

International Conference

Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: Telling the Story

The College of The Bahamas
February 21-23, 2008
Nassau, The Bahamas



The College of The Bahamas will host the Conference: “Abolition of The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: Telling the Story, February 21-23, 2008 at the Oakes Field Campus, Nassau.

Plenary Speakers

Dr. Joseph E. Harris, Howard University Distinguished Professor of History emeritus, an expert on Africa and Director of the South African Research and Archival Project. At the conference his topic center around: “Global slave trade and the emergence of communities of African descent around the world”.

Dr. Rosanne Adderley, Professor of History at Tulane University and author. Her presentation will focus on “Freed Africans in The Bahamas”.

Mr. William Godfrey Davis Esq., Attorney at Law and Transformative Mediator, his topic will be “Reparations for the peoples of the Maafa”.

Mr. Kojo Yankah, President of the Africa Institute of Journalism & Communications, educator and author, he will speak on the topic: “Reconciliation for the peoples of the Maafa”.

Call for Papers

Abstracts of approximately 200 words are invited on the following topics:

- Language and Oppression
- Religion in Slavery: Agent Provocateur or Opiate?
- Slavery and Human Sensibility
- Power and Enslavement
- Kinship across the Diaspora
- Identity: Culture, the Arts, Race and Gender
- The African Diaspora's Gifts to the World
- Enslavement and Liberation: Telling the Story through Teaching, Song, Story and Preservation
- Liberation: Ideologies, Contexts and Dynamics
- Liberation: Simple Past or Present Continuous?

Please send **abstracts** as an attached Word file to Jessica Minnis, Chair of the Conference Committee at abolitionconference@cob.edu.bs Deadline extended to **Monday, October 1, 2007.**

Conference Structure



The conference will feature 20-minute papers from all disciplines, followed by 10-minute discussions, presented in concurrent and plenary sessions. Panel and poster proposals will also be considered. Such proposals should be as complete as possible.

Submissions (an electronic copy) should be directed to:

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Deadline for Submission of Papers: Monday, December 31, 2007.

Registration

Three Days:	\$450:00
Day Rate:	\$150:00
Late Registration Fee:	\$125.00
Student Rate:	\$150.00
Student Day Rate:	\$ 75.00

For information on the availability of student subsidies, please contact:
Vice President Research, Graduate Programmes and International Relations
Tel: (242) 302 4455

Registration is open and online at <http://www.cob.edu.bs/abolitionconf.php>.

Art Exhibition

February 15-23, 2008

Guidelines for Artists

The Conference on the Abolition of the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade: Telling The Story, invites all artists to submit up to three (3) artworks executed in any medium for showing at the conference February 21-23, 2008.

The exhibition will open on Friday, 15 February, 2008 at 6.30 in the evening at the Performing Arts Centre at The College of the Bahamas Oakes Field Campus.

All artwork should be sent or brought to the Pro Gallery which is located in the S Block at The College of the Bahamas Oakes Field Campus one (1) week prior to the opening of the exhibition. Please address all artworks to Mrs. Joann Behagg or Mr. John Cox.

All artists should give an indication of how they would wish their 3D pieces to be displayed. Photographic images would assist us in determining your display needs.

Foreign artists are welcome. However, all related costs will be the responsibility of the artists (packing, shipping, and customs duty, etc.) to and from The Bahamas.

The Conference Committee will select the works to be exhibited and all decisions are final.

Contacts

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Accommodations

Participants seeking accommodations may wish to consider the following hotels and resorts:

- Wyndham Nassau Resort & Crystal Palace Casino

Rates:

\$199.00 Single Occupancy

\$199.00 Double Occupancy

\$40.00 EP, per room daily

Third person add-on \$ 40.00 per night

Plus Hotel Taxes

Telephone: (242) 327-6200 Fax: (242) 327-6818

- British Colonial Hilton

Rates:

\$195.00 Single/Double Occupancy

\$20.00 for additional persons per room

Telephone: (242) 302-9000 Fax: (242) 302-9010

- Nassau Palm Resort

Rates:

\$85.00 Single/Double Occupancy

\$95.00 Triple

\$105.00 Quad

Plus Hotel Taxes

Telephone: (242) 356-0000 Fax: (242) 377-2051

Transportation to Conference Site

Conference transportation will be available for delegates to and from hotel to conference site daily.

Booking Accommodations

If you wish to book accommodation at any of the hotels listed above, please contact them directly using the contact information provided.

Conference participants are reminded that January to May is the peak winter season for hotels in The Bahamas. To avoid disappointment, it is advisable to make hotel reservations as soon as possible.

Travel/Currency Information

- Passports and visas are required for entry into The Bahamas
- United States citizens, please check http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html regarding reentry to the US.
- The legal tender is the Bahamian dollar (B\$1), which is equivalent in value to the U.S. dollar. Both U.S. and Bahamian dollars are accepted interchangeably throughout the islands. Most credit cards and travelers cheques in dollar denominations are widely accepted. There are ATMs in Nassau/Paradise Island, on Grand Bahama Island, Abaco, Exuma, Eleuthera and Harbour Island.

