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The Vernacular Architecture Forum invites paper proposals for its Annual Meeting in Falmouth Jamaica May 31 to June 4, 2011. Papers may address vernacular and everyday buildings, sites, or cultural landscapes worldwide. Submissions on all vernacular topics are welcome, but we encourage papers that explore topics related to the conference themes of heritage tourism as the new colonialism; climate and vernacular design; creolization, hybridity, acculturation and other models for cultural engagement; and race, slavery, and place. Papers should be twenty-minutes in length, although proposals for complete sessions, roundtable discussions, or other innovative means that facilitate scholarly discourse are also welcome.

Presenters must deliver their papers in person and be VAF members at the time of the conference. Speakers who do not register for the conference by April 1, 2010 will be withdrawn. Please do not submit an abstract if you are not committed to attending the papers session on June 4. Presenter Fellowships to offset registration costs are available to students and recent graduates. For more information on Presenter Fellowships see http://www.vafweb.org/awards/presenter.html.

Proposals must be one-page, fewer than 400 words, and include paper title, author's name, and email address. Please state clearly the argument of the paper and explain the methodology and content. Papers should be theoretical or analytical in nature, rather than descriptive. Attach a one-page CV to your proposal submission. The deadline for proposals is September 13, 2010. Electronic submissions of proposals and CVs in Word format are preferred. Please send email proposals to Andrew Dolkart at asd3@columbia.edu or hard copies to: Andrew Dolkart, Columbia University School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, 413 Avery Hall, New York, NY 10027. For general information about the Jamaica meeting contact Louis Nelson at ln6n@virginia.edu or mmc@gwu.edu.