

# Society for the History of Discoveries

ANNUAL MEETING

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## Hakluyt Society

FIRST NORTH AMERICAN CONVENTION



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October 16-19, 1986  
Providence, Rhode Island

**Local Sponsors**

The John Carter Brown Library  
(On the Brown University Green)  
Box 1894  
Providence, Rhode Island 02912

The Old Dartmouth Historical Society  
and Whaling Museum  
18 Johnny Cake Hill  
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

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**Locations**

All events will take place at either the Biltmore Hotel, Kennedy Plaza, Providence; the John Carter Brown Library or other facilities on the Brown University campus in Providence; or the Old Dartmouth Whaling Museum of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Chartered buses will be available for transportation to various sites, as necessary.

The woodcut on the cover is from the Basel 1493 edition of Columbus's letter to the Spanish court announcing his discovery. Acquired by the John Carter Brown Library in 1896, the book is one of only three copies of this first illustrated edition that have survived.

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## Exhibitions

AT THE NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM, June 20 to October 31, 1986: *Buzzards Bay*. In 1602 Gosnold named the bay for himself: "Gosnold's Hope." Twelve years later, the Dutch explorer Adriaen Block called it "De Zuyder Zee." From 1620 to 1700, the Plymouth colonists used a Wampanoag name, "Manomet," later "Monument." But as early as 1689, the bay was "Buzzards Bay" to those for whom it mattered most: the seafarers. Why "Buzzards"? This is one of the questions the exhibition addresses.

AT THE JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY, October 6 to December 11, 1986: *Gathering a Scattered Fleet: The Legacy of Richard Hakluyt*. Richard Hakluyt, the great compiler and disseminator of information regarding New World colonization, is featured in this exhibition, which also calls attention to Hakluyt's predecessors and successors in the enterprise of promoting empire. English works from the Library's collection, representative particularly of Elizabethan voyages of discovery and exploration, are displayed.

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## Program

Thursday, October 16, 1986

- 1:00-5:00 pm *Registration*  
2nd floor Lobby, Biltmore Hotel
- 2:30-3:30 pm **Hakluyt Society Meeting**  
Garden Room, Biltmore Hotel
- 4:00-5:00 pm **Session I**  
Garden Room, Biltmore Hotel  
CHAIR: John Parker  
Luis Marden and Joseph Judge, *Computers, Caravels, and Columbus*  
(Shuttle Bus available 5:30 to 6:00 pm, Biltmore Hotel to JCB)
- 5:30-6:45 pm *Registration*  
John Carter Brown Library
- 5:30-6:30 pm *Reception*  
John Carter Brown Library
- 6:45-8:30 pm *Dinner*  
Brown Faculty Club
- 8:30-10:00 pm **Session II**  
List Auditorium (Room 120), Brown campus  
CHAIR: Barbara B. McCorkle  
Norman J. W. Thrower, "Banks on Cook's First Pacific Voyage and the *Florilegium*"  
Helen Wallis and Dorothy Middleton, "The Exploration of Africa and Sir Joseph Banks"  
(Shuttle Bus available following session, JCB to Biltmore Hotel)

Friday, October 17, 1986

MORNING

- 8:00-9:00 am *Registration*  
2nd floor Lobby, Biltmore Hotel
- 9:00-10:00 am **Session III(a)**  
State Suite "B", Biltmore Hotel  
CHAIR: Ralph Ehrenberg  
Samuel H. Baron, "Herberstein and the English  
'Discovery' of Muscovy"  
Raymond H. Fisher, "Some Observations on the  
Voyage of Gvozdev and Fedorov"
- 9:00-10:00 am **Session III(b)**  
Garden Room, Biltmore Hotel  
CHAIR: Bruce B. Solnick  
Alexander J.J. Roncari, "La Isabela: The First City of  
the New World"  
J. Benedict Warren, "Was Paria Discovered in 1494?  
A Controversy Revisited"
- 10:00-10:20 am *Coffee Break*
- 10:20-11:20 am **Session IV(a)**  
State Suite "B", Biltmore Hotel  
CHAIR: Thomas E. Goldstein  
Peter M. Enggass, "Pilgrims Progress: The Lure  
of Santiago"  
Gwendolyn R. Barckley, "Two Welsh Settlements in  
the Americas: One Success, One Failure"
- 10:20-11:20 am **Session IV(b)**  
Garden Room, Biltmore Hotel  
CHAIR: Jackson C. Boswell  
Roger Joseph, "The Moors in the New World"  
Joyce Lorimer, "A brief abstract of these my  
journeys.' John Ley's Voyages to the Amazon Delta  
and the Guiana Coast, 1597-1601"
- 11:35 am *Buses depart for New Bedford*
- 12:15-1:15pm *Luncheon*  
Wamsutta Club, New Bedford
- 1:20 pm *Bus to Whaling Museum*

AFTERNOON

- 1:30-4:00 pm **Session V**  
Old Dartmouth Whaling Museum  
CHAIR: David B. Quinn  
David B. Quinn, "John Davis (d. 1605):  
Navigator of the Northern Seas"  
Glyndwr Williams, "The Tragic  
Voyage of James Knight, 1719"  
John Bockstoce, "Exploration of the Chukchi  
Sea in the 19th Century"  
Terence Armstrong, "The Battle with the Ice"  
William Barr, "Glacio-isostasy and the Changing  
Face of the Northwest Passage"
- 4:00-5:15 pm Tours of the Whaling Museum and viewing of a  
special exhibition on Buzzards Bay. (This exhibition  
is a prelude to the boat trip to the Elizabeth Isles,  
scheduled for October 19)
- 5:30 pm *Bus to Biltmore Hotel*

EVENING

- 7:00-8:00 pm *Reception*  
17th floor Foyer, Biltmore Hotel
- 8:00-10:00 pm *Banquet*  
Ballroom, Biltmore Hotel
- Dinner Program*  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES: John A. Wolter, President,  
Society for the History of Discoveries  
SPEAKER: Dorothy Middleton, "The World  
Encompassed"

**Saturday, October 18, 1986**

- 8:00—9:00 am *Late Registration*  
17th floor Foyer, Biltmore Hotel
- 9:00—10:00 am **Session VI(a)**  
17th floor Foyer, Biltmore Hotel  
CHAIR: Vincent C. Cassidy  
David L. Niddrie, "The Changing Shoreline"  
Peter J. Guthorn, "The Discovery and Charting of  
New England Coastal Hazards"
- 9:00—10:00 am **Session VI(b)**  
State Suite "B", Biltmore Hotel  
CHAIR: Louis De Vorsey  
Clinton R. Edwards, "The Discovery and Early  
Mapping of the Yucatan Peninsula"  
Jack D.L. Holmes, "Charles B. Vignole's Map of  
Florida's 1821 Frontier"
- 10:00—10:20 am *Coffee Break*
- 10:20—11:50 am **Session VII**  
17th floor Foyer, Biltmore Hotel  
CHAIR: Ursula Lamb  
David Buisseret, "Spanish Colonial Cartographers  
up to 1700"  
Jonathan T. Lanman, "A Comparison of Two  
Portolan Charts Converted to a Mercator  
Projection, with a Modern Chart"  
Arne B. Molander, "The Mystery of the Cantino  
Map"
- 12:00—2:00 pm *Luncheon and SHD Business Meeting*  
(everyone invited) Ballroom, Biltmore Hotel
- 2:00 pm *Buses Depart for Optional Trip to Mystic Seaport*
- 3:00—4:45 pm *Tour of Mystic Seaport*
- 4:45 pm *Tea (hosted by Mystic Seaport)*
- 5:30 pm *Buses Depart for Biltmore Hotel*
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**Sunday, October 19, 1986**

- 8:30 am *Buses Depart for New Bedford for Optional Boat  
Trip to Cuttyhunk Island*
- 9:30 am *Departure on the Island Queen*
- 4:00 pm *Buses Depart from New Bedford for the  
Biltmore Hotel*



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## The Hakluyt Society

The Hakluyt Society, established in 1846, has for its object the advancement of education by the publication of scholarly editions of records of voyages, travels, and other geographical material of the past. Works of this class are of the highest interest to students of history, geography, navigation, and ethnology.

The Society has not confined its selection to the work of English travelers, to a particular age, or to particular regions. Where the original is foreign, the work is given in English, either a fresh translation being made, or an earlier rendering, accurate as well as attractive, being utilized. The works selected for reproduction are printed (with rare exceptions) at full length.

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## The Society for the History of Discoveries

The Society for the History of Discoveries is an organization formed for the purpose of stimulating interest in teaching, research, and publishing the history of geographical exploration. Founded in 1960, the Society includes members from several academic disciplines, librarians, archivists, non-affiliated scholars, and laypersons with an interest in history. Fields of specialization include such related subjects as the history of European expansion, cartography, navigation, and colonial settlement.

The Society's publications program includes *Terrae Incognitae*, an annual journal of research papers and book reviews, which first appeared in 1969. Between 1971 and 1976, the Society also published, jointly with the Newberry Library, five volumes in the series *Studies in the History of Discovery*.

An occasional newsletter reports activities of members and general news of activity within the discipline. Papers are read and discussed at annual meetings, which are usually held in libraries and museums.

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