

The Early Caribbean Society Business Meeting  
AGENDA  
4 March 2021 // 12:30 p.m. est  
Virtual (to be held during SEA biennial conference)

**News and Updates**

Introduce new leadership

Jason Payton (Georgia)

Kerry Sinanan (UTSA)

Nicholas Jones (Bucknell) including journal editor

Participation at SEA (five panels)

Moving toward becoming MLA affiliate. Have to be on program two years....

Revamped website

Update on journal and how we plan to get out the next issue

- Reconstitute the editorial board
- Revise the mission statement for the journal and establish its historical and thematic parameters
- Establish a timeline for production
- Feature shorter pieces and non-traditional formats for contributions
- Establish a list of priorities for the first issue, perhaps a roundtable on the current state of early Caribbean studies with an emphasis on diversity
- Emphasize interdisciplinarity, the recovery of key texts that foster important insights about the field, link the Caribbean to global oceanic studies and archipelagic studies, forward decolonial and antiracist projects, decenter Anglophone literatures in early Caribbean studies
- Consider several models for the journal and website, including *Black Perspectives*, *Age of Revolutions*, *Romantic Circles*, *Bigger Six Romanticism*, and *Age of Revolutions*

Announce teach-in that will post teaching resources to website

Recap ideas discussed during January 2021 meeting

Strategic Partnerships and Outreach

- Consider conference and other partnerships with the Society of Early Americanists
  - Maybe off year conference where we collab with Pacific Ocean studies folks to talk about transoceanic studies
- Create liaison relationship with MLA; this is in the works now.
- Explore the podcast as an outreach tool
- Establish a more consistent and robust social media presence for the Society
  - We need volunteers to help set up and maintain twitter/Instagram/Facebook accounts
- Consider teach-ins and write-ups in prominent journals as an outreach tool
- Add teaching-related resources to the website
- Consider Zoom coffee hours/cocktail hours as networking tools
- Find ways to network with scholars based in the Caribbean
- Consider a digital conference in 2021 or 2022 to establish a more visible scholarly presence