



# The FCHS NEWSLETTER

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## September 2009 Newsletter

Included in this issue of the newsletter are several important calls for papers, including our own upcoming meeting in Paris-St Denis. Other items of note include the Shorrock Fund appeal, news from our colleagues, and the Heggoy and Eccles Prize citations.

Members are asked to note that our Treasurer, Elizabeth Foster, has recently changed address and is now at Tufts university; memberships, payments and queries should be sent to her new contact information listed at left.

Members are also reminded that we have switched to a calendar year membership cycle and that dues need to be paid no later than March 1. Some of us are still in arrears for the 2009 year, so please send in your payments as soon as possible. Beginning in January those whose memberships are not up to date will be removed from our mailing list and will no longer receive copies of the newsletter.

Finally, as Mike Vann explains in his President's Message due to rising costs *French Colonial History* is going electronic. Information on how to access the journal or order print copies will be forthcoming in the January 2010 newsletter.

## President's Message

We never want to admit to being one of those people who like to say “I told you so,” but after the great success of FCHS, 2009, in San Francisco, I take immense pleasure in saying “I told you so!” Thanks to the great work of the various committee members and especially Sarah Curtis the event exceeded our expectations. The sessions flowed smoothly. The facilities were very professional and comfortable (aside from the one afternoon sessions when a bagpiper on Market Street distracted a few of us). The papers were stimulating and information. The plenary session on missionaries was engaging and thought-provoking. The reception and the banquet were a great time for both social and professional networking. Many of us saw old friends and quite a few made new friends. In short, aside from one small fire, the event was a great success. While everyone who worked on FCHS, 2009, deserves our appreciation, I want to single out one specific individual. I cannot thank Sarah Curtis enough for her excellent work with this event. She oversaw the venue selection, organized an excellent team of student-workers, worked on the program, negotiated hotels, and thousands of other essential tasks. We all agree that Sarah made FCHS, 2009, the memorable event that it was.

In San Francisco it gave me great pleasure to announce that Kenneth Orosz won the Alf Heggoy Prize for his *Religious Conflict and the Evolution of Language Policy in German and French Cameroon, 1885-1939* (New York: Peter Lang/American University Studies, 2008). Ken deserves congratulations for his excellent book but also great thanks for his many years as editor of this newsletter and his former stint as webmaster.

Let me remind you the society's journal, *French Colonial History*, will soon be available online via our website. Due to our new contract with the publisher, members will have online access to the journal. You may opt in to purchase a hard copy at 60% of the cover price. While I know that many of us may not be happy with this new format, this change is due to the dramatic rise in the cost of publication.

David Del Testa deserves mention for his work on the website. He has been steadily improving [www.frenchcolonial.org](http://www.frenchcolonial.org) by adding new content and features. If you have any suggestions or content such as FCHS related photographs, please send them to David.

Our Treasurer, Elizabeth Foster, has a new position at Tufts University and thus a new email: [elizabeth.foster@tufts.edu](mailto:elizabeth.foster@tufts.edu). Please make sure to update her contact information.

Finally, I want to thank all of you, the members of FCHS, for attending the event, giving great papers, and contributing to the friendly and intellectual exchange that has characterized this society from its beginnings. Without you, there would be no FCHS.

I look forward to seeing everyone again in Paris!

Michael G. Vann  
President, FCHS  
Sacramento State

## Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2009-2010

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 \$400 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, 2010. Questions about how to submit entries should be addressed to Dr. Martin Thomas, Prize Committee Chair at [Martin.C.Thomas@ex.ac.uk](mailto:Martin.C.Thomas@ex.ac.uk). Applicants or their publishers should submit three copies of books published in 2009 (date of publication is determined by the copyright page of the book), one to each of the book prize committee members:

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The award will be announced at the annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society in Paris in June 2010.

### Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2009

**French Colonial Historical Society  
Société d'histoire coloniale française  
San Francisco, CA  
May 2009**

#### Citation

*Kenneth Orosz, Religious Conflict and the Evolution of Language Policy in German and French Cameroon, 1885-1939* (New York: Peter Lang/American University Studies, 2008)

Forensic in its use of evidence and genuinely comparative in approach, this is a ground-breaking work whose originality and clarity impressed all three Heggoy Prize judges. The book compels us to think differently about the dynamics of missionary-state relations, inter-confessional rivalries, and the ethno-centric 'nationalism' of certain missionary organizations. The sum is a path-breaking reassessment of the cultural impact of language policy on colonial society. A worthy winner of the Alfred Heggoy prize, 2009.

**Books Nominated for the Annual  
Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2009**

Jean-Luc Andrian, *Les Généraux Andafiavaratra et la France au XIXe siècle à Madagascar* (Selah Publishing)

A highly original and richly illustrated study that reassesses the colonial - pre-colonial divide in Madagascar through the prism of the leading military actors who helped entrench Hova dominance and monarchical rule in Madagascar's central highlands and beyond over the course of the nineteenth century before coordinating the resistance to French incursions from the 1880s onward.

Peter J. Bloom, *French Colonial Documentary: Mythologies of Humanitarianism* (University of Minnesota Press)

With beautiful illustrations, this book offers insightful readings of colonial iconography, from beverage advertisements to films about trans-Saharan crossings. Bloom shows the importance of colonial documentary both to the formation of claims of colonial humanitarianism and to debates over French identity and multiculturalism.

Philip P. Boucher, *France and the American Tropics to 1700: Tropics of Discontent?* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008).

This magisterial survey of the French tropics in the seventeenth century is the first of its kind; its multiple narratives encompass military, political, social, and economic history as well as the trajectories of individual colonies.

Jean-François Brière, *Haiti et la France 1804-1848* (Karthala)

A very welcome addition to the literature on Haiti that takes as its starting point the transition to independence in January 1804 after the social upheavals of the preceding fifteen years. Elegantly written and convincingly argued, the author illustrates the methods – diplomatic, economic, and coercive - and the frustrations inherent in French efforts to re-build imperial influence over Haiti during the course of the early nineteenth century.

H. Sophie Burton & F. Todd Smith, *Colonial Natchitoches: A Creole Community on the Louisiana-Texas Frontier* (College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, 2008)

*Colonial Natchitoches* is the first comprehensive study of this small but strategically located multi-ethnic community on the margins of two empires.

Kevin Callahan and Sarah Curtis (eds.), *Views from the Margins: Creating Identities in Modern France* (University of Nebraska Press)

A fine collection of thought-provoking essays, many of which deal directly with colonialism, *Views from the Margins* explores how race, language, gender, and religion have helped shape what has constituted “Frenchness” in the modern period.

Shannon Lee Dawdy, *Building the Devil's Empire: French Colonial New Orleans* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2008)

This bold and ambitious study of French colonial New Orleans not only captures the flavor of everyday life by marrying history to archaeology; it also considers the colony's global significance as an exemplar of rogue colonialism, a form of collaboration between rogue entrepreneurs and the colonial state.

Richard Fogerty, *Race and War in France: Colonial Subjects in the French Army, 1914-1918* (The John Hopkins University Press)

An outstanding and well-researched history of the roles played by colonial soldiers in the First World War, this study explores how the experiences of non-European troops exposed deep paradoxes at the heart of republican ideologies of universalism.

William Gallois, *The Administration of Sickness: Medicine and Ethics in Nineteenth-Century Algeria* (Palgrave Macmillan)

This exhaustive analysis documents the obstacles, rivalries, and anti-colonial politics that challenged and even derailed local administrative goals of using medicine in the settling of Algeria.

Rafaël Herzstein, *Université Saint-Joseph de beyrouth. Fondation et fonctionnement de 187 à 1914* (Le Cri Jesuitica)

More than an institutional study, this well researched book analyzes the early history of Beirut's Université Saint-Joseph to illustrate the communal and religious divides that shaped the cultural politics of education on the eve of the consolidation of a Lebanese state under French mandatory rule.

Nicolas Landry, *Plaisance, Terre-Neuve, 1650-1713, Une colonie française en Amérique* (Sillery, Qué.: Septentrion, 2008)

This meticulously researched study is also the first general history of the colony of Plaisance, the center of France's important codfish trade in the second half of the seventeenth century.

Marnia Lazreg, *Torture and the Twilight of Empire* (Princeton)

A path-breaking, inter-disciplinary study that confronts the systematization of state torture in late colonial Algeria. Harrowing and revealing, the book reconsiders the processes and practices that contributed to the normalization, even banalization, of French acts of physical, sexual, and psychological violence against Algerians in the violent descent to decolonization.

Van Nguyen-Marshall, *In Search of Moral Authority: The Discourse on Poverty, Poor Relief, and Charity in French Colonial Vietnam* (Peter Lang Press)

This original and deeply researched study shines new light on the politics behind both indigenous and French constructions of the ideas of poverty and charity in colonial Vietnam.

### **W. J. Eccles Prize, 2009**

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.

### **2009 W. J. Eccles Prize Winner**

The prize was granted to Marie Rodet for her excellent, very well researched article entitled "'Le délit d'abandon du domicile conjugal' ou l'invasion du pénal colonial dans les jugements des 'tribunaux indigènes' au Soudan Français (1900-1947)," which examines the way in which colonial policies influenced local traditions, including in very private family matters. The well-written article was praised for its originality, for the quality of the research it presents, and for highlighting rarely discussed topics in the history of colonial Africa.

### **Colleagues at Work**

Harry Gamble has a forthcoming article in the *Cahiers d'études africaines* entitled "Peasants of the Empire: Rural Schools and the Colonial Imaginary in 1930s French West Africa."

Hazel Hahn is conducting research on urban planning and the municipal politics of Indochine, 1880-1945. She is also researching the development of tourism in the region during the same time period.

Eric Jennings is completing a history of the hill station of Dalat, Indochina 1893-1975.

Heidi Keller-Lapp is currently working on a book manuscript with the working title *Floating Cloister and Heroic Amazons: Ursuline Missionaries in the Atlantic World, 1639-1727* which she intends to submit to Cornell University Press.

Timothy Kent has just published the book *A Modern Day Voyager Family, Paddling the 3000 Miles of the Mainline Fur Trade Canoe Route across the US and Canada*, an adventure story, a how-to guide, and a primer on virtually all aspects of the French fur trade, which is accompanied by a DVD with 370 color photos and musical accompaniment.

Pierre Mochon is an interpreter for Parks Canada Agency Historical. He specializes in the history of French Newfoundland, particularly the French fisheries of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Peter Moogk published "The Liturgy of Humiliation, Pain, and Death: the Execution of Criminals in New France" in *The Canadian Historical Review* 88, 1 (March 2007): 89-112.

James Pritchard's *Louis XV's Navy, 1748-1762: A Study of Organization and Administration*, first published 23 years ago, will appear in a new paperback edition this fall from McGill-Queen's University Press.

Abdiel Onate works on 20<sup>th</sup> century Mexican history, particularly its cultural and economic relations with France and Spain.

Nicole Short is an undergraduate pursuing a history degree at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

## Notices

The University of Liverpool's School of Cultures, Languages and Areas Studies is hosting an conference entitled "Africans in Europe in the Long 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Transnationalism, Translation, and Transfer" on October 30-31, 2009. Registration information and a preliminary program are available at <http://www.liv.ac.uk/soclas/conferences/AfricansinEurope.pdf>.

Applications for the National History Center's 5<sup>th</sup> summer seminar on decolonization are due November 2, 2009. The seminar, to be held in Washington, DC over four weeks from July 11-August 14, 2010, is open to advanced PhD students nearing completion of their dissertations and to recent PhDs (no more than 5 years out). In addition to participating in discussions and the exchange of ideas, participants will conduct research in the Library of Congress and area archives with the goal of producing a draft article or book chapter by seminar's end. Participants will be reimbursed for travel and will receive a small stipend to cover living expenses. Information and applications are at <http://nationalhistorycenter.org/2010decolonizationapplications/>.

The Institute for Research in the Humanities is accepting applications for the David Woodward Memorial Fellowship in the History of Cartography. The fellowship covers two months of summer research and study at the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus on a subject related to the history of cartography. Application materials are due February 19, 2010 and may be found at <http://www.geography.wisc.edu/histcart/#fellow>.

The organizers of the 2010 "France Noire -Black France" film festival are seeking entries which focus on the black presence in France. The festival will be held June 3-5, 2010 in Paris. Submissions must be sent on region free or Region 1 DVD by December 15, 2009. For additional information contact T. Denean Sharpley-Whiting ([t.sharpley-whiting@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:t.sharpley-whiting@vanderbilt.edu)) at Program in African American and Diaspora Studies, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Box 351516,

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235-1516, USA; or Professors Trica Keaton ([trica.d.keaton@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:trica.d.keaton@vanderbilt.edu)) and Arlette Frund ([frunda@wanadoo.fr](mailto:frunda@wanadoo.fr)) at Columbia University Institute for Scholars, Reid Hall 4, rue de Chevreuse, 75006 Paris, France.

## Call for Papers

The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and the University of British Columbia invite proposals for a conference entitled “Age of Sail: Maritime History, 1450-1850.” Conference details and the full call for papers for this event, which will be held October 7-10, 2010 in Vancouver, can be found at [http://www.history.ubc.ca/documents/Age\\_of\\_Sail.pdf](http://www.history.ubc.ca/documents/Age_of_Sail.pdf). Proposals must be submitted via e-mail by December 31, 2009 to [dvickers@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:dvickers@interchange.ubc.ca). Prospective participants should be aware that papers will be pre-circulated and should plan accordingly.

Britain’s Centre for Metropolitan History is seeking proposals for a forthcoming conference on “Cities and Nationalisms” to held in London on July 17-18, 2010. The organizers are especially interested in papers or panels exploring the role of previously overlooked peoples, places, and periods. Proposals are due November 30, 2009 and should be sent via e-mail to Professor Vivian Bickford-Smith ([Vivian.Bickford@sas.ac.uk](mailto:Vivian.Bickford@sas.ac.uk)). For additional details go to <http://www.history.ac.uk/events/conferences/941>.

The organizers of the Forum on European Expansion and Colonial Interaction are seeking proposals for the upcoming biennial conference dedicated to global interactions in the period 1450-1850. The conference will be held February 19-21, 2010 at Duke University, in Durham NC. Proposals should include the paper title, a 250-300 word abstract (including name, affiliation and contact information for the presenter), and a 2 page CV. While the organizers will accept panel proposals, their stated preference is for individual papers. Proposals must be sent as e-mail attachments by September 1, 2009 to Laura Mitchell ([mitchell@uci.edu](mailto:mitchell@uci.edu)). For more information go to <http://feegi.org/conference2010.htm>.

The University of Texas at Austin is hosting a conference dedicated to crisis years in the British Empire immediately following the end of the Seven Years War in 1763. The organizers of the “1763 and All That: Temptations of Empire in the British World During the Decade After the Seven Years War” are particularly interested in paper proposals that explore links across and between colonial regions as well as those with deal with the incorporation of French Catholics in Canada into the British Empire. Proposals should be submitted via e-mail to Robert Olwell and James Vaughn at [historyinstitute@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:historyinstitute@austin.utexas.edu). Additional details may be found at <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/insts/historicalstudies/conferences/listing.php>.

The organizers of the Sixth Galway Conference on Colonialism are seeking papers on “Education and Empire” for the upcoming conference to be held June 24-26, 2010 at the National University of Ireland in Galway. Proposals for papers which explore the role of education in shaping, promoting and challenging the imperial/colonial ideologies and institutions, particularly those which have an Irish dimension, should be sent to Fiona Bateman



and Muireann O’Cinneide via the online application located on the conference website at <http://www.conference.ie/Conferences/index.asp?Conference=80>. The application deadline is January 31, 2010.

The *World History Bulletin* is seeking submissions for its Spring 2010 issue focusing on France and the Francophone world in World History. The guest editors of this special issue will be Alyssa Goldstein Sepinwall (California State University, San Marcos) and Michael G. Vann (California State University, Sacramento). The *Bulletin* is read by university specialists in comparative/transnational world history as well as by K-12 teachers of world history. French history has often been under-represented in world history narratives; this special issue aims to highlight examples from French and French colonial history that can be used effectively (especially in the classroom) by world historians. Submissions may consider all aspects of historical scholarship including pedagogy, research, or theory. Topics may include the medieval, early modern, modern, and contemporary periods. Articles can include model syllabi or assignments, if applicable. The guest editors are particularly interested in:

- \*The ways in which French national history can be integrated into the World historical narrative as well as methods and tactics to bring World history into French national history narratives.
- \*Examples drawn from the history of French colonialism and imperialism.
- \*French alternatives to traditionally Anglo centric examples of major themes or processes in World History (such as the slave or opium trades).
- \*France’s historical role in global trade.
- \*France’s global political impact.
- \*French history and the construction of race.
- \*Any other themes from French history which can be used paradigmatically or comparatively in the world history classroom (such as gender, immigration, science/medicine, or aspects of postcoloniality).

Authors should keep in mind that the *Bulletin’s* audience is composed of specialists in a diverse range of historical fields and periods, in addition to K-12 teachers; articles should be made as clear and accessible as possible for this diverse readership. Authors should send articles, classroom lessons, and/or mini-essays to Michael Tarter at either [mtarver@atu.edu](mailto:mtarver@atu.edu) or [bulletin@thewha.org](mailto:bulletin@thewha.org). The *World History Bulletin* publishes articles of varying lengths; though submissions between 500 and 5000 words will be accepted, we are especially interested in short articles of 1000–1500 words. The style sheet may be found <http://lfa.atu.edu/ssphil/WHB.pdf>. Queries regarding submissions and all other matters should be addressed to the guest editors, Alyssa Goldstein Sepinwall ([sepinwall@csusm.edu](mailto:sepinwall@csusm.edu)) and Michael Vann ([mikevann@csus.edu](mailto:mikevann@csus.edu)). The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2010.

## Call for Papers

### Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society Paris / Saint-Denis, France June 17-19, 2010

The 36th annual meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS) will take place in Paris, France, June 17-19, 2010, hosted by the University Paris 8 (Vincennes - Saint-Denis). The theme for the conference will be “**Ends of Empire**” but as usual, proposals on all aspects of overseas France will be considered. Please do not send proposals for papers that have already been presented or scheduled for presentation at other conferences, or that have already been published. The time limit for presenting papers will be 20 minutes, and the deadline for submitting papers to the session moderator is three weeks in advance of the conference. The Society encourages scholars from all disciplines to submit proposals.

Individual paper proposals must include a 100-200 word summary with the title of the paper, name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address, phone and fax numbers, and a brief curriculum vitae, all integrated into a single file, preferably in MS-Word. Proposals for entire sessions or panels must contain the same information for each participant, as well as contact information and a brief C.V. for the moderator if you suggest one. (The program committee can help find moderators, if necessary.) There will be a limited number of AV-equipped rooms available so it is essential that you indicate your need for audiovisual equipment (and what kind) in your proposal.

Proposals should be sent by e-mail attachment to: [fchsparis@gmail.com](mailto:fchsparis@gmail.com). Individuals wishing to moderate a session should send a statement of interest, contact information, and a brief C.V. to the Program Chair. **The deadline for proposals is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

The FCHS is a private society dependent on membership dues. All conference participants must be or become members at the time of acceptance (roughly January 1, 2010). 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>).

If you have any questions about membership, please contact Elizabeth Foster, Treasurer ([elizabeth.foster@tufts.edu](mailto:elizabeth.foster@tufts.edu)). If you have any questions about conference logistics, please contact Emmanuelle Sibeud, Local Arrangements ([emmanuelle.sibeud@univ-paris8.fr](mailto:emmanuelle.sibeud@univ-paris8.fr)).

## Appel à communications

### Congrès annuel de la Société d'histoire coloniale française Université Paris 8 (Vincennes – Saint-Denis) Paris / Saint-Denis, France 17-19 juin 2010

Le 36ème congrès de la Société d'histoire coloniale française se tiendra à Paris du 17 au 19 juin 2010, organisé par l'Université Paris 8 (Vincennes – Saint Denis). Le thème principal sera « **Fins d'empire** », mais 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 interventions ne doivent pas être déjà publiées, ni présentées ou programmées à un autre colloque. Chaque intervenant disposera de 20 minutes de présentation. Les communications devront être soumises au président de séance au minimum trois semaines avant le début du congrès.

Les propositions de communications individuelles doivent comprendre un résumé de 100 à 200 mots et indiquer : le titre de la communication, le nom, l'institution de rattachement, les coordonnées (e-mail, téléphone, fax) et un curriculum vitae abrégé de l'auteur, dans un seul dossier, de préférence en MS-Word. 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/discutant pressenti. (Les organisateurs peuvent proposer des présidents et des discutants, si nécessaire.) En raison du nombre limité de salles équipées, il est essentiel d'indiquer d'emblée si vous avez besoin d'équipements audiovisuels.

Les propositions doivent être envoyées par courriel à l'adresse suivante : [fchsparis@gmail.com](mailto:fchsparis@gmail.com). Les personnes souhaitant présider une séance doivent envoyer une déclaration d'intérêt, leurs coordonnées et un CV abrégé. La date limite pour les propositions de communication sera le **1<sup>er</sup> novembre 2009**.

La FCHS est une association indépendante, sans autre source de financement que les cotisations de ses adhérents. L'adhésion à la société est obligatoire pour participer au congrès. Malheureusement, la Society ne peut prendre en charge ni le voyage, ni le séjour des intervenants au congrès. N'hésitez pas à consulter le site Internet de la Society pour de plus amples informations (<http://www.frenchcolonial.org>).

Si vous avez des questions sur l'adhésion à la Society, contactez Elizabeth Foster, Trésorière ([elizabeth.foster@tufts.edu](mailto:elizabeth.foster@tufts.edu)). Si vous avez des questions sur l'organisation du congrès, contactez Emmanuelle Sibeud, Local Arrangements ([emmanuelle.sibeud@univ-paris8.fr](mailto:emmanuelle.sibeud@univ-paris8.fr)).

Dear colleague:

As you likely know, the French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS) suffered a terrible loss last fall with the death of Bill Shorrock, one of the society's most valuable and beloved members. Bill served in many official capacities - president, vice-president, chairman of the Alf Heggoy book prize, organizer or co-organizer of several annual meetings and much more. Just as important, Bill strongly influenced the culture of FCHS and he epitomized those values once established. He valued the exchange of knowledge across different regions of the French colonial empire and across the centuries. But he did so in a manner which emphasized cordiality and the lack of boundaries between established and younger scholars. At the annual meetings, Bill sought out individuals who had not previously participated and incorporated them into the group. Bill was naturally easygoing, affable, and a real gentle man.

The FCHS executive committee decided to establish a five-year campaign to attain a goal of a minimum of \$20,000, which will constitute a permanent capital fund. We hope that ten people will pledge \$200 a year for five years, that ten will pledge \$100 a year, that ten will pledge \$50 a year and that ten or more will pledge \$25 a year. I am pleased to inform you that Marge Shorrock has pledged \$5,000 and three other individuals have pledged \$3000, so the campaign is off to a great start.

Interest on the permanent capital fund will be used to support graduate student presentations of papers at the annual FCHS conference. An FCHS committee will evaluate applications for conference support on the basis of the originality and importance of their research projects. Applicants will submit a brief description of their research program.

To support this phase of the fund raising campaign, Mike Vann reconstituted the Shorrock committee to include ex-presidents Cornelius Jaenen, Patricia Galloway, Dale Standen, Dale Miquelon, John Johnston, Bob Duplessis and Sue Peabody as co-signatories to this letter of appeal. All these individuals have witnessed Bill Shorrock's contributions to the culture of FCHS as well as his dedicated and effective service in many official capacities.

We urge you to consider making a pledge to the Shorrock fund. We consider 2008 to be the initial year of the campaign. If you wish to donate, send a check and the cut out form below to Elizabeth Foster at the Department of History, Bates College, 4 Andrews Rd., Lewiston, ME 04240. Make the check out to FCHS and indicate the money is for the Shorrock Memorial Fund. We thank you very much.

Philip Boucher, Cornelius Jaenen, Patricia Galloway, Dale Standen, Dale Miquelon, John Johnston, Bob Duplessis, Sue Peabody

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Amount of pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Membership Dues (calendar annual)\***

**Please complete the form below and mail to:**

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e-mail: elizabeth.foster@tufts.edu

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular FCHS/SHCF membership (\$65 US funds or \$65 Canadian funds). Regular members receive copies of the Newsletter and the annual issue of our journal French Colonial History. Make checks payable to the French Colonial Historical Society.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student membership (US \$35 or CDN \$35). Student members receive copies of the Newsletter and the annual issue of our journal French Colonial History. Make checks payable to the French Colonial Historical Society.

\_\_\_\_\_ Life members (US \$350 or CDN \$350). A new opportunity for those interested in the FCHS/SHCF is the life membership, which makes an important contribution to the support of the Society while simultaneously unburdening a member from ever paying dues again. Think about it...good for you, good for the Society, and, potentially a good tax deduction. Make checks payable to the French Colonial Historical Society.

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