

[Haiti and Africa: Unearthing and Exploring the Roots, Connections, and Possibilities](#)

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May 12, 2023 to May 13, 2023

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New York, United States

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African History / Studies, Black History / Studies, Colonial and Post-Colonial History / Studies, Ethnic History / Studies, World History / Studies

Haiti and Africa: Unearthing and Exploring the Roots, Connections, and Possibilities

The Second Annual Haitian Heritage International Conference

CUNY Haitian Studies Institute @ Brooklyn College

12-13 May 2023

CALL FOR PAPERS

The keynote presentation, panels and roundtables will focus on the historical connections between Haiti and Africa, and the cultural, political, social, and economic specificities of Haiti that derive directly and indirectly from those connections. The conference will explore how the transatlantic slave trade and the colonial era, through the revolutionary and the post-independence shape contemporary Haitian realities. Papers will also seek parallels and intersections among contemporary Haitian and African realities as emergence of shared colonial and neocolonial experiences, and take stock of current intellectual, cultural, political, and economic links and gaps between Haiti and Africa.

This conference dovetails with the perceived need to expand the thematic range of scholarship about Haiti. The topic is intended to increase scholarly interest in areas of inquiry pertaining to Haiti. It is also meant to encourage scholars to move away from a dominant trend in research that considers Haiti through an *exceptionalism* lens and in vacuo, toward a comparative approach that brings into relief connections, parallels and intersections between Haiti and the rest of the world, the Global South in

particular. Ultimately, the conference is conceived as a transatlantic conversation among Haiti scholars and Africa scholars to foster greater curiosity and understanding of the interconnected realities of Africa and Haiti.

Suggested topics for panels, papers, roundtables, audio-visual presentations:

Africa and the Haitian Revolution

African and Haitian Philosophy

African Fauna and the Haitian Imaginary

African Flora and the Haitian Imaginary

African Genealogies in Haiti

Black Internationalism

Children and Youth

Colonialism

Decolonization

Digital Humanities

Economy and Natural Resources

Education

Environment and Ecology

Ethnic Origins of Haitians

Family and Kinship

Foodways/Cuisine Connections

Geopolitics

Globalization

Governance, Diplomacy and International Organizations

Habitat and Architecture

Health and Medicine

Haiti, Africa and Francophonie

Language and Linguistics

Liberation Movements and Popular Movements

Literature

Media and representation

Music and Dance

Nation Building

Négritude and Indigénisme

Neocolonialization

Post-colonization and Postcolonialism

Queer Studies

Race and Class in Africa and Haiti

Religion and Spirituality

Social Communication and Non-verbal Language

Social Justice

Social Rituals and Interactions

Technology

The Transatlantic Slave Trade

Visual Arts

Women and Gender

& Other Pertinent Topics

Abstract and Paper Submission

Abstracts of up to 300 words may be submitted in English, Haitian Creole, or French

Abstract Submission Deadline: February 15, 2023

Notification Deadline: March 7, 2023

Submit abstracts to: hsi-heritage-conf@brooklyn.cuny.edu

Panel participants have 15-20 minutes to present their paper.

Selected papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication.

Conference will be remote and in-person.

Please address all correspondence regarding the conference to:

hsi-heritage-conf@brooklyn.cuny.edu

The CUNY Haitian Studies Institute (CUNY HSI) at Brooklyn College is an academic unit that encourages and supports studies on Haiti and Haitians. It has a three-fold mission: 1) contribute to the production and dissemination of knowledge about Haitians and the Haitian Diaspora, while advancing the field of Haitian Studies through interdisciplinary research and practice; 2) facilitate a community of collaboration with scholars of all ages, public-intellectuals, university professors and students, schoolteachers, educational institutions conducting research on, or otherwise serving, Haiti and the Haitian community, and community-based organizations serving the Haitian diasporic community; and 3) engage in research practice and analysis that inform policy and program actions directed at Haiti and the Haitian diasporic community.

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