

January 2005 Newsletter

Happy New Year! This issue's Presidential message contains several important items of note, including the creation of a new H-French-Colonial listserv and some important advance information on the 2006 annual meeting to be held in Dakar, Senegal.

Readers should also note that Greg Waselkov stepped down as the society's Vice President in September. Sue Peabody has agreed to fill the remainder of Greg's term and will stand for election as President for the term beginning in May/June 2006. The FCHS Executive Committee would like to thank Greg for his service and hopes that he will continue to remain an active member of the society.

In addition to the usual calls for papers, notices, information on the Heggoy prize and news from our colleagues, this month's issue also contains the Eccles Prize citation and a preliminary program for the upcoming annual meeting in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Additional information on costs and registration forms will be posted on the society's web site at <http://www.frenchcolonial.org> as they become available.

Finally, this issue of the Newsletter contains some sad news concerning the death of Joseph Peyser, long time society member and winner of the 1994 Heggoy Prize.

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President's Message

The past year was a rewarding one for the Society, and it saw several new initiatives that will be coming to fruition in 2005. Among them is an application for an H-French-Colonial listserv to be hosted by H-Net. Thanks to Jyoti Mohan, Jeremy Rich, and Ibra Sene, who wrote the supporting materials and assembled a fine list of editors, a submission was made to H-Net this past autumn with the expectation that the project will be up and running in autumn 2005.

Planning for our next few years' annual meetings has also continued apace. As you will read elsewhere in this Newsletter, the organizers and program chairs of this year's gathering at Wolfville/Grand Pré, Nova Scotia, have put together a conference that promises to be both intellectually stimulating and socially enjoyable. Please remember to make your travel plans, reserve accommodations, and send in your registration at your earliest convenience.

In 2006, we will meet in Africa for the first time. Kwaku A. Gyasi and Ibra Sene have been hard at work organizing the meeting, which will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from Thursday May 18, through Saturday May 20, with an opening reception Wednesday evening, May 17. The Université Cheikh Anta Diop, through the good offices of its President (Recteur), Professor Abdou Salam Sall, is co-sponsoring the meeting, and several international scholarly

institutions based in Dakar will be providing logistical support. The theme for the conference is “Cultures et colonisation en Afrique française” (Cultures and Colonization in French Africa), though as always proposals on all aspects, eras, and locations of the French colonial experience are welcome. Three program chairs have been named: Philip Boucher (for pre-1830 topics), Ken Orosz (post-1830 topics), and Ibrahima Seck, who will be responsible for papers from participants based in Africa, irrespective of the topic or the century of focus. Ibra Sene will be negotiating for rooms in one or two affordable, convenient and nice hotels in Dakar, most likely the Ganale and the Al Afifa. The intent is both to get a discount and to enable participants to be together for transportation, meals, excursions, and so on. Ibra and Kwaku are also looking into some University-owned guesthouses with apartments on the University of Dakar campus. Visits to some historic sites in and around Dakar, such as Gorée, are planned as part of the conference. In addition, our hosts in Senegal have proposed a post-conference excursion to St. Louis, which is the most “French” of all Senegalese cities and which has been classified as a world cultural heritage by UNESCO.

A fuller description of the meeting, together with a formal call for papers, will be published in the Spring Newsletter. In the meantime, however, group transportation plans from North America need to be firmed up, so please bear with me for some detailed discussion. I have been in touch with South African Airways, which flies directly from JFK Airport in New York to Dakar (the only direct and non-stop flight from North America). Although the conference is more than a year in the future, SAA has been able to quote an approximate round-trip group fare from JFK and from other North American gateways (SAA is about to become a member of the Star Alliance of airlines, which also includes Air Canada and United). To receive the group rate, we need to assemble a minimum of 10 people (others can be added as long as unbooked seats remain on the SAA Boeing 747), and I (as president of the Society) have to sign a contract in early summer 2005. This means that I need to hear from interested parties by the end of April 2005. **Therefore, if you intend to go to the Dakar meeting, please read the following carefully and contact me no later than April 30, 2005 if you wish to fly with the group from North America. Please tell me what North American city you will depart from (the group will form at JFK, so we only need 10 people from that point on).**

The flights:

Aller: leave New York on Sunday, May 14, or Monday, May 15, at 5:55 pm, arriving in Dakar at 6:20 am the next morning. (There is no Tuesday flight.) Those signing up for the group flight will have to choose one of these dates; the first gives almost three full days for visiting Dakar before the conference opens, the second almost two full days.

Retour: leave Dakar daily at 3:30 am, arrive JFK the same day at 7:25 am. Those signing up for the conference will have to agree on a return date as well (see below for more details).

Therefore, when contacting me, please tell me both your preferred departure day (Sunday or Monday evening) and your preferred return date. (Conceivably, if many people express interest, more than one departure and return date could be arranged.) With respect to the return date, the conference will end Saturday evening, and a post-conference tour to St. Louis is likely to last two days (Sunday and Monday). A maximum of 20% of the members of a group can return on a different day from the other 80%; above that threshold there is a charge of US\$100 for each ticket that deviates, the cost of which I would propose dividing among all those returning on a different day.

The projected fares:

JFK-Dakar roundtrip: US\$1260-1360 (+ possible different-day return of up to US\$100)

Maximum from any other North American gateway: US\$1520-1620 (+ possible different-day return of up to US\$100)

There is no fare difference between Sunday and Monday departure.

The minimum stay is 5 days, the maximum 11 months, which may be attractive to those planning to do research or travel elsewhere in Africa.

Before I can include you as part of a group, I will have to receive a deposit of US\$100 per person. Ticketing, and payment of the rest of the fare, will occur a minimum of 45 days before departure (thus in mid to late March 2006).

Please remember that while SAA believes these to be the likely fares in May 2006, changes in exchange rates, fuel prices, and other unpredictable occurrences could affect the fares in both directions.

Again, if you wish to take part in the group rate, please contact me as soon as possible, and in any case no later than April 30, 2005. You can either send an email at rduples1@swarthmore.edu or call me at home at 215-546-6565 (with voice mail). Please include your preferred departure and return dates, and your departure city.

In order to help our Dakar hosts with planning, I would also like to hear from those interested in participating in a post-conference trip to St. Louis.

A few more matters for those planning to attend: you will probably need a visa and you will need vaccinations, including for malaria. For guidance, you can check with the Embassy of the Republic of Senegal in Washington, 202-234-0540 or www.senegalembassy.us, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov. You might also want to consult the Lonely Planet guide for Senegal.

Planning for the May 2007 meeting in La Rochelle, France, is also advancing nicely. Look for more details in future Newsletters.

During the past two years, Greg Waselkov has been a stalwart vice-president, and on behalf of all the members I want to thank him for his excellent service. For personal reasons, however, Greg will not stand for election for president. Fortunately for the Society, Sue Peabody has agreed to take over as vice-president and to stand for election. In order to allow Sue sufficient opportunity to learn the ropes, the Executive has decided to follow an earlier precedent and defer the election of officers for one year, to January 2006.

Finally, please accept my very best wishes for 2005, and I look forward to seeing you in Wolfville/Grand Pré in June.

In Memoriam: Joseph L. Peyser¹

Joseph L. Peyser, professor emeritus at Indiana University South Bend, passed away in the arms of his beloved Julia, his wife of fifty-six years, on December 27, 2004. Stricken by a heart attack while shoveling snow, Joe's final words to Julie were "I love you honey," to which she responded "I love you, too." He was 79.

Joe was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by Julia, his son, Randy Peyser, his daughter, Jan Peyser-Gleason, and grandchildren, Lisa Stamm, Ben Peyser, and Jason Stamm.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Naval Reserve after his discharge from the navy in 1946.

A man of many talents and interests, Joe attained the rank of eagle scout, loved to play chess and ride his bicycle, and enjoyed drawing scenes that are exhibited in his home. His daughter Jan recalls fondly her father carving toys out of wood for her and her brother.

Many students, colleagues, and others will remember Joe Peyser as a man who made a difference in their lives through his teaching and public service. He saw beyond the immediate concern at hand and equipped and encouraged people to reach for lofty goals. But Joe was never content to stop there, rather he worked tirelessly to help others attain goals that he had helped them set.

Professor Peyser had a long and distinguished career. He graduated, with a major in French, from Duke University in 1947, earned an M.A. in French from Columbia University in 1947, received a *Certificat d'études supérieures*, French literature from the Université de Nancy, France in 1950, and got an Ed. D. in educational administration from New York University in 1965.

His teaching career spanned a half-century. He first served as an *assistant d'anglais* in Ecole Normal d'Instituteurs, Nancy, France in 1949-1950. Joe was a teacher of French, Spanish, Russian, English, and social studies at high schools in Uniondale and Monroe, New York, before holding professorial positions at Hofstra University, New York University, and Long Island University. In 1968, he became professor of French in Dowling College, a position he held until his appointment as professor of French in Indiana University South Bend in 1973.

Throughout his years in higher education, Professor Peyser held important administrative positions: Assistant Dean and Dean of the School of Education, Hofstra University, 1964-1968; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, 1968-1973, Dowling College, Dean of Faculties, 1973-1975, and Chairman, Department of Foreign Languages, 1987-1989, Indiana University South Bend.

In 1977, Joe embarked on a fascinating journey into the seventeenth- and eighteenth-century experience of the French in North America. He began by translating French-language documents for Niles (Michigan) Historical Commission relating to Fort St. Joseph, which led to the publication of *Letters from New France: The Upper Country 1686-1783* (University of Illinois Press, 1992). Peyser's work with people wishing to locate the site of the old fort and to interpret its history to the public neither started nor ended with the book. He wrote grant applications, translated more documents, helped to interpret the site's history, and encouraged the Support the Fort group to persist in their commitment to find the fort. Support the Fort honored Peyser with a dinner in April 2003 upon his retirement from their Board of Directors.

In 1993 Peyser and R. David Edmunds published *The Fox Wars: The Mesquakie Challenge to New France* (University of Oklahoma Press). In recognition of the book's merit, the French Colonial Historical Society presented them with the Alf Heggoy Book Prize in 1994.

In 1991, Professor Peyser began to work on the French Michilimackinac Translation Project. He collected thousands of pages of photocopies and hundreds of reels of microfilm of French documents, located in archives in France and Canada, pertaining to Michilimackinac and the French experience in the Great Lakes region. More importantly, he translated many of these documents into English. Mackinac State Historic Parks and Michigan State University Press published two volumes of documents translated and annotated by Peyser: *Jacques Legardeur de Saint-Pierre: Officer, Gentleman, Entrepreneur* (1996) and *On the Eve of the Conquest: The Chevalier de Raymond's Critique of New France in 1754* (1997). In 1994, Peyser and Mackinac State Historic Parks received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to fund the translations that appeared in *On the Eve of the Conquest*. Subsequent grants from the Florence Gould Foundation and Mackinac Associates provided financial support for the project. At the time of his death, a third volume of documents translated by Peyser, titled *Edge of Empire: Michilimackinac, 1671-1716*, is nearly ready for publication. José António Brandão, Western Michigan University, is the co-editor of this volume.

Following his retirement Joe and Julia endowed two scholarships—one for graduate students and one for undergraduates—at Indiana University South Bend for study abroad. These awards are intended to help qualified students enrich their educations by studying a foreign language in a country where that language is spoken on a daily basis.

Joe Peyser's work lives on. His son Randy said that "bringing history back to life" excited his father. This excitement drove Joe to translate document after document and to give one piece of advice after another piece of advice as he encouraged people interested in French contributions to North American history to publish, interpret, and recreate that history.

Keith R. Widder

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2004-2005

Each year the French Colonial Historical Society presents a book in honor of one of its founding members, Alf Andrew Heggoy. Book prize recognition includes an award of US \$350 for the best book published during the previous year dealing with the French colonial experience from the 16th to the 20th century. Books from any academic discipline will be considered but they must approach the consideration of the French colonial experience from an historical perspective. The deadline for this year is March 1, 2005.

Applicants or their publishers should send three copies of books published in 2004 to the chairperson of the book prize committee: Sue Peabody, Associate Professor of History, Washington State University, Multimedia Building 202D, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue, Vancouver, WA, USA (peabody@vancouver.wsu.edu).

The award will be announced at the annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society in Wolfville, Nova Scotia in June 2005. Members of the Book Prize Committee are Eric Jennings (University of Toronto), Peter Moogk (University of British Columbia) and Sue Peabody, Chair (Washington State University, Vancouver).

W. J. Eccles Prize, 2004

The W.J. Eccles Prize is 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*. It is named for Bill Eccles, one of the foremost historians of French colonialism and an outstanding supporter of graduate students.

There were actually two prizes for 2004, awarded to Benoît Grenier (Department of History, Université Laval) and Ibra Sene (Department of History, Michigan State University). These two papers, though very different in geographical focus, time period, and method, shared an interesting focus on the importance of the local. They were also both characterized by a precision and concision that promises fine future work.

Grenier's paper, "'Nulle terre sans seigneur?' Une étude comparative de la présence seigneuriale (France-Canada), XVIIe-XIXe siècle" explored the practice of seigneurial residence comparatively in Canada and France, finding that although both were characterized by significant absenteeism (contradicting received wisdom about Canadian seigneuries), in France such seigneurial residence as there was waned over the period, while in Canada there was a slight increase in seigneurial residence toward the end of the period as the general population grew. Grenier made creative use of the demographic methods for which Laval is so well-known to develop these generalizations on the basis of solid local evidence.

Sene worked on a twentieth-century topic for his paper "Colonisation française et main-d'oeuvre carcérale au Sénégal: De l'emploi des détenus des camps penaux sur les chantiers des travaux routiers (1927-1940)." He investigated the reorganization of the French colonial prison system in Senegal during the 1920s and government use of itinerant prison labor camps in the construction of a highway system between the major market towns, which he found to have been vital to the resulting economic development of the country. He made detailed use of correspondence to trace the activities of these camps and the influence of local government officials, as well as the unrecognized influence of prisoner behaviors on their conditions of detention and work.

Colleagues at Work

Barnett Singer and John Langdon published *Cultured Force: Makers and Defenders of The French Colonial Empire* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2004).

Timothy Kent has recently published *Rendezvous at the Straits: Fur Trade and Military Activities at Fort de Buade and Fort Michilimackinac, 1669-1781* (Ossineke, MI: Silver Fox Enterprises; ISBN 0-965-72304-6).

James Pritchard published "Hydrography in New France" in *Charting Northern Waters; Essays on the Centenary of the Canadian Hydrographic Service*, ed. William Glover (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2004), 10-21.

Cornelius J. Jaenen, emeritus professor at the University of Ottawa, is still an active member of its School of Graduate Studies guiding the doctoral research of a student

from Nehru University in Delhi and of a student at Harvard. He is also on the executive committee of the Research Center for the Study of Religion in Canada at Saint Paul University, Ottawa. His most recent major publications include: "Champlain et les Hollandais," in *Champlain: La naissance de l'Amérique française*, ed. Raymonde Litalien et Denis Vaugeois (Sillery: Septentrion, 2004), 239-244; "Champlain le découvreur," in *Champlain ou les portes du Nouveau Monde*, ed. Mickaël Augeron and Dominique Guillemet (La Crèche: Geste Editions, 2004), 79-85, 321-322; "Native Oral and Inscribed Discourse" in *History of the Book in Canada. Vol. One: Beginnings to 1840*, ed. Patricia Fleming et al (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2004), 13-18. In addition to three recent presentations on aspects of French colonial history to the Association France-Canada, he also read a paper on "Samuel Champlain: the Man and His Times," at the annual meeting of the Western Society for French History at Lubbock, Texas September 30-October 2, 2004.

Marco R. Deyasi is working on a dissertation entitled "Indochina in the French Visual Imaginary, 1889-1937" under the direction of Patricia Leighton at Duke University.

Robert Forster published "Three Slaveholders in the Caribbean: St Domingue, Martinique, Jamaica," *Journal of Caribbean Studies* no. 1 (2002). He is now working on French sub-Saharan Africa.

Germaine Warkentin's recent publications include: "Who was the Scribe of the Radisson Manuscript?" *Archivaria* 53 (Spring 2002) 47-63; "The Champlain Society Guidelines for Editing Canadian Historical Texts" located at <http://www.champlainsociety.ca/CS-Guidelines-Final.pdf>; and seven entries on Pierre Boucher, Jean de Brebeuf, Jacques Cartier, the baron de Lahontan, "Meta Incognita," Radisson and Groseilliers, and the baron de Saint-Castin in the *Oxford Companion to Canadian History*, ed. Gerald Hallowell (Oxford: Oxford: University Press, 2004).

René Chartrand published *Monongahela 1755* (Oxford: Osprey, 2004); and *French Fortresses in North America: Quebec, Louisbourg, Montréal and New Orleans* (Oxford: Osprey 2004).

Robert Pichette was promoted by the French government to the rank of Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite on July 14, 2004.

Paul D. Schmitt is a doctoral student at the University of Maryland. He is currently at work on a dissertation examining national identity and colonial policy in France, 1940-1959. He will be teaching courses at the University of Maryland on decolonization, and human rights in the West in Winter and Spring 2005 respectively.

Book Notice

La Violence et la Mer dans l'espace atlantique (XIIe-XIXe siècle). Actes du colloque international organisé par l'Université de La Rochelle (JE SEAMAN) tenu à la Rochelle et à Rochefort-sur-Mer les 14, 15 et 16 novembre 2002. Edited by Mickaël Augeron and Mathias Tranchant. Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2004. UHB Rennes 2 – Campus La Harpe, 2, rue du Doyen-Denis-Leroy, 35044 Rennes Cedex, France. ISBN: 2-7535-0034-7. Pp. 525. 26 euros. www.uhb.fr/lpur

This wide-ranging collection presents 30 essays mainly in French (as well as three in Spanish and one in English) plus introduction and conclusion. Organized in four sections—“Violences littorales,” “Violences à bord,” “Violences légitimées, violences maîtrisées,” and “Images de violences, violence des images dans l’art le discours et la littérature”—the papers range from the detailed to the more general, from the closely empirical to the conceptual. Jean Meyer’s inaugural piece, “La Mer, une exception culturelle mondiale,” ranges boldly from Herodotus to Poe while setting the thematics that guide many of the articles that follow: state and private violence, legality and illegality, space and limits, seacoasts and high seas, the multiple sites and forms of violence. As might be anticipated, topics like galleries, pirates, shipwrecks, and slave ship revolts make several appearances, but the subject announced in the title proves capacious enough to include pieces on Quakerism in a maritime milieu, prevention of epidemics in ports, risk management on the last long-distance merchant sailing ships, the civic imaginary of heroism as exemplified by Breton hospitaliers-sauveteurs. There are also essays on perils of the sea as presented in iconographic and literary traditions, several of them illustrated (as are a few other articles). The footnotes alone amply repay a close reading, and three articles include useful bibliographies of secondary works. And if no piece is long enough to be definitive, most suggest promising analytic perspectives and research agendas. (Bob DuPlessis)

Notices

Centenary College of Louisiana has created a university press that specializes in texts written in the heritage languages spoken in the Louisiana Purchase Territory. The vast majority of the books printed will be in French. Books currently available can be seen at: www.centenary.edu/editions

Le numéro 2 des Cahiers Aixois d’Histoire des Droits de l’Outre-Mer Français vient de paraître aux Presses universitaires d’Aix-Marseille. Pour de plus amples informations, vous pouvez consulter notre site internet www.cerhiip.droit.u-3mrs.fr

The University of Glasgow offers an interdisciplinary MPhil in Atlantic Studies that should be of interest to recent graduates in Modern Languages, History, or literature. For more information on the program contact Professor Bill Marshall, Course Convener, MPhil in Atlantic Studies, Department of French, Modern Languages Building, 16 University Gardens, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QL, UK. Professor Marshall can be reached via fax (0141-330-4234), telephone (0141-330-4583) or via e-mail at B.Marshall@french.arts.gla.ac.uk

Le fonds Jean-Robert Gauthier lance aux étudiants et étudiantes des institutions postsecondaires francophones ou bilingues canadiennes «« Un défi de taille »». Il invite la jeunesse à participer à un concours d’essai dont les récompenses sont quatre bourses d’études: 1er prix 3000\$; 2e prix 2000\$; 3e prix 1500\$; 4e prix 1000\$. Le thème de l’édition 2004-2005 est: Le Canada terre d’accueil: l’expérience francophone dans la mosaïque culturelle canadienne. Quels sont les défis et les possibilités qui s’offrent aux communautés de langue française dans la mosaïque culturelle canadienne? Pour participer, il suffit de présenter un essai structuré de 5 pages (8 1/2 x 11) à double interligne dans un français soigné, faire authentifier son travail par un professeur et expédier le tout avant le **31 janvier 2005** par la voie de son choix (poste, courriel, télécopieur) en incluant son nom, ses coordonnées de même que le nom de son institution. L’Honorable Maria Chaput, Pièce 412, édifice Victoria, Le Sénat du Canada, Ottawa K1A

0A4. Télécopieur 613-943-2482,

courriel: chapum@sen.parl.gc.ca. Website: <http://www.sen.parl.gc.ca/mchaput/concours>

York University's Department of Social and Political Thought announces a Graduate Student Conference entitled "Empire and its Discontents." The conference will be held April 15-16, 2005 at York University in Toronto. Details on the conference can be obtained from the website at <http://www.yorku.ca/spt/> or by contacting Dana Dawson at dgdawson@yorku.ca.

The University of Toledo Department of History is holding a one-day conference entitled "Cultures in Conflict: New Perspectives on Encounters with Native Peoples of the Americas" on Saturday, April 9, 2005. For details on the conference contact Charles Beatty Medina at charles.beattymedina@utoledo.edu or via regular mail at the Department of History, University of Toledo, Mailstop #503, Toledo, OH 43606.

The Fall 2005 issue of *Radical History Review* will be devoted to the theme "New Imperialisms." The "new" in the title refers to new critical and heuristic perspectives on imperialism, imperial encounters, and imperial identities of the past.

Calls for Papers

The Roosevelt Study Center in Middleburg, the Netherlands is seeking papers for an international conference entitled "Slavery from Within: Legacies and Comparative Perspectives in the Atlantic World" to be held June 23, 2005. For additional information see the conference web site (<http://www.roosevelt.nl/rscuk18.htm>) or contact Dr. Hans Krabbendam, Roosevelt Study Center, P.O. Box 6001, 4330 LA Middleburg, The Netherlands. Dr Krabbendam can be reached via telephone at (31) 118-631590 or via e-mail at jl.krabbendam@zeeland.nl

Thomas Benjamin, Editor-in-Chief of *The Encyclopedia of Western Colonialism Since 1450* (Gale Croup/Macmillan Reference USA) reports that there are a few articles left to be assigned in this project. Interested scholars should contact Dennis R. Hidalgo at 1520 St Olaf Ave, Northfield, MN 55057, USA or via e-mail at hidalgo@stolaf.edu. The project website can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/dennishidalgo/encyclopedia.html>.

The Australian National University is seeking papers for an international conference entitled "Legacies of Slavery: Comparative Perspectives" to be held July 11, 2005. Please submit 200 word abstracts and a brief (2 page) CV in either WORD or PDF formats to maria-suzette.fernandesdias@anu.edu.au. The deadline for submitting abstracts is April 20, 2005. Details can be found at http://www.anu.edu.au/culture/n_activities/conferences/slavery05.htm.

Scholars working on the Great African Rinderpest Panzootic, c. 1887-1898 are encouraged to submit proposals for a proposed publication on this late 19th century disease that decimated African cattle herds. Interested scholars should contract Dr. Pule Phoofolo at History Department, University of Transkei, P.B. X1, Umtata 5117, Eastern Cape, Republic of South Africa or via e-mail at pulep@hotmail.com.

Greenwood Publishing is looking for contributors to a new encyclopedia entitled *The Age of Imperialism, 1800-1914*. Entries range from 150 to 4,000 words and will cover the key themes, people, wars, treaties, ideas, inventions and places that played a role in European imperial rivalries from the Napoleonic period to the outbreak of WW I. Interested scholars should contact Carl Hodge at Okanagan University College, 255 Arts Building, North Kelowna

Campus, Kelowna BC V1V 1V7 or chodge@shaw.ca. Dr. Hodge can also be reached via telephone (250-762-5445 ext 7321) or fax (250-470-6001).

The Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora is seeking contributions for its 3rd Biennial Conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on October 5-7, 2005. Abstracts (300 words) of conference papers or proposed panels should be sent to drdaniel@mpowercom.net by March 1, 2005. For additional details on the conference consult <http://www.aswadiaspora.org>.

ABC-Clio is seeking potential contributors to a 20 volume Encyclopedia of World History under the general editorship of A. J. Andrea, professor emeritus at the University of Vermont. If interested e-mail a one page CV and a clear indication of areas of expertise to Carolyn Neel at cneel@abc-clio.com.

The Asian Studies program at Elon University is co-sponsoring an interdisciplinary conference entitled "Religion and the Politics of War: Colonization and Globalization" to be held March 3-5, 2005. The conference program will include plenary addresses, invited papers, voluntary submissions and panel discussions. Interested parties should submit a 150 word abstract by February 15, 2005 to Dr. Chandana Chakrabarti, 1210 Jamestowne Dr., Elon, NC 27244. Abstracts can also be submitted via e-mail to chakraba@elon.edu.

The American Institute for Maghrib Studies is seeking contributors for its 2005 annual conference to be held May 26-28 in Tunis. This year's theme is "The Growth of Cities in the Magreb over Time." Contributions from scholars working on colonial and pre-colonial topics are especially encouraged. For more information consult the conference web site at <http://www.la.utexas.edu/research/mena/aims>. Information can also be obtained from Dr. Emily Gottreich, Center for Middle Eastern Studies at UC Berkeley (emilyrg@berkeley.edu) Or Mr. James Miller, CEMAT Director (cemat@planet.tn) BP 404 Tunis Hached, 1049 Tunis.

The World History Association is seeking papers for its 14th Annual conference to be held June 27-29, 2005 at Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco. The conference themes are "The Mediterranean in World History" and "Africa in World History." Proposals are due no later than February 1, 2005. In order to submit a proposal please download the appropriate forms from <http://www.thewha.org>.

The Editors of *French Historical Studies* are seeking articles for a special issue on France and Islam. Papers on all topics from the medieval period to the present are welcome. The editors are especially interested in contributions that deal with relations between France and Islamic countries, Encounters and Responses of France and the French to Islam/Muslims and vice versa, and the influences of Islam/Islamic countries on France or French communities and vice versa. Questions regarding potential submissions should be addressed to the guest editors Patricia Lorcin (plorcin@umn.edu) and Paula Sanders (sanders@rice.edu). Manuscripts can be sent electronically to Etecia Spencer, Managing Assistant of *French Historical Studies* at egspencer@ucdavis.edu or via regular mail to *French Historical Studies*, History Department, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 95615. The deadline for submissions is October 1, 2005.

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Société d'histoire coloniale française
Annual Meeting
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Logistical Information

Preliminary Conference Program

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