2012 CALL FOR PAPERS
Haitian Studies Association (HSA)
The 24th Annual Conference
York College, CUNY in Queens, New York
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Haiti Beyond Borders: Challenges and Progress Across the Diaspora

Haiti has long existed beyond its borders. In 1804, the island's victorious revolution resonated globally and continues to be a point of departure for the study of liberation movements. Today, Haiti's people form Diaspora communities across the globe. The Haitian Studies Association (HSA) is itself an example of the diversity of those who study and (re) present Haiti across geographical and disciplinary boundaries. For all of these reasons, the 24th annual conference, the Haitian Studies Association will be in New York, home to one of the largest Haitian Diaspora communities in the world

For this conference, the Association invites proposals that explore the formation of Haitian communities in different locales and their multifaceted identities (political, racial/ethnic, and transnational). How do Diasporic communities function and what is their relationship to Haiti? How does Haiti see and interact with these communities? Proposals examining the role of Haiti across borders are encouraged from a wide variety of perspectives, including philosophical, historical, and political. We invite presentationsand papers from a range of disciplines that might explore the language, aesthetics, and cultures of Haiti. We also welcome papers that address the ways in which the culture(s) of Haiti and its Diaspora are imagined and represented in the media today, as well as historically. Presentations will include, but not be limited to, history, anthropology, education, psychology, politics, sociology, ecology and environmental issues, health, community building, feminism and gender studies, religion, migration, patrimony, literary studies, communication, ethnomusicology, culture, literature, and art.

H.S.A. strongly encourages the participation of those who study and/ or work with the Diasporic communities in New York and elsewhere. An interrogation of the term "Diaspora" itself-its conceptualization and application will enhance scholarly dialogue.

The deadline for proposals is May 31, 2012. Please visit the Haitian Studies Association website to view the submission guidelines and proposal form at http://www.umb.edu/haitianstudies/