

DR. DEBBIE McCOLLIN

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

BOOKS

Pemberton, R., D. McCollin, G. Matthews, M. Toussaint, *Historical Dictionary of Trinidad and Tobago* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2018).

Eccles, K. and D. McCollin, eds., *World War II and the Caribbean* (Kingston, UWI Press, 2017). [2018, Gold Independent Publisher Book Awards, History (World)]

McCollin, D. ed., *In the Fires of Hope: Essays on the Modern History of Trinidad and Tobago 1962-2016 Vol 2* (Kingston, Jamaica: Ian Randle Publishers, 2016).

BOOK CHAPTERS

McCollin, D., “An Altered Landscape: Malaria Control and Environmental Transformation in Trinidad and Tobago 1941 – 1962 in Jaime Larry Benchimol and Isabel Amaral, eds. *Medicina E Ambiente: Articulações E Desafios No Passado, Presente E Futuro* (Medicine And Environment: Joins And Challenges In The Past, Present And Future), (Belo Horizonte, Brazil: Fino Traco Editora Ltda. 2019): 49-62, Ebook.

https://www.fhbj.am.gov.br/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Anais-Textos-Completo_Medicina-e-Ambiente_Articula%C3%A7%C3%B5es-e-desafios-no-passado-presente-e-futuro.pdf

McCollin, D., “Ravages and Rejuvenation: Public Health in the British West Indies” during World War II” in K. Eccles and D. McCollin, eds., *World War II and the Caribbean* (Kingston, UWI Press, 2017): 327-356.

McCollin, D. “Health and Decolonisation in Trinidad and Tobago” in D. McCollin ed., *In the Fires of Hope: Essays on the Modern History of Trinidad and Tobago 1962-2016 Vol 2* (Kingston, Jamaica: Ian Randle Publishers, 2016): 238-260.

McCollin, D. “Chacachacare: The Island of Lepers 1922-1979” in Chris Bonfield, ed., *Hospitals and Communities 1100–1960* (New York and Oxford: Peter Lang, 2013): 265-290.

McCollin, D. “Health, Services and Women in Trinidad and Tobago 1938-1962” in J. De Barros, D. Wright, eds. *Health and Medicine in the Circum-Caribbean 1800-1968* (Hampshire: Routledge, 2009): 227-248.

REVIEWS

Archipelagos Journal (Iss 8, Papiamentu/o and the Dutch Caribbean, April 2025.)
“Provenance, Repatriation and Dutch Colonial Heritage in the Digital Space: The Colonial Collections Consortium,” <https://archipelagosjournal.org/issue08/mccollin-review.html>

Central European History Journal, (July 2021)
Nearly the New World: The British West Indies and the Flight from Nazism, 1933-1945. By Joanna Newman. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2019.

Medical History Journal, (September 2018)
Hogarth, Rana A, *Medicalizing Blackness: Making Racial Difference in the Atlantic World, 1780-1840*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2017.

ARTICLES

“Illuminating Colonial History with Digital Primary Sources and Collections,” *AM [formerly Adam Matthews Digital] Research Methods: Interrogating Colonial Archives and Narratives* (Marlborough: AM, 2023)

“The Yellow Fever Outbreak of 1954 and The Trinidad Regional Virus Laboratory (TRVL)”. UWI Museum, The UWI, Public Health & Social Transformation, August 10, 2020.
<https://diseaseandepidemicsincaribbeansocieties.wordpress.com/2020/08/10/the-yellowfever-outbreak-of-1954-and-the-trinidad-regional-virus-laboratory-trvl/>

“The West Indian Inter-Colonial Tuberculosis Conference of 1913”. The National Archives of Trinidad and Tobago Online Blog. 2013 <http://natt.gov.tt/new/node/240>

“Friend or Foe: Venereal Disease and the American Presence during World War II” in *History in Action* Vol 1 No.1 (March 2010), Online Journal of Dept. of History, UWI, St. Augustine, Web.

“The Household Accounts of Dame Alice de Bryene (1412-13)” Hood Review, Vol II, Spring 2001: 39-46

CONFERENCE AND KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

“Colonial Testing Grounds: The Tobago Malaria Eradication Trial 1948-1952”

1 – 5 June, 2025

Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) 56th Annual Conference 2025.

“Epidemics and the Challenge of Colonialism during World War II: The British Caribbean Perspective”

28-31 May 2025

International Conference celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the End of World War II, Dominican University, New York, USA.

"Bridging the Gap: The Child Welfare League of Trinidad and Tobago 1918-1970"

11 to 17 June 2023

The Association of Caribbean Historians Conference, Puerto Rico

“The Abdication of Imperial Authority and Public Health in Trinidad and Tobago.”

5-8 January 2023

The American Historical Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia

"Digital Archives and Records of Caribbean Histories"

26 April 2023

Keynote Address, CARBICA XII – The Twelfth General Assembly and Conference of the Caribbean Archives Association- Virtual Conference

“Health and Independence in Trinidad and Tobago”

April 2022

History Fest 2022, The Department of History, Faculty of Humanities and Education, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

“Demystifying Digital History: A Caribbean Perspective”

April 2018

Webinar, Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLoc) and The University of Miami

“The Allied Effort: World War II and Public Health in the British West Indies “

10-18 October 2015

2nd Luso-Brazilian Meeting on the History of Tropical Medicine: New University of Lisbon, Portugal

“The Yellow Fever Outbreak of 1954 and the Rise of the Trinidad Regional Virus Laboratory”

1-3 July 2015

Workshop on Diseases in Latin America and the Caribbean: Casa de Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

“A Culture of Cooperation: The West Indian Inter-Colonial Tuberculosis Conference of 1913”

17-22 May 2015

Association of Caribbean Historians, 47th Annual Conference: Bahamas

“Masson’s Legacy: The Development of Tuberculosis Treatment in Trinidad and Tobago 1901-1962”

18-20 July 2014

Public Health in The Caribbean and Latin America Conference: The University of York, UK

“An Infinite Spectrum: Annual Medical Reports of the British West Indies”

March 2015

West Indiana Section, Alma Jordan Library, The University of the West Indies

“The Importance of Our History”

April 2013

The History Society, The Dept. of History, The University of the West Indies, STA

“Health and Decolonisation in Trinidad and Tobago”

September 2012

In The Fires of Hope: 50 Years of Independence in Trinidad and Tobago Conference: The Department of History, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad

“In Pursuit of Disease: A Biography of The Trinidad Regional Virus Laboratory 1953-61”

May 2012

Association of Caribbean Historians, 44th Annual Conference: Curaçao

“Health Education and the Trinidadian and Tobagonian ‘Black Masses’ in the First Half of the 20th Century”

May 2012

Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress 2012: San Francisco

“The Best and Worst of Times: World War II and Public Health in Trinidad and Tobago”

May 2012

(Panel Organiser and Presenter) American Association for the History of Medicine: Baltimore, MD

“Pride and Prejudice: The Evolution of the Trinidad and Tobago Nursing Service”

August 2011

Reassembling the Fragments: Conference in honour of Bridget Brereton, Barbara Lalla, Ian Robertson: The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad

“The Evolution of the Trinidad and Tobago Nursing Service in the 20th century”

(May 2011)

Canadian Association for the History of Nursing: Congress 2011 Fredericton, New Brunswick

“‘Alternative’ Medicine: Health and the Individual in Trinidad and Tobago in the Pre-Independence era”

May 2010

Association of Caribbean Historians, 42nd Annual Conference: Barbados, West Indies

“Chacachacare: The Island of Lepers 1922-1962”

April 2009

International Network for the History of Hospitals (INHH): Barcelona

“Medical Pluralism: The Trinidad and Tobago Experience 1938-1962”

Oct 2008

Department of History, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

“The Trinidad Regional Virus Laboratory 1953-1966”

May 2008

Centre for the History of Science Technology and Medicine, University of Manchester

“Malaria Control and the Environment: Trinidad and Tobago 1941-1962”

(Sept 2007)

European Association for the History of Medicine and Health, (Environment, Health and History): London

“Friend or Foe: Venereal Disease and the American Presence during World War II”

(May 2007)

Association of Caribbean Historians, 39th Annual Conference: Jamaica, West Indies

“Health in Dilemma: Public Health and World War II in Trinidad and Tobago”

Jan 2006

Department of History, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

“In Sickness and in Health: Disease and Epidemics in Trinidad and Tobago 1938-1962”

Sept 2005

Department of History, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS AND RESEARCH

dLOC OER Advisory Board (2022-present)

Advisory Committee Member- Assessed grant candidates in two calls for OER proposals awarding over \$100,000 for the development of Open Educational Resources related to the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC), which are Caribbean oriented teaching, learning, and research resources that are free of cost and access barriers, and which also carry legal permission for open use.

Campus Research and Publications Staff Research Grant (2019)

History of Child Welfare League of Trinidad and Tobago

Research involved the organisation and assessment of the numerous records of the League housed at the Port of Spain headquarters and other League Branches. These records included personal letters, correspondence between branch heads and other staff, annual reports, special reports, statistical information and personal/institutional images.

Migration, Mobility, and Sustainability: Caribbean Studies and Digital Humanities Institute (2018)

National Endowment for the Humanities

A residential institute organized with colleagues from University of Florida followed by a series of virtual sessions on collaborative digital humanities, archival collections, and Caribbean Studies for 26 participants. The institute was hosted at the University of Florida and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. I was also an instructor at the week-long Institute. Details of the proposal - <https://dloc.com/IR00010262/00001>

History of Medicine in the West Indies, Latin America and South Asia (2014-2017)

Collaboration with medical historians from the University of York and the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) in Brazil, funded by British Academy. Three conferences were conducted at The University of York (17-21 July 2014), Fiocruz (1-4 July 2015) and The Department of History, The UWI St. Augustine (6-9 July 2016) with a focus on Public Health in the region.