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September 2010 Newsletter

This issue of the newsletter includes a message from our new President, Ruth Ginio who speaks for all of us who were able to attend the meeting this summer at Saint Denis with her warm thanks to Emmanuelle Sibeud and all of our French colleagues who made the conference a welcoming site for the exchange of ideas and sharing of wonderful food.

The call for papers for the 2011 meeting in Toronto, June 2-4, is enclosed. Eric Jennings, University of Toronto, is the local arrangements coordinator.

Please note that Jennifer Palmer is our new secretary-treasurer. Many thanks to Elizabeth Foster for all of her hard work. As part of our thanks, please remember to send correspondence about membership dues, etc. to Jennifer, not Elizabeth! The membership form is enclosed. The journal *French Colonial History* continues to be ably edited by Nathalie Dessans. The form to order a print copy is contained in this issue. The invitation to submit an article and submission guidelines for the journal can be found on the website.

Finally, I would like to thank Ken Orosz for all his help in the transition of the newsletter editorship and congratulate him on his new role as vice-president. I look forward to hearing from any of you with suggestions for future issues.

President's Message

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My first encounter with FCHS was at 2002 at the annual meeting in New Haven. I remember standing at the lobby of the hotel trying unsuccessfully to find a familiar face around me. By the end of that conference I already felt I found an academic home. The welcoming and friendly atmosphere and the scholarly yet pleasant discussions encouraged me return to these meetings every year since. It is a great pleasure and honor for me to serve as president of this wonderful society.

I realize that I have two previous very big pairs of shoes to fill (both metaphorically and literally, although I am not even going to try to fill them literally) - that of Sue Peabody and that of Mike Vann. During the last four years Sue and Mike insured the smooth running of the society and its establishment as a leading organization in the area of French Colonial Studies. The best proof for this success is the rise in membership from 154 to 220 in just one year. The representation of many countries outside North America contributes to the international character of this society. The smooth running of the society is no less the result of Elizabeth Foster's incredible dedication and efforts during the last two years. There are not enough words in the English language to thank her for what she had done for the society. Our new treasurer is Jennifer Palmer from the University of Chicago. Ken Orosz is the new Vice President after serving for ten years as the Newsletter editor. Judith DeGroat from St. Lawrence University is our new newsletter editor. David Del Testa, our webmaster will be replaced by Elizabeth Demers. We also hired a professional to build a new and improved website for the society. Warmest thanks to Elizabeth Foster, Ken (who continues his service as Vice President) and David for their work for the society and welcome on board to Jennifer, Judith and Elizabeth Demers. Special thanks to David for assisting us in applying PayPal on our website for payments of membership and registration. We encourage you all to use this friendly to user service in order to facilitate the process of paying dues.

As those who attended our meeting in Saint Denis will probably agree, the meeting was definitely a great success. Emmanuelle Sibeud and her team did an excellent job in organizing a very challenging meeting due to the larger number of participants than usual. This was the first time that we had five parallel sessions and the complex program added to the usual 'headaches' of organizing a conference. It was hardly surprising, knowing Emmanuelle, and yet very pleasant that the conference went smoothly. The papers were stimulating and the tours in Saint Denis connected the academic discussions with the surroundings in which it took place. The banquet was also a great success at least after our president managed to get himself out of the elevator in his hotel...

During the Paris meeting Mike Vann announced the winner of the Heggoy Prize for the best book published on French colonial history in 2009: Jay Gitlin, *Bourgeois Frontier: French Towns, French Traders & American Expansion* (Yale University Press) and the winner of the

Eccles Prize for the best article published by a graduate students in FCH in 2009: Katie Edwards. Congratulations to both winners.

The 2011 meeting will take place in Toronto, June 2-4. Eric Jennings of Toronto University is the local arrangements chair. The call for papers is online at: http://www.frenchcolonial.org/Toronto%202011%20Conference/Toronto_2011_announcement.html

We are very happy to be back in Canada in what promises to be another lively and stimulating FCHS conference.

I am happy to announce that the 2012 annual meeting will take place in New Orleans. Future possible locations that are considered are Chicago, Nova Scotia, Siem Reap in Cambodia and Morocco. We encourage members to submit proposals for the next coming years.

The society continues to solicit funds for The Bill Shorrock Memorial Fund, which has received \$16,000 in gifts and pledges and seeks \$20,000 capitalization before the funds can be distributed in support of graduate student members. Donations can be made online at <http://frenchcolonial.org> by clicking on 'Become a Member/Donations,' or by check. Checks, made out to the French Colonial Historical Society and with "Shorrock" in the subject line, can be sent to our Treasurer, Jennifer Palmer. For more information: jpalm@uchicago.edu

Let me remind everyone that H-French-Colonial is a listserv created by FCHS members. You can subscribe to it at <http://www.h-net.org/~frenchco/>.

I wish you all a pleasant and fruitful academic year and look forward to see you in Toronto.
Ruth Ginio
Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2010-2011

Each year the French Colonial Historical Society presents a book in honor of one of its founding members, Alf Andrew Heggoy. Book prize recognition includes an award of US \$400 for the best book published during the previous year dealing with the French colonial experience from the 16th to the 20th century. Books from any academic discipline will be considered but they must approach the consideration of the French colonial experience from an historical perspective. The deadline for this year is March 1, 2010. Questions about how to submit entries should be addressed to J.P. Daughton, Prize Committee Chair at daughton@standford.edu.

Applicants or their publishers should submit three copies of books published in 2009 (date of publication is determined by the copyright page of the book), one to each of the book prize committee members:

The award will be announced at the annual conference in Toronoto in June 2011.

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2009-2010
French Colonial Historical Society
Société d'histoire coloniale française
Paris, France
June 2010

Citation

Jay Gitlin, *Bourgeois Frontier: French Towns, French Traders & American Expansion* (Yale University Press)

Beautifully written and impeccably researched, this book offers a sweeping reassessment of the legacy of the French Empire in the American West. It emphasizes the key but often neglected role of francophone traders and towns along a bourgeois frontier characterized by business, civility, and conquest through negotiation. “Move over Uncle Sam and make room for *Oncle Auguste*.” This path-breaking reinterpretation of American expansion impressed all three Heggoy Prize judges with its breadth, detail, and compelling narration. A worthy winner of the Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize for 2010.

Books Nominated for the Annual
Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2009-2010

Benjamin Claude Brower, *A Desert Named Peace: The Violence of France's Empire in the Algerian Sahara, 1844-1902* (Columbia University Press)

Taking an innovative approach to a complex subject, this wide-ranging study of conquest and resistance, the slave trade, and the romantic aesthetic makes a very original contribution to the study of the colonial violence.

Zynep Çelik, Julia Clancy-Smith & Frances Terpak (eds.), *Walls of Algiers: Narratives of the City through Text and Image* (The Getty Research Institute in association with University of Washington Press)

From local Ottoman capital to “Alger la blanche,” pearl of the French Mediterranean, to emblematic site of colonial racism and anti-colonial struggle, this book uses architecture, images, and film to break down traditional limits on who speaks and what stories get told in Algerian and colonial histories.

Évelyne Combeau-Mari, *Le Sport colonial à Madagascar, 1896-1960* (Publications de la Société française d'histoire d'outre-mer)

In this detailed and persuasive study, Combeau-Mari reveals that sports and gymnastics in colonial Madagascar were more than mere pastimes; they represented a way in which the French profoundly shaped colonial politics, culture, and society.

Sean Hanretta, *Islam and Social Change in French West Africa: History of an Emancipatory Community* (Cambridge University Press)

This fascinating study of a Sufi mystic community reinvigorates crucial debates about the sources historians use and the analytic methods they embrace.

Stacy E. Holden, *The Politics of Food in Modern Morocco* (University Press of Florida)

This meticulously researched study of the bakers and butchers of Fez makes a highly original argument focusing on continuities between the policies of the Sultanate and the French colonial regime.

Florence C. Hsia, *Sojourners in a Strange Land: Jesuits and their Scientific Missions in Late Imperial China* (The University of Chicago Press)

This beautifully crafted book explores the intersection of politics, science, and faith in the work of French missionaries in early modern China.

Phyllis M. Martin, *Catholic Women of Congo-Brazzaville: Mothers and Sisters in Troubled Times* (Indiana University Press)

In telling the complex story of the changing relations between Congolese women and the Catholic Church, this insightful text explores how a range of French influences interacted with local politics and beliefs from colonization to post-independence.

Jean-François Mouhot, *Les Réfugiés acadiens en France, 1758-1785. L'impossible réintégration ?* (Septentrion)

This wide-ranging archival history of Acadian refugees in France contributes to debates about migration, identity, and membership in France as well as forced population displacements.

Michael Pasquier, *Fathers on the Frontier: French Missionaries and the Roman Catholic Priesthood in the United States, 1789-1870* (Oxford University Press)

This well-researched and original book on French missionaries in the trans-Appalachian West shows how their efforts and tribulations helped shape early American Catholicism.

Rebecca Hartkopf Schloss, *Sweet Liberty: The Final Days of Slavery in Martinique* (University of Pennsylvania Press)

Through innovative archival research, this study effectively resituates our understanding of how race and slavery shaped French identities and lives in both France and the Caribbean.

Spencer D. Segalla, *The Moroccan Soul: French Education, Colonial Ethnology, and Muslim Resistance, 1912-1956* (University of Nebraska Press)

This cogent exploration of the far-reaching ramifications of associationist ideology makes impressive contributions to our understanding of Morocco's colonial relationship with France.

W. J. Eccles Prize, 2009

The W.J. Eccles Prize is to be awarded annually to the graduate student or recent post-graduate student judged to have presented the best paper at the annual meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society and subsequently published in the society's journal *French Colonial History*. The prize is meant to encourage beginning academics in the field of French Colonial History and to honour the career of one of French Colonial History's greatest historians. Bill Eccles was an outstanding supporter of graduate students and this prize is meant to continue his work by encouraging those at the beginning of their careers in our field.

2009 W. J. Eccles Prize Winner

M. Kathryn Edwards, "Traître au colonialisme? The Georges Boudarel Affair and the Memory of the Indochina War." *French Colonial History*, vol. 11, 2010:, pp. 193-210. M. Kathryn Edwards is a doctoral student at the University of Toronto.

Colleagues at Work

The Summer 2010 (v.36, n.2) issue of "Historical Reflections/Réflexions Historiques" is devoted to the subject of Colonial Violence in the French Empire. Several members of FCHS (and several FCHS officers!) have pieces in this special issue.

Samuel Kalman, "Colonial Violence."

Jeremy Rich, "Torture, Homosexuality, and Masculinities in French Central Africa: The Faucher-d'Alexis Affair of 1884"

Olivier Le Cour Grandmasion, "Violences symboliques et discriminations raciales dans l'empire Français."

Michael G. Vann, "Of Pirates, Postcards, and Public Beheadings: The Pedagogic Execution in French Colonial Indochina."

Ruth Ginio, "French Officers, African Officers, and the Violent Image of African Colonial Soldiers."

French North Africa Between the Wars.”

Martin, Thomas, “The Gendarmerie, Information Collection, and Colonial Violence in Benjamin Stora, “Le massacre du 20 août 1955: Récit historique, bilan historiographique.”

Gillian Glaes, “Policing the Post-Colonial Order: Surveillance and the African Immigrant Community in France, 1960-1979.”

Notices*

The National History Center is now accepting applications from early-career scholars (advanced ABD or recent PhDs) to participate in the sixth international summer seminar on decolonization, which will be held for four weeks, from Sunday, July 10, through Saturday, August 6, 2011, in Washington, D.C. The seminar is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and takes place at the Library of Congress. More information is available at: <http://nationalhistorycenter.org/call-for-applications-for-the-2011-decolonization-seminar/> **The application deadline is November 1, 2010 and due via email at the following address: decol2011apply@nationalhistorycenter.org**

The Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) is pleased to announce the launch of its new website:

<http://www.associationofcaribbeanhistorians.org<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103584870856&s=0&e=001WhohjYVNqBNV4nrQKkEVQGLTSFT8-zpVG9uv3za5tI3x-npK5uiFy0qUREsgyb7Tca000yGz-ojEHT81-xMxb9S720XH0dcq34Q9ZqQ165mvgxR2ohcj11jkwN01YJVJdzTRIRvC1rf81QFiuqKA1Q==>>

The ACH is an independent, non-profit, professional organization whose principal activity is an annual conference, alternately hosted by an English-, Spanish-, French-, or Dutch-speaking Caribbean country. To encourage intellectual exchange, all delegates attend each conference session and all papers and discussions are simultaneously translated in English, Spanish and French.

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<http://nationalhistorycenter.org/2011decolonizationapplications/seminardetails2011/>

Call for Papers*

The Editors of African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal are pleased to announce a special issue on Feminism and the African Diaspora, which will present various perspectives on the ways in which Black and African descendant women think about their

identities, the politics of location, their engagement with feminist and gender discourses as well as issues related to agency and activism. For further information, contact sjackson@depaul.edu

Sydney Sawyer Conference: The Atlantic World in a Pacific Field, Thursday 5th-Saturday 7th August 2011 University of Sydney. The conference will focus on the pragmatics of comparison in the appraisal of new places and peoples. How does a strange place or people become comparable with those more familiar? What does it take to relate a new plant or animal to those already well known? How does one standardize observations and mobilize things and people and situations so they have meaning elsewhere? That is, how was the Pacific made into the obligatory site for exploring the issues that mattered in the Atlantic world? In particular, this conference will examine the ways in which both oceanic regions were co-produced through a complicated series of intellectual and practical interactions over many centuries. Moreover, it will seek ways in which to make the Pacific visible again in global scholarship. Contact: katherine.anderson@sydney.edu.au

Documenting World History: Innovations in Teaching and Research
World History Association of Texas 2011 Conference, February 26-27, 2011 The 2011 interdisciplinary conference on world history and globalization will focus on innovations in teaching and research. The Conference Organizing Committee invites interested 4-12 teachers, college and university faculty, independent scholars, and graduate students to submit paper proposals on any subject, period or area of world history. Conference organizers welcome proposals that connect world history teaching and research. Contact: christiw@stedwards.edu

*To have announcement of a conference, a collection of essays, grant possibilities or other opportunities of interest for scholars of French colonial history published in the newsletter, please send the notice to FCHnewsletter@gmail.com.

Call for Papers
Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society
Toronto, Canada
June 2 to 4, 2011

The 37th annual meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS) will take place in Toronto, Canada, between June 2nd and 4th, 2011. The event will be hosted by the University of Toronto's downtown (St. George) campus. This year's theme will be "Bridging France's first and second empires" but as usual, proposals on all aspects of overseas France will be considered. Please do not send proposals for papers that have already been presented or scheduled for presentation at other conferences, or that have already been published. The time limit for presenting papers will be 20 minutes, and the deadline for submitting papers to the session moderator is three weeks in advance of the conference. The Society encourages scholars from all disciplines to submit proposals.

Individual paper proposals must include a 100-200 word summary with the title of the paper, name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address, and phone numbers, and a brief curriculum vitae, all integrated into a single file, preferably in MS-Word. Proposals for entire sessions or panels must contain the same information on each participant, as well as contact information and a short C.V. for the moderator if you suggest one. (The program committee can help find moderators, if necessary.) Please indicate if you require audiovisual equipment in your proposal.

Individual or panel proposals should be sent to eric.jennings@utoronto.ca, and will then be forwarded to the selection committee. Individuals wishing to moderate a session should send a statement of interest, contact information, and a brief c.v. to these individuals as well. The deadline for proposals is **October 15, 2010**.

The FCHS is a private society dependent on membership dues. All conference participants must be or become members at the time of acceptance (January 2010). Unfortunately, the FCHS does not have funds to subsidize scholars' participation at the meeting. Please check the FCHS website for further details (<http://www.frenchcolonial.org>). If you have any questions about membership, please contact Jennifer Palmer (jpalmer@uchicago.edu). If you have any questions about conference logistics, please contact Eric Jennings, Local Arrangements (eric.jennings@utoronto.ca).

Appel à communications
Congrès annuel de la Société d'histoire coloniale française
Toronto, Canada
du 2 au 4 juin 2011

Le 37ème congrès de la Société d'histoire coloniale française se tiendra à Toronto du 2 au 4 juin 2011. Il aura lieu sur le campus central de l'Université de Toronto. Le thème principal sera «Liens et continuités entre les premier et second empires coloniaux français », mais comme toujours, des propositions de communication sur d'autres aspects de l'histoire coloniale française peuvent aussi nous être adressées. La Société encourage des chercheurs de toute discipline à soumettre des propositions. Les interventions ne doivent pas être déjà publiées, ni présentées ou programmées à un autre colloque. Chaque intervenant disposera de 20 minutes de présentation. Les communications devront être soumises au président de séance au minimum trois semaines avant le début du congrès.

Les propositions de communications individuelles doivent comprendre un résumé de 100 à 200 mots et indiquer : le titre de la communication, le nom, l'institution de rattachement, les coordonnées (e-mail, téléphone) et un curriculum vitae abrégé, dans un seul dossier, de préférence en MS-Word. Les propositions pour des séances complètes, des panels ou des tables rondes, doivent contenir ces éléments pour chacun des participants, de même que pour le président/discutant pressenti. (Les organisateurs peuvent proposer des présidents et des discutants, si nécessaire.) Prière d'indiquer d'emblée si vous avez besoin d'équipements audiovisuels.

Les propositions doivent être envoyées par courriel à l'adresse suivante : eric.jennings@utoronto.ca et seront ensuite distribuées au comité de sélection. Les personnes souhaitant présider une séance sont demandées d'envoyer une déclaration d'intérêt, leurs coordonnées et un CV abrégé. La date limite pour les propositions de communication sera le **15 octobre 2010**.

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

Si vous avez des questions sur l'adhésion à la Society, contactez Jennifer Palmer (jpalmer@uchicago.edu). Si vous avez des questions sur l'organisation du congrès, contactez eric.jennings@utoronto.ca

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

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