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Francis Herbert –

Map Librarian, Map Historian, and Bibliographer Extraordinaire

When Francis Herbert retired in 2006 as Curator of Maps at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), he ended a thirty-five year relationship with that venerable organization's map room. It is the rare scholar with interests in geographical exploration and discovery and the history of cartography who has not consulted Francis for aid in his or her research. Further, it is the rare individual whose needs Francis did not satisfy. From personal experience when I worked at the R.G.S. Library in 1990, Francis was the person who led me to specific maps and introduced me to the society's archives and picture library, all invaluable in my research on E.G. Ravenstein. Clearly, I went to the right person, because Francis knew much more about Ravenstein than I could ever learn. Over the years, dozens of authors have acknowledged his help while they conducted their research at the R.G.S., and one properly described him as being "inimitable." All who know Francis concur.

When major reconstruction began at Lowther Lodge, the enormous map collection at the R.G.S. had to be moved to an off-site storage facility. This monumental and very difficult task was the responsibility chiefly of his Deputy, David McNeill, although Francis chose "core" items to be retained on-site for key (and his continuing enquiry-answering) work. After several years of abject frustration, the map collection was gradually back in business by June 2004 in a partly refurbished old and partly new, environmentally-controlled facility. Finally, Francis could get a good night's sleep.

Not only is Francis a bibliographer of international repute, he is also a scholar of the history of cartography. His most



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important publications include "The 'London Atlas of Universal Geography' from John Arrowsmith to Edward Stanford: Origin, Development and Dissolution of a British World Atlas from the 1830s to the 1930s [1989]" and "The Royal Geographical Society's Membership, the Map Trade, and Geographical Publishing in Britain 1830 to ca. 1930: An Introductory Essay with Listing of some 250 Fellows in Related Professions [1983]," both published in *Imago Mundi*, the international journal for the history of cartography. Francis likes long titles.

More recently, Francis saw the publication of "Guatemala, Colonization, and the Royal Geographical Society in the 1830s: Some Contemporary Manuscript and Printed Documents in the RGS's Collections," in the *Journal of the International Map Collectors' Society* (2006), and "Stanford's London Atlas Map of Switzerland: Künstlerische Geländedarstellung, Mehrsprachigkeit, Tourismus," in *Cartographica Helvetica*

(2008). In addition to his own work, he has been called on to review important books on the history of cartography, often written in a foreign language. More importantly, from 1976 to 2005, he compiled an annual bibliography on the international (including Japanese) literature of the history of cartography for *Imago Mundi*, an invaluable aid to map scholars.

His expertise has led to being invited to serve on editorial boards of important journals. His list includes *Terrae Incognitae*, *The Map Collector* (on which for ten years he served as research editor), and on the oft-lamented *Mercator's World*. Apart from correcting the English summaries for the Dutch journal, *Caert Thresoor*, he presently is a member of the Honorary Advisory Board of MapForum. He was given the honor in 2004 of presenting the Eva G.R. Taylor lecture at the Royal Geographical Society, and since 2006, Francis has served a second term on the Council of the Hakluyt Society.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are many exciting things happening within the Society for the History of Discoveries at the present. Vice President/2008 Meeting Chair **Gerald Saxon** has been actively developing plans for the October 2008 meeting in Arlington, Texas. The Society will again this year team with other organizations to make the journey to Texas worthwhile for all attendees. **The Garrett Lectures on the History of Cartography** and the semi-annual meeting of the **Texas Map Society** will immediately precede the SHD meeting. For more, read Gerald's article in this newsletter. Gerald is being assisted by **Ed Dahl** (and his program committee) with the formulation of the paper sessions – Ed is the lead in the Call for Papers (see the notice sent by email in early May, plus the information posted at the Society's web site www.sochistdisc.org). Papers proposals are due June 15, 2008.

These are not the only members actively involved in this period between annual meetings. The Honors Committee, chaired by **Sandy Bederman**, has selected the 2008 SHD Fellow and a member has agreed to prepare the citation. Executive Secretary **Kit Goodwin** prepared and mailed to all members late last year the 2007 Annual Report, with summary of the 2007 meeting, Council Reports, and the Membership Directory. Kit produced the annual newsletter you are now reading. She does such a superb job in helping us 'look good.' Treasurer George Chalou has been receiving Dues Renewal Notices included with the Annual Report mailing and posting those funds and alerting members who have not yet responded. If you have not – please do so today; if you have a question concerning your membership status, contact George at chalou@erols.com. George has also been processing new member applications.

Terrae Incognitae Editor **Maggie Ragnow** continues to work closely with Kit, George, **Mike Downs** and **David Buisseret** in preparing for the publication in a few months of the annual journal. It is much sought after by all members, and subscribers include many premier public and private libraries and universities. 2008 will mark the 40th edition of *TI*, in continuous publication since 1969.

The SHD Council is kept informed of activities like these, and many of its members participate in sub-groups addressing various Society issues. The Society's web site www.sochistdisc.org continues to draw a robust number of readers. At that site the latest in SHD information is posted – please consult it often to learn of annual meeting updates (and summaries and photos of past meetings), news of members, and so much more.

Please give special attention to the article in this issue from the **Task Force on Long Range Strategy**. **Jim Walker** and **Dick Pflederer** and several other involved members have carefully considered the results of the survey conducted some months back, have met and communicated intensely. One outcome is a proposal developed by Dick to establish a SHD-managed ListServ to exchange ideas on currently in-progress discoveries research. Once per year at annual meeting may be considered by some as too infrequent for staying 'on top' of current thinking. **Please read this article and respond with your thoughts by July 15, 2008.**

I look forward to seeing you in Arlington, Texas next October.

– Thomas F. Sander, President
Burke, Virginia

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Francis Herbert's service to the Society for the History of Discoveries is remarkable, considering he had to perform his jobs from a distant place. He was vice-president and president from 1995 to 1999. Living in London and planning for annual meetings in the United States (Portland, ME) and Canada (St. John's, Newfoundland) is still hard to imagine. His good work was topped off when at the end of his term as president, he not only got the Society's necktie manufactured, but determined that the SHD needed a web site, and single-handedly he founded www.sochistdisc.org by commissioning a web master in Switzerland, who, by the way, still manages the society's cyberspace needs.

Francis is a very gregarious man. Going out to eat with him, however, is an adventure. He is a devout vegetarian who, I have noted, has a healthy appetite coupled with supping interests in local ales and wines. I have dined with him in diverse locations such as a pub in London, a café in Dublin (a small town in southern Georgia), and a brewery-cum-restaurant in Saint Louis, but he lit up (and dug in) when we visited an all-you-could-eat salad and soup restaurant in Atlanta.

Before going to work in the former Map Room at the R.G.S., Francis toiled in the music departments at the British Broadcasting Corporation and was Assistant Librarian at The City University (London). His love for music remains today, for he has been for over four decades a stalwart voice in the Philharmonia Chorus (he sings bass) in London. Over the years he has sung with many orchestras at venues all over Britain, continental Europe, and – in March 2000 – in Baltimore, MD. He now sings some major choral pieces from memory – such as Beethoven's 'Choral Symphony,' and the Brahms, Mozart and Verdi settings of the 'Requiem.'

A new job awaited Francis on retirement from the R.G.S. He was hired as a consultant by the British Library in its Map Library where, as in other important libraries, security is a major concern. A recent note from Francis apologized for its brevity, but he was off to Cambridge to consult with a professor there who is interested in medical maps, and he said he was helping edit for publication a carto-bibliography produced by a Dutch colleague. Actually, Francis does not know the meaning of the word "retirement." He always was, and remains today, a very busy man.

–Sanford H. Bederman
Alpharetta, Georgia

FROM THE EDITOR

Some of my best friends and colleagues have retired recently—a couple just this last two months. The notorious ‘Texas Mafia’ from the University of Texas at Arlington is down to one employed member. I led the group into retirement in September 2006 and was followed by David Buisseret a while later. Richard Francaviglia and Dennis Reinhartz bailed this spring, leaving only Gerald Saxon to carry on without us.

The word retirement brings to mind a number of thoughts about all of us. My grandfather retired when I was a small girl growing up in Georgia, I was told he was looking forward to his rocking chair on the porch and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. I have fond memories of him as he did spend a lot of time with me and my cousins. However, now that my husband and I are in retirement, I find a very different reality. Granted, like many of us, we take more time for family and travel—especially when we can allocate more time during non-peak periods. But neither of us is ready to sit in a rocker. Neither are my colleagues and friends. Just take a look at this year’s News of Members. A number in retirement are completing books, giving lectures, enlarging studies, researching interesting and challenging topics, winning awards and honors, and volunteering their expertise for the betterment of favored organizations.

A lot of our current membership is moving toward spending time on their special interests and, fortunately, much of it revolves around the Society. Our organization is vibrant, producing exciting and stimulating programs, a well respected scholarly journal, and a Student Essay Contest. We maintain a well designed and informative web site and, with the leadership of the organization, we are taking new initiatives to contribute to our future growth. But to insure that growth and vitality, we all need to engage in encouraging and mentoring new scholars, archivist and librarians, and history enthusiasts in the organization and its goals.

There are several ways you can be a part of the process. One is to tell your friends and colleagues about the organization. Pass along a SHD brochure—I have copies and would be happy to send several to you or to anyone you designate. Didn’t someone known by you first interest you in SHD? Return the favor. Take few minutes to read Jim Walker’s article in this issue of *Terra Cognita* about the Task Force on Long Range Planning and see what you can contribute. Other ideas? Make a resolution to play a part in the continued growth and vitality of the Society for the History of Discoveries!

– Kit Goodwin, Executive Secretary
Arlington, Texas

From the *Terrae Incognitae* Editor

The transition from Texas to Minnesota continues for *TI*. Mike Downs brought all of the back issues up from Arlington in May, so part of my summer will be spent organizing them and figuring out storage options. We now have authors’ contracts in place for book reviews and articles—thanks in large measure to Kit Goodwin—that open the door for us to post entire issues of *TI* on the Web site in the future. We’re also talking with publishers about licensing possibilities, which will increase our circulation and visibility—more on that this fall. Also new on the Web site are “Notes for Contributors” and the *TI* “Style Sheet.”

Volume 40 (2008) is looking good. As I write, it is being copyedited; it will go out to the compositor (typesetter) in June. The Table of Contents will be posted to the Web this summer, as well, so you all can have an advance peek. Of course, we’ve already begun gathering articles and book reviews for volume 41. If you’re interested in submitting an article for 2009, please get it in by August 15. If you’d like to respond in a substantive way to any of the articles published in the 2007 or 2008 issues, please send those comments by August 15 as well; they will be published in the “Debates & Corrections” section as space allows, following editorial review.

Finally, a quick glance at the calendar recently reminded



me that 2010 marks the 50th anniversary of SHD. A special edition of *TI* will honor this occasion. I have some ideas, but I’d also like to hear from SHD members. Don’t hesitate to contact me at ragn0001@umn.edu if you have an idea for this special edition.

– Marguerite Ragnow, Editor
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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SHD Meeting in Arlington, Texas, in October 2008

in Conjunction with the Virginia Garrett Lectures, Texas Map Society, and Philip Lee Phillips Society

October 2008 in North Texas will give Society for the History of Discoveries (SHD) members a great opportunity to hear numerous presentations on discoveries, explorations and cartographic history as well as attend exhibit openings, delicious dinners and receptions, and be given a special evening tour of one of the largest personal libraries in the Southwest focusing on explorations and discoveries. From October 3-7, Arlington, Texas, will be “ground zero” for all things pertaining to the history of discoveries and cartographic history.

The SHD has agreed to have its 49th Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Virginia Garrett Lectures on the History of Cartography, Texas Map Society (TMS), and Philip Lee Phillips Society (PLPS) meetings. The general schedule for the multi-day events and meetings is the Garrett Lectures will be on Friday, October 3, at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) with a special exhibit opening, reception, and keynote address at the Amon Carter Museum of Fort Worth that evening. On Saturday, October 4, the TMS and PLPS will meet together at UTA. And on Sunday-Tuesday, October 5-7, the SHD will hold its meeting at UTA primarily.

SHD members wanting a taste of local culture and sites will have an opportunity to take the preconference Cowboys and Culture Tour of Fort Worth on Sunday, October 5. An opening reception will be held at the Dallas home of international real estate developer Harlan Crow later that evening. Transportation will be provided from the meeting hotel to Mr. Crow’s home, where SHD members will have a reception and tour of one of the most phenomenal personal libraries in the Southwest if not the entire country. The SHD paper sessions will begin on Monday, October 6, and will conclude at mid-day on Tuesday, October 7. Transportation to and from the university from the meeting hotel will be provided.

Please mark your calendar now to attend all of these October events!

I look forward to seeing you in Arlington in October.

– Gerald Saxon, Vice President
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Call for Papers/Paper Sessions

The SHD Paper Sessions are being planned by the newly-formed Scholarly Activities/Program Committee chaired by longtime SHD member Ed Dahl. Ed and the committee have issued a call for papers, which can be found on the SHD website at:

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

The selected papers and programs will be announced to the membership in the summer. The Call for Papers deadline for submission is June 15.



Hotels/Meals/Transportation/ Tour/Registration

Hotels: The meeting hotel will be the Hilton Hotel, located at 2401 East Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX 76006-7503 (http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/ARLAHHF-Hilton-Arlington-Texas/index.do). All of the rooms of the Hilton were renovated and re-decorated during the past year. Arrangements have been made for a block of rooms to be held, and early reservations are encouraged to avoid disappointment. Room costs will be \$85.00 per night with free parking and complimentary van service to/from DFW Airport from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. To make arrangements for van service to the Hilton from DFW Airport, please call the Hilton Hotel upon arrival at the airport. The number is 1-817-640-3322 (the hotel is 10 miles away). Reservations must be secured with a credit card before September 12, after which unreserved rooms will be released (if there are unreserved rooms). Please ask for the “Garrett Lectures/UTA rate” when making reservations. Remember that SHD only has a limited block of rooms, and once they are reserved there is no requirement on the part of the hotel to make additional rooms available.

Meals: Your registration will include the October 5 evening reception, continental breakfasts at UTA on October 6-7, lunch on October 6, and SHD Annual Dinner on October 6. There will be no lunch served on October 7 since the meeting will end by 1:00 p.m.

Transportation: Transportation to and from the Hilton Hotel and UTA will be provided, and each registrant will be sent a bus schedule upon registration. Please be aware that Arlington does not have a mass transit system so attendees wanting to sightsee in the Dallas-Fort Worth area will want to rent a car.

Registration: A registration brochure for the SHD meeting will be sent to members in the Summer of 2008 and detailed information about registration will be posted on the website as well.

PRELIMINARY COMBINED PROGRAM

SHD members are encouraged to arrive early and attend all of the meetings and activities discussed above. Like last year's meeting in Chicago, there will be much to do, people with different interests to talk with, and engaging presentations to hear. There will be registration fees associated with the various meetings.

Sixth Biennial Virginia Garrett Lectures 2008 - October 3

The topic of the Sixth Biennial Virginia Garrett Lectures will be *Revisualizing Westward Expansion: A Century of Conflict, 1800-1900*. The presentations will take place on the sixth floor of the UTA Library, except for the evening keynote address by John Logan Allen, which will take place at the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth after a reception. There will also be an exhibition mounted at UTA as well as one at the Carter Museum focusing on the lectures' topic. The Garrett Lectures' speakers and the title of their papers are:

John Logan Allen, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Geography, Univ. of Wyoming, "Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Explorers in the American Northwest: Solving the Riddle of the Great Divide"

Ronald Grim, Head of the Map Collection, Boston Public Library, and Paul D. McDermott, Professor of Geography (retired), Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland, "Railroads and Roads through Tribal Lands: Mapping the Pacific Northwest's Changing Landscape during the 1850s"

Samuel Truett, Associate Professor of History, University of New Mexico, "Transnational Cartographies: Corporations, States, and the Remapping of the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1850-1920"

John R. Hebert, Chief, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, "Maps and the U.S. War with Mexico, 1846-48: Governmental and Private Mapping Efforts to Report on the Conflict as it Was Happening and in Response to Official Reports"

Ben Huseman, Cartographic Archivist, Special Collections, UT Arlington Library, "Revisualizing Westward Expansion: Reflections on the Exhibits"

Texas Map Society/Philip Lee Phillips Society Meeting - October 4

The Texas Map Society and the Philip Lee Phillips Society will be meeting together at UTA all day on October 4 with a special dinner meeting with a keynote address in the evening. The joint program will feature the following speakers:

Wes Brown, Map Collector and Author, Denver, Colorado, "How the 1859 Gold Rush Put Colorado on the Map"

Bill Warren, Map Collector and Cataloger, Pasadena, California, "Treasures from the Huntington Library's Map Collection"

Robert Sherwood, Independent Scholar, Weatherford, Texas, "The Cartography of Alexander von Humboldt: Images of the Enlightenment in America"

Dan Trachtenberg, Author and Lecturer, Palm Beach, Florida, "Powder Horn Maps"

David Finrock, Collector and Chief Meteorologist, NBC 5, Fort Worth, Texas, "Map Members' Forum"

Stephen Huffenberger, Greenwood Village, Colorado, "Cartography of the Indian Country" (*keynote address*)

Society for the History of Discoveries (tentative program) - October 5-7



Sunday, October 5.

Cowboys and Culture Preconference Tour. From 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. SHD members can register for a fun, optional tour of Fort Worth, spending time in the city about which Will Rogers said, "Fort Worth is where the West begins, and Dallas is where the East peters out." Not only are the past cattle drives a prevalent part of this town (after all it is still referred to as Cowtown), but it has also been called the third best city in the United States for availability and fineness of art!

The tour will include a visit to the 150 Years of Fort Worth exhibit (a fun, short stop that gives an overview of the history of this wonderful place!). Then it's off to the Stockyards where we will have lunch at one of the original restaurants in this great city--the Star Café. This is TEXAS all the way so leave your diets at home! You will have a choice of burgers or chicken fried steak or grilled chicken--cooked like it was 1800 out on the range.

Then you can walk around on your own and have your picture made on a saddle as you cozy up to a historic bar or shop for t-shirts and souvenirs for the kids back home. You might even see some slow-movin' longhorns (These are BIG critters!). This area is on the National Register of Historic Places and full of interesting sites.

After the Stockyards, we will drive through the cultural district with a stop at the stunning Modern Art Museum for a tour. The Modern was designed by Japanese architect Tadao Ando. Afterwards you will be given a chance to do a quick drop-by at the Kimbell Art Museum, called "the best small museum in the world" and known for its permanent collection and its Louis Kahn-designed building.

**THIS IS A BIG TEXAS DAY-- NOT TO BE MISSED,
so come on along! \$75 each.**

Sunday Evening, October 5. Reception and private tour of the Harlan Crow Library in Dallas. Transportation will be provided from the meeting hotel. Leave hotel at 6:15 p.m.. Return at 9:30 p.m.

Monday, October 6. SHD Paper Sessions and Annual Business Meeting. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. UTA Central Library 6th Floor Parlor and Atrium. Transportation will be provided from the meeting hotel.

Monday Evening, October 6. SHD Annual Dinner/Keynote Speaker. 6:45 p.m.-9:45 p.m. Hilton Hotel.

Tuesday, October 7. SHD Paper Sessions continue and conclude. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. UTA Central Library Parlor and Atrium.

Task Force on Long Range Planning

Possible Establishment of a ListServ Discussion Group

At the November 2007 SHD meeting in Chicago, the Task Force on Long Range Planning delivered several recommendations to the Council. President Tom Sander subsequently asked Dick Pfederer to prepare a “white paper” on *alternative (or additional) approaches to delivery of SHD content*. Dick put together a splendid detailed outline of an approach which was shared for comment with Task Force members on March 12. To date several responses have been obtained. Tom has asked that I briefly summarize for the membership Dick’s paper and the current feedback. **At the end of this summary is a request for input from any SHD member.**

Dick notes that we now have two very successful but resource intensive vehicles for disseminating research from members: the annual meeting and *Terrae Incognitae*. An additional and complementary vehicle might be an Internet-based application which may offer specific advantages of:

- flexibility/adaptability
- low resource/cost
- member driven
- member responsive in real time

He proposes “offering a new vehicle for reaching the membership with SHD content.” (*Quoted from the white paper.*)

“HistDisc- the Discussion Group of the SHD” which would be “an email-based discussion group whose primary focus is to stimulate interest in teaching, research, and publishing the history of geographical exploration. The primary purpose of this discussion group is to encourage individuals to communicate current research; evaluate methods and tools of analysis; announce important news; announce new publications; and share information between annual meetings and the annual publication of *TI*.”

A broad range of specialized subjects could be considered, and there could be an “umbrella site” plus a “short list of subgroups identified by specific areas of

interest.” These subgroups may be attractive to many who favor focused discussions. The discussion site would probably be linked to, but separate from, the SHD web site.

Task Force members have responded to Dick’s proposal as follows:

- All support the principal idea and feel there is potential for such a program to stimulate increasing communication among many members, especially younger members.
- Participation in the program should be only for SHD members (at least initially), but the web site should be read-available for non-members who then might be attracted to join SHD.
- Specific sub-group subjects of interest could be culled from information supplied on membership renewal forms.
- The success of initiating such a program will depend on finding someone with the experience of designing and leading such a group and a willingness to take on this project.

Tom and members of the Task Force would like to get feedback from SHD members on the following:

- 1. are you interested in participating in a SHD-sponsored online discussion program, and*
- 2. are you interested in assisting in setting up/ managing such a program?*

You are welcome to respond to these questions and add any comment by email to Jim Walker (walkerji@comcast.net) or to Tom Sander (sanderva@erols.com). Please let us hear your comments by 15 July 2008. If anyone wants to read Dick Pfederer’s “white paper” in its entirety, please contact me at walkerji@comcast.net, and I’ll send a copy.

– Jim Walker, Chair
Eugene, Oregon

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John Logan Allen wrote: “I retired August 2007 after 41 years as a teacher, researcher, and administrator. My primary interests now are completing a book on the “forgotten explorers,” The Jeffersonian explorers other than Lewis and Clark – and doing a lot of traveling.

Simcha Bahiri is now enlarging his study of “Jewish Exploration” to include the role of Sephardic and Crypto-Jewish travelers from the 12th to the 17th centuries. He is contemplating writing a long paper or a short book.

Herbert Beals happily reported that the Hakluyt Society publication, *Four Travel Journals: The Americas, Antarctica, & Africa, 1775-1874*, which includes his translation of Bodega y Quadra’s 1775 journal, was launched at an event held on January 15, 2008, at the University of Exeter, England. Herbert also contributed nine articles for the recently published Oxford Companion to World Exploration.

Sanford Bederman is still reveling in the fact that he successfully mastered PowerPoint well enough to present his paper on the Reverend Thomas Wakefield at the SHD annual meeting in Chicago. Of course, he admits that

being named a Fellow of the society in 2007 was the high spot in his academic career, and he thanks everyone for all their good wishes. In April 2008, at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Boston, Sandy was recognized at an honors luncheon for being a member of that professional organization for fifty years. He remains busy teaching and taking classes at Senior University of Greater Atlanta, a life-long learning center for retired professionals.

Roy Bridges, as President of the Hakluyt Society, thanks the SHD for its generosity in allowing a reception during the Chicago conference in November 2007, at which the work of his organization could be highlighted. Bridges’ own work includes, in *Four Travel Journals* (2007), an edition for the Hakluyt Society of the remarkable ‘Diary’ of the young freed slave, Jacob Wainwright, who recorded the adventures of the party carrying David Livingstone’s body back to the coast together with much geographical material. Wainwright is the first black African and possibly the youngest person to have had his travel record featured in a Hakluyt Society edition.

Philip Boucher informs us that his book, *France and the American Tropics to 1700: Tropics of Discontent?*, has been published by Johns Hopkins University Press in 2008. Now retired, Philip is contemplating whether to do a sequel volume to 1789.

Larry W. Bowman recently sold a large portion (1100 books) of his private collection of antiquarian books on the Indian Ocean region to New York University. Does this mean that Larry has finally retired?

Norman Collingwood retired in 2003 as a judge in British Columbia and the Yukon. Over the years, he has traveled extensively in B.C. and the Canadian Arctic. He still has a strong interest in travel but now prefers warmer parts of the world, his favorite being Hawaii which has instilled in him a great interest in the history of the islands.

Francis Cuppage has been retired since 1995, but he remains active pursuing his current interests in trans-migration of North American trails and the Lewis and Clark expedition.

A.C.F. David, writes from England that he is editing the journal of William Broughton’s journey in the Pacific Northwest between 1795 and 1798 for publication by the Hakluyt Society. The volume’s introduction will be written by SHD member Barry Gough. Andrew contributed articles to the *Oxford Companion to World Exploration*, as well as a number of entries to the forthcoming *Dictionary of Falkland Biography*, due to be published in early 2008.

Louis De Vorse is enjoying taking courses and teaching in the Athens, Georgia, Learning in Retirement program. He just finished completing a course concerning William Bartram, and

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he has been asked to repeat a course he taught in 2000 on the Age of Discovery. Lou and Ros are still spending summers in Canada. He is happy to see his essays finally appear in the Oxford University Press publications *Encyclopedia of Maritime History and Companion to World Exploration*. Lou is currently working on essays for vol. 4 of the *History of Cartography*.

Sir John Elliott received the 2007 Francis Parkman Prize, awarded by the Society of American Historians for his book *Empires of the Atlantic World: Britain and Spain in America, 1792-1800*. The award was for the best book on American history published in 2006.

Joseph Fitzgerald is currently working with the University of Miami Library and the Historical Museum of Southern Florida on a web site of "Old Florida Maps." Joe proudly states that the 2008 Miami International Map Fair will probably be the largest antique map fair in the world.

E. W. Giesecke published "Unlikely Partners" in Volume 43 (the Summer/Fall 2007 special issue) of *Mains's Haul: Journal of Pacific Maritime History*. The entire issue was devoted to ca. AD 1800 exploration, commerce, and the early sea otter trade.

John Hattendorf happily announced that the American Library Association awarded its Dartmouth Medal for 2008 to *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Modern History* (Oxford University Press, 2007). This publication was edited by John.

Arthur Holzheimer writes, "I have had a wonderful time working on the Festival of Maps board and am very pleased at the favorable reports of the many exhibits."

Ray Howgego has recently been appointed an Honorary Assistant Editor for the Hakluyt Society, with

responsibility for online publications, maintaining the web site, and editing the society's online journal. The massive fourth and final volume of his *Encyclopedia of Exploration*, covering continental exploration after 1850, will be published by Hordern House in March 2008. The complete work will become one of the largest unaided single-author texts ever published in the English language. In his spare time, Ray has completed a biography of the formidable but neglected English traveler Gertrude Benham, to be issued by the Plymouth Museum in 2008. He is currently working on a popular illustrated history of exploration for publication in 2009 by Weidenfeld & Nicolson.

Nick Kanas saw his book *Star Maps: History, Artistry, and Cartography*, published in 2007 by the Springer/Praxis Press.

Howard Lange has been Vice President of the Washington Map Society since Spring 2007. He is responsible for the program of monthly meetings, field trips, and the annual dinner.

Bruce Lenman spent some time in the Caribbean and in Central America in the summer of 2007 and finally decided to channel his research on military engineers and mapping and charting into a multi-authored book which he will co-ordinate, edit and part-write on early-modern European state formation and the military engineers. A conference in Montpellier in 2007 has convinced him that working on overseas archives in the South of France is a good idea.

Rodrigue Lévesque is slowing down. This year he wrote only four new books. Three of the volumes concerned the history of the railways of Peru and the other volume concerned La Malincite, the mistress of Hernán Cortés.

Douglas Peck wrote two articles (Juan Ponce de Leon and Lisbon) for the *Oxford Companion to World Exploration*, and he wishes to call to the attention of the society his article entitled "Re-examination of Spanish Colonial Period Documents Related to Prehistoric Maya Mythology," published in *Revista de Historia de Americas*, Numero 137 (2006, pp. 21-35). According to Doug, this article corrects a number of currently accepted historical errors related to the prehistoric Maya, perhaps the most glaring being archaeologists' reports that Chichén Itzá was conquered, destroyed, and abandoned in the early 12th century, while reliable Spanish historians show that when Francisco Hernandez de Montejo attempted without success to conquer the larger and existing city in the 16th century, the powerful Itzá warlords in the city proudly stated that the Itzá and their forefathers had occupied the city since ancient times, and they had no knowledge of being conquered or abandoned.

Carla Rahn Phillips continues to teach at the University of Minnesota, where she holds the Union Pacific Chair in Comparative Early Modern History. In 2007, in addition to *The Treasure of the San José: Death at Sea in the War of the Spanish Succession* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press), she published the following titles pertaining to exploration and empire: "The Organization of Oceanic Empires: The Iberian World in the Habsburg Period;" in *Seascapes: Maritime Histories, Littoral Cultures, and Transoceanic Exchanges* (pp. 71-86, edited by Jerry Bentley, Renate Bridenthal, and Kären Wigen (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press); and "Family and Community in the Spanish World," in *From the Middle Ages to Modernity: Individual and Community in the Early Modern World* (pp.71-90), edited by Charles H. Parker and Jerry H. Bentley (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield).

NEWS OF MEMBERS - 2008

Milbry Polk says she had a most interesting year. She was on two expeditions to the Arctic – one with Students on Ice to Baffin Island and the other to Greenland. Drastically shifting gears, she next traveled to India, Laos, and Cambodia. Wings World Quest, which she co-founded and is a director, had a very successful 5th year gala which honored five outstanding women explorers.

Peter Porrazzo was elected a Director of the Washington Map Society in 2007.

Paula Rebert presented a lecture on “George Engleman and the Great Age of Cactus Discovery” at the SMU-in-Taos Colloquia Lecture Series in June 2007. The lecture series was held at Southern Methodist University’s summer campus at Fort Burgwin in the mountains of Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico. Paula and Philip traveled to Chicago in November, where they enjoyed the Festival of Maps, Nebenzahl lectures, and the annual meeting of the SHD. Paula presented her paper, “Arthur Schott: A Civilian Surveyor on the U.S.-Mexico Boundary.”

One of **Roy Schreiber’s** main projects this past year was looking for a way to use *Captain Bligh’s Second Chance* (Chatham Publishing, 2007) as the basis for a television documentary about Bligh’s second and successful expedition in the 1790s to bring breadfruit from the Pacific Islands to the West Indies and to map the Torres Straits. He has had nibbles in Great Britain and Australia, but so far no takers. Roy would appreciate any suggestions.

Richard Stephenson, of late, has been writing captions and text panels for an exhibit entitled “Jed Hotchkiss – Shenandoah Valley Mapmaker.” He is curating the show along with Robert Grogg, National Park Service (Retired).

The exhibit will include some 60 maps, including manuscript maps and digital images. The exhibit will be held at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, VA, from September 20, 2008, to May 10, 2009.

John Thrower is very pleased to note that the successful first season of archaeology at Nombre de Dios, by the College of William and Mary, has confirmed the position for the colonial city proposed in his 2001 paper in *Terrae Incognitae*, and also, so far, partly matched his conjectural plan of the 16th century port.

Daniel Trachtenberg recently lectured on antique maps of America in the 16th-18th centuries at the Lifetime Learning Center at Palm Beach Community College in Palm Beach, Florida.

Good news from **Scott Westrem**: “In Spring 2007, CT scans and MRI’s showed that the fragments of bone at vertebra C2, which I fractured in May 2005, have fused, making it possible for me to travel again, so I have resumed work on a critical edition of the significant travel narrative of William of Boldensale (1336), and a fragmentary map at the University of Minnesota from ca. 1450.”

Alberta Woods reports that “Time is being spent in writing an essay on cartographic societies in Canada and the United States in the 20th century for volume 6 of the *History of Cartography*. Cliff has already written on the journal *Cartographica*. We look forward to the next SHD conference and enjoyed the Chicago events very much.

– Compiled by Sanford Bederman
Alpharetta, Georgia

In Memoriam

James E. Kelley, Jr., 1929-2008

A long time member of SHD, Jim Kelley passed away at his Melrose Park home on April 30, 2008. Hailed as a Modern Renaissance Man by his peers, Mr. Kelley was a mathematician with a bachelor degree from Providence College, Rhode Island, and a Masters in Mathematics from American University. He served in the US Air Force with a tour at The Pentagon where he addresses basic mathematical problems concerning logistics. After his honorable discharge, he worked for several major firms including Remington Rand UNIVAC where he worked with the first electronic computer, and with Dupont, the first company to obtain computers to deal with problems associated with huge projects. Over the years he was associated with a number of high profile businesses associated with large engineering and building projects, published a successful series of IBM PC Instructions books, which were also translated into German and Spanish, and won several prestigious awards in his field.

Kelley’s interest in the history of mathematics and early celestial navigation and physics problems led him to study post 13th century Portolan Charts. A scholarly effort with Oliver Dunn followed and led to the publications of “The Diario of Christopher Columbus’s First Voyage to American 1492-1493.” Many other projects claimed his attention and his family reports he took great pleasure in seeing his friends and colleagues when attend SHD meeting with his wife Peg. At his death, he was writing an alternate view of Ponce de Leon’s first voyage to Florida. Jim Kelley is survived by his wife, Peg, his brother David F. Kelley, 9 children and 17 grandchildren.

PHOTO GALLERY

Chicago, Illinois Meeting



Photos (top left, clockwise):

Cliff Wood, Jim Walker, Tom Sander, Bob Highbarger, and Alberta Wood.

Alice Hudson, Carol Urness and Susan Danforth.

Ralph Ehrenberg and Barbara McCorkle with new Fellow Sanford Bederman.

Reuel Jentgen, Bill Stanley, Ben Huseman, and Mike Downs.

Joaquim Alves Gaspar and Dick Pflederer.

PHOTO GALLERY

Chicago, Illinois Meeting



Photos (top left, clockwise):

Michigan Avenue.

Sarah Tyacke, Keynote Speaker, and Jens Bornholt.

Council Meeting at the Newberry Library.

Ed Dahl and Jim Walker.

Tom Sander, Program Chairman.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

By John W. Docktor

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

[current] to JUNE 30, 2008

Boston Public Library

Boston and Beyond, A Bird's Eye View of New England at the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center, 700 Boylston St, exhibits one of the world's pre-eminent collections of bird's eye views.

www.maps.bpl.org/ex/news/#bostonbeyond

[current] to AUG. 16, 2008

Harvard University

The Lands of the Sophi: Iran in Early Modern European Maps (1550-1700) will be on display in the Map Gallery Hall outside Harvard Map Collection, Pusey Library.

www.hcl.harvard.edu/info/exhibitions/index.html#sophi

[current] to AUG. 18, 2008

Baltimore Festival of Maps

A city-wide celebration of maps includes:

Until JUNE 8

Maps: Finding Our Place in the World at Walters Art Museum, 600 N Charles.

Until JUNE 29

Borders and Boundaries: The Mason-Dixon Line at Maryland Historical Society, 201 W Monument.

Until JUNE 30

Mapping Maryland and the World at Central Library of Enoch Pratt Library system, 400 Cathedral St.

Until JULY 27

Mapping the Cosmos at Walters Art Museum

Until AUG. 18

Baltimore: A Cartographer's Delight at Milton S. Eisenhower Library, 3400 N Charles.

www.baltimorefestivalofmaps.com/

[current] to AUG. 24, 2008

Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec

In honor of the 400th anniversary of Québec City, there is an exhibit *Ils ont cartographié l'Amérique* at the *Grande Bibliothèque*, 475, boul. De Maisonneuve Est., Montreal.

www.banq.qc.ca/portal/dt/accueil.jsp?bnq_resolution=mode_1024

[current] to AUG. 29, 2008

The Society of California Pioneers

The Streets of San Francisco incorporates maps, photographs, prints, and artifacts that recall San Francisco's transformation from mission outpost to instant metropolis. Located at 300 Fourth St., San Francisco

www.californiapioneers.org/sanfran.html

[current] to SEPT. 7, 2008 -

Canadian Museum of Civilization

Gatineau, Québec

OCT. 25, 2008 to MAR. 29, 2009 -

Albuquerque Museum

New Mexico

MAY 18, 2009 to OCT. 31, 2009 -

International Gallery

Smithsonian Institution

Washington

A traveling exhibit, *Jamestown, Québec, Santa Fe: Three North American Beginnings*, utilizes rare surviving Native and European artifacts, maps, documents, and ceremonial objects.

www.civilization.ca/visit/cmcvisite.aspx

www.albuquerquemuseum.com/

www.si.edu/ripley/ig/start.htm

[current] to SEPT. 20, 2008

Historic New Orleans Collection

Surrounded by Water: New Orleans, the Mississippi River & Lake Ponchartrain includes maps from the Society's collection, 533 Royal Street.

www.hnoc.org/exhibitions/surround.htm

[current] to OCT. 1, 2008

Henderson County Heritage Museum

Hendersonville, NC

Let Freedom Ring uses rare artifacts, original maps, graphics, photographs and rare sketches, along with multimedia productions to tell the story of veterans in the county, from the Revolutionary War to the present.

www.hendersoncountymuseum.org/?q=exhibits

[current] to OCT. 5, 2008

Ukrainian Museum

The Mapping of Ukraine: European Cartography and Maps of Early Modern Ukraine, 1550-1799 includes 42 original maps published by European mapmakers over a 250-year period. 222 E Sixth St, New York.

www.brama.com/calendar/caldisplay.pl?1205011782

[current] to JAN. 17, 2009

University of Virginia

"On the Map" American Maps from 1500 to 1800 from the Seymour I.

Schwartz Collection at the main gallery at the Mary and David Harrison Institute for American History, Literature, and Culture, and the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, Charlottesville.

www.lib.virginia.edu/small/exhibits/onthemap/

NEW EXHIBITIONS

JUNE 28, 2008 to OCT. 31, 2008

The Amon Carter Museum

Fort Worth, TX

The Museum, at 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd, will display several fine maps from University of Texas at Arlington's Virginia Garrett Cartographic History Library.

www.cartermuseum.org/

JULY 15, 2008 to OCT. 15, 2008

Jamestown Settlement, Williamsburg

A New World: England's First View of America is an exhibition of nearly one hundred watercolors and maps by the Elizabethan artist John White that constitute the only surviving visual record of England's first settlement in North America.

www.historyisfun.org/calendar.htm

AUG. 18, 2008 to DEC. 20, 2008

Library of Virginia

The Library, 800 E Broad St, Richmond, will have a *Map Exhibition celebrating the Fry-Jefferson Map*.

www.lva.lib.va.us/

AUG. 25, 2008 to DEC. 20, 2008

University of Texas at Arlington's Special Collections

An exhibit of maps will include numerous impressive smaller maps from the library's collection as well as some significant maps generously loaned by the DeGolyer Library at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and by a private collector.

library.uta.edu/spco/

SEPT. 20, 2008 to MAY 10, 2009

Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, VA

Jed Hotchkiss - Shenandoah Valley Mapmaker features 60 maps and sketches by Jed Hotchkiss, including maps made while serving as topographical engineer in the 2nd Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, C.S.A., as well as examples of maps he made as an engineer and surveyor after the war.

www.shenandoahmuseum.org/

CONFERENCES, COURSES, FAIRS, MEETINGS, AND SYMPOSIUMS

JULY 12, 2008

New York Map Society

Meeting at the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue & 42nd Street for *Our Second Annual Summertime Social*. Bring your own sandwich and soda and meet the rest of us for lunch at the south end of the Library's outdoor terrace at 1:30 pm. If it's raining, just proceed to the Library Map Room. At 2:30 pm we will go to Classroom B, in the South Court's Celeste Bartos Education Center.

www.nymapsociety.org/
john@woram.com

AUG. 11-13, 2008

Cambridge University

Dr Lucy Donkin will teach a course *Mapping the Middle Ages*. The course explores the medieval worldview through a wide range of cartographical material, from illustrated itineraries to mappaemundi, paying particular attention to the treatment of the British Isles. Contact Courses Registrar, Madingley Hall, Madingley, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire; phone: 01954 280399.

www.cont-ed.cam.ac.uk/courses/coursedetails.php?id=1678

AUG. 27-29, 2008

The Royal Geographical Society/ Institute of British Geographers

Annual Conference, *Geographies that Matter*.

www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Annual+International+Conference+2008.htm

SEPT. 10-12, 2008

International Cartographic Association Commission on the History of Cartography

Symposium on the History of Cartography entitled *Shifting boundaries - cartography in the 19th and 20th centuries* at the University of Portsmouth, UK. The meeting will be open to all cartographers, geographers, historians, map collectors, academics and lay persons interested in the history of cartography in the 19th and 20th centuries.

www.icahistcarto.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=36

SEPT. 13, 2008

New York Map Society

Barbara Mundy will discuss *Mapping the New World for The Spanish Kings: Indigenous Artists and the Creation of Colonial Cartography* at 2:30 pm, at the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue & 42nd Street, Classroom B, in the South Court's Celeste Bartos Education Center.

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SEPT. 13, 2008

Fry-Jefferson Map Society

This years meeting will feature Henry Taliaferro to speak on the *Fry-Jefferson map*, and Willie Balderson to present/reenact the steps involved in taking up land. Additional information at 804-692-3900.

www.lva.lib.va.us/

SEPT. 19-20, 2008

Rocky Mountain Map Society

The Rocky Mountain Antique Map Fair, sponsored by the Map Society, will be held at the Denver Public Library, 13th & Broadway. lamar.colostate.edu/~mcole/ Mapguycole@aol.com

SEPT. 25, 2008

Washington Map Society

Meeting at 7 PM, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, Madison Building, 101 Independence Avenue. Prof. Kenneth Martis will discuss *The History of the Election Map*. Contact Howard Lange 703-532-1605.

www.washmap.org/

HowardLange@verizon.net

SEPT. 26-28, 2008

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

The Philadelphia Chapter will have a meeting, in Lancaster PA, on *Surveying and Cartography*. There will be panel discussions and displays of surveying and mapmaking techniques that compare today's technology with that of 200 years ago. Contact Rebecca West 888-701-3434.

www.lewisandclarkphila.org/

OCT. 3-7, 2008

Virginia Garrett Lectures, Joint Meeting of the Texas Map Society and the Philip Lee Phillips Society, and the Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries

Four sequential meetings at The University of Texas at Arlington's Central Library, Arlington, Texas. Contact Carolyn Kadri at 817-727-7153 or kadri@uta.edu. library.uta.edu/spco/Garrett%202008/main.html

libraries.uta.edu/txmapsociety/index.html

www.sochistdisc.org/annual_meetings/annual_2008/annual_meeting_2008.htm

OCT. 18, 2008

Washington Map Society

Field trip to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester VA to see an exhibition entitled *Jed Hotchkiss – Shenandoah Valley Mapmaker*. Richard W. Stephenson (Library of Congress, retired), who is co-curator along with Robert Grogg (National Park Service, retired), will lead a tour of the exhibition beginning at 11:00 am. Contact Howard Lange 703-532-1605.

www.washmap.org/

HowardLange@verizon.net

FEB. 7-8, 2009

Miami International Map Fair

Annual Map Fair at Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 101 West Flagler St. Contact Marcia Kanner 305-375-1492. www.hmsf.org/programs-mapFair.htm

MARCH 7, 2009

Texas Map Society

Spring Meeting in San Antonio. libraries.uta.edu/txmapsociety/index.html

goodwin@uta.edu

JULY 12-17, 2009

International Conference on the History of Cartography

Maps, Myths and Narratives: Cartography of the Far North is the subject of this conference in Copenhagen. Contact Henrik Dupont, Research Librarian, Department of Maps, The Royal Library, Slotsholmen, POB 2149, DK-1016 Copenhagen K.

www.ichc2009.dk/

congress@bdp.dk

SEPT. 6-9, 2009

International Map Collectors' Society

The theme of this international symposium in Oslo is *Mapping of Scandinavia and the Arctic*. Contact Pål Sagen, PO Box 3893, Ullevål Stadion, NO-0805 Oslo, Norway; phone +47 2242 7800, fax: +47 2233 3651.

www.imcos.org/

post@antiquemaps.no

The SHD WEB SITE

News and informations updates – for all with Email

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- news of past meetings, including photo galleries
- news of the next SHD annual meeting
- calls for papers to be presented at the meeting
- listings of *Terrae Incognitae* contents, with index and notes for contributors
- information about the annual Student Essay Contest
- news of members
- citations and photographs of the SHD Fellows
- links to sister societies and web sites
- and much more . . .

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If the Society lacks an email address for a member, it could take weeks or months for postal mail to provide the same information. Plus, the all-volunteer SHD leadership must spend precious time and monies to prepare and process paper, then affix postage. Each year postal increases affect the budget. If you are one of the 25 members who has not provided us your email address, please help us save time and money by sending that address to Tom Sander at sanderva@erols.com

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– Thomas Sander, SHD President and Web Content Manager
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2007 SHD Student Essay Contest Winner

Antony Adler of St. John's, Newfoundland, is the winner of the 2007 SHD Essay Contest. His essay is titled, "Unchartered Seas: European Polynesian Encounters in the Age of Discoveries." He wrote it as his senior comprehensive exam for his B.A. degree in History from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. Antony is entering a graduate program in Museum Studies this fall at the University of Washington in Seattle.

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