

2013 Program Health and the West Indian Environment

Registration	8:00-8:30 a.m.
Opening Remarks by Elizabeth Rezende..	8:30-8:40 a.m.
Session I: Edward Bliss Emerson and His Travels to the Islands to Seek a Healthier Atmosphere for his Respiratory Ailments	
Introduction to the Session I by Alma Simounet	8:40-8:55 a.m.
E. B. Emerson's Tri-National Diary: Danish West Indies, Puerto Rico and New England, 1831-1832.....	8:55-9:20 a.m.
<i>Jose G. Rigan-Perez</i>	
The Young Traveler and His Elusive Quests	9:20-9:45 a.m.
<i>Sylvia E. Rabionet</i>	
The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: The Rhetoric of Othering in E. B. Emerson's 1831-1832 Diary	9:45-10:10 a.m.
<i>Alma Simounet</i>	

Coffee Break.....10:10-10:30 a.m.

Medical Tourism in the Caribbean in the Early 19th Century

10:30-10:55 a.m.

Wlfrido Geigel

Ideology and Etiology in the Treatment of Pulmonary Consumption in the 1830s

10:55-11:20 a.m.

Annette B. Ramirez Arellano

“Beneath the Tropic Ray:” A Philosophical Encounter with the Diary of a “Preternatural” Transcendentalist

11:20 -11:45 p.m.

Raul Mayo-Santana

Session II

Introduction to the Session I by Elizabeth Rezende

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Nutrition, Economy and Environment among the Enslaved Population of St. Croix, 1803-1848

12:00 -12:25 p.m.

Niklas Thode Jensen

Closing Remarks by Elizabeth Rezende

12:25-12:30 p.m.

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