Thursday, April 22: Two Centuries of Haiti’s History

1-2:30 p.m.: Haiti’s Foundations (East Duke Parlors)

Julia Gaffield, Duke University - “Negotiating Independence: Haiti and the International Atlantic Community, 1803-1807”

Deborah Jenson, Duke University - “Dessalines’s America”

Watson Denis, Université d’Etat d’Haiti - “Haiti, History, and Historiography during the XIXth Century: Independence, Nationalism, and Modernization.”

3:00-4:30 p.m.: The 20th and 21st Centuries (Richard White Lecture Hall 107)

Kate Ramsey, University of Miami - “The Uses of Vodou: Historical and Post-Earthquake Reflections”

Chantalle Verna, Florida International University - "The situation is up to the Haitians: Visions of National Development in Haiti’s Post- U.S. Occupation Period”

Matthew Jordan Smith, University of the West Indies, Mona - “Another Port-au-Prince is Possible: Being Present to the History and Future of Haiti’s Capital.”

5:00 p.m. Reading by Lyonel Trouillot (Richard White Lecture Hall 107)

Friday, April 23: The Future of the Past in Haiti

1:30-4:30 p.m. (with coffee break) : Reconstructing Archives, Libraries and Universities in Haiti (Nelson Music Room 204)

Watson Denis, Université d’Etat d’Haiti - “State University of Haiti after the Earthquake 2010: Problems and Perspectives.”


Patrick Tardieu, Head Archivist, Bibliothèque Haïtienne des Pères du Saint-Esprit - “The Past and Future of Bibliothèque Haïtienne des Pères du Saint-Esprit”

Ted Widmer, Director, John Carter Brown Library - "Saving Haiti's Libraries”

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