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April 2015 Newsletter

Spring, long overdue in the north/south eastern region of the US and Canada, has finally arrived. Thus the prospect for beautiful weather during the annual meeting in Binghamton very likely. The wonderful program of papers and roundtables as well as award recognitions will certainly keep us busy although there will also be time for gathering outdoors in a welcoming site. Please note that the early registration price is still available until 20 April; the website offers all the information necessary for the conference.

Best of luck with end-of-term work and safe travels to Binghamton.

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President's Message

Today is the first day of spring. This is doubly good news because it means that we will soon have the pleasure to convene again! The Binghamton conference is getting close and I want to take this opportunity to renew our thanks to the local arrangement committee, Elisa Camiscioli, Jaime Wadowiec, and Ken Orosz for taking care of all the logistical organization, and the program committee, Elisa Camiscioli again, Rick Fogarty, Ken Orosz again, and Rich Weyhing for putting up such a wonderful program.

Reading through the program makes me eager to attend. The various concurrent panels make all of us wish we had the gift of ubiquity. The three plenary sessions, featuring the recipients of the 2014 Alf Andrew Heggoy prize and of the 2013 and 2014 Mary Alice and Philip Boucher Prizes, promise to be intellectually challenging and to take us to various settings of the French colonial empire. The session dedicated to the Haggerty Collection and the round table dealing with “Writing the History of Women, Gender, and French Empire” are also wonderfully promising and definitely make me wish we were a month older.

But there is much more than the program that makes me want to go to Binghamton. The social events organized by the local team also look incredibly attractive (“la cerise sur le gâteau”, as we say in French...). Two receptions, including one in a haunted house (no, we will not be in New Orleans!), will give us plenty of opportunities to catch up with the events of the past year. The conference will close on a white-glove service banquet in the Sun Briar Court of the Double Tree. All these are among the many reasons not to miss the event. You can find the relevant information on the website, including the program, logistical information, and many tips to plan a perfect stay.

Registration is open and I strongly encourage you to register as soon as possible. Not only will you pay less if you register before April 20 but our organizers will have a better sense of how many people will attend the social events. Do not forget to let them know if you plan to attend the Friday reception. And please remember that, if you are presenting a paper, you must make sure you have renewed your membership to the society. Only members in good standing will be allowed to present, as is the rule with FCHS.

Let me also remind you not to miss the Saturday business meeting where the winners of this year's Shorrock award and Heggoy, Boucher, and Eccles prizes will be announced. Micheline Lessard will also give us a complete update on the planning of the 2016 conference in Ottawa, and we will discuss future conference locations. A new exciting proposal for the location of the 2017 conference might be on its way but I encourage you to consider sending proposals for future conferences. The guidelines for conference location proposals can be found on the

society's website (<http://www.frenchcolonial.org/index.php/locationsprograms/conference-site-proposal>) but I will be happy to answer any query on the topic.

If the annual conference is the highlight of our year, it is important to remember all our other scholarly showcases. I strongly encourage you all to send submissions to the Heggoy and Boucher book prizes. The book prize committee is currently receiving submissions for books published in 2015.

Those of you who are presenting at Binghamton should also remember that you can submit a longer article version of your research for publication in *French Colonial History*. Micheline Lessard, the new editor of the journal is eagerly expecting proposals (see relevant information on the website at <http://www.frenchcolonial.org/index.php/journal>). She will also accept submissions not presented at the annual conference, of course.

I look forward to seeing you all at Binghamton.

A très bientôt maintenant!

Nathalie Dessens

Mary Alice and Philip Boucher Book Prize, 2016

The Boucher book prize is awarded annually by the French Colonial Historical Society in honor of long time members and active supporters Mary Alice and Philip Boucher. The prize recognizes the best book published in the preceding year dealing with the French colonial experience from the 16th century to 1848. Books from any academic discipline will be considered, providing that they approach the French colonial experience from an historical perspective. The deadline for this year's submissions is March 1, 2016. Questions about the submission process should be addressed to Dr. Jean-François Brière, Chair of the FCHS Book Prize Committee, at jfbriere@albany.edu

Applicants or their publishers should submit three copies of books published in 2015 (date of publication is determined by the copyright page of the book), one to each of the book prize committee members. The winner will be announced at next year's meeting in Ottawa.

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2016

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, 2016. Questions about how to submit entries

should be addressed to Jean-François Brière, Prize Committee Chair at jfbriere@albany.edu

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Book Prize Committee for 2015 Awards

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W. J. Eccles Prize, 2016

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.

Colleagues at Work

Jennifer Anne Boittin is pleased to announce her forthcoming article "'Are You Trying to Play a White Woman:' La Mère Patrie and the Female Body in French West Africa" *Signs* 40, no. 4 (Summer 2015). She has also learned that her book *Colonial Metropolis: The Urban Rights of Anti-Imperialism and Feminism in Interwar Paris* is being released by the University of Nebraska Press as a paperback on July 1, 2015.

Matt Stanard (Associate Professor, History, Berry College) recently published "Interwar Crises and Europe's Unfinished Empires" in *The Oxford Handbook of Europe 1914-1945*, edited by Nicholas Doumanis (Oxford University Press). His book *Selling the Congo: A History of*

European Pro-Empire Propaganda and the Making of Belgian Imperialism will be coming out in paperback in 2015 with University of Nebraska Press.

A J B (John) Johnston reports that the award-winning bilingual traveling exhibit *Ni'n na L'nu: The Mi'kmaq of Prince Edward Island / Ni'n na L'nu : Les Mi'kmaq de l'île-de-Prince-Édouard* is currently on display at the Canadian Museum of History in Gatienau, Québec (across the river from Ottawa). It will be on display until ends in mid-January 2015. One part of the exhibit deals with the relatively close and harmonious relationship that existed between the Mi'kmaq and the Acadians and/or French colonists. The exhibit has two companion books, one in English (Acorn Press) and one in French (La Grande Marée), with exactly the same titles as the exhibit. The books are co-written by AJB Johnston and Jesse Francis.

Anna Servaes' book *Franco-American Identity, Community, and La Guiannée* will be released in May 2015 by the University Press of Mississippi as a co-publication between the University Press of Mississippi and the Center for French Colonial Studies (Centre pour l'étude du pays des Illinois). While the first part of the book examines the colonial life and the development of the colonial mentality, the book focuses on contemporary expressions of French identity in the Midwest, particularly the New Year's Eve celebration *La Guiannée*. For further information, please visit the following link: <http://www.upress.state.ms.us/books/1803>

**The 41st annual meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society/
La 41^e rencontre annuelle de la Société d'histoire coloniale
française,
Du 7 au 9 mai 2015/May 7-9, 2015
Binghamton, New York, USA**

For registration and logistical information, please consult the website:

<http://www.frenchcolonial.org/>

Please note that attendees must be members of the Society

FCHS 2015: PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Thursday, May 7

8:00-12:30 Registration

8:30-10:00 **Welcome**

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize Panel

Recipient: **Elizabeth Foster**, Tufts University, for her book *Faith in Empire: Religion, Politics, and Colonial Rule in French Senegal, 1880-1940* (Stanford University Press, 2013).

Discussant: **Ken Orosz**, Buffalo State College

10:00-10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30-12:00 **Concurrent Panels**

1A Gender, Family, and Empire

Chair: **Jennifer Sessions**, University of Iowa

Caroline Campbell, University of North Dakota, “Claiming Frenchness through Family Heritage: Léon Sultan and the Popular Front’s Fight against Fascist Settlers in Interwar Morocco.”

Carolyn J. Eichner, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, “Hubertine Auclert on Love, Marriage, and Divorce: The Family as a Site of Colonial Engagement.”

Nat Godley, Alverno College, “Public Assimilation and Personal Status: Gender relations and the *mission civilisatrice* among Algerian Jews.”

1B Images, Representations, and Perceptions of Empire

Chair: **Rebecca Scales**, Rochester Institute of Technology

Kylynn R. Jasinski, University of Pittsburgh, “Categorizing the Colonies: Architecture of the ‘yellow’ and ‘black’ at the Universal Exposition of 1889”

Gregory C. Seltzer, University of Kentucky, “Capturing the Colonial Landscape: Aerial Photography in French Indochina, 1919-1940”

Olivier Schouteden, Northeastern University, “Colonial Space, Tropical Space, and the Traveler’s Confusion: The Spatial Representations of French Indochina in Henri Mouhot’s and Noé Filoz’s Travel Diaries (1858-1896)”

12:00-2:00 **Lunch**

2:00-3:30 **Concurrent Panels**

2A Literature, Theatre, and Cultural Diplomacy in the Era of Decolonization

Chair: **Sarah Zimmerman**, Western Washington University

Kawku Gyasi, University of Alabama-Huntsville, “African Theater as a Means to Awaken Consciousness”

Frank Gerits, New York University, “French Cultural Diplomacy in the Ideological Scramble for Africa (1953-1963)”

Edward Still, Oxford University, “Inscribing the Unrepresented: Kateb Yacine and Nedjma as Woman”

2B Travel, Movement, Space

Chair: **Jennifer Boittin**, Pennsylvania State University

Chad B. Denton, Yonsei University, “A Woman between Empires: Race, Family, and Religion in the Pacific World, 1890-1960”

Imaobong D. Umoren, University of Oxford/Harvard University, “Paulette Nardal, Travel, and the Making of a Global Race Woman”

Pierre Gombert, Archives nationales d'Outre-mer, “Une femme dans l'Empire: les missions de Germaine Tillion dans l'Aurès au temps de l'Algérie française (1934-1940)”

2C Anglo-French Relations in the Colonial World

Chair: **Jean-François Brière**, University at Albany, SUNY

Jeremy Rich, Marywood University, “Bring Back the English!: The Southern Gabonese Coast in the Era of the Concessionary Companies, 1900-1918”

Zorian Stech, Université de Montréal, “La vie énigmatique de John Higginson et le début du condominium franco-britannique aux Nouvelles-Hébrides”

3:30-4:00 **Coffee Break**

4:00-5:30 **Haggerty Collection Plenary Session**

Ed Shepard, Binghamton University

Beth Kilmarx, Binghamton University

5:00-7:00 **Reception (cash bar) Double Tree Lounge**

Friday, May 8

8:30-10:00 **2013 Mary Alice and Philip Boucher Prize Panel**

Recipient: **Brett Rushforth**, College of William and Mary, for his book *Bonds of Alliance: Indigenous and Atlantic Slaveries in New France* (University of North Carolina Press, 2012)

Discussant: **Robert DuPlessis**, Swarthmore College

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Concurrent Sessions

3A Ile Bourbon/Réunion: Race, Gender, and the Law

Chair: **Sue Peabody**, Washington State University Vancouver

Nathan Elliot Marvin, Johns Hopkins University, “Où les circonstances ont forcé de fermer les yeux sur les alliances mêlées”: Ancien Régime Apologists for Historical Métissage on Île Bourbon (1767-1789)”

Jérémy Boutier, Université de Strasbourg, “La cadre juridique du Réunionnais : un justiciable et un citoyen à part entière? (1789-1810)”

3B Disaster, Modernity, and Built Environment of the Maghreb

Chair: **Nat Godley**, Alverno College

Brock Cutler, Radford University, “Believe in the Border: Territory, Environment, and Modernity in the Maghrib”

Adam Guerin, Eckerd College “*La Destruction Créatrice*: War, Agribusiness, and the Environment in Morocco, 1914-1918”

3C “Une Mort Symbolique”: Exile in French Colonial Africa

Chair: **Eloise Brière**, University at Albany, SUNY

Benjamin Lawrance, Rochester Institute of Technology, “The Adjigo Exile to Mango, Togo: French Deportation Policy During Mandate Rule, 1922-1930”

Nathan Carpenter, Moravian College, “*La voie d’extinction*: The Role of Exile in French Colonial Africa”

Marcus Filippello, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, “Exile and the Kingdom? An African Community’s Response to French Colonial Deportation Policies”

12:00-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:30 Concurrent Sessions

4A Race, Colonialism, Slavery, and Identity in Early 19th-Century France

Chair: **Nathalie Dessens**, Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès

Robin Mitchell, De Paul University, “Madame Toussaint Louverture in the (Re)Making of Post-Haitian French National Identity”

Jennifer Heuer, University of Massachusetts Amherst, “Race, National Identity, and Contested Heritage: Toussaint Louverture’s Family in France”

Sue Peabody, Washington State University, “The Argument against Race: Furcy, the Cour Royale de Paris, and the Ministry, 1838-1844”

4B Gendered Politics and Identities in La France Outre-Mer

Chair: **Patricia Lorcin**, University of Minnesota

Idir Ouahes, University of Exeter, “Prostitutes and Politics in France’s Syrian Mandate”

Anne Raffin, National University of Singapore, “Colonial Liberalism in French Pondicherry, India: 1870-1914: Where are the Women?”

Hines Mabika, University of Bern, “Women, Medicine, and Power at the Albert Schweitzer Hospital of Lambarene in the French Colony of Gabon”

4C Race, the Environment, and Education in the Early Modern French Atlantic

Chair: **Ruth Ginio**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Andrew Skabelund, Ohio State University, “‘Bastard Race’” or “‘Subjects of the King of France?’” Visions of the *Métis* of the Senegambia in the 18th Century”

Elizabeth Hyde, Kean University, “Natural History, Geo-Politics, and the Environment in the North American Botanical Mission of André Michaux”

Takao Abe, Yamagata-Prefectural College at Yonezaw, “The Early Missionary Education by Jesuits in New France, in a Global Perspective”

3:30-4:00 **Coffee Break**

4:00-5:30 **Concurrent Panels**

5A Cross-Colonial Connections in French Empire

Chair: **Judith deGroat**, Saint Lawrence University

Sarah Zimmerman, Western Washington University “Family Men No More: *Tirailleurs Sénégalais*, Marriage, and Challenging Colonial Order, 1918-1945”

Kenneth J. Orosz, Buffalo State College, “Violence and Marital Reform in Inter-war French West Africa”

Kelly Duke Bryant, Rowan University, “Ailment, Nostalgia, and the Idea of Empire: Senegalese Students in Tunis in the 1890s”

5B Mariage et célibat en Amérique française au XVIII^e siècle

Chair: **Benoît Grenier**, Université de Sherbrooke

Jonathan Fortin, Université de Sherbrooke, “Combattre la solitude et la misère à l’approche de la mort: le célibat féminin dans la ville de Québec au XVIII^e siècle”

Anne Catherine Bélanger-Catta, Université de Sherbrooke, “Les nobles canadiens partis pour les Antilles françaises au XVIII^e siècle: une affaire d’hommes célibataires”

Karine Pépin, Université de Sherbrooke, “À l’aube d’un changement d’empire: les mariages mixtes chez la noblesse canadienne durant le régime militaire (1759-1764).”

Discussant: Leslie Choquette, Assumption College

5C Citizens or Subjects? Muslim Military Service and the Political Legacies of the Great War in Algeria and Tunisia

Chair: **Richard Fogarty**, University at Albany, SUNY

Michelle Mann, Brandeis University, “Forging French Islam: Propaganda and Politics in Algeria 1910-1920”

Chris Rominger, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, “A Rude Illiterate: Mukhtar al-Ayari, Uncertainty, and Possibility in Tunisia’s Postwar Moment”

Dónal Hassett, European University Institute, ““Do Not Forget That They Saved France”: The Indigenous Veterans’ Movement in Interwar Oran and the Campaign for Patronage and Political Rights”

6:00-8:00 **Cocktail Reception, Roberson Mansion**

Saturday, May 9

8:30-10:00 **2014 Mary Alice and Philip Boucher Prize Panel**

Recipient: **Rebecca Rogers**, Université Paris Descartes, for her book *A Frenchwoman’s Imperial Story: Madame Luce in Nineteenth-Century Algeria* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2013)

Discussant: **Jennifer Boittin**, Pennsylvania State University

10:00-10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30-12:00 **Concurrent Panels**

6A Race, Gender, and Authority in the Early Modern French Atlantic

Chair: **Jennifer Heuer**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Anne Marie Lane Jonah, Parks Canada Agency, “Women’s Work in a Man’s World: Gender and Labour in the French North Atlantic”

Ashley Williard, CUNY Graduate Center, “Inscribing Racist Discourse into Enslaved Women's Bodies (1680-1715)”

Julien Vernet, University of British Columbia Okanagan, “Government Responses to Rumours of Revolution and Insurrection: New Orleans, 1793-1807”

6B Imperial Families

Chair: **Jean Pederson**, Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester
Pascal Scallon-Chouinard, Université de Sherbrooke, “‘Dans tous les pays du monde, il y a de bonnes et de mauvaises épouses.’ Discours d’instituteurs et d’élites lettrées de l’Afrique occidentale française sur ‘les femmes et les épouses indigènes’ (1938-1944)”

Elizabeth Heath, Baruch College-CUNY, “Making Modern Meals and Families in the French Empire in the Interwar Period”

6C Rethinking Frontiers in French Indochina

Chair: **Christina Firpo**, California Polytechnic University

Paul Sager, New York University, “The Continuity of Civil Service Indigenization in French Indochina from the 1880s to the 1940s”

James Robert Fichter, University of Hong Kong, “Imperial Interdependence on Indochina's Maritime Periphery: France in Singapore and Hong Kong, 1859-1895”

Sean Kennedy, University of New Brunswick, “Frontiers, Taxation, and Repression: The French Colonial State and Indochina’s Highland Minorities, 1936-1939”

12:00-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:30 Concurrent Panels

7A Colonial Education and its Limits

Chair: **Jaime Wadowiec**, Binghamton University (SUNY)

Linda L. Clark, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, “The Education of Young Women in Colonial Algeria: Three Case Studies”

Tran Thi Phuong Hoa, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, “Mobile intellectuals: Life and Work of Female Teachers in Colonial Tonkin”

Harry Gamble, College of Wooster, “Universities for Empire? Toward a Pre-History of the Université de Dakar”

7B Religion and Missionaries

Chair: **Elizabeth Foster**, Tufts University

Alexandre Koebel, Université Paris Diderot – Paris 7, “Les Soeurs des Congrégations religieuses en Indochine et la cause missionnaire: force, ‘virilité,’ et héroïsme?”

Ayse Neveser Koker, University of Michigan, “Saints, Good Ladies, and Phantoms: Competing Visions of Imperial Rule in the Eastern Ottoman Provinces, 1848-1876”

Syprien Christian Zogo, Université Laval, “Genre et changement religieux en situation coloniale en pays bamum (Ouest-Cameroun)”

7C French Responses to Decolonization

Chair: **Burleigh Hendrickson**, Boston College

Ruth Ginio, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, “Adapting to a Changing Reality: The French Army and the Independence of the West African Colonies”

Patrick Dramé, Université de Sherbrooke, “‘Prendre la brousse. Défier l’homme blanc’: les Lobi de l’AOF face aux impératifs du contrôle colonial dans l’entre-deux-guerres”

Charlotte Bobin, Université Lyon 2-Lumière, “Fighting the Empire: Men, Women, and the Impact of Gender on the French Opposition to the Algerian War”

3:30-4:00 **Coffee Break**

4:00-5:30 **“Writing the History of Women, Gender, and French Empire” Plenary Session**

Chair: **Elisa Camiscioli**, Binghamton University

Sarah Curtis, San Francisco State University

Patricia Lorcin, University of Minnesota

Rebecca Rogers, Université Paris Descartes

5:30-6:30 **Business Meeting**

6:30-9:30 **Banquet, Sun Briar Court, DoubleTree**

**French Colonial Historical Society
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Membership Dues (calendar annual)*

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_____ Life members (US \$650 or CDN \$650). 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.

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

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

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