next three days, and even after you return home.

The twenty-third (23rd) Annual Conference of the Haitian Studies Association seeks to promote, among and between Caribbean nationals and expatriates, exchanges of ideas, experiences, and applied research and practices that have proven beneficial to the well-being of Haiti in the wider Caribbean and for Haiti’s friends and neighbors throughout the Americas.

Twenty-two months (exactly 670 days) following the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that devastated the island-nation of Haiti, the country is slowly recovering. Recent visits by many reveal the multifaceted challenges many Haitians and their families continue to face daily. Several thousand families are lingering in tent cities scattered all across the country’s public parks and vacant lands. The lack of potable water, scarcity of school buildings, dilapidated churches, and inaccessible roads filled with rubble and debris are visible in the capital city of Port-au-Prince as well as neighboring towns. The symbol of the State apparatus, le Palais National, remains a visible reminder of inefficiency on the part of the local government and its international pledges of support. Implementing relevant sustainable programs and measuring the effectiveness of short-term foreign sponsored projects are critical steps in the pursuit of quality of life for millions of Haitians and their families. Toward that end, the 23rd Annual Conference, “Haiti at the Intersection of the Caribbean: Tracing the Past, Mapping the Future,” will create an international and intra-Caribbean context within which to explore how various actions during the past 670 days have contributed to the improvement (or lack thereof) of the social and cultural life, political stability, and economic outcomes in Haiti. One may ponder, are Haitians better off or worse off at the moment? There is no simple answer to this problematic question. It depends on who you ask, and the answers will vary based on where one stands. And where one stands on that question depends on where one sits, which of course rests on the person’s political, economic and social positioning.

We are convinced that government action alone cannot—and should not—replace strong and effective governance by distinct civic organizations and the constant vigilance of our own community and civil society. Many of us at HSA have spent the past 22 months working with several individuals and organizations on the ground and in the Diaspora to examine how we might advance ideas and contribute in tangible ways to the re-building of Haiti’s vital institutions. The result of our efforts remains incomplete!
At this 23rd Annual Conference at UWI and in Kingston, Jamaica, we invite and encourage each and every participant to carefully examine the lessons we can learn from our Caribbean sister-nation(s), and also determine how best we can apply these lessons to our own operations and interactions with Haiti. We hope that these lessons can help individuals, government institutions, non-governmental organizations, and associations as they continue to reach for the highest standards of governance, and ethical practices that the communities we serve expect and deserve.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Secretariat, I confidently state that we are delighted for your presence and participation in the various panels, roundtables, and plenary sessions designed to highlight model programs, theoretical paradigms, and best practices in the field of Haitian Studies from multidisciplinary and trans-disciplinary perspectives. HSA is proud to disseminate the proceedings of its conferences, compiled by Professor LeGrace Benson, and invite you to submit your papers to our refereed Journal of Haitian Studies (JOHS), edited by Professor Claudine Michel. Both venues are part of our multi-format archival resources made available to the public. These publications include papers on various topics from many disciplines that scholars, policymakers, and practitioners are free to use in both their research or applied work.

We are very pleased to have former Ambassador Reginald Dumas as our Keynote speaker. His dedication to serving many Caribbean nations and his important contribution to CARICOM, particularly in helping Haiti with finding ways to strengthen governance, transparency, and ethical standards, makes him an ideal recipient for this year’s HSA annual Award for Service. We are also delighted to acknowledge the work of Ms. Yanick Lahens, a writer, literary critic, and educator for her numerous publications and contributions to Haitian literary studies. It is an honor to bestow upon her the HSA’s annual Award for Excellence. These two exceptional individuals, you all will agree, deserve such recognition!

We are grateful to all our sponsoring institutions, organizations, and individuals for their support and salute those who donated resources to allow scholars and deserving students coming from Haiti and the diaspora to attend the conference.

Last but not least, I want to express my heartfelt GRATITUDE to Shauna Murray, for her unwavering support and relentless work in advancing this organization. Much of the daily activities would not have been possible without her sound commitment. Shauna, Chapo ba! Hats off! Finally, I am indebted to the many Board members who over the past two decades have shared their guidance and have so generously supported the work of this research and academic project, namely the Haitian Studies Association (HSA).

I look forward to seeing you next year in the (Big Apple) New York City, at York College (CUNY) on November 8-10, 2012, for the 24th Annual conference.

Si Bondye vle! God’s willing; you will join us for our Silver Anniversary Celebration in 2013. Stay tuned!

Thank you – Mèsi anpil – Gracias – Merci

Dr. Marc Prou, Executive Director
On behalf of the onsite organizing committee, we are pleased to welcome you all to The University of the West Indies-Mona in Jamaica. We have put in place all the necessary amenities to make your experience at our campus an enjoyable and exciting one. All events are concentrated in the Faculty of Humanities and Education to facilitate movement from one room to another. However, we hope that you will take time to tour our campus which is a Jamaican Heritage site, combining modern constructions with remnants of the plantation days. We look forward to a successful conference and fruitful exchanges during these three days in Jamaica.

Annette Insanally  
Marie-José Nzenzou-Tayo  
On-Site Committee Co-Chairs

We are honored to welcome new and returning HSA conference attendees to the 23rd Annual Conference—Haiti at the Intersection of the Caribbean: Tracing the Past, Mapping the Future. Being hosted by the UWI Mona community has not only allowed for a unique exchange of ideas but also provided a means to extend the lens of Haiti to the wider Caribbean context. We specifically encourage you to attend the plenary sessions that encompass intercultural dialogues among scholars from Haiti, the United States, and Jamaica. These sessions will challenge established thinking and push you to re-imagine notions of interdependency, governance, education and healing in Haiti and in the Caribbean as a whole.

Traditionally, one of the high points of the conference has been the Student and Emerging Scholars Breakfast. We invite students, junior scholars, and senior scholars to this breakfast as a bridge to exchange ideas advancing the future of Haitian Studies. We would also like to extend a very special thank you to Patti Marxsen for organizing the book launch showcasing recent publications on Haitian scholarship from the U.S., Haiti, Jamaica and Cuba. Last but not least, we must acknowledge the onsite organizing committee for their tremendous support leading to the success of this conference. We invite all of you to enjoy the conference and to continue exploring the interconnections of Haitian scholarship with the larger Caribbean academic community. We look forward to welcoming you in New York next November.

Charlene Désir  
Claudine Michel  
Co Vice Presidents  
Haitian Studies Association
PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011

6:00 p.m. Public lecture by Professor Claudine Michel, University of California, Santa Barbara, “Haiti: Inequities and Reconstruction,” Multifunctional Room, UWI Main Library

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011

5:00-6:00 pm Registration
Location: Patio, Mona Visitors’ Lodge and Conference Centre

6:00-8:00 pm Presidential Reception
Location: The Ruins, Mona Visitors’ Lodge and Conference Centre
Speakers:
- Professor Gordon Shirley, Principal, The University of the West Indies, Mona
- Dr. Marc Prou, Executive Director of the Haitian Studies Association
- Dr. Matthew Smith, President of the Haitian Studies Association

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011

8:30 am- 4:30 pm Registration
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education - N2

9:00-10:30 am OPENING CEREMONY
Location: Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)
Mistress of Ceremonies: Dr. Marie-José Nzengou-Tayo, Conference Co-Chair
Greetings by:
- Professor Nigel Harris, Vice-Chancellor of The University of the West Indies
- Professor the Honourable Gordon Shirley, P.V.C. and Principal, The University of the West Indies, Mona
- Professor Waibinte Wariboko, Acting Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education, The University of the West Indies, Mona

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Introduction: Dr. Matthew Smith, President of the Haitian Studies Association
Keynote Speaker: Ambassador Reginald Dumas, Former Special Adviser on Haiti to Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan
Haiti at the Intersection of the World: Tapping the Past, Facing the Future

Vote of Thanks: Annette Insanally, Conference Co-Chair
10:30-10:45 am  Coffee Break  
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education - N2

10:55 am-12:10 pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 1

Session 1-A: ROUNDTABLE: Enabling Participatory Development—Amplifying Voices of Ordinary Haitian People through Local and Regional Media  
Location: Education Building, SLT 2-B  
Chair: Jan Voordouw, Panos Caribbean  
Panelists:  
- Indi Melymont Lafayette, Panos Caribbean  
- Jean Claude Louis, Panos Caribbean  
- Dawn Marie Roper, Panos Caribbean

Session 1-B: Translation and Kreyòl in the Caribbean Context  
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O1  
Chair: Carolyn Shread, Mount Holyoke College  
Panelists:  
- Dieuermesson Petit-Frère, Université des Antilles et de la Guyane  
  *Formes, imaginaire, et réalisme dans Les Rapaces de Marie Chauvet: Entre traduction et réécriture*  
- Jacques Pierre, Duke University  
  *Bridging the Linguistic Gap between Monolingual and Bilingual Haitians through Translation*  
- Frenand Léger, University of Toronto  
  *La langue et la culture haitienne dans l’espace caraïbe*

Session 1-C: Remembering and Testifying: A Look at Post-Earthquake Responses in Haiti  
Location: Education Building, SLT 2-A  
Chair: Sophonie Joseph, Columbia University  
Panelists:  
- Jeremy Popkin, University of Kentucky  
  *Narrating Catastrophe: Haitian Authors’ Responses to the January 2010 Earthquake*  
- Claire Payton, New York University  
  *The Haiti Memory Project and the Activist Historian*  
- Valerie Kaussen, University of Missouri-Columbia  
  *Taking Testimony/Giving Voice: Neoliberal Citizenship and Representation in Post-Disaster Haiti*  
- Lynn Selby, University of Texas-Austin  
  *A Lost Year: Re-centering Haitian Experiences in the Telling of the Earthquake’s Aftermath*
Session 1-D: From Saint-Domingue to Haiti: The Roads to Freedom and Thereafter  

Location: Education Building, SLT  
Chair: Marie-Agnès Sourieau, Fairfield University  
Panelists:  
- Nathalie Pierre, New York University  
  *Bartering Sovereignty: Haitian Indemnity and Spanish Haiti, 1820-1838*  
- Anne Eller, New York University  
  *Roots and Branches of the Tree of Liberty: Rebellious Santo Domingo and Haiti 1861-1865*  
- Clinton Hutton, The University of the West Indies-Mona  
  *Toussaint Liberated His Countrymen–Washington Imprisoned a Portion of His: The Haitian Revolution and the Articulation of Modernism Philosophy*  
- Wigmoore Francis, The University of the West Indies-Mona  
  *Early Black Nationalism and the Continued Silencing of Haiti*

Session 1-E: The Politics of Power in Post-Earthquake Haiti: What Does the Future Hold?  

Location: Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)  
Chair: Leslie Desmangles, Trinity College  
Panelists:  
- Alex Dupuy, Wesleyan University  
  *Class, Power, Sovereignty: Haiti Before and After the Earthquake*  
- Robert Fatton, University of Virginia  
  *From President of Kompa to President of the Republic*  
- Robert Maguire, George Washington University  
  *U.S. Support for Post-Earthquake Recovery and Development: Smooth Sailing or Rough Seas?*

12:10-1:30 pm Lunch
1:30-2:45 pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 2

Session 2-A: Challenges and Opportunities in Redesigning Higher Education in Haiti

**Location:** Faculty of Humanities and Education – Room O1

**Chair:** François Pierre-Louis, Queens College, CUNY

**Panelists:**
- Jean F. Claude, New York City College of Technology
  *The Future of Hospitality/Tourism Education in Haiti*
- Yves Voltaire, Université Publique du Sud aux Cayes
  *Disrupting University in Post-Earthquake Haiti: a Theoretical Framework*
- Lourdy Dorismond, Université Publique de l’Artibonite aux Gonaïves
  *Making the Université Publique de l’Artibonite aux Gonaïves (UPAG) relevant to the Artibonite Region*
- Fénol Méttellus, Université Publique du Nord au Cap Haitien
  *The Challenges of Implementing the Vision and Mission of the Université Publique du Nord au Cap-Haitien (UPNCH) after the January 12, 2010 Earthquake.*
- Josiane Hudicourt-Barnes, FOKAL
  *Creating Successful Models for Collaboration Between the University Communities*

Session 2-B: Beyond Traditional Development Models: The Role of Indigenous Philanthropy, Social Entrepreneurship, and Private Sector Engagement in Supporting Haiti’s Development

**Location:** Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)

**Chair:** Alix Cantave, University of Massachusetts Boston

**Panelists:**
- Katleen Felix, Fonkoze
- Léonie Hermantin, Lambi Fund
- Guitèle Nicoleau, USAID/Basic Education Project-Senegal

Session 2-C: Literature of Reconstruction

**Location:** Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O2

**Chair:** Adam John, Albright College

**Panelists:**
- Jason Herbeck, Boise State University
  *Literature of Reconstruction: An Architectural Assessment of Post-Earthquake Haiti*
- John Walsh, College of Charleston
  *Rebuilding Ruins: Kettly Mars’s Saisons sauvages*
- Nadève Ménard, Université d’Etat d’Haïti
  *Post-Earthquake Haitian Literary Practices*
Session 2-D: Haiti-Dominican Republic: Language, Myths, and Solidarity
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O3
Chair: Charlene Désir, Nova Southeastern University
Panelists:
- Tess Kulstad, University of Florida, Gainesville
  *Post-Earthquake Fosterage of Children on the Haitian Dominican Border.*
- Kiran Jayaram, Columbia University
  *Bay Bwelt Sendomeng: Use of Haitian Créole in Santo Domingo, DR*
- Kyrah Daniels, Harvard University
  *Langawon, Myth-Making, and Religious Hauntings of Haiti’s 1937 Massacre*

Session 2-E: Haiti in the Hemisphere: Convergences, Solidarity and Silence
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O4
Chair: Yveline Alexis, Rutgers University
Panelists:
- Millery Polyné, New York University
  *A New Normal: Newness in Haitian History, Development, and Hemispheric Affairs*
- Wein Weibert Arthus, Université Paris-Panthéon-Sorbonne
  *La turbulente Caraïbe: Trujillo, Duvalier, Castro, et Betancourt en 1960*
- Grace Saunders, University of Michigan
  **Recipient of the HSA Emerging Scholar Award**
  *Despite the Distance, Common Feelings Connect Our Hearts: Haitian, Caribbean, and African-American Women’s Feminist Alliances, 1934-50*
- Joelle Vitiello, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota
  *Gérald Bloncourt, René Depestre, Gérard Chenet: From the 1946 Revolution to Post-Earthquake Solidarity*

2:55-4:10 pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 3

Session 3-A: ROUNDTABLE: Turning our Heads to Haiti: The UWI Haiti Initiative and its Implications for Regional Development
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O1
Chair: Matthew Smith, The University of the West Indies, Mona
Panelists:
- Sharan Singh, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine
- Clement Imbert, The University of the West Indies, Mona,
- Claremont Kirton, The University of the West Indies, Mona
Session 3-B: ROUNDTABLE: Vodou Approaches to Healing, Education, and Reconstruction
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O2
Chair: Elizabeth McAlister, Wesleyan University
Panelists:
- Florence Bellande-Roberston, Foundation Hope for Haiti
- Lois Wilcken, Troupe Makandal
- Charlene Désir, Nova Southeastern University
- Leslie Desmangles, Trinity College

Session 3-C: Unfinished Business of Haiti’s Relief and Reconstruction
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O3
Chair: Carolle Charles, Baruch College, CUNY
Panelists:
- Mark Schuller, York College, CUNY
  *Building Walls, Tearing Down Tents: Impacts of Official Aid on Haiti’s Civic Infrastructure.*
- Loretta Pyles, University of Albany, SUNY, and Christophe Rodrigue, Josué André, and Gilnette Charles, SEKONAPA
  *Resisting Supply-Driven Approaches to Disaster Recovery and Development through Participatory Action Research in Rural Haiti*
- Jan Worlein, Freie Universität, Berlin
  *Conflicting Knowledge: A History of Entanglements of Haitian Disaster Management*

Session 3-D: Haiti, Cuba, the Bahamas, and the Caribbean: Connecting the Dots
Location: Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)
Chair: Leara Rhodes, University of Georgia, Athens
Panelists:
- Manoucheka Celeste, University of South Florida
  *Negotiating Media Representations and Cultural Icons: Haitian and Cuban Group Identity.*
- Ian Bethell Bennett, College of the Bahamas
  *On Belonging: The Present and Future of Haitians in the Bahamas*
- Ian Gregory Strachan, College of the Bahamas
  *Intimate Enemies: The Haitian Immigrant Experience in Bahamian Art*
- Patricia Bingue, Voices of Culture
  *The Haitian Influence in the Caribbean – Connecting the Dots…*
Session 3-E: Environmental Issues in Haiti: Solutions to Some Identified Challenges

Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O4
Chair: Marie Lourdes Elgirus, MassBay Community College

Panelists:
- Claudel Noel, The University of the West Indies, Mona
  The Solid Waste Management System in the PAP Metropolitan Area of Haiti
- James Eliscar, Independent Scholar
  Rethinking the Environment in Haiti in the Post-Earthquake Era
- Scott Freeman, Columbia University
  Expensive Oils and Shifting Soils: Examining the Social Context of the Vetiver Plant in Southwest Haiti

4:10-4:25 pm  Coffee Break
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education - N2

4:30-5:45 pm  Plenary Session I: Democracy and Governance in the Caribbean
Location: Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)
Chair: Carolle Charles, Baruch College, CUNY
- Robert Fatton, University of Virginia
  From ‘Sweet Micky, Prezidan Kompa’ to Michel Joseph Martelly, President of the Republic: Politics Under Surveillance
- François Pierre-Louis, Queens College, CUNY
  Haiti: Elections, Cholera, and the International Community
- Brian Meeks, The University of the West Indies, Mona
  Sovereignty without Democracy; Democracy without Sovereignty: Paradoxes of the Independence Experience of Small Caribbean States
- Rupert Lewis, The University of the West Indies, Mona
  Reflections on Governance and Caribbean Social Movements

6:00-7:30 pm  Book Launch: New Books by H.S.A. Members
Location: Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)

Books Scheduled for Presentation:
Fixing Haiti: MINUSTAH and Beyond, Jorge Heine and Andrew S. Thompson, Eds.
Geographies of the Haitian Diaspora, Regine O. Jackson, Editor
Aunt Résia and the Spirits and Other Stories, Yanick Lahens. Trans. by Betty Wilson
Écrits d’Haiti: Perspectives sur la littérature haïtienne contemporaine (1986-2006), Nadève Ménard
Haiti Rising: Haitian History, Culture, and the Earthquake of 2010, Martin Munro, Editor
The Spirits and the Law: Vodou and Power in Haiti, Kate Ramsey

Special Presentation: Meditation on Experience
Reading from The Dance of Life: Poems for the Spirit, Dr. Barbara Paul-Emile, Goldman Professor of Arts & Sciences & Professor of English Bentley University, Waltham, MA; accompanied by Dr. Serge Paul-Emile on flute.
About: This selection of illustrative poems and musical compositions bears a mystical cast and focuses on the challenges, paradoxes, and epiphanies of the mythic journey that is life. This evocative and moving presentation calls us to remember, to create the mosaic that binds past and present, and to become aware of the historical and cultural influences that test our mettle and challenge our souls.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011

8:30 am-4:30 pm  Registration
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room N2

9:00-10:15 am  Emerging Scholars Breakfast
Location: Pages Café on the Deck

9:00-10:15 am  CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 4

Session 4-A: Planting Hope: Rural Initiatives and Gender Politics in Haiti
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O3
Chair: Elizabeth Wilson, The University of the West Indies, Mona
Panelists:
- Randy Mont-Reynaud and Elisée Abraham, If Pigs Could Fly- Haiti
  *What Woman Wants (God Wants): Voices from the Mountains of Haiti*
- Dionissi Aliprantis, INURED
  *Community-Based Well Maintenance in Rural Haiti*
- Jessica Hsu, California Institute of Integral Studies
  *Illuminations of Rural Haiti: Labor, Gender, and Rights*
- Aldrie Henry-Lee, The University of the West Indies, Mona
  *Social Risk Management in Haiti*

KOSANBA  Session 4-B: Vodou Visions to Tracing the Past, Death and the Future
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O1
Chair: Marlène Racine-Toussaint, Multicultural Women’s Presence
Panelists:
- Kate Ramsey, University of Miami
  *African-Based Ritual Practice, Mesmerism, and Science in Late Colonial Saint-Domingue*
- LeGrace Benson, Arts of Haiti Project
  *The Role of Vodou Gede as Healers and Rebuilders*
- Claudine Michel, University of California, Santa Barbara & Patrick Bellegarde-Smith, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
  *On Death and Dying, and Ancestors*
- Lois Wilcken, Troupe Makandal
  *Voye Rele Banda Pou Mwen: The Musical Evolution of Gede in Ayiti*
Session 4-C: A Repertoire of Resistance: The Politics of Music in Haitian Life
Location: Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)
Chair: Melvin Butler, University of Chicago
Panelists:
- Patrick Sylvain, Brown University
  Rebel Space: Bob Marley at the Haitian Musical Crossroads
- Kevin Mason, University of Miami
  Musical Mobilization in Haiti: Jean-Michel Daudier's "Le m Pa Wè Soley La" and the overthrow of Jean-Claude Duvalier
- Rebecca Dirksen, University of California, Los Angeles
  Haitian Composer-Pianists Lina Mathon Blanchet and Carmen Brouard: Forgotten Grandes Dames of Haitian Folklore and Visionary Leaders of the Avant-Garde

Session 4-D: Seeking Help from Within and Without: Community Reponse in the Wake of Disaster
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room N4
Chair: Guerda Nicolas, University of Miami
Panelists:
- Billie Schwartz and Darren Bernal, University of Miami
  Help Seeking Behavior of the Haitian Diaspora in the Wake of Disaster
- Anna Wheatley, University of Miami
  “Nan mo nou” – An Indigenous Approach to Symptom Expression and Mental Health
- Casta Guillaume, University of Miami
  Recipient of the HSA Emerging Scholar Award
  The Guiding Principles of Implementing a Mental Health Capacity Program Internationally: Focus on Haiti

Session 4-E: From 1859 to Date: Literary Representations of Haitian Politics and Society
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O2
Chair: Marie-José Nzengou-Tayo, The University of the West Indies, Mona
Panelists:
- Antoinette Sol, University of Texas-Arlington
  Politics of Domination: Representing Haiti in French Women’s Novels of the 1820s
- Françoise Cévaër, The University of the West Indies-Mona
  Crimes d'états et états de crimes: Réflexions sur l'histoire haïtienne dans les romans noirs de Nick Stone
- Réjine Joseph, Emmanuel College
  Contextualizing Marie Vieux-Chauvet’s Fille d’Haiti (1954)
- Lesley Curtis, University of New Hampshire
  Defending the Past and Defining the Future in Emeric Bergaud’s Stella (1859)
10:15-10:30 am  Coffee Break  
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room N2

10:35-12:00 pm  Plenary Session II: Cultures of Education: Youth and Development  
Location: Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)  
Chair: Charlene Désir, Vice-President, Haitian Studies Association  
Panelists:  
- Carl Campbell, The University of the West Indies, Mona  
  Education in Haiti in Caribbean Perspectives  
- Jocelyne Trouillot, Université Caraïbe  
  Haitian Higher Education System Faces New Challenges  
- Ronald Jean-Jacques, Université d’État Haiti  
  Necessary Reform of the UEH and the Higher Education System in Haiti  
- Velma Pollard, The University of the West Indies, Mona  
  Two Languages: A Dilemma for Jamaican Youth

12:00-1:30 pm  Lunch

1:30-2:45 pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS – 5  
Session 5-A: Refondements: Gender, Hauntings, and Oral and Scriptorial History in Contemporary Haitian Women's Writings  
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room N4  
Chair: Irline François, Goucher College  
Panelists:  
- Johanna Garvey, Fairfield University  
  Words to Heal the Wounds: Amnesia and Silence as Testimony in Contemporary Haitian Women’s Fiction  
- Sarah Davies Cordova, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
  Face-à-face et revers de situation: Doter la mémoire pour confronter les sous-silences des Duvalier chez M.C. Aignant, E. Danticat, K. Mars, et E. Trouillot  
- Irline François, Goucher College  
  Témoignages, cris, et refondement dans Failles de Yanick Labens
Session 5-B: Geographies of the Haitian Diaspora

Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room N3

Chair: Regine Jackson, Emory University

Panelists:

- Regine O. Jackson, Emory University
  *The Uses of Diaspora Among Haitians in Boston*
- Elizabeth McAlister, Wesleyan University
  *Listening for Geographies: Music as Sonic Compass Pointing Towards African and Christian Diasporic Horizons in the Caribbean*
- Yanique Hume, The University of the West Indies-Cave Hill
  *On the Margins: The Emergence of a Haitian Diasporic Enclave in Eastern Cuba*
- Fabienne Doucet, New York University
  *The Reproduction of Color and Class Hierarchies in Haitian Bilingual Classrooms*
- Chantalle F. Verna, Florida International University
  *Haitian Migration and Community-Building in Southeastern Michigan*

Session 5-C: Tradition vs. Innovation: Public Health and Human Rights in Haiti

Location: Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)

Chair: Patti Marxsen, Independent Writer

Panelists:

- Ellora Derenoncourt, London School of Economics and Political Science
  *The Crowding Out of Public Health Facilities in Post-Earthquake Haiti*
- Michael Koster and Elizabeth Gilbert, Brown University
  *Creation of a Pediatric Medical Student Rotation in Haiti: International Cross-Institution Collaborations and Health System Strengthening*
- Marie-Sabine Thomas, Bastyr University
  *Perspectives on Traditional and Natural Healthcare in Haiti*
- Norly German, University of Rhode Island
  *When Taking a Step Back Is a Move Forward: Implementing a Program of Home Health Care in Haiti*
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Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O3
Chair: Alison Désir, Columbia University
Panelists:
- Debra DiNola, University of Phoenix and Marlene Steinwart, Valparaiso University
  *The New Age of Technology and Global Leadership: How Haiti's Innovative Millennial Generation Helped Save Lives One-Click-at-a-Time*
- Marc Prou, University of Massachusetts Boston
  *A Way of Thinking about Educational Reform in Haiti*
- Bob Sinclair, University of Massachusetts Amherst
  *Public Education in an Evolving Democracy: Collective Concerns for School*
- Annette Insanally, The University of the West Indies, Mona
  *Initiatives and Challenges in the Caribbean Region: Lessons Learned*

Session 5-E: Reconstruction of Haiti from Rhetoric to Action:
International Aid, Foreign Affairs and Research
Location: Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room O2
Chair: Jennifer Greenburg, University of California, Berkeley
Panelists:
- Marc Cohen, Oxfam America
  *Rebati Lavi: Effectiveness, Accountability, and Equity in the Reconstruction of Haiti*
- Faith Lemon, Columbia University
  *Rhetoric & Realities: A Human Rights-Based Approach to the Recovery & Development Enterprise in Haiti*
- Laurence Miners, Fairfield University
  *Planners vs. Searchers: Using William Easterly’s Paradigm to Examine Aid Initiatives in Haiti*
- Chalmers Larose, Université du Québec-Montréal
  *Retracer la politique extérieure d’Haïti - Diagnostic et pronostic en temps de crise*

2:55-4:10 pm  Plenary Session III: Creative Approaches to Healing
Location: Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)
Chair: Claudine Michel, Editor, Journal of Haitian Studies & Vice-President, Haitian Studies Association
Panelists:
- Yanick Lahens, Independent Writer
  *I Don’t Write to Heal*
- Erna Brodber, Independent Writer
  *Mining History for Social Healing*
- Angela Gordon Stair, The University of the West Indies-Mona
  *Creative Approaches to Healing: The Case of One International Organization’s Psychosocial Program in Haiti*
- Guerda Nicolas, University of Miami
  *Healing Through Connections: A Look Towards the Future*
4:10-4:25 pm  Coffee Break  
**Location:** Faculty of Humanities and Education, Room N2

4:30-5:45 pm  Business Meeting of the Haitian Studies Association  
**Location:** Neville Hall Lecture Theatre (N1)  
Open to all Conference Participants  
Election for HSA Board Membership

7:30-11:30 pm  Annual Banquet and Award Ceremony  
**Location:** Country Kitchen, The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel  
**Master of Ceremonies:** Dr. Matthew Smith, President, HSA  
**Introduction of Presenters:** Dr. Charlene Désir, Vice-President, HSA  
**Award for Excellence:** Yanick Lahens, Writer  
**Presented by:** Patti Marxsen, Board Member, HSA  
**Award for Service:** Ambassador Reginald Dumas, Former Special Adviser on Haiti of former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan  
**Presented by:** Dr. Marc Prou, Executive Director, HSA  
**Entertainment by:** Ti-Magnum
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Recipient: Yanick Lahens


Yanick Lahens a enseigné a l’Ecole Normale Supérieure et a été membre du Premier Conseil de direction élu de cet établissement. Elle a aussi été membre du Comité de rédaction de la revue haïtiano-caribéenne Chemins Critiques, et est actuellement membre du comité de rédaction de la revue franco-haïtienne, Conjonction. Elle a été directrice exécutive du Projet “La Route de l’Esclave”.


Elle a mis sur pied en 2008 une fondation pour des actions plus ciblées auprès des jeunes dans le domaine de l’éducation et liées au développement durable et aux nouvelles technologies.
Recipient: Ambassador Reginald Dumas

Reginald Dumas of Trinidad and Tobago brings a long and distinguished record of public service and international experience to our conference. Over the years, he has represented his home country throughout the Caribbean and the world, including in the role of Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the Organization of American States (OAS). He has served as Ambassador or High Commissioner to over a dozen nations as varied as Barbados, the Eastern Caribbean, Canada, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, the United States of America, and Zambia. In 2004, then UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, appointed him for six months as his Special Adviser on Haiti. Subsequently, Mr. Dumas, with his publishers, established the Medianet Haiti Relief Fund, of which he is the Chairman.

Mr. Dumas has also served on task forces, Constitution Commissions and Commissions of Inquiry in his country and elsewhere in the Caribbean. In 1992, he was Interim Executive Director of the Institute of Business at The University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago. In 1998, he co-founded Trinidad and Tobago’s Transparency Institute, the National Chapter of Transparency International. Meanwhile, between 1998 and 2004, he applied his considerable skills as Deputy Coordinator of the CARICOM team for air services negotiations with the USA. He represented the Caribbean in 1989 and 1990 on the Working Group on the Commonwealth in the 1990s and beyond. He ended his formal Public Service career as Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister and Head of the Public Service of Trinidad and Tobago. From commerce and communications to the improvement of social and educational governance, Mr. Dumas has always worked in the interest of mutual understanding and Caribbean advancement.

Reginald Dumas was educated in Trinidad and Tobago at the Chaguanas Government School and Queen’s Royal College. He won a national scholarship in 1952 and received his first degree from Cambridge University in 1957 before being selected as a Carnegie Endowment Fellow at the prestigious Institut Universitaire de Hautes Études Internationales et du Développement in Geneva, Switzerland (1960-61). He later enjoyed a return to the academic life as a Visiting Fellow at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford (1979-1980). In October this year, the University of the West Indies conferred on him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD).

A regular contributor of newspaper columns and socio-political comment, Mr Dumas has published two books: In the Service of the Public: Articles and Speeches 1963-1993, with Commentaries (Canoe Press: UWI, 1995) and An Encounter with Haiti: Notes of a Special Adviser (Medianet: 2008).
ABOUT KOSANBA

Congress of Santa Barbara
DECLARATION

Thirteen Haitian Scholars met in April 1997, at the University of California-Santa Barbara, for a colloquium on Haitian Vodou, *The Spirit and The Reality: Vodou and Haiti*. At the end of the conference, these scholars decided to institutionalize their efforts through a new association under the name, the Congress of Santa Barbara.

Imbued by a sense of collective wisdom and aware of the long, difficult and constant struggles and crises undergone by their homeland, the Founders and others who might join them pledged to create a space where scholarship on Vodou could be augmented. Cognizant of the meaning and the implications of this historic reunion where Haitian scholars seized the initiative, the Congress proposed to have an impact on Haitian cultural politics as well as on other measures and policies affecting the Republic of Haiti.

The presence, role and importance of Vodou in Haitian history, society and culture are inarguable, and recognizably a part of the national ethos. The impact of the religion qua spiritual and intellectual disciplines on popular national institutions, human and gender relations, the family, the plastic arts, philosophy and ethics, oral and written literature, language, sacred and popular music, science and technology, and the healing arts, is indisputable. It is the belief of the Congress of Santa Barbara that Vodou plays and will continue to play a major role in the grand scheme of Haitian development in the socio-economic, political, and cultural arenas. Development, when real and successful, always comes from the modernization of ancestral traditions anchored in the rich cultural expressions of a nation.

The Founders of the Congress of Santa Barbara invite all scholars and interested parties who subscribe to its goals and objectives to join it in the defense and illustration of this *potomitan* of the Haitian cultural heritage that is such an integral part of the country’s future.

KOSANBA is proud to be a co-sponsor of the 23rd annual Haitian Studies Association conference and congratulates the association on another year of successful leadership in the field of Haitian Studies. KONSABA also salutes *The University of the West Indies, Mona* for its welcoming hospitality and commitment to Haiti.
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