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September 2011 Newsletter

This issue of the newsletter contains several important invitations to our members, beginning with the CFP for the 2012 meeting in New Orleans. As usual, the conference call comes with a reminder to renew your membership, the crucial source of revenue for the society as well as the way to remain part of this active community of scholars, which is reflected in the society's journal. The form for requesting print copies of *French Colonial History* is attached.

The membership renewal form also solicits contributions to the funds for the Society's awards. The new Boucher Book Prize, for early modern scholarship, and the Shorrock Memorial Travel Fund, for graduate students, join the Heggory and Eccles Memorial Prizes, wonderful additions to the opportunities for us to recognize outstanding work in our exciting field through the awards and by the acknowledgement of the fine scholars and valued colleagues whose names the awards bear.

Speaking of the Eccles Prize, graduate students and their advisors should take note that this award is given to the best paper presented at the annual meeting and subsequently published in the journal *French Colonial History*. Please consider submitting your paper following the meeting in New Orleans. In fact, all who present at the meeting should consider submission of their papers to the journal.

Best wishes for a productive fall!

President's Message

I am certain that every one of you who took part in the annual meeting in Toronto would agree that it was most successful and thoroughly enjoyable. The sessions were fascinating, the atmosphere was great, and the banquet was a most appropriate finale for a conference that can certainly be added to the list of our society's successes. We are all grateful to Eric Jennings who skillfully organized the meeting and who, I can testify, was constantly on alert during these three days to make sure everything functioned perfectly. Many thanks also to Mairi Macdonald, our Vice president Ken Orosz, Paul Cohen, Deborah Neill, and Bertie Mandelblatt who helped organize this very special event. Even though this was not something we could expect, Eric and his team even made sure that the weather in Toronto smiled on us.

While still excited about the Toronto meeting we have already begun our preparations for the 2012 meeting in New Orleans. The Call for Papers is included in this newsletter and the deadline for proposals' submission is 15 October, 2011. Virginia Gould (known to some of us as Ginger) has graciously agreed to organize the New Orleans meeting, and with the help of our journal editor, Nathalie Dessens, she is planning several receptions and tours that will surely make this meeting another memorable event. You will find below more information about the conference location and planned events.

As we mentioned during the general meeting in Toronto, beginning this year we will present the William Shorrock Travel Award to help defray travel costs for outstanding graduate students presenting papers at the annual meeting. You will find below details regarding the award and the procedures of submission. We are also happy to announce that the society will award two book prizes beginning in 2012. We will continue to present the Heggoy Prize for the best book published in the preceding year on post-1848 French colonialism, and will begin presenting the Boucher Prize for the best book published on early modern French colonialism. We encourage all members who published books during 2011 to submit them to our Book Prizes committee. Again, you will be able to find full details in this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, FCHS members, for taking part in the Toronto meeting, presenting great papers and contributing to the scholarly and friendly atmosphere that has characterized this society's meetings from its establishment. Please, do not forget that your submissions to our journal *French Colonial History* are most welcome.

I wish you all a fruitful and pleasant academic year and looking forward to seeing you again in New Orleans!

Ruth Ginio
President, FCHS
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French Colonial History Society Book Prizes, 2011-2012

Alf Andrew Heggoy Prize

Each year the French Colonial Historical Society presents a book prize in honor of one of its founding members, Alf Andrew Heggoy. The Heggoy prize of US \$400 is for the best book published during the previous year dealing with the French colonial experience from 1848 to the present. 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, 2011. Questions about how to submit entries should be addressed to Dr. Todd Shepard, Chair of the FCHS Book Prize Committee, tshep75@jhu.edu.

Applicants or their publishers should submit three copies of books published in 2011 (date of publication is determined by the copyright page of the book), one to each of the book prize committee members.

Mary Alice and Philip Boucher Book Prize

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, 2011. Questions about the submission process should be addressed to Dr. Todd Shepard, Chair of the FCHS Book Prize Committee, tshep75@jhu.edu.

Applicants or their publishers should submit three copies of books published in 2011 (date of publication is determined by the copyright page of the book), one to each of the book prize committee members:

FCHS Book Prize Committee

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The awards will be announced at the annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society in New Orleans in May, 2012.

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2010-2011

Julia A. Clancy-Smith, *Mediterraneans: North Africa and Europe in an Age of Migration, C. 1800-1900* (University of California Press, 2010)

Anchored in a wonderfully detailed history of nineteenth-century Tunisia, this beautifully written book brings to life multiple Mediterraneans. Clancy-Smith relies on wide-ranging and in-depth archival research to test the era's "countervailing winds" and to challenge histories that have simply confirmed the rise of nation-states or charted the slow expansion of European projects in North Africa. Instead, she considers how communal identities – be they defined by gender, ethnicity, religion, or power – were constantly improvised, often in unexpected, unintended, and even undesired ways. Perhaps the book's greatest achievement is to upend existing certainties about how to write about such loaded categories as states, nations, peoples, religions, cultures, and civilizations. *Mediterraneans* is a big book and it deserves serious consideration by historians of French colonialism. It is a pleasure to award it the 2010-2011 Alf Andrew Heggoy Prize.

Other books nominated for the prize:

Jennifer Anne Boittin, *Colonial Metropolis: The Urban Grounds of Anti-Imperialism and Feminism in Interwar Paris* (University of Nebraska Press, 2010)

This detailed and well-written study of Paris in the interwar years explores the shared experiences of colonial migrants and white feminists who struggled to change the political, social, and cultural norms of the French empire.

Sarah A. Curtis, *Civilizing Habits: Women Missionaries and the Revival of French Empire* (Oxford University Press, 2010).

Sarah Curtis masters an impressive range of archival and secondary sources to explore the lives of three Catholic missionary women in order to propose new insights into early-19th-century French empire. The book spans oceans and continents in its mapping of how the gospel of civilizing domesticity at home shaped French rule and influence abroad.

Carl J. Ekberg, *A French Aristocrat in the American West: The Chattered Dreams of De Lassus de Luzières* (University of Missouri Press, 2010).

This book – the biography and edited papers of a Revolutionary refugee who settled in the Upper Mississippi Valley – offers important new perspective on competing visions and plans for the development of the American West.

Alain Laberge, *Portraits de campagnes : la formation du monde rural laurentien au XVIIIe siècle*. Québec, Presses de l'Université Laval / Centre interuniversitaire d'études québécoises (CIEQ), 2010. (e-book)

A study of the 17th and 18th-century rural history of Quebec, this book explores individual, family, and corporate influences on the occupation and exploitation of the land, including the construction of the landscape.

Michael F. O’Riley, *Cinema in an Age of Terror: North Africa, Victimization, and Colonial History* (University of Nebraska Press, 2010)

This critical engagement with both classic and recent films provides insight into how cinematic representations of colonialism continue to inform current debates about terror and terrorism.

Jeremy D. Popkin, *You Are All Free: The Haitian Revolution and the Abolition of Slavery* (Cambridge University Press, 2010)

Surveying the destruction of Cap-Français in the summer of 1793 with forensic precision, this study makes a powerful argument for the importance of contingency and the centrality of this incident to the end of slavery in Saint-Domingue.

Joshua Schreier, *Arabs of the Jewish Faith: The Civilizing Mission in Colonial Algeria* (Rutgers University Press, 2010)

This persuasive and well-researched book provides a fresh understanding of the role that Jews played in shaping the “civilizing mission” and imperial power in colonial Algeria.

George R. Trumbull IV, *An Empire of Facts: Colonial Power, Cultural Knowledge, and Islam (Algeria, 1871-1914)* (Cambridge, 2009)

This book adds substantially to what we know about how French rule in Algeria depended on the “science of man.” In plumbing the writings and stories of the experts French governments turned to as they sought to understand the people of Algeria, it situates current thinking about Islam as well as maps the interstices of power and knowledge.

Gonda Van Steen, *Liberating Hellenism from the Ottoman Empire: Comte de Marcellus and the Last of the Classics* (Palgrave MacMillan)

This engaging story of a great early nineteenth-century French traveler offers a critical reassessment of Orientalism and philhellenism and the narratives they have produced.

W. J. Eccles Prize

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.

William Shorrock Travel Award

The William Shorrock Travel Award is presented annually to help defray travel costs for graduate students presenting papers at the French Colonial Historical Society’s annual meeting.

In addition to being a long time member and past President of the society, Bill Shorrock was a passionate supporter of graduate students. This award honors his memory and continues his work as a mentor by providing travel assistance to those just beginning their careers in the field of French colonial history.

Application Procedures

When submitting their completed paper or panel proposals for the annual meeting, graduate students wishing to be considered for the Shorrock Travel Award must also furnish the program committee with an estimated budget of travel expenses (including other anticipated sources of funding) and a brief statement formally applying for the award. Please note that all participants in the annual meeting must be members in good standing of the Society.

Colleagues at Work

A.J.B. Johnston is pleased to report that Les Presses de l'Université Laval has just released the French translation of his Clio award-winning *Endgame 1758*. Its full title in translation is: *1758 : La finale. Promesses, splendeur et désolation de la dernière décennie de Louisbourg*. The book incorporates new material added by the author. The translation is by Michel Buttiens.

Notices

Empires. Histoire des colonisations

Organisé à l'École Normale Supérieure, 18 h – 20 h, salle de réunion de l'IHMC
Hélène Blais (Paris X-IUF), Armelle Enders (Paris IV), Jean-François Klein (INALCO),
Emmanuelle Sibeud (Paris 8-IUF), Pierre Singaravélou (Paris I) et Sylvie Thénault (CNRS)
*10 octobre 2011 :

Romain Bertrand (CERI-Sciences Po) et Stéphane Vandamme (Sciences Po) :

« L'épreuve des Indes : propositions pour une histoire symétrique des savoirs en situation de rencontre impériale »

*7 novembre 2011

Alice Conklin (Ohio State University) :

« Les sciences de l'homme dans l'entre-deux-guerres : des sciences impériales ? »

*12 décembre 2011

Martin Thomas (Exeter University) :

« Approches impériales de la surveillance politique : l'exemple des services de renseignements en Afrique du Nord, 1918-1940 »

The Fanon Symposium: Remembering the Life and Work of Frantz Fanon

The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC at Chapel Hill) will host a special commemoration marking the

50th year anniversary of the passing of cultural and political icon Frantz Fanon, and of the publication of *Wretched of the Earth*. The project is co-sponsored by the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, the Curriculum in Latina/o Studies, and the African Studies Center all of UNC at Chapel Hill. <http://sonjahaynesstonectr.unc.edu/>.

Informing Empire: Science, Empire and Information in the Long Nineteenth Century

Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 4 November 2011. For paper titles, abstracts and a schedule, please go to: <http://groups.lis.illinois.edu/iis-workshop/>

Colonial Subjects of Health and Difference: Races, Populations, Diversities

Workshop: Monday June 11th – Wednesday 13, 2012. Max Planck Institute for the History of Science / Free University, Berlin. Organizers: Alexandra Widmer, Veronika Lipphardt
Interested scholars should send a 300 word abstract and short CV by November 15, 2011 to officelipphardt@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de. Please write Colonial Workshop in the subject header. We will notify participants in January 2012. Contact awidmer@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de for further information.

Call for Papers

**Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society
New Orleans, Louisiana,
May 30 to June 2, 2012**

The 38th annual meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society (FCHS) will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana, between May 30 and June 2, 2012. The event will be hosted at the Astor Crowne Plaza, 739 Canal Street. This year's theme will be "Nature in Empire/Empire in Nature" 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 frenchcolonialNOLA@gmail.com, 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. as well. The deadline for proposals is **October 15, 2011**.

The FCHS depends 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 (<http://www.frenchcolonial.org>) for further details on the Society's scholarly activities, fellowships, and past conferences. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Jennifer Palmer (palmerjl@uga.edu). If you have any questions about conference logistics, please contact Virginia Gould, Local Arrangements (vgould2@tulane.edu).

Appel à communications
Congrès annuel de la Société d'histoire coloniale française
La Nouvelle-Orléans, Louisiane,
30 Mai - 2 Juin, 2012

Le 38ème congrès de la Société d'Histoire Coloniale Française se tiendra à La Nouvelle-Orléans du 30 mai au 2 juin 2012. Il aura lieu à l'Hôtel Crowne Plaza, 739 Canal Street. Le thème principal sera « Empire et nature », 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 avoir déjà été publiées, ni avoir été présentées ou programmées à un autre colloque. Chaque intervenant disposera de 20 minutes de présentation. Les communications devront être envoyées 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 titre de la communication, nom, institution de rattachement, coordonnées (e-mail, téléphone) et un bref curriculum vitae, en un seul document, de préférence en MS-Word. Les propositions pour des sessions complètes ou des tables-rondes, doivent contenir ces éléments pour chacun des participants, de même que pour le président/modérateur pressenti (Les organisateurs peuvent proposer des présidents et des modérateurs, si nécessaire). Merci d'indiquer d'emblée si vous avez besoin d'équipements audiovisuels.

Les propositions doivent être envoyées par courriel à frenchcolonialNOLA@gmail.com et seront ensuite transmises au comité de sélection. Les personnes souhaitant présider une séance

doivent envoyer une déclaration d'intérêt, leurs coordonnées et un bref CV. La date limite d'envoi des propositions de communication est le **15 octobre 2011**.

La FCHS est une association indépendante, sans autre source de financement que les cotisations de ses adhérents. L'adhésion à l'association est obligatoire pour participer au congrès. Malheureusement, la FCHS ne peut prendre en charge ni le voyage, ni le séjour des intervenants au congrès. N'hésitez pas à consulter le site Internet de l'association (<http://www.frenchcolonial.org>) pour de plus amples informations sur les activités scientifiques, les bourses, et les programmes des précédents congrès. Pour toute question concernant l'adhésion à la FCHS, vous pouvez contacter Jennifer Palmer (palmerjl@uga.edu). Pour toute question concernant l'organisation matérielle du congrès, vous pouvez contacter Virginia Gould (vgould2@tulane.edu).

Invitation to submit your paper for publication

French Colonial History, the annual journal sponsored by the French Colonial Historical Society, invites you to submit the paper you delivered at the 2011 meeting for possible publication. You can also, at any time, submit papers that were not delivered at the annual conference.

If you feel that your paper is ready for submission at this time, you should send an electronic copy at your earliest convenience to the editor as outlined below. Papers will be accepted for review all year long, but timely publication cannot be guaranteed if submissions are made late in the year. All submissions should be sent to the editor by e-mail if at all feasible. An e-mail submission must be sent as an attachment, preferably in Microsoft Word. The editor's e-mail address is:

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If you cannot use e-mail, please send a digital version of your paper (on CD) by mail to:

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If you simply cannot send an electronic copy of your paper for whatever reason, please contact the editor before sending a paper copy.

All papers submitted will be read by at least two referees. Authors can expect to receive referees' comments within two or three months. As soon as the publication schedule is available from the press, authors will be notified, but they can expect to handle revisions and checking of final versions during October-December. Papers must be accompanied by a brief abstract (in French if the paper is in English and vice versa), by a list of all accented letters used in the article (for example, É, à, é, è, î, ç, ô), and by a list of keywords. As a rule of thumb, the length of a submission should not exceed 40,000 characters (including spaces and all parts of the submission). **Please note that the Press does not accept embedded endnotes and that notes must be entered manually.** For further details on submitting your paper in keeping with our publisher's guidelines, please see the FCHS website:

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

I hope to hear from you soon,

Nathalie Dessens
Editor, *French Colonial History*

Invitation à soumettre votre communication pour publication

French Colonial History, la revue annuelle de la Société d'Histoire Coloniale Française, vous invite à soumettre un article issu de la communication que vous avez faite au congrès 2011 en vue d'une possible publication. Vous pouvez également soumettre un article qui n'est pas issu d'une communication faite au congrès annuel.

Si vous estimez que votre article est déjà prêt, merci de l'envoyer à la rédactrice de la revue dès que possible en suivant les instructions ci-dessous. Les propositions sont acceptées pour évaluation toute l'année, mais pour une publication rapide des articles acceptés, il vaut mieux ne pas trop tarder. Merci d'envoyer toutes les propositions par courrier électronique, en document attaché, de préférence en utilisant le logiciel Microsoft Word. L'adresse électronique d'envoi est :

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

En espérant recevoir bientôt vos propositions.

Nathalie Dessens
Rédactrice, *French Colonial History*

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