



# The FCHS NEWSLETTER

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Happy Fall!

A reminder to please take a moment if you haven't followed us on Facebook and Twitter to do so. Our followers are up a hundred-fold! Up-to-date information will always be there, as well as on our Society webpage.

As we work to develop an archive of resources for teaching as well as research, we encourage you to share links to research collections as well as digital and other tools. Continue to send me information on recently published dissertations, book announcements, and important information on the field. We want to celebrate your accomplishments! They will also be made available on the website and on Social Media. Please send pedagogy/ research resource suggestions to Katie Edwards via [webmaster@frenchcolonial.org](mailto:webmaster@frenchcolonial.org).

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REMINDER : Members (and soon to be), you can purchase or renew your annual membership for 2019 as early as October 15<sup>th</sup>!!

Take care of yourselves,

Robin Mitchell

## President's Message

I think it only fitting that my first official, public act as the new president of the FCHS is to give thanks to the friends and colleagues who have done, do, and will continue to do so much more than I to make this organization vibrant and successful. Jennifer Sessions steps down as president having presided over a continued strengthening of the Society, particularly in cultivating and promoting the careers of graduate students and early-career scholars, but also in many, many other ways. She has set an example that will be hard to follow, but well worth emulating in all respects. And members need not overly fear her absence, since she will remain active on the Executive Committee as past president to keep the new president on the straight and narrow. Nathalie Dessens gets a well-deserved reprieve from official duties, as her term as past president expires, but she remains an invaluable source of advice and wisdom. The vice presidency will be in the eminently capable hands of Jennifer Palmer. Spencer Segalla stays on for another term as treasurer, for which we are all truly grateful. Webmaster Katie Edwards and News and Social Media Editor Robin Mitchell will also continue to excel at the essential work of keeping the Society active and informed. Our journal, *French Colonial History*, benefits from the wise and capable stewardship of Ken Orosz and Caroline Herbelin. I as president, and the Society as a whole continue to benefit from contributions and advice from members who have served as officers in the past. And the all of the members of the FCHS contribute and inspire in ways too numerous to mention here. In other words, I am very lucky indeed, and thankful, to be in such company doing such important work.

Among our most important work as a scholarly society is holding our annual meeting, one of our best opportunities to share our latest research and ideas, to hear those of others, to see and spend time with colleagues and friends, and to make new connections. This year's meeting in Seattle was a great success in all of these respects. A very large and very warm thank you are due to our local hosts Sue Peabody, Sarah Zimmerman, and Hazel Hahn. Among the highlights of the conference were the announcements of this year's book prize winners: Sue Peabody won the Mary Alice and Philip Boucher Prize for *Madeleine's Children: Family, Freedom, Secrets, and Lies in France's Indian Ocean Colonies* (OUP, 2017), and Christopher Church won the Alf Andrew Heggoy Prize for *Paradise Destroyed: Catastrophe and Citizenship in the French Caribbean* (Nebraska, 2017). Another major highlight of the conference was the robust participation of many graduate students, who, after all, constitute the future of the field and of the Society. The FCHS was pleased to be able to award six William Shorrock Travel Awards to help defray travel expenses for Samuel Derksen, Aziza Doudou, Elyssa Gage, Elizabeth Jacob, Kevin Li, and Pauline Moskowski-Ouargli.

We fully expect that next year's gathering, on the Longueuil campus of the Université de Sherbrooke in Montréal, Québec, to be every bit as exciting and successful. Our colleagues Patrick Dramé and Benoît Grenier have the arrangements well in hand, and members can find the

call for papers and further details about the conference further on in this newsletter. We hope to see many of you there. Looking beyond next year, Ken Orosz has agreed to host our 2020 meeting in Buffalo, New York. We'll share more details about that in the next newsletter. Plans for meetings in 2021 and thereafter are still taking shape, so members should know that the Executive Committee would be pleased to receive ideas or proposals for potential sites.

At the risk of becoming known right from the start as the "Prolix President," whose newsletter essays of welcome go on far too long, I would like to mention two other important matters before concluding. First, the Society cannot do its good work without the help of its members, and so I urge everyone to keep their membership dues current, and to consider a lifetime membership and/or donations to the funds that support our prizes and awards. Our web site ([www.frenchcolonial.org](http://www.frenchcolonial.org)) makes all of this easy to do, via the "Become a Member" and "Donate" links. Second, since one of the benefits of membership is a subscription to our journal, *French Colonial History*, all members should consider submitting original articles for publication. Keeping the journal active and vibrant is a major priority, and I would like to make a personal appeal to everyone to help maintain its long history of excellence in publishing the best and latest research in our field. You can find more details at [www.frenchcolonial.org/index.php/journal](http://www.frenchcolonial.org/index.php/journal).

All that now remains for me is to express the hope that everyone reading this message had an enjoyable and productive summer. It is hard to believe that it is over, but the shorter days and longer nights of late September prove that it well and truly is. I know that some of you had the good fortune, like me, to visit the Archives Nationales d'Outre-Mer in Aix-en-Provence this summer (I know because I saw some of you there). I am sure that you, like me, were reminded of the wonderful conference we held there in 2017, of how critical to our work are the help and knowledge of the archivists at this and the many other archives we visit in our pursuit of knowledge about the past, and of how hot it can be in Aix in August! (It was worse in Paris, let me tell you, but many of you already know that, too.) To those of you working or studying in academic institutions, I wish you the best as we start another academic year. To all of the FCHS membership, I thank you for your scholarly contributions and collegiality, for joining in the collective project of understanding all aspects of France's colonial past. From continuing controversies over the plight of refugees, to eruptions of racial and religious tensions, to debates over the "African" or "French" heritage of France's World-Cup winning football team, we do not lack for reminders of how important and relevant is the work that we do—offering nuance, setting essential contexts, and showing that everything and everyone has a history worth knowing.

Rick Fogarty  
University at Albany, SUNY

## Colleagues at Work / Book Announcements

**Michitake Aso**, *Rubber and the Making of Vietnam: An Ecological History, 1897-1975* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2018).

**Jacques Binoche**, *Histoire de l'Algérie et ses parlementaires (1848-1962)*, Edilivre, 2018, 136 p., avec cartes et illustrations.

**Jean-François Brière**'s article on "La Révolution haïtienne dans les manuels scolaires français, 1857-2011" was published in the Fall 2017 issue (vol. 23, no 2) of the *Journal of Haitian Studies*.

**Patricia Goldsworthy**, "Orientalist Legacies and Photography in Contemporary Morocco" *Contemporary French Civilization*, 43 no. 2 (2018): 133-154.

**Timothy Roberts**, "Republican citizenship in the post-Civil War South and French Algeria 1865–1900," *American Nineteenth Century History* 19 (Mar 2018), 81-104, DOI: 10.1080/14664658.2018.1441646.

**Alyssa Goldstein Sepinwall**, "Addressing Current Events in the World History Classroom," *World History Connected* 15, no. 2 (June 2018), <http://worldhistoryconnected.press.uillinois.edu/15.2/sepinwall.html>.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Black Lives Matter in History Too: Slavery, Memory and the Haitian Revolution in Chris Rock's *Top Five*," *Journal of American Culture* 41, no. 1 (March 2018) [special issue on Slavery and the Contemporary Imagination], 5-16.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Beyond *The Black Jacobins*: Haitian Revolution Historiography Comes of Age," *Journal of Haitian Studies* 23, no. 1 (Spring 2017), 4 - 34.

**Maya Angela Smith**, "Negotiating Martinican identity amid French universalism: Racial and linguistic considerations," *Francosphères* 7.1 (2018): 49-69.

**Mike Vann**, *The Great Hanoi Rat Hunt: Empire, Disease, and Modernity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).

**Sarah Zimmerman** is a fellow for the Fall 2018 Core Program at the Camargo Foundation in Cassis! Details here: <http://camargofoundation.org/programs/camargo-core-program/fall-2018/sarah-zimmerman/>

## Announcements

### Call for Papers / Appel à Communications

**Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society  
Congrès annuel de la Société d'histoire coloniale Française**

**Université de Sherbrooke (Campus de Longueuil), South Shore of Montreal  
Québec (Canada)**

**June 13-15 / 13-15 juin 2019**

The 45th Annual Congress of the French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS) will be held at the University of Sherbrooke, Longueuil Campus (two metro stations from the city of Montreal) from Thursday, June 13 to Saturday, June 15, 2019.

This year's conference theme is « Order and Disorder in the French Colonial Empire », which invites participants to consider principles, institutions, and strategies that ensured the establishment and maintenance of colonial order but also contestations and resistances which sometimes led to its collapse.

The Society encourages students, scholars, and educators from all disciplines to submit proposals. Papers may be delivered in English or French. Individual paper proposals should include a 200-word summary, as well as the title of the paper, presenter's name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address, phone number, and a brief C.V. (1 to 2 pages). All components of the proposal should be integrated into a single file MS-Word document.

Proposals for complete panels or round tables will contain the same information for each participant, as well as a title for their panel/round table. Please also provide contact information and a short C.V. for the moderator if one is included in the proposal. The program committee will assist in locating moderators, if necessary. Please indicate in your proposal whether audiovisual equipment is required for your proposal.

Individuals wishing to moderate a session should send a statement of interest that included research specialization, contact information, and a brief C.V. Individual and panel proposals should be submitted via email before **November 1st, 2018** (deadline) to [frenchcolonial2019@gmail.com](mailto:frenchcolonial2019@gmail.com).

The FCHS depends on membership dues. All conference participants (presenters and moderators) must pay both the 2019 membership fee and the conference registration fee upon acceptance as a participant in the annual meeting. Unfortunately, the FCHS does not have funds to subsidize scholars' participation at the meeting. Graduate students, however, may apply for the Shorrock Travel Award; details are provided on the FCHS website (the application must be sent with the proposal).

Additional information about the Society's scholarly activities, fellowships, and past conferences is available at [www.frenchcolonial.org](http://www.frenchcolonial.org). If you have any questions about membership, please contact Spencer Segalla at [treasurer@frenchcolonial.org](mailto:treasurer@frenchcolonial.org).

## Appel à Communications

Le 45<sup>e</sup> congrès annuel de la Société d'histoire coloniale française (SHCF) se tiendra du 13 au 15 juin 2019 au Campus de Longueuil de l'Université de Sherbrooke (à deux stations de métro de la ville de Montréal). Le thème de cette année est « Ordre et désordre dans l'Empire colonial français », ce qui permettra de considérer les principes, les institutions, les stratégies qui soutiennent l'implantation et le maintien de l'ordre colonial mais aussi les contestations et les résistances qu'il a suscitées et qui ont parfois entraîné son démantèlement. Cependant, comme tous les ans, les propositions de communication sur d'autres aspects de l'histoire coloniale française seront prises en considération.

La Société encourage les enseignant.e.s, chercheur.e.s et étudiantes de toutes disciplines à soumettre des propositions de communication. Les communications peuvent s'effectuer en français ou en anglais. Les propositions individuelles doivent comprendre le titre de la communication, le nom de l'intervenant.e, son institution de rattachement, ses coordonnées (e-mail/courriel et téléphone), un résumé de 200 mots et un bref curriculum vitae (une à deux pages) dans un seul document, de préférence en MS-Word. Merci d'indiquer d'emblée si vous avez besoin d'équipements audiovisuels.

Les propositions de sessions complètes ou de tables-rondes doivent contenir ces éléments pour chacun des participantes, de même que pour le modérateur/trice (le comité scientifique du congrès peut aussi aider dans la recherche d'un modérateur/trice). Les personnes souhaitant présider une séance sont priées d'envoyer une déclaration d'intérêt, leurs coordonnées ainsi qu'un bref CV.

Les propositions pour des sessions complètes ou communications individuelles doivent être envoyées par courriel (email) à [frenchcolonial2019@gmail.com](mailto:frenchcolonial2019@gmail.com) avant le **1<sup>er</sup> novembre 2018**.

La **SHCF** est une association indépendante, sans autre source de financement que les cotisations de ses adhérents. L'adhésion à l'association et les frais d'inscriptions sont obligatoires pour tous les participants (intervenant.e.s et modérateurs/trices) au moment de l'acceptation de leur proposition. Malheureusement, la SHCF n'offre pas de financement pour participer au congrès. Les doctorants peuvent cependant concourir au prix Shorrock. Les modalités sont indiquées sur le site de la FCHS (la demande doit être faite au moment de l'envoi de la proposition de communication).

Des informations complémentaires sur les activités de la Société d'histoire coloniale française, les bourses et les précédentes conférences sont disponibles à l'adresse [www.frenchcolonial.org](http://www.frenchcolonial.org).

Pour toute question concernant l'adhésion à la Société, merci de contacter Spencer Segalla à [treasurer@frenchcolonial.org](mailto:treasurer@frenchcolonial.org).

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The Francophone Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association will again co-host a Continuing Legal Education Civil Law Symposium with the *faculté de droit Université de Moncton* for Canadian, French and American attorneys to be held at the University of Moncton during next year's *Congrès mondial acadien 2019*, an international event held every five years. Although we have not yet set the day of the symposium, it will be held on one day in mid-August, 2019. Thus far, the following have expressed an interest in making presentations: from Louisiana, LSU Law Professor Olivier Moreteau (who led the effort to translate the Louisiana Civil Code into French), Baton Rouge Attorney Fernin F. Eaton and Warren A. Perrin, and, from Canada, the University of Moncton Law School Profs. Lambert, Léger-Riopel, Labelle-Eastaugh, the dean of the law school and Lockyer, the former Minister of Justice of New Brunswick. For more information please contact Warren A. Perrin. The Judge Allen M. Babineaux Civil Law Symposium has sponsored international law seminars since 2000.

The 2018 **ACQS Biennial Conference** will be held November 1-4 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Intercontinental Hotel. The conference theme will be "Amériques françaises – French Americas." To celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the city of New Orleans, the conference will feature numerous panels and cultural events on Louisiana's French heritage and society.

The preliminary program has now been posted! You can view it [here](https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/events/233/programme-builder/view).  
<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/events/233/programme-builder/view>

## Prizes and Awards

### **The Mary Alice and Philip Boucher Book Prize** **Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize**

The French Colonial Historical Society awards two book prizes annually for the best volumes published in the preceding year.

- The Boucher prize is awarded in honor of long-time members and active supporters Mary Alice and Philip Boucher, and recognizes the best book dealing with the French colonial experience from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to 1815.

- The Heggoy prize is awarded in honor of one of the Society's founding members, Alf Andrew Heggoy, and recognizes the best book dealing with the French colonial experience from 1815 to the present.

For both prizes, books from any academic discipline will be considered, providing that they approach the French colonial experience from an historical perspective.

The deadline for next year's submissions is March 1, 2019.

Applicants or their publishers should submit four copies of books published in 2018 (date of publication is determined by the copyright page of the book), one to each of the book prize committee members. Please make sure to indicate clearly whether the submission is for the Boucher or for the Heggoy. Please see the web site for further information about submission: <http://frenchcolonial.org/index.php/2012-07-23-20-43-53/book-prizes>.

### **W. J. Eccles Prize, 2018-2019**

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 honor 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.

#### **Application Procedures**

Graduate student presenters at the meeting in Montreal should submit an electronic copy of their paper to the editor of *French Colonial History*, Dr. Kenneth Orosz [oroszkj@buffalostate.edu](mailto:oroszkj@buffalostate.edu) immediately following the meeting. Session chairs are urged to encourage graduate student members of their panels to submit their papers.

### **Invitation to submit papers or articles for publication in FCH**

*French Colonial History* is the official journal of the French Colonial Historical Society. *FCH* publishes peer-reviewed research articles, review essays, forums, and reflections addressing all aspects of the history of French colonization and of the French colonies, reflecting the temporal span, geographical breadth, and diversity of subject matter that characterize the scholarly interests of the Society's members. Submissions are welcome in English or French concerning any geographical area or chronological period of French overseas expansion, including the metropole and the postcolonial.

*FCH* especially encourages submissions by junior scholars and members of groups underrepresented in History. Graduate students and recent post-graduates (within one year of degree conferral) who publish their work in *French Colonial History* are eligible for the [W. J. Eccles Prize](#).

*FCH* also welcomes proposals for special issues or forums of several articles around a theme. Potential guest editors should contact the Journal Editor to discuss their proposals. Submission guidelines can be found at <http://www.frenchcolonial.org/index.php/journal>.