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**International Workshop
Alcohol in the Atlantic World:
Historical and Contemporary Perspectives.
York University, Toronto, Ontario, October
24-27, 2007.**



This workshop features research presentations on (among other things) the production, distribution, and consumption of alcohol commodities and many resulting impacts on African and African diaspora locations. From the organizers' web site --

"Since humans discovered the effects that could be derived from alcohol there has been interest in its economic and social benefits as well as its negative effects on individuals and society. Yet the systematic study of alcohol in its varied historical and sociological manifestations is still in its infancy since it is usually relegated only to discussions of morality and sensational journalism."

"Alcohol in the Atlantic World: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives is an international workshop aimed at exploring the ways in which alcohol provided a mechanism for integrating the Atlantic world, viz, Europe, Africa and the Americas. The focus is on the commonalities and differences in the production, distribution and consumption within this described geographical entity. The participants in the Workshop will present papers which cover: the techniques of production (the fermentation and distillation possibilities of byproducts from mainstream commodities, changes in systems of production and their associated technologies, the varied uses of labour); systems of distribution within colonies and between colonies and metropolises as alcohol, as a commodity of trade, moved around the Atlantic world and between producers and consumers; and the varied uses of alcohol and its impact in the consuming areas of the Atlantic world."

**Learn more and view the preliminary program online
at <http://www.yorku.ca/tubman/Events/Alcohol/index.html>.**