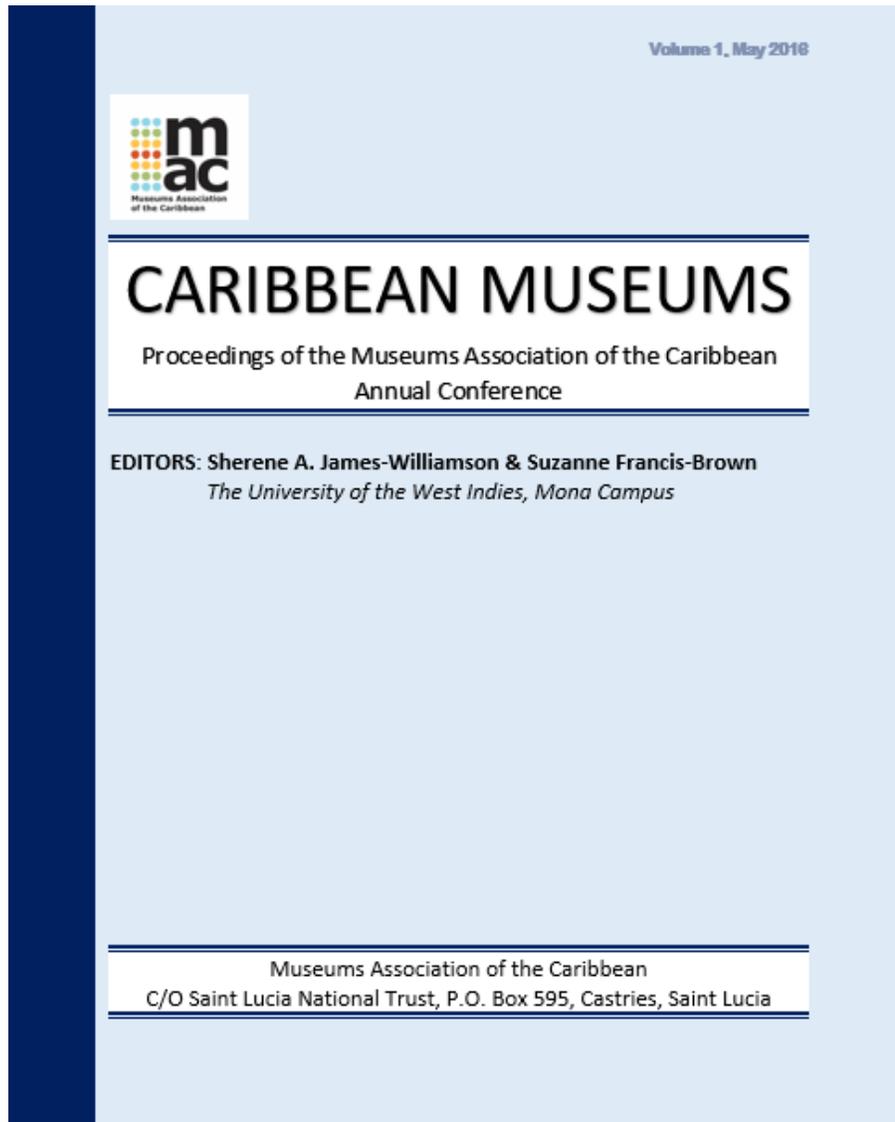


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Opening Address by the President of the Museums Association of the Caribbean

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Ladies and Gentlemen Good Morning. After extensive planning, much hard work from the local planning committee, the Museums Associations of Caribbean is delighted to hold its 25th Annual Conference in Jamaica. This is truly a great occasion, as MAC is also celebrating an important milestone, that of its Silver anniversary.

I would like to express my enthusiasm and delight to be here in Jamaica; and on behalf of MAC, I want to express my sincere thanks to all of the members the organizing committee for their hard work to making this conference a success.

Rich in cultural heritage, Jamaica promises to be a unique experience for all MAC members and conference attendees. As a young organization MAC continues to define itself within the wider Caribbean, and we will continue to strive to bridge the relations between other Caribbean organizations, as well as that of the international community.

Though each of our nations is unique in its own right, we share an indigenous heritage, colonial history and cultural traditions that contribute to the integration of our societies, and bind us as a region.

As MAC moves towards another 25 years, we will continue to share our experiences and skills, while ‘recognizing the importance of museums as centres of conservation and preservation of natural and cultural patrimony’.

We hope this visit of MAC to Jamaica will encourage even more opportunities for relations and exchange. This year’s event promises to provide an attendee’s information and knowledge sharing and critical discourse on the future of Caribbean Museums, in Innovation, Research and Education.

We welcome back those of you who have kept this event on your agenda for multiple years and we extend a special welcome to newcomers who we anticipate will become return attendee’s as well, once exposed to this year’s proceedings.

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