

Terra Cognita

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF DISCOVERIES

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Join us in Gainesville/Saint Augustine!

Our 2019 conference will be held **November 14-17** in Gainesville, Florida, with an excursion to the historic town of Saint Augustine. We'll begin with a reception in the Grand Reading Room at the University of Florida's George A. Smathers Library on Thursday evening. Conference sessions (*see speaker's bio and preliminary program*) also will be held on Friday and Saturday at Smathers Library, with the annual banquet on Friday evening at the conference hotel, the Holiday Inn University Center. The chef is developing a special buffet menu for us that promises to be wonderfully delicious! Our keynote speaker will be **Dr. Kathleen A. Deagan**, professor emerita and curator at the Florida Museum of Natural History and a distinguished local archaeologist (*see page 3*). She will regale us with personal insights into archaeological finds that highlight early discovery history of the region.

On Sunday, we will take a chartered bus to Saint Augustine, about a two-hour ride. There, **Dr. James Cusick** will lead a free walking tour for the first 20 people who sign up (*see page 3*). For those not participating in the walking tour, there is Government House Cultural Center and Museum (<http://www.staugustine.ufl.edu/govHouse.html>), located on the central plaza and the site of a government building since 1598. Also of interest is Castillo de San Marcos (<https://www.nps.gov/casa/index.htm>), the 17th-century Spanish fort built to protect Spain's interests in Florida. The entrance fee is \$15 per person. Others may find the Lightner Museum (<https://lightnermuseum.org>) of interest. Housed in the historic Alcazar Hotel, it is home to a renowned collection of fine and decorative 19th-century art. Admission ranges from \$12-\$15. And, for those of you who would like a non-walking tour, Saint Augustine has a "hop on/off" trolley service that boasts 23 stops for \$25-\$28 (<https://www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine#home-section>).

A boxed lunch will be available to all who sign up, located in a reserved room at Government House, at 12 noon. We will leave Gainesville at 8 am and board the bus to return at 1:30 pm from Government House. More details will be available on the web site. We hope you will join us for a fun and history-filled day.

See pages 2-3 for more conference information



Smathers Library

Conference Registration

Members: \$200.00

Companions: \$150.00

Students: \$100.00

Fee for Sunday excursion: \$40.00 per person

Registration will open soon!

Registration will be open through October 24, 2019.

An email notification will be sent when registration opens.

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Holiday Inn, Gainesville

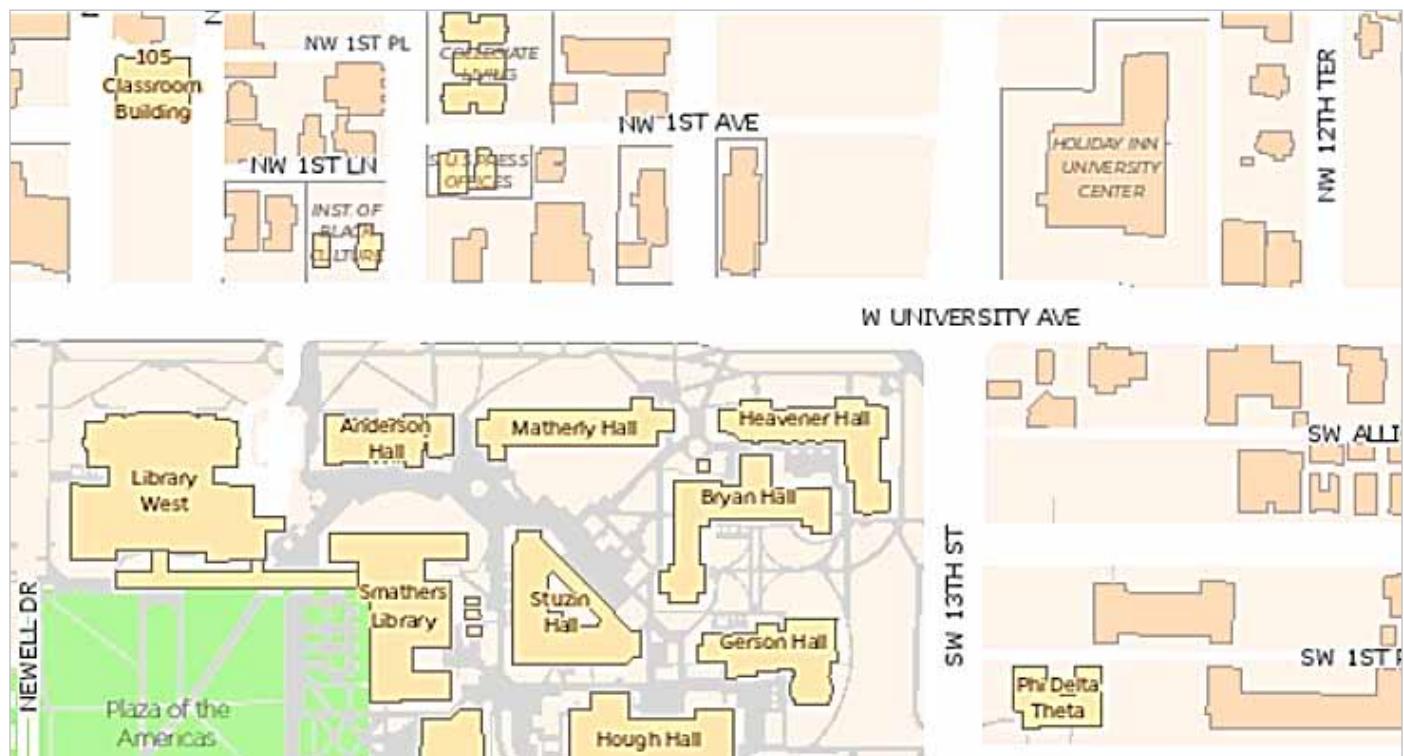
Conference Hotel: Holiday Inn University Center

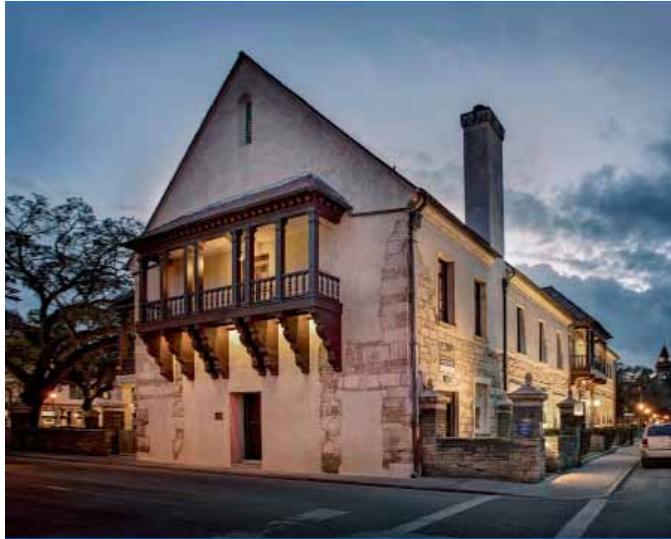
\$125 per night (plus 12% tax), includes free wireless internet. Hotel offers free parking and free shuttle service to the campus. There is a restaurant open for lunch and dinner, a breakfast café, and room service available.

The Holiday Inn University Center is conveniently located on the edge of the University of Florida Campus and only a few blocks from the conference venue in Smathers Library.

You may book now by calling 1-352-376-1661; group block code: SHD, or book online through the hotel website. The conference rate is available beginning the Monday before the conference through the Tuesday following the conference.

Reservation deadline: 10/24/2019.





Government House

The Society for the History of Discoveries St. Augustine Walking Tour

Sunday, November 17, 2019

with **James Cusick**

Curator, P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History
(George A. Smathers Library, University of Florida)

- Orientation at Governor's House, St. Augustine, 10:30 am
- Return to Governor's House approximately 11:20
- Limit: 20 people

Recommended: Comfortable walking shoes
and climate-appropriate clothing

Dr. Cusick will lead a tour along several streets to the south of St. Augustine's "Plaza de la Constitución," in a section of the city first laid out and occupied in 1572, and burned by Sir Francis Drake in 1586. Along the way we will see historic Trinity Episcopal Church, built on the site of the British colonial statehouse from the 1770s; pass the mother house of the Sisters of St. Joseph, where archaeologists uncovered the remains of the Spanish colonial church of Nuestra Señora de la Soledad; walk up historic Avilés Street with its standing colonial-era buildings and residences from the 18th and 19th centuries; and explore the central plaza, site of numerous archaeological digs, and tied closely to St. Augustine's civil rights protests of the 1960s.



2019 Keynote Speaker **Dr. Kathleen A. Deagan**

Curator and Lockwood Professor of Florida and Caribbean Archaeology, Florida Museum of Natural History; Distinguished Research Professor, University of Florida.

Dr. Deagan's research has focused on the archaeology of the Spanish colonial period in Florida and the Caribbean. She has conducted excavations in St. Augustine, Florida since 1972, and has worked in Haiti and the Dominican Republic since 1979. She has directed excavations at Columbus' first towns in America, the search for la Navidad, Columbus' first fort, in Haiti; Ft. Mose, America's first free black community, and Florida's first Spanish fort (1565-66) in St. Augustine. She been a consultant on historic preservation and archaeology in Spain, Venezuela, Panama, Peru, Jamaica, and Honduras.

Deagan is the author of eight books and more than 65 scientific papers. She was named an Alumna of Outstanding Distinction by the University of Florida in 1998, is a recipient of the Society for Historical Archaeology's J.C. Harrington Award for Lifetime Distinction in Historical Archaeology, and in 1997 received the City of St. Augustine's Order of La Florida.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you all for your continued support of SHD: through your membership, your attendance at conferences, your service on the Council and committees, and your many contributions to our journal, *Terrae Incognitae*, and this newsletter. It has been a pleasure serving you these past four years, first as vice president, then acting president, and now as your president.

Creating a new and useful web site has been the primary task this past year and the comments we've received has been overwhelmingly positive! I realize that the membership log-in process can be annoying, especially now that 2-step verification is required (requiring a code sent to your e-mail or phone), but it is part of the security that reduces the risk that our site will be hacked and your personal details stolen and misused. Unfortunately, it is part of the price we pay for the convenience of doing business online. More of the historical information and photos will be uploaded to the new site over the next few months. We also are creating a downloadable digital photo album—more on that in the months ahead. <https://discoveryhistory.org/>

We have a terrific conference lined up for this November at the University of Florida, including an excursion to the historic town of Saint Augustine. You'll find more details elsewhere in this newsletter and by the time you read this, details will be posted to the web site and online registration will be open. I hope that you will join us!

Upcoming events include our 2020 conference in New Orleans (celebrating a milestone anniversary!), SHD participation in the 2020 Cook conference in Australia, and a 2021 conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

One of my final acts as president has been to lead a review of our by-laws. Revised in 2010, we have discovered that some items need to be updated, and others revised to eliminate a few contradictions. Secretary Lydia Towns has been conducting a review of our records, to ensure that we document any and all amendments that have been made. Once the review is completed, we will be sending out our recommended changes for your vote. This is part of our ongoing effort to ensure that Society records are up-to-date and that our business is as transparent as possible.

We also will soon be sending out information on the candidates for the upcoming annual election of officers. I hope that you will take the time to consider them carefully and vote. Already working hard on SHD's behalf is Vice President/President-Elect Dr. Mirela Altić who will assume the presidency in November. She has been a terrific vice president and program chair and I know that she will be a wonderful president. I look forward to working with her as she leads the Society into its next 60 years.

FROM THE EDITOR

This has been an exciting year for SHD and for me as the Society continues to revamp and prepare for its 60th anniversary in 2020. We have a lot of exciting events coming up including this year's meeting in Gainesville, Florida, the 2020 Cook anniversary celebration in Sydney, Australia and our 60th meeting next year in New Orleans. There are so many reasons to stay well informed of what the Society and our members are doing! Now it is easier than ever to stay up to date. The successful launch of the Society's new web page (<https://discoveryhistory.org/>) makes it easy and convenient to stay well informed and connected with all that the Society is doing. The new web page, as I hope everyone has had a chance to discover already, is designed to be accessible from multiple devices and will allow you to easily renew your membership and register for events each year from your computer, tablet, or phone. I am also very excited to be working with Dr. Richard Weiner as he takes the helm of *TI*, continuing what Lauren Beck worked so hard toward, and brings the journal up to three issues a year. This has indeed, and will continue to be, a very exciting year for the Society.

In my own life it has been an exciting year. I successfully defended my dissertation, "Opening the Atlantic World: England's Transatlantic Interests During

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Marguerite Ragnow



Lydia Towns on a research trip to London in 2017

From the Editor *continued from page 4*

the Reign of Henry VIII” and received my Ph.D. in May from the University of Texas at Arlington. Now that my dissertation is complete, I look forward to continuing my research into sixteenth-century exploration as well as having the opportunity to focus even more of my attention and energy on the Society. I am now back in the archives, going through SHD’s archives to ensure that all of our records are up to date, organized and correctly catalogued to ensure easy access and procedural clarity.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who shared their accomplishments and news with me this year and last year. It is because of you that the Society is able to relaunch and maintain

its annual newsletter. We are proud of your accomplishments and enjoy celebrating with you! That being said, please continue to share your newsworthy accomplishments and/or information with me! Help us help you stay up to date on the exciting events and discoveries taking place within the membership body of the Society as well as within the field of the history of exploration and discovery!

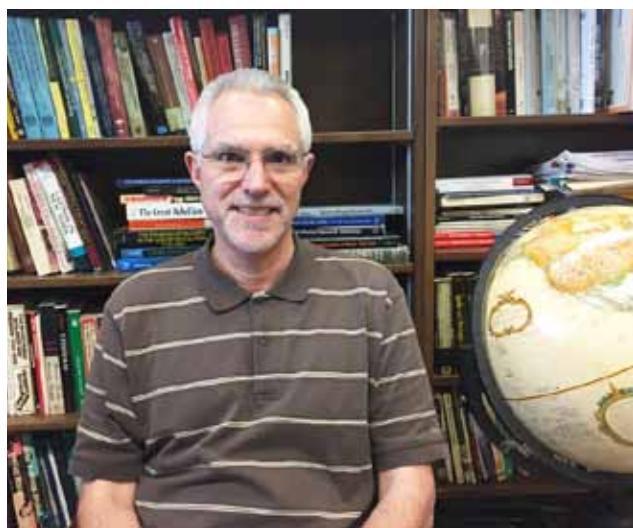
I have enjoyed getting to know many of you at past Society meetings and other events and I look forward to seeing many of you at Gainesville this year and New Orleans in 2020 for our 60th anniversary!

FROM THE TI EDITOR

Terrae Incognitae increases to three issues per year in 2019

I have always enjoyed being involved in journals, and it is wonderful to join the Society for the History of Discoveries and *Terrae Incognitae* at this exciting time. While a graduate student in Latin American history at the University of California, Irvine, in the 1990s, I became involved in *Latin American Perspectives*, serving both as Book Review Editor and Coordinating Editor (the journal was run collectively by over a dozen Coordinating Editors). Since Coordinating Editors attended monthly meetings in Riverside, California, I stepped down from this position when I took a job in the History Department at Purdue University Fort Wayne in 2000 (I am still at Purdue Fort Wayne, currently serving as Department Chairperson, a position I have held for several years). My first work on journals while based in Indiana was my four-year term (2008-2012) with the *Journal of Latin*

American Urban Studies, where I served on the Editorial Advisory Board and as Book Review Editor. I recently completed a four-year term (2013-2017) as Associate Editor of Reviews for *Enterprise and Society*, the quarterly journal of the Business History Conference. When I saw the Editor position of *TI* advertised last fall, I was immediately interested since it would give me the opportunity to be in charge of a journal that aligned with my research and teaching interests (I research explorers and exploration—especially on Alexander von Humboldt in Mexico—and I have taught research seminars on Latin America exploration and travel literature). Following tradition, the journal, which publishes material on any period of exploration up to the mid-twentieth century, will continue to publish articles, book reviews, and review essays of books and exhibits. Additionally, the journal will expand to include reviews and review essays of documentaries/films—a film review essay is scheduled to appear in the fall 2019 issue. This is an exciting and busy year for *TI* since the journal is increasing from two to three issues per year (with issues coming out every four months, appearing in spring, summer, and fall). Given this increase, the journal especially encourages submissions of articles, book reviews, and review essays. Additionally, the journal, which began exploring the possibility of special thematic issues while Lauren Beck was editor, is still very much interested in publishing thematic issues. You are encouraged to send the editor, Richard Weiner (weinerr@pfw.edu), not only your submissions, but also ideas for review essays, articles, and thematic issues.



Richard Weiner

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<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ytin20/current>



2019 Treasurer's Note

Hi to all my SHD friends and members. My news includes a new mailing address: 4626 North Holly Court, Kansas City, Missouri, 64116. The grand kids were calling.

Our financials are in very good condition. The current balance in our two accounts is just over \$19,000 with no outstanding invoices at this time. Our membership is hovering at about 200 members, mostly in the USA, but including 14 other nations. I hope to see some of you in Gainesville this fall; 14-17 November 2019 • University of Florida at Gainesville.

More information will soon be online at:

<https://discoveryhistory.org/meetings-conferences/>

Don McGuirk

SHD Student Prizes

2018

Daniella McCahey won the 2018 SHD Student Prize for her essay, which follows a specific set of geological specimens gathered by British and New Zealand geologists during the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition (TAE; 1956-58) in the Ross and Falkland Island Dependencies. Her paper argues that these specimens provide a lens into several different issues in Antarctic science and exploration including gender, colonialism, non-human agency, and debates in earth sciences. This essay is a chapter from her dissertation, “Extreme Environments and the Production of Scientific Knowledge: The History of Modern Science in Antarctica,” which examines various



aspects of the history of science in Antarctica in the 1950-60s, particularly surrounding the events of the International Geophysical Year (1957-8). Dr. McCahey completed her PhD in History at the University of California, Irvine in June 2018, training in Modern European and World History, with specializations in Science and

Technology Studies, Environmental History, and the British Empire. She completed an MA in the History of Science from the University of Oklahoma in 2012, and a BA in Political Science from Northwestern University in 2009. In the 2018-19 school year, she worked as a lecturer in the history of science at the University of Idaho.

2019

This year's Essay Prize winner is **Madeline Grimm** for her essay which focuses on the early seventeenth century contact between Jacobean England and the Mughal Empire. Her paper considers the tension between Purchas's triumphant vision of English expansion and travelers' descriptions of India. By examining these sources concurrently, Grimm reveals the range of ideologies shaping English writing about India, arguing that travelers' diverse representations of the Mughal Empire undermined Purchas's imperialist project in the *Pilgrimes*. Madeline Grimm is a Ph.D. student in history at the University of

California, Los Angeles. She works on the administrative and intellectual culture of the East India Company during the eighteenth century. She completed an M.Phil. at the University of Cambridge in early modern history in 2016. Madeline graduated summa cum laude from the College of William and Mary in 2015.



2019 Meeting: Presenters and Titles

Arranged Alphabetically by Author

Keynote Presentation

by

Dr. Kathleen A. Deagan

"Science and Serendipity: Unearthing St. Augustine's Origins"

Mirela Altić

"Jesuit Cartographic Endeavor in Florida"

Lauren Beck

*"Discovery through Native American Eyes:
Columbus, Cabot, and Cortés"*

Gina G. Bennett

*"Plano del Puerto de la Calidonia hasta la Isla de Pinos:
A Spanish Cartographic Perspective on Scotland's Colony
in Panama"*

Adrian Finucane

"Difference and Disunity on the Early Georgia Frontier"

Brian Ham

*"Loyal Vassals or Devious Traitors?: The Portuguese
in the Spanish Circum-Caribbean, 1580-1595"*

Jordan Lynton

*"Navigating China in the Post-Colonial Caribbean:
Chinese Identity within Jamaica"*

Alistair Maeer

*"Remembering the Prospects and Perils of Jamaica's
Port Royal: Edward Barlow's, William Hack's, & John
Taylor' late-seventeenth century Pilotage Charts of Port
Royal, Jamaica"*

Eric J. McDonald

*"Gender, Sex, and Ambition: Early Anglo-Caribbean
Encounters with Arawak and Carib People"*

Donald McGuirk

*"The Many Varied and Surprising Images of Cuba
on Early Maps, c. 1500- 1520"*

Richard Melvin

*"Santa Elena: Some Comments and a Proposal
on the Location"*

Anthony Mullan

*"How Business, Colonization, and Tourist Maps
of Cuba Helped To Shape North American Views of Cuba,
1898-1915"*

Dayamí Abella Padrón

*"Representation of Cuba in XIX century women's travel
writing"*

Alberto M. Pérez-Rueda

*"Espada, Machete y Garrote: The Creolization of Combat
in the Caribbean"*

Jorge Zevallos-Quiñones Pita

*"Post-Colombian Alliances and Legal-Political
Interpretations on the Caribbean Individual in the time
of War: The "Vision" of the explorer Juan Navarro de
Virues and the attempted Conquest of the Dominican
Island in 1511-1512"*

Chet Van Duzer

*"Re-Interpreting Discovery: Revisions to the New World
in an Unstudied World Map of c. 1535"*

Richard Weiner

*"Humboldt's Exploration Narrative and the Diversification
of Economic Culture: Mexican Reformulations of Political
Essay on the Kingdom of New Spain"*

Abstracts and Speaker Biographies will soon be available at:

<https://discoveryhistory.org/meetings-conferences/>

SHD Meeting Recap, Golden Colorado

SHD's 2018 annual meeting was held at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden Colorado. A special thanks is due to our local arrangements team, specifically **Don McGuirk** and **Wes Brown**, not only for organizing a phenomenal location and excursion but for organizing a one-day pre-conference

through the Rocky Mountain Map Society titled **Golden Quest: Mapping the Stampedes**, which served to set the stage for SHD's annual meeting. Attendees of the 2018 conference were treated to a wide range of captivating papers over the course of three days,

as well as a reception in the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum. A special thanks also goes to our keynote speaker, **Susan Schulten**, for delivering a fascinating presentation. At the 2018 meeting SHD also proudly named Herman Viola as a Fellow of the Society.



Herman Viola

250th Anniversary of James Cook's Discovery of Australia Conference in Sydney, Australia 2020

2020 is an important year as SHD celebrates its 60th anniversary and as it is also the 250th anniversary of James Cook's discovery of the east coast of Australia. To mark this occasion, SHD will be co-sponsoring a conference in honor of the 250th anniversary on September 7-9, 2020 at the State Library of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. SHD will take an active part in this event as its supporter and partner (along with IMCoS). The conference and planned optional technical and social excursion are open to cartographers, geographers, historians, map collectors, academics and everyone with an interest in maps and the diverse aspects of the history of discoveries. There will be an



State Library of New South Wales

opening reception at the State Library on the evening Sunday, September 6, with the conference beginning on Monday, September 7 with a keynote

presentation and a series of lectures. The topic includes but will not be limited to the voyages of James Cook. The Library is also planning a related exhibition. On the third day a post conference trip to Canberra with a visit to the National Library of Australia, and its wonderful collection will be offered.

In this regard, we would like to invite all SHD members who are able to attend and/or consider submitting a presentation for this conference, to take a part and contribute to this historic event. A formal Call for Papers will be issued later in 2019. Additional information is available from Maggie Patton (maggie.patton@sl.nsw.gov.au).

Join us in the Celebration of our 60th Anniversary at SHD Annual Meeting in 2020!

New Orleans • November 13-15, 2020

by Mirela Altić

In 2020, the Society for the History of Discoveries celebrates its 60th anniversary. The Society was founded in 1960 as an international, United States-based, organization formed to stimulate interest in teaching, researching, and publishing the history of geographical exploration. The Society's initiators were American scholars Jack Parker, Thom Goldstein, and Steve Slessarev. Our Inaugural meeting took place in December of 1960 at New York City. Since then, the Society has grown into a prominent organization counting about three hundred people, with its own journal *Terra Incognitae*, the first volume appearing in 1969, and with 60 annual meetings behind us.

All of 2020 will be marked by the celebration of our anniversary, which will be honoured through several events. In addition to supporting some of the major international events related to the history of discoveries, like James Cook 250th anniversary conference in Sidney (September 7-9, 2019), the central celebration of the SHD anniversary will be held at our 2020 Annual Meeting that takes place in New Orleans, November 13-15.



Above photo: Built in 1915 in the Beaux Arts style, this two-story brick structure housing the Williams Research Center WRC since 1993 (previously the Second City Criminal Court and the Third District Police Station)



View of the Williams Research Center reading room from the upper gallery

The 2020 SHD Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Williams Research Center, which is part of The Historic New Orleans Collection (THNOC). Consisting of the museum, research center, and publisher dedicated to preserving the history and culture of New Orleans and the Gulf South, the Historic New Orleans Collection,

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SHD 60th Anniversary *continued from page 9*

founded in 1966, now includes 10 historic buildings making up two French Quarter campuses, the Royal Street campus located at 533 Royal Street, which serves as their museum headquarters, while the Chartres Street campus, located at 400 and 410 Chartres Street, includes the Williams Research Center, the Boyd Cruise Gallery, the Laura Simon Nelson Galleries for Louisiana Art, and their on-site vault for collections items. As usual, the SHD meeting is planned as a three-day event, consisting of conference program on Friday and Saturday and one-day trip (optional) on Sunday.

Attendees of the SHD Meeting in New Orleans will have the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour to the Williams Research Centre's rich collections, which include 35,000 library items and more than 300,000 prints, maps, drawings,



Elegant building of the Marriott Courtyard Iberville situated in the French Quartier of New Orleans



Lobby of the Marriott Courtyard Iberville, New Orleans

paintings and manuscripts pertaining to Louisianan history. Besides the Williams Research Centre treasures, attendees will be provided with a unique opportunity to visit a large exhibition on New Orleans and the Spanish World opening on October 20, 2020, which will include a good number of maps from Spain, especially military archives. The hotel accommodation will be provided by Marriott Courtyard Iberville, situated in the very heart of the French Quartier and only a 10 minute walk from the conference venue.

SHD NEWS OF MEMBERS

Members' News

Mirela Altić is co-organizing the 8th International Symposium on the History of Cartography cohosted by the German Archaeological Institute, in Istanbul Turkey and the ICA Commission on the History of Cartography. The Conference is titled “Mapping the Ottoman Realm: Travelers, Cartographers and Archaeologists.” This conference will look at the cartography of the Ottoman countries in Europe, Asia and Africa as well as the mapping of archeological sites and landscapes in the Near East. The conference will be held in Istanbul on April 21-23, 2020. For more information visit <https://history.icaci.org/istanbul-2020/>

Lauren Beck, who recently stepped down from the helm of *Terra Incognitae*, did so in part because she has been appointed the Canada Research Chair in Intercultural Encounter. This position comes with generous funding and support to conduct research, build a laboratory and research team, and has kept her busy pursuing questions ranging from the social and cultural implications of the Americas’ place names to re-situating discovery and exploration history so that Native American forms of discovery and exploration are more prominent, as are those of women and other people of color.

Garry Gitzen, the President of the Sir Francis Drake Association of Oregon, attended the filming and was interviewed extensively for an episode of the Travel Channel’s “America Uncovered.” The show went to the North Oregon coast to film the survey of Neahkahnie Mountain believed made by Francis Drake in 1579 during his circumnavigation.

The Travel Channel’s “America Unearthed” show chose their 50th show of their 4th season to find Drake’s anchorage site; still in contention for his Pacific coast landing from the San Francisco bay to Nehalem Bay, Oregon. The 8-man crew from England spent the foggy day touring the Nehalem Valley Historical Society and interviewing local authorities familiar with the Neahkahnie survey believed performed as a Symbolic Sovereign Act land claim. The airing is planned for July 16, 2019.

John B. Hattendorf, Ernest J. King Professor Emeritus of Maritime History at the U.S. Naval War College, was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame in May 2019, in recognition of his many publications and his service to historical activities in Rhode Island. He remains active as Senior Mentor at the Naval War College’s John B. Hattendorf Center for Maritime Historical Research.

Russell Magnaghi, after 45 years, retired from teaching history at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan and has begun a new career researching, writing and publishing.

Our Treasurer, **Don McGuirk**, has moved to Kansas City. Any correspondences to him should be addressed to:

Don McGuirk
4626 North Holly Court • Kansas City, MO 64116

The Philip Lee Phillips Map Society of the Library of Congress is now sponsoring up to three months of fellowship funding at the Library through the John W. Kluge Center. If you or your students are interested, updated information regarding next year’s fellowship information should soon be available at the following link:

<https://www.loc.gov/programs/john-w-kluge-center/chairs-fellowships/fellowships/philip-lee-phillips/>

Publications

Gregory C. Eccleston, recently published *Granville Stapylton: Australia Felix 1836: second in command to Major Mitchell* (Evandale Publishing, 2018). The book is based on the true journals of the pioneer land surveyor Granville Stapylton when he accompanied Major Thomas Mitchell on the famous ‘Australia Felix’ expedition in 1836. This expedition proceeded down the Lachlan, Murrumbidgee and Murray rivers into far western New South Wales, before crossing into what is now Victoria and proceeded south past the Grampians to the coast at Portland, before returning via Mount Macedon to the settled areas near Gundagai. The book is available through Evandale Publishing.

Richard Francaviglia, SHD past-president, followed the publication of his non-fiction book titled *Imagining the Atacama Desert* (2018), by publishing a novel about that same region. Whereas his non-fiction book covers five centuries, *The Enchantress of Atacama* (Amazon.com books, 2019) takes place during just two action-packed weeks in July of 1971. It’s a Cold War era thriller told from the perspective of an American historical geographer (Thomas Williams Mendoza) whose first job out of UCLA is with a copper mining company in Chile’s austere and politically-volatile desert north. SHD members might find many of the passages of interest, for exploration and discovery abound in this novel. For example, Thomas tells a lovelorn Chilean womanizer named Enrique that “your search for women reminds me so much of the plight of Diego de Almagro, the Spanish explorer who trekked into this desert land from Peru more than four hundred years ago, and left disenchanted.” Enrique admits “Yes! In a way I am very much like Almagro – an explorer who has fallen from grace.” Enrique then recites a poem he wrote titled “Explorers,” which uses exploration as a metaphor for interpersonal intimacy. The namesake Enchantress — protagonist Carmen Segura — is a mestiza who knows the desert intimately and turns Thomas’s scientific way of thinking upside down. As Francaviglia’s publisher notes, “writing this discovery themed mystery novel led him to the surprising conclusion that fiction can reveal deeper truths than non-fiction.”

Russell Magnaghi published *Italians in Alabama* in 2018. It covers the Italians in the De Soto Expedition who helped get the remnant of the expedition back to Mexico with their shipbuilding skills. The book also covers the subsequent Spanish exploration of the Alabama Gulf coast. Book is available on-line through lu-lu.com.

Gregory C. McIntosh published a book chapter:

“O misterioso mapa de Piri Reis de 1513”, in A Redondeza da Terra e Outras Histórias da Ciência e da Cartografia, ed. Teresa Firmino and Alexandrina Carvalho (Lisbon: Públlico; Gradiva, 2019).

Carolyn Podruchny (History, York University, Toronto) and Germaine Warkentin (English, Emeritus, University of Toronto) are coediting a new edition for the Champlain Society: “The Last of the Old Nor-Westers: the Autobiographical Notes of John McDonald of Garth.” The archives of the Hudson’s Bay Company have yielded up material for many editions of fur trade and exploration writings, however, this is a different kind of project, because McDonald was with the North-West Company all his working career. They expect to submit their edition for publication in about three years.

Presentations and Papers of Note

Gregory C. McIntosh

- “What I Tell You Three Times is True: The Problem of the Dating of the Kunstmann I Chart,” XVIII International Reunion for the History of Nautical Science, 13 November 2018, Universidade dos Açores, Ponta Delgada, Azores.
- “A New, Further Method of Cartometric Analysis with Two Case Studies,” (with Gonçalo Dias), Second International Workshop on the Origin and Evolution of Portolan Charts, 8 June 2018, Hydrographic Institute, Lisboa, Portugal.
- Honorable Mention:
“What I Tell You Three Times is True: The Problem of the Dating of the Kunstmann I Chart,” received Honorable Mention for the Dr. Walter W. Ristow Prize, Washington Map Society, 2018.

In Memoriam

Dr. H. G. Jones, 1924-2018

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