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April 2019 Newsletter

Paris is my second home. The fire at Notre Dame hit me squarely in the teeth. I am very relieved that no one was seriously hurt. But it made me realize how many pivotal moments in my life happened in front of, or near, that magnificent building. I'm sure you all have your own memories. What will the coming generations see when they look at Notre Dame? I do not know. I only know that as I watched the spire come down, I cried as if losing an old friend. FCHS, along with a number of other French societies, are donating to help re-build. If you are interested in contributing, there are lots of opportunities.

This is your next reminder about our upcoming Annual meeting this year in Montreal, the 13th-15th of June. Details including the updated program can be found within the newsletter or on our webpage at:

https://www.frenchcolonial.org/images/stories/montreal2019/Preliminary_Program_2019.pdf

The Program hashtag will be **#FCHS2019**; if you live Tweet any panels, please make sure that is acceptable to the participants.

A reminder to please take a moment if you haven't followed us on Facebook and Twitter to do so. In addition, please send pedagogy/ research resource suggestions to Katie Edwards via webmaster@frenchcolonial.org.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1627205484163791/?ref=bookmarks>

Twitter:

@FrenchColonial

We are only as strong as our membership. So please make sure you send information about publications, events, successes, and updates to me so we can celebrate them here together! I am so privileged to serve you in this capacity; this Society has been my home for a number of years. Let me know what I can do to make the newsletter and social media all you would like them to be!

Robin Mitchell
California State University, Channel Islands

President's Message, April 2019

North American academics on a traditional semester calendar have repurposed T.S. Eliot's famous observation, "April is the cruellest month," to express their angst and stress over the rapidly approaching end of the academic year. Mountains of term papers, imminent final exams, and all the other sundry academic obligations build to a crescendo until graduation ceremonies herald the end of the cruelty and the beginning of rest, research, writing, and other worthy and warmer weather pursuits. But members of the French Colonial Historical Society, whether or not they are employed in North American higher education institutions, might rather mark April with a different literary reference (even if no more French than T.S. Eliot): Chaucer spoke of "Aprille with his shoures soote," and we might think of the flowers engendered by these sweet April showers as the coming delights of the annual conference. Ok, literary pretentiousness and hyperbole aside, our conference in Montreal is drawing closer, and it's going to be great. The organizers, led by the indomitable Patrick Dramé, have arranged a gathering that will be notable for both rich intellectual exchanges and opportunities for conviviality. You can find the latest version of the program on the Society's web site, and if you have not yet registered or paid your annual membership dues, please do so right away. Without your contributions, we cannot continue to provide these wonderful annual opportunities.

Please remember that, as we announced in the last newsletter, the Eccles Prize now honors the graduate student judged to have presented the best paper at the Society's Annual Meeting. Graduate students presenting their work in Montreal and wishing to be considered for the prize should submit an electronic copy of their paper to the editor of *French Colonial History*, Dr. Kenneth Orosz oroszkj@buffalostate.edu after the meeting, by June 24 at the latest. Session chairs and other conference participants, please encourage graduate students who make excellent presentations to submit their papers, or feel free to nominate them yourselves.

I am pleased to announce that the FCHS has developed a formal relationship with Manchester University Press to co-sponsor (along with the UK's Society for the Study of French History) their book series "Studies in Modern French and Francophone History" (formerly Studies in Modern French History). As part of the arrangement, FCHS Past President Jennifer Sessions will serve on the editorial board of the series, helping to bring out publications that represent the best in French and French colonial history. Another aspect of the relationship will be a 35% discount on books in the series for FCHS members—enter the code SMFH35 at checkout when you purchase print books from the MUP web site (the code will not apply to ebook purchases or purchases from other vendors). See <http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/series/studies-in-modern-french-and-francophone-history/>.

As I reported to the membership a few weeks ago by email, the latest volume of our journal, *French Colonial History*, should appear in four to five months. Technical difficulties delayed

production of the journal over the last couple of years, but the efforts of our editor, Ken Orosz, and associate editor, Caroline Herbelin, will have us back on track and publishing excellent scholarship in our field. Please remember the journal as a venue for your own work—you can find details about submission at: <https://frenchcolonial.org/index.php/journal>.

I will conclude by thanking all of my fellow officers who make the Society's work possible, the organizers and all who are contributing to making the upcoming Montreal meeting possible, and all FCHS members, who make everything possible.

Rick Fogarty
University at Albany, SUNY

FCHS Supports AHA Letter Criticizing Aspects of “Plan S”

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to inform you that today the executive committee endorsed, on behalf of the French Colonial Historical Society, the American Historical Association’s letter expressing concern over the effects of “Plan S” (proposed by Science Europe and, ultimately, by the European Research Council) on scholarship and publishing in the humanities. The details are more easily understood by visiting the Plan S web site (<https://www.coalition-s.org/>) and reading the AHA’s letter (<https://www.historians.org/news-and-advocacy/statements-and-resolutions-of-support-and-protest/aha-expresses-concerns-about-potential-impact-of-plan-s-on-the-humanities>) than by reading a lengthy explanation from me. The editors of our journal, French Colonial History, will be submitting a separate endorsement of the letter.

Please be assured that the officers of the Society discussed this issue thoroughly before deciding to convey the FCHS’s support. We recognize the complexities of the issues involved, and in fact conveyed to the AHA, along with our endorsement, a suggestion that the Association consider a more progressive stance on the issue of Open Access publishing more generally that might address the problems that Plan S is designed (poorly, we believe) to solve. As an international scholarly society, the FCHS takes a particular interest in ensuring that research in our fields is as widely and easily available as possible, and we support exploring new ways to ensure that all of our colleagues, no matter where they are and no matter what their resources, can access and share the best quality scholarship.

Richard Fogarty
President, FCHS

Colleagues at Work / Book Announcements

We want to promote your latest works. Please send them to me at media@frenchcolonial.org for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Announcements

We’re excited to announce that we are working on a redesign of the FCHS website (www.frenchcolonial.org)! We are currently in the planning and development phase, and plan to launch the new site next summer after the annual conference. If you have any suggestions about features that you would like to see, please send them to Katie Edwards at webmaster@frenchcolonial.org.

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Back in 2017 the society's journal switched over to an online submission system that enables us to more efficiently process and track manuscripts as they go through peer review and move on to copy editing and assignment to a future issue. While the system works well, we have had some problems with incorrect or outdated email addresses as well as incomplete user profiles that do not indicate reviewing interests. The editors ask all members to log in and update their profiles at <http://ojs.msupress.msu.edu/index.php/FCH/login>. Once logged in you should see links under My Account to edit profiles and update passwords. If you are unsure if you have a profile and/or cannot remember your user name and password please contact us at FCH@frenchcolonial.org or directly at oroszkj@buffalostate.edu. Although overdue, Volume 18 will enter production as soon as we receive revisions on a final article. Plans are already underway for volumes 19 and 20, but we still have plenty of room in both, so please send us article submissions as soon as you can. Generally speaking, it takes 9 months from submission before an article appears in print; that timeframe may be shorter or longer depending on the peer review comments and the extent of requested revisions.

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The 45th Annual Congress of the French Colonial History Society is fast approaching. We take this opportunity to remind you of the fees for membership to the FCHS and Congress registration that must be paid. Please note that the **registration fees varies depending on whether you made payments before or after Monday, April 15, 2019**. Please also note that all Congress participants, including moderators and panelists **must pay both membership fees and registration fees**.

→ **REGISTRATION FEES** (AFTER April 15, 2019)

*Rate for students and postdocs: \$ 63 USD (US dollars) to pay by PayPal or credit card **or** \$ 80 CAN (Canadian dollars) to pay only by check.

* Profs / Regular rate: \$ 115 USD (US dollars) to pay by PayPal or credit card **or** \$ 150 CAN (Canadian dollars) to pay only by check.

→ **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

* Rate for students and postdocs: \$ 35 USD (US dollars) to pay by Paypal or credit card **or** \$ 45 CAN (Canadian dollars) to pay only by check

* Profs / Regular rate: \$ 65 USD (US dollars) to pay by Paypal or by credit card **or** \$ 85 CAN (Canadian dollars) to pay only by check.

<https://www.frenchcolonial.org/index.php/locationsprograms/upcoming-meeting/conference-registration>

VERSION FRANÇAISE

Le 45ème Congrès annuel de la Société d'histoire coloniale française approche à grands pas. Nous profitons donc de l'occasion pour vous rappeler les montants des frais d'adhésion à la SHCF et d'inscription au Congrès qu'il faudra acquitter. Veuillez noter que le montant des frais d'inscription varie selon que vous ayez effectué vos paiements avant ou après la date du **lundi 15 avril 2019**.

Veuillez aussi noter que tous les participants au Congrès, incluant les modérateurs et les panélistes doivent obligatoirement s'acquitter à la fois des **frais d'adhésion et des frais d'inscription**.

Voici donc les informations pertinentes :

→ **FRAIS D'INSCRIPTION** (APRÈS la date du 15 avril 2019)

* **Pour les étudiant.e.s et les postdoctant.e.s** : \$ 63 à payer par PayPal ou par carte de crédit **ou alors** \$ 80 CAN (dollars canadiens) payable uniquement par chèque.

* **Tarif régulier / professeur.e.s** : \$ 115 USD (dollars américains) à payer par PayPal ou par carte de crédit **ou alors** \$ 150 (dollars canadiens)

→ **FRAIS D'ADHÉSION**

***Tarif pour les étudiant.e.s et les postdoctant.e.s** : \$ 35 USD (dollars américains) à payer par Paypal ou par carte de crédit **ou alors** \$ 45 CAN (dollars canadiens) à payer uniquement par chèque.

* **Tarif régulier / professeur.e.s** : \$ 65 USD (dollars américains) à payer par Paypal ou par carte de crédit **ou alors** \$ 85 CAN (dollars canadiens) à payer uniquement par chèque.

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Roots / Routes
The 2019 Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory
 State College, Pennsylvania

The program committee of the 2019 ASE conference invites submissions for the annual meeting to take place on **September 25-29, 2019** on the Pennsylvania State University campus in State College, PA.

In attending to the histories of mobility and exchange implied by *Roots / Routes*, we consider the following questions: How have Indigenous peoples constructed notions of place? How do movements and exchanges create new places, change old places, and/or reconfigure or reaffirm cultures? How do people remain rooted in place and community while on the move and how do they form new relationships? How have forces such as empire, colonialism, or capitalism disrupted past routes and how have Indigenous people navigated and re-charted a changed world?

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Prizes and Awards

The Mary Alice and Philip Boucher Book Prize

The Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize

The French Colonial Historical Society awards two book prizes annually for the best volumes published in the preceding year (copyright year 2019).

- 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 16th 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 this year's submissions is March 1, 2020. Questions about the submission process should be addressed to Dr. Brett Rushforth, Chair of the FCHS Book Prize Committee, at bhrush@uoregon.edu.

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 (addresses listed below). Please make sure to indicate clearly that the submission is for the Boucher or the Heggoy.

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This year's awards will be announced at the annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society in Montreal/Longueuil.

W. J. Eccles Prize, 2019-2020

The W. J. Eccles Prize is awarded annually to the graduate student judged to have presented the best paper at the Society's Annual Meeting. The Prize honors the memory of William John Eccles (1917-1998), a distinguished historian of French Canada and an outstanding supporter of graduate students. The Prize was created by Bill Eccles's FCHS colleagues to continue his work by encouraging those at the beginning of their careers in our field. From 2000 to 2018, the Prize was awarded to the best article published in *French Colonial History* by a graduate student or recent post-graduate scholar.

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 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>.