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September 2007 Newsletter

This issue includes several important items relating to the upcoming annual meeting in Quebec. Since this will be a busy year, members are urged to make their hotel reservations early. Information on housing options is listed in the Presidential letter. This issue also contains the call for papers for the Quebec meeting. Please note that the submission deadline is fast approaching.

Recent changes to the society's website (www.frenchcolonial.org) include updated *French Colonial History* submission guidelines and the locations of our upcoming 2009-2011 annual meetings. Other recent changes include the addition of Leslie Choquette (Assumption College) to the Heggoy Committee.

In addition to the Heggoy citation, this issue also contains news from our colleagues, additional calls for papers, and several notices of interest to members. Finally, please take the time to check that your dues are up to date; your newsletter mailing address label indicates the years for which dues have been paid.

President's Message

Dear Members,

As we begin another academic year I bring much good news.

Congratulations to J.P. Daughton, Assistant Professor of Modern European History at Stanford University, for winning the Alf Andrew Heggoy prize for the best book on French colonial history: *An Empire Divided: Religion, Republicanism and the Making of French Colonialism, 1880-1914*, (Oxford University Press, 2006). The committee selected *An Empire Divided* out of a field of twenty-four nominees - the largest pool ever - reflecting the strength and depth of this subject of research.

I'm sure that those of you who attended our La Rochelle meeting in June will agree that it was one of the Society's best to date! We were graciously hosted by Mickaël Augeron (Université de La Rochelle) with assistance from Philippe Luquet (l'Association France-Etats-Unis), the Conseil Général de la Charente-Maritime and the Maire de La Rochelle, in "la plus belle ville de la France." Not only were the conference sessions of high caliber, but the regional cuisine and accommodations were exceptional, making the meeting truly unforgettable.

Next year promises to carry on the tradition as we celebrate Québec's 400th anniversary in situ. Mark your calendars for May 14-18, 2008. The Call for Papers has already gone out - deadline for submissions is approaching quickly (October 15). As this is a busy year for Québec City, members are suggested to make hotel reservations as soon as possible:

- Sur le campus de l'université: **Résidences de l'Université Laval** : bloc de 60 chambres (45\$CAN en occupation simple; \$55CAN en occupation double; petit déjeuner inclus). Voir <http://www.sres.ulaval.ca> pour les réservations
- Aux bords immédiats de l'université (5 minutes de marche jusqu'au pavillon où se trouve les séances): **Hôtel Universel** : bloc de 50 chambres (\$110.00\$CAN). Tel 1-800-463-4495. Adresse courriel: info@hoteluniversel.qc.ca
- Dans le Vieux-Québec (je sais que plusieurs y tiennent vraiment!)(à 7-8 km du campus : besoin de prendre l'autobus...) **Hôtel Clarendon** : bloc de 50 chambres (174\$CAN). Tel (418) 692-2480 ou suivre <http://www.dufour.ca/en/clarendon.php?id=2>

Future conference sites (but not the exact dates) have also been proposed:

- 2009. San Francisco
- 2010. Martinique
- 2011. Bourdeaux

Members who would like to propose hosting future meetings, especially in North America, are urged to contact Vice President Mike Vann: mikevann@csus.edu.

In other news, the Executive Committee has decided *not* to raise dues this year, so enjoy your membership at the current rates for a little while longer!

We are still looking for a volunteer webmaster to relieve Ken Orosz of half of his job. If you have some web design skills, or know of someone who does, please contact Sue Peabody at peabody@vancouver.wsu.edu.

Have a good year!

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Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2007-2008

Each year the French Colonial Historical Society presents a book in honor of one of its founding members, Alf Andrew Heggoy. Book prize recognition includes an award of US \$350 for the best book published during the previous year dealing with the French colonial experience from the 16th to the 20th century. Books from any academic discipline will be considered but they must approach the consideration of the French colonial experience from an historical perspective. The deadline for this year is March 1, 2008.

Applicants or their publishers should send one copy each of books published in 2007 to the members of the book prize committee:

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The award will be announced at the annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society in Quebec in June 2008. Members of the Book Prize Committee are Owen White, Chair (University of Delaware), Leslie Choquette (Assumption College) and Martin Thomas (University of Exeter)

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2006

**French Colonial Historical Society
Société d'histoire coloniale française
La Rochelle, France
June 2007**

Citation

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2006

J.P. Daughton, *An Empire Divided: Religion, Republicanism, and the Making of French Colonialism, 1880-1914* (Oxford University Press)

An Empire Divided is about two types of expansion at a crucial juncture in the history of the modern French empire. J.P. Daughton vividly shows how the global spread of the Catholic missionary message in the *fin de siècle* both coincided and frequently clashed with the ambitions of the secular missionaries of the Third Republic. By means of detailed case studies of Indochina, Polynesia, and Madagascar, Daughton convincingly argues that the struggles and compromises that ensued shaped the character of the French colonial experience in ways that scholars have too often overlooked. Mining a rich vein of fresh archival material in three continents, and written in a highly engaging style, *An Empire Divided* is a book that all historians of the French colonial experience can read with profit and pleasure.

**Books Nominated for the Annual
Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2006**

Josette Brun. *Vie et mort du couple en Nouvelle-France: Québec et Louisbourg au XVIIIe siècle*. McGill-Queen's University Press.

This careful and detailed set of case studies of married life and widowhood in 18th-century Louisbourg questions previous arguments about enhanced agency for women in this colony, arguing effectively for a contrary view of an extension of traditional gender circumscription.

Barbara Cooper. *Evangelical Christians in the Muslim Sahel*. Indiana University Press. A vivid study of the evangelical work of the American-dominated Sudan Interior Mission in southern Niger, analyzing the mission's frequently vexed relationship with both the French colonial authorities and the Muslim majority in the region.

John Garrigus. *Before Haiti: Race and Citizenship in French Saint-Domingue*. Palgrave.

This fine case study of the southern part of Saint-Domingue offers an extended diachronic examination of individual cases that reveals how the citizen status of slave-owning free people of color was first carved out and then lost.

Robin Gendron. *Towards a Francophone Community: Canada's Relations with France and French Africa, 1945-1968*. McGill-Queen's University Press.

A capable study of a neglected subject that highlights the longstanding Canadian governmental interest in francophone Africa during the height of the Cold War, as well as its impact on emergent Quebec separatism.

Ruth Ginio. *French Colonialism Unmasked: The Vichy Years in French West Africa*. University of Nebraska Press.

An engaging analysis of how Franco-French and French-African divisions played out in Vichyite West Africa. The book sheds new light on Vichy's impact across AOF and how it was perceived by the regime's African 'subjects', highlighting the gulf between Vichy's colonial ambition and its fading authority.

Claus Gossler. *Die Société commerciale de l'Océanie (1876-1914): Aufstieg und Untergang der Hamburger Godeffroys in Ost-Polynesien*. MontAurum.

This meticulously researched work details the activities (and interactions with the colonial authorities) of the Société commerciale de l'Océanie, a German-owned company that became the biggest commercial enterprise in French Polynesia in the two or three decades before its expropriation by the French at the outbreak of World War One.

Jim House and Neil MacMaster. *Paris 1961: Algerians, State Terror, and Memory*. Oxford University Press.

An outstanding treatment of the horrendous events of 17 October 1961 that also investigates the events' contrasting place in French and North African memory. The book ranges widely, explaining the institutional processes and political practices, as well as the colonial precedents, which made the Paris police killings of peaceful Algerian protestors not only possible, but probable.

Eric Jennings. *Curing the Colonizers: Hydrotherapy, Climatology, and French Colonial Spas*. Duke University Press.

By means of case studies from a variety of French imperial possessions, this original and entertaining book shows how hydrotherapy in French colonies between 1830 and 1962 was seen as a necessity for preserving colonizers' health in tropical countries, contrasting the use of local colonial spas with the "gold standard" of Vichy.

Jonathan G. Katz. *Murder in Marrakesh: Emile Mauchamp and the French Colonial Adventure*. Indiana University Press.

This deeply researched investigation of the 1907 murder of the physician and imperialist advocate Emile Mauchamp in Marrakesh exposes the local conflicts and imperialist

scheming that made it a precipitating event in the history of French expansion in Morocco.

Serge La Barbera. *Les Français de Tunisie (1930-1950)*. L'Harmattan.

The first detailed analysis of the multi-ethnic settler community in French Tunisia from the inter-war years to the eve of independence. The treatment of the Popular Front years and life under Vichy rule is particularly rich.

Herman Lebovics. *Imperialism and the Corruption of Democracies*. Duke University Press.

Probing some of the hidden ramifications of the imperial experience, this stimulating collection of essays particularly emphasizes the harmful effects of empire on the imperialists themselves.

Lisa Moses Leff. *Sacred Bonds of Solidarity: The Rise of Jewish Internationalism in Nineteenth-Century France*. Stanford University Press.

This gracefully written study of how French Jews increasingly expressed solidarity with Jews in other lands in the nineteenth century contains interesting insights on such topics as the Jewish community in Algeria and Jewish contributions to the emerging ideology of the “civilizing mission.”

James McDougall. *History and the Culture of Nationalism in Algeria*. Cambridge University Press.

An accomplished work that studies the role of Algeria’s ‘*ulamâ*, their religious teachings, and Islamic Puritanism in the evolution of Algerian national consciousness in the twentieth century. Based on extensive use of Algerian archival and literary sources, the book makes plain that to understand the resilience of Algerian nationalism one needs to examine the part played by the ‘*ulamâ* in defining the distinctively Algerian Muslim “personality” of the Algerian nation.

Gregory Mann. *Native Sons: West African Veterans and France in the Twentieth Century*. Duke University Press.

An excellent study of Malians who served under French command in all parts of the empire. Making strikingly effective use of interview data, the author challenges much received wisdom about colonial soldiers and shows how veterans’ memories have influenced Franco-African relations to the present.

Kim Pelis. *Charles Nicolle, Pasteur’s Imperial Missionary: Typhus and Tunisia*. Rochester University Press.

This nuanced study is both a biography of the “imperial missionary” Charles Nicolle and a history of the extension of Nicolle’s own brand of Pasteurism to Tunisia, suggesting a further dimension to both French medical colonialism and the practices that spread the doctrines of scientific medicine beyond Europe.

Maria Petringa. *Brazza: A Life for Africa*. Author House.

In this lively study the author charts the eventful life and premature death of Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza, the memory of whose impact on Africa is preserved in the name of the city of Brazzaville.

Carolyn Podruchny. *Making the Voyager World: Travelers and Traders in the North American Fur Trade*. University of Nebraska Press.

The author creates an ethnography of a mixed-race world far from French settlement, gracefully framed in the events of the voyageur's annual round and focused on the making of a métis subjectivity.

Catherine A. Reinhardt. *Claims to Memory: Beyond Slavery and Emancipation in the French Caribbean*. Berghahn.

Beginning with counter-historical events in the Caribbean following the 1998 French celebration of the abolition of slavery, the author demonstrates how these acts reflected the recuperation of the *lieux de mémoire* of the colonial past and the reclamation of slave agency.

Clifford Rosenberg. *Policing Paris: The Origins of Modern Immigration Control between the Wars*. Cornell University Press.

A fascinating, meticulously researched study of French state surveillance and control of North African immigrants in interwar Paris. The book makes extensive use of Paris police records to reveal the processes by which social, cultural, and legal distinctions between French citizen and colonial foreigner assumed more concrete and sinister form before 1940.

Todd Shepard. *The Invention of Decolonization: The Algerian War and the Remaking of France*. Cornell University Press.

This eloquently written book examines the legal, political, and cultural underpinnings of republican imperialism, integrationist thinking, and the nature of *Algérie française*. In doing so, Shepard reveals how France subsumed the loss of Algeria within a more positive, comforting discourse that, by stressing the onward march of decolonization, enabled the Fifth Republic to avoid facing up to its own role in the conflict.

Andrea Smith. *Colonial Memory and Postcolonial Europe: Maltese Settlers in Algeria and France*. Indiana University Press.

With great sensitivity the author explores questions of historical memory among French Algerian settlers of Maltese descent. The book convincingly shows how an effaced and marginalized identity in the colonial era has developed into a strong emotional attachment to the ancestral Maltese homeland in the postcolonial present.

Stephen A. Toth. *Beyond Papillon: The French Overseas Penal Colonies, 1854-1952*. University of Nebraska Press.

As well as bringing to life the harsh world of the penal colonies of Guiana and New Caledonia, the author analyzes debates about the ability of the *bagnes* to reform criminals and their efficacy as a means of colonization.

Bertrand Van Ruymbeke. *From New Babylon to Eden: The Huguenots and their Migration to Colonial South Carolina*. University of South Carolina Press.

This rich examination of the fate of Huguenot migrants in South Carolina demonstrates the vital and integral part they played in the development of that English colony.

W. J. Eccles Prize, 2008

The W.J. Eccles Prize is to be awarded annually to the graduate student or recent post-graduate student judged to have presented the best paper at the annual meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society and subsequently published in the society's journal *French Colonial History*. The prize is meant to encourage beginning academics in the field of French Colonial History and to honour the career of one of French Colonial History's greatest historians. Bill Eccles was an outstanding supporter of graduate students and this prize is meant to continue his work by encouraging those at the beginning of their careers in our field.

Gagnant du Prix W.J. Eccles 2007

As no articles were published that met the requirements, no prize was awarded this year.

Colleagues at Work

Nathalie Dessens published an edited collection along with Jean-Pierre Le Glaunec entitled *Haïti, regards croisés* (Paris: Manuscrit Université, 2007).

Patricia Galloway published *Practicing Ethnohistory: Mining Archives, Hearing Testimony, Constructing Narrative* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2006).

Jean-Pierre Hardy va publier un livre sur la vie quotidienne en Nouvelle-France (Montreal: Libre Expression, 2007).

Rebecca Hartkopf-Schloss published "The February 1831 Slave Uprising in Martinique and the Policing of White Identity," *French Historical Studies*, 30, no. 2 (Spring 2007): 203-236.

Eric Jennings recently published *Curing the Colonizers* (Duke University Press) about French colonial hydrotherapy. He is currently preparing a book about the hill station of Dalat, Vietnam.

A.J.B. (John) Johnston's next book, *Endgame 1758: The Promise, the Glory and the Despair of Louisbourg's Last Decade* will be shipped to bookstores in November 2007. The study is published in the United States by the University of Nebraska Press, as part of their series entitled *France Overseas: Studies in Empire and Decolonization*. In Canada, *Endgame 1758* will

be published by the Cape Breton University Press. John also recently published "The Acadian Deportation in a Comparative Context: An Introduction," in vol. 10 of the *Journal of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society* and an essay on the disconnect between history and historic sites in the *Nashwaak Review*, a literary journal.

Christian Morissoneau s'interesse dans la Franco-Amérique dans la periode du contact en Nouvelle-France, les premières années (Champlain), la mobilité continental des Français et des Canadiens, et la toponymie nord-américaine.

Ronald Rompkey, Memorial University of Newfoundland, has been honoured by being named a chevalier of the Ordre National du Mérite by the President of France.

Keren Rouche has published an extended version that she presented at the 2006 annual meeting in Dakar entitled "Projecting Algerian Judaism, Formulating a Political Identity: Zionism in Algeria during the War of Independence (1954--62)" *The Journal of North African Studies*, Volume 12 Issue 2, 185

Ibra Sene recently gave a paper entitled "Race and Imprisonment in Colonial Senegal: Evidence From the Prison of St. Louis (1860-1940)", at the 4th Congress of the Association of African Historians, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22-25 May 2007.

April Shelford recently presented a paper entitled "The Slave in the Garden: Slave Presences in Natural History Writings on the 17th and 18th Century Caribbean," to the French Atlantic History Group: Knowledge and Science in the French Atlantic World (c. 1540-1800), Montreal, 27-28 April 2007, and to the annual conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians, 7-11 May 2007, Jamaica.

Matthew Stanard joined the Department of History at Berry College in the fall of 2006. In 2006-2007 Stanard was also a Wolfsonian-Florida International University Fellow and spent some time at the Wolfsonian's Miami Beach museum and library researching his next project on European comparative colonial cultures.

Dale Standen retired from Trent University in 2006. He is continuing his research on the natural history of small boats in New France as well as on public history in museums.

Robert Taber is a graduate student at the University of Florida. The focus of his research is the 17th-18th century French Caribbean, particularly the petits blancs.

Giovanna Vitelli is actively researching archeology and ethnography of early French settlement, Acadian communities, and native American Christianization in collaboration with the US National Park Service and Canadian colleagues.

Thomas Worcester is editor of *The Cambridge Companion to the Jesuits* (forthcoming from Cambridge University Press in 2008).

Notices

The past 20 years of historical information in the calendar "Les Français d'Amérique/ French in America" is now available at www.johnfishersr.net/french_in_america_calendar.html

The 2nd Annual Foundations of Community Series Forum will be discussing the Early French colonial history of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana at te Julien Poydras Center, 500 North Main St, New Roads, LA from 9 am - 4 PM on October 6, 2007. The forum will focus on

the *Foundations of French Colonial Pointe Coupee: 1738-1769*. Experts, who are also descendants of the early founding families, will take you back in time to life in Pointe Coupee during this era through a comprehensive glimpse at the geography, trinity of peoples—Native, European & African, early church, built environment, economy and unique Creole dialect. Experts on the families, built environment, and the Creole language will enhance the dialogue. Moderated by Dr. Thomas Klingler from Tulane University together with Brian J. Costello, Christophe Landry and members of Les Creoles de Pointe Coupee, we invite all to experience the remarkable opportunity to hear native speakers converse and to learn Creole phrases and greetings. Lagniappe! - Creole lunch and program. Admission is free and open to all generations. Reservations: 970.988.1890 or www.pointecoupeehistory.com

Marquette University has placed its guide to Native American Catholic records online at www.marquette.edu/library/collections/archives/teaching.html.

The 32nd annual Great Lakes History Conference will be held October 26-27, 2007 at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI. This year's conference theme is "The History of Racism, Slavery and its Aftermath: Recognizing the 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade." For conference details contact Jason Crouthamel (crouthaj@gvsu.edu) or Craig Benjamin (benjaminc@gvsu.edu).

The Belgian Association of Africanists will be hosting an international colloquium on "Borderlands and Frontiers in Africa" in Leuven, Belgium on November 22-24, 2007. For additional details please go to www.borderlands.be.

The Center for French Colonial Studies will hold its 2007 Annual meeting in historic Merou Grotto, West Lafayette, IN on November 2-3, 2007. The conference program and registration information can be found on the center's website at http://www2.noctrl.edu/academics/departments/history/department_site/cfcs/index.htm

Call for Papers

The Program Committee of the Canadian Historical Association is seeking paper and panel proposals for the 2008 Annual Meeting to be at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC on June 2-4, 2008. The themes for this conference are: 1) childhood, youth, and generations; 2) environments, cultures, and power; 3) migrations, place, identities. While preference will be given to proposals that meet target themes, the committee will endeavor to include proposals on other areas of historical enquiry wherever possible. Proposals must be submitted electronically through the CHA website at <http://www.cha-shc.ca>. The absolute deadline for submissions is October 15, 2007. Questions about the conference and/or program should be directed to the Program Committee at cha2008@interchange.ubc.ca.

The editors of the "Encyclopedia of Blacks in European History and Culture" (Greenwood Press, 2008) are seeking contributors willing to write entries. Compensation for entries will be \$25 per 1,000 word entry. Preference will be given to college faculty, published authors and advanced graduate students. Potential contributors should send a CV to Eric Martone at Blacks in Europe Project@hotmail.com.

**2008 FCHS Conference
Call for Papers/ Appel à communications**

**Québec, Canada
May 14-18, 2008**

Le 34^{ème} congrès de la Société d'histoire coloniale française se tiendra dans la ville de Québec du 14 au 18 mai 2008. Afin de souligner le 400^{ème} anniversaire de fondation de la ville, le thème principal sera « Les villes dans les Empires coloniaux français », incluant la dimension mémorielle et commémorative de ce passé. Comme toujours, des propositions de communication sur d'autres aspects de l'histoire coloniale française peuvent aussi nous être adressées. La Société encourage des chercheurs de toute discipline à soumettre des propositions. Les propositions de communications individuelles doivent comprendre un résumé de 100 à 200 mots, incluant le titre de votre communication, votre nom, celui de votre institution d'affiliation, vos coordonnées (e-mail, téléphone, fax) et un curriculum vitae abrégé. Les propositions pour des séances complètes, des panels ou des tables rondes, doivent contenir ces éléments pour chacun des participants, de même que pour le président ou modérateur pressenti. Les propositions doivent impérativement être envoyées par courriel **avant le 15 octobre 2007** à Alain Laberge (alain.laberge@hst.ulaval.ca) et à Ruth Ginio (rginio@bgu.ac.il). Les personnes intéressées à présider une séance n'ont qu'à communiquer avec les mêmes personnes.

*The 34th annual meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS) will take place in Quebec City, May 14-18, 2008. As the city will celebrate its 400th birthday in 2008, the major theme of the conference will be "Towns in the French Colonial Empires", including its memorial dimension. As usual, proposals on all aspects of overseas France will be considered. The Society encourages scholars from all disciplines to submit proposals. Individual proposals must include a 100-200 words summary with the title of the paper, your name, your institutional affiliation, your e-mail address, phone and fax numbers, and a brief curriculum vitae. Proposals for whole sessions or panels must contain the same elements for each participant, as well as for the president/moderator if you suggest one. Proposals must absolutely be sent by e-mail **before October 15, 2007** to Alain Laberge (alain.laberge@hst.ulaval.ca) and to Ruth Ginio (rginio@bgu.ac.il). Individuals wishing to preside/moderate a session will communicate with these same persons.*

La FCHS est une association qui ne tire ses revenus que des cotisations de ses adhérents. Tous les participants au congrès doivent en être ou en devenir membres. Malheureusement, la Society n'a pas les ressources pour financer les voyages des intervenants au congrès. N'hésitez pas à consulter le site Internet de la Society pour de plus amples informations (<http://www.frenchcolonial.org>)

The FCHS is a private society dependant on membership dues. All conference participants must be or become members. Unfortunately, the FCHS does not have funds to subsidize scholars' participation at the meeting. Please check the FCHS website for further details (<http://www.frenchcolonial.org>) or simply google the Society's name.

**French Colonial Historical Society
Société d'Histoire Coloniale Française**

2007-2008 Membership Dues*

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_____ Student membership (US \$20 or CDN \$25)

_____ Contribution to W.J. Eccles Memorial Prize Fund (any currency accepted).

_____ Contribution to Alf Heggoy Memorial Book Prize Fund (any currency accepted).

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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