The Social History Project  
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THE TERROR SPREAD: THE MORANT BAY REBELLION AND JAMAICAN HISTORY  
October 22 – 24, 2015  

DAY 1  
Thursday, October 22, 2015  
6:00 p.m, UWI Regional Headquarters, Opening Session  

DAY 2  
Friday, October 23, 2015 (Multifunctional Room, Main Library, UWI-Mona)  
9:00-10:00: Conference Registration & Coffee  
10:00-12:00 Panel 1: Jamaica in the 1860s: Before and After Morant Bay  
Prof. Simon Mitchell, UWI-Mona, “Morant Bay Rebellion and Geology.”  
Prof. Belinda Edmondson, Rutgers-Newark, “Literary and Performative Culture in 1860s Jamaica.”  
Dr. Clinton Hutton, UWI-Mona, “The Press and the Morant Bay Rebellion.”  
Dr. Jenny Jemmott, UWI-Mona, “Surviving the Suppression: The Significance of Black Testimonies in the Aftermath of the Morant Bay Rebellion.”  
12:00-1:30: Lunch Break  
1:30-3:00: Panel 2: Women and Protest in the Nineteenth Century British Caribbean  
Prof. Gad Heuman, Univ. of Warwick, “Gender and Protest at Morant Bay and in the Post-Emancipation Caribbean.”  
Dr. Aleric Josephs, UWI-Mona, “Jamaica Before and After October 1865: A Laywoman’s Views.”  
3:00-3:30: Coffee Break  
3:30-5:00: Panel 3: Protest and Punishment in Post-Slavery Jamaica.  
Dr. Jonathan Dalby, UWI-Mona, “Precursors to Morant Bay: The Pattern of Popular Protest in Post-Emancipation Jamaica (1834-65).”  
Mr. Jonathon Booth, Harvard University, “Criminalization and the Morant Bay Rebellion.”  
Dr. Shani Roper, Smith College, “Corporeal Punishment, Discipline, and Agency in the Government Reformatory in Jamaica 1869-1896.”  

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DAY 3

Saturday, October 24, 2015 (Council Room, UWI-Mona)

9:00-10:00: Registration and Coffee

10:00-12:00: Panel 4: The Wider Reach of 1865: Atlantic Echoes of Morant Bay.

Mr. Adam Thomas, Univ. of California-Irvine, “Racial Ambiguity in Post-Emancipation Social Protest: Connections between the Morant Bay Rebellion and US Reconstruction.”

Prof. Tim Watson, Univ. of Miami, “Morant Bay in the Greater Caribbean: John Willis Menard in Belize, Jamaica, Louisiana, and Florida.”

Emerita Prof. Bridget Brereton, UWI-St. Augustine, “Morant Bay and Trinidad.”

Mr. Jack Webb, Univ. of Liverpool, “‘A Second Hayti’: Parliamentary Discourse and British Understandings of Haiti in the Wake of the Morant Bay Rebellion.”

12:00-1:30: Lunch Break

1:30-3:00: Panel 5: Aftermath: Contemporary Reflections on Morant Bay.

Dr. Anna Kasafi Perkins, UWI-Mona, “‘Gone from this world of sin and sorrow’: An Exploration of the biblical content of George William Gordon’s Last Letter.”


Dr. James Robertson, UWI-Mona, “Reflecting on Morant Bay and its aftermath: John Clarke’s ‘Dirge for the St. Thomas in the East Riot and Massacre.’”

3:00-3:30: Coffee Break

3:30-5:00: Panel 6: Remembering Morant Bay

Prof. Matthew Smith, UWI-Mona, “‘65: Imagining the Morant Bay Rebellion in Twentieth Century Jamaica.”


Dr. Dian McCallum, UWI-Mona, “The Morant Bay Rebellion and the Concept of Historical Significance—Implications for the Teaching and Learning of Jamaican History.”

5:00-5:30: Closing Comments

DAY 4

Sunday October 25, 2015: Optional Field Trip to Morant Bay.