

SLAVERY AND FREEDOM IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD: STATUTES, SCIENCE, AND THE SEAS

A Colloquium Co-Sponsored by The University of Michigan and The University of Windsor

March 30-April 1, 2006

Thursday, March 30

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES OF SLAVERY AND FREEDOM IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD University of Windsor, Toldo Health Education Building, Room 100, Windsor

Welcome.

Steven Palmer and Rebecca J. Scott , University of Windsor, Department of History and University of Michigan, Department of History and Law School

"The Slave in Court: Marie-Joseph-Angelique and the King's Justice, Montreal, 1734" Afua Cooper. University Toronto, Department of History

"The World Beyond the Atlantic: Writing Indigenous Narratives into the History of Early America"

Michael Witgen. University of Michigan, Department of History and Program in American

Culture

Comments.

David Hancock, University of Michigan, Department of History Reem Bahdi, University of Windsor, Law School

Reception to follow.

Friday, March 31

University of Michigan, Institute for the Humanities, Osterman Commons Room, 0540 Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington Street, Ann Arbor.

[These sessions will be available at the University of Windsor participants via video-link in Toldo Health Education Building, Room 203.]

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Martha S. Jones

University of Michigan, Department of History, Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, Law School

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. SLAVERY AND THE LAW

Chair.

Christina Simmons, University of Windsor, Department of History

"Slaves and the Creation of Rights in Cuba"

Alejandro de la Fuente, University of Pittsburgh, Department of History

"Priests Marking Color: The Baptismal Registers of Salvador, Bahia" Jean Hébrard, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France

"Race Beyond the Plantation: Slavery, Free Persons of African Descent, and the Problem of Collective Identities in Spanish Santo Domingo"
Richard Turits, University of Michigan, Department of History and CAAS

Comments.

Susanna Blumenthal, University of Michigan Law School Ariela Gross, University of Southern California, Law School and Department of History

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. LAW AND THE MEANINGS OF FREEDOM

Chair.

Hannah Rosen, University of Michigan, Programs in American Culture and Women's Studies "Les homes dangereux de 1848. Crime politique et deportation dans l'espace colonial francais" [The Dangerous Men of 1848: Political Crime and Deportation in the French Colonial World]

Myriam Cottias, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France

"Baptiste v. de Volunbrun": Making the Atlantic World, One Case at a Time" Martha S. Jones, University of Michigan, Department of History, Center for Afroamerican and

African Studies, Law School

"An Enslaved Enlightenment: Rethinking the Intellectual History of the French Atlantic" *Laurent Dubois, Michigan State University, Department of History

Comments.

Fernando Martínez Heredia (via video link), Centro Juan Marinello, Havana, Cuba Ellen Katz, University of Michigan Law School

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

GRADUATE STUDENT WORKING GROUP MEETING

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WHAT IS THE ATLANTIC?

EMPIRES AND ISLANDS: RE-ENVISIONING THE EARLY ATLANTIC WORLD; A CONVERSATION

University of Michigan, Michigan League, 911 N. University, Hussey Room, Ann Arbor

Moderator.

Julius S. Scott, University of Michigan, Department of History and CAAS

Discussants.

Mamadou Diouf, University of Michigan, Department of History and CAAS Michael Zeuske, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany

Saturday, April 1

All sessions at Raddison Hotel, 277 Riverside Drive West, River Room, Windsor, Ontario.

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW Steven Palmer University of Windsor, Department of History

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. SCIENCE ON SLAVES, SLAVES ON SCIENCE

Chair.

Neil Safier, University of Michigan, Department of History

"Coffee Systems: Slavery, Emancipation, and Science in the West Indies, 1750-1950" Stuart McCook, University of Guelph, Rural History

"Property Rights in Human Beings, Property Rights in Animals: The Beginnings of the Environmental Movement in Cuba in the Era of Slave Emancipation" Reinaldo Funes, Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez, Havana, Cuba

"A Contingent Liaison? Slavery, Social Science and Science in the 19th Century" Alejandra Bronfman, University of British Columbia, Department of History

Comment.

Steven Palmer, University of Windsor, Department of History

Alexandra Stern, University of Michigan, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Program in American Culture

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

LUNCH DISCUSSION. NEW INSIGHTS FROM THE ARCHIVES: THE AMISTAD IN CUBA

Moderator.

Rebecca J. Scott, University of Michigan, Department of History and School of Law

Discussants.

Michael Zeuske, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany Orlando García Martínez, Unión Nacional de Artistas y Escritores de Cuba, Cienfuegos, Cuba

Lunch provided.

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NEWS OF FREEDOM: THE CIRCULATION OF IDEAS IN THE CARIBBEAN

Chair.

Robert Whitney, University of New Brunswick (Saint John), Department of History and Politics

"Talk About Haiti: The Archive and the Atlantic's Haitian Revolution" Ada Ferrer, New York University, Department of History

"Itinerant Citizenship: The Cosmopolitan World of Equal-Rights Activism in 19th Century New Orleans"

Rebecca J. Scott, University of Michigan, Department of History and Law School

"Black Veterans Claiming Rights and Citizenship: Letters to Maximo Gomez" Marial Iglesias, University of Havana, Havana, Cuba

Comments.

Catherine Legrand, McGill University, Department of History Sueann Caulfield, University of Michigan, Department of History and Residential College Fernando Martínez Heredia, Centro Juan Marinello, Havana, Cuba

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• Laurent Dubois and Marial Iglesias provided papers for consideration by this colloquium, but are unable to attend.

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