2018 Annual Meeting in Golden, Colorado

We invite you to join us in Golden, Colorado for our 59th annual meeting: “Great Mountains of the American West,” September 20 through September 23, 2018. The Gold Rush in the American West sparked interest in the vast mountain area situated between the continent’s interior and the West Coast. The development of an overland route that connected the continental part of the country with the Pacific coastline spurred the exploration and mapping of the Rocky Mountains as never before. Fur traders, gold miners, soldiers, colonists, and adventurers became explorers and mapmakers of the great mountains of the American West.

The conference will take place at the Colorado School of Mines (https://www.mines.edu), and our partner this year is the Rocky Mountain Map Society (RMMS). The RMMS pre-conference, Golden Quest: Mapping the Stampedes, will take place on Thursday (http://rmmaps.org/), before a joint reception on Thursday evening at the Geology Museum, which is featuring an exhibition of Colorado Gold Rush History that includes its world-famous collection of geological specimens as well as maps of the West. The SHD program will be held on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday September 23rd, an optional excursion will include a guided tour of original gold-rush towns in the mountains near Golden, a ride on the famous Georgetown Loop steam engine train, an expert tour of an underground gold mine, and then a tour of impressive dinosaur and geological wonders nearby.

For more information about this excursion, please see page 5.

Golden Colorado is located just west of Denver, at the base of the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Separated from Denver by two mesas, Golden retains its small-town character while enjoying access to the many cultural and social benefits of the metropolitan area for those interested in metropolitan attractions. For those interested in the great outdoors, Golden sits at the gateway to the Rocky Mountains and offers a range of hiking trails along historic Clear Creek. Golden is home to the American Mountaineering Center and the Colorado Mountain Club, boasts a world-class kayak course and parasailing from the top of Mount Zion – making Golden an ideal place to visit for all ages and interests!

For more information on this year’s meeting, accommodations, transportation, and registration instructions for the meeting, please visit our webpage https://www.sochistdisc.org/2018_annual_meeting.htm
Greetings! I am very pleased to invite you to read this new edition of *Terra Cognita*, after a hiatus of four years. A new member directory is in the works, as well, both thanks to our new secretary, Lydia Towns.

I encourage everyone to register and attend our 2018 annual meeting which will be held in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Map Society. A big thank you goes to our local arrangements team of Wes Brown and Don McGuirk and to Vice President Mirela Altić for putting together a fabulous program! I want to especially thank our RMMS partners and the Society’s president, Angel Abbud-Madrid, who also is on the School of Mines faculty, for all of his hard work, as well.

We are hard at work on scheduling our meetings for 2019 and 2020; details will be announced at the meeting in September. Later in this newsletter you also will read about a special anniversary conference in 2020 to celebrate Captain James Cook in Australia. SHD will have a strong presence there and I encourage members who are able to attend to do so.

I want to thank the Council for its dedication and work the past couple of years when I was acting president and this year as president, as well. If you are interested in serving on the Council, and I hope you are, please send me an e-mail. We are looking to fill a couple of slots this year.

Finally, thanks to you, our members, for continuing to support the Society. This newsletter is just the first step in our revitalization; we will be sharing a link to our new website soon. We will also be posting regularly to our Facebook page. In the meantime, I ask for your continued support by renewing your membership, which includes a subscription to our wonderful journal, *Terrae Incognitae*, and by attending our annual meetings. And, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a Society membership, please send them our way!

Warm regards,
Marguerite Ragnow

We are very excited to be relaunching the annual newsletter so that our members can stay up to date on changes within the Society, annual meetings and the successes and changes in our member’s lives. I want to take a moment to say hello to everyone, introduce myself and catch you up on the current status of the Society of the History of Discoveries. My name is Lydia Towns; I am a Ph.D. candidate in the Transatlantic History Program at the University of Texas at Arlington. I am honored to be serving as the new Secretary for the Society and working with the dedicated members who serve on our council, Marguerite Ragnow (President), Mirela Altić (Vice President/President Elect), Don McGuirk (Treasurer), Felipe Fernando Cruz, Anne Good, James Matthews (past President), Anthony Mullan, Dennis Reinhartz, Charles Sullivan, Chet Van Duzer. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at past SHD meetings, and I look forward to getting to know more of our members at future meetings. I am here to help and hope that you will feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or exciting and noteworthy news that you would like to share with the Society on our blog or in our newsletter. We are currently working on updating the members database and on getting the blog up and running again. I appreciate your patience as we work on this.

On that note, as we work to reinstitute the blog and the annual newsletter I would appreciate it if you would share with me any newsworthy items in your life, or in the wider discoveries/cartographic community. While we all do our best to stay on top of newsworthy items in our fields, it is impossible for
any one person to be aware of everything that goes on. It is beneficial to everyone within the society for our members to share information with each other. That being said, if there is a new museum exhibit, special collections exhibit, conference or publication coming out that you think our members would be interested in, please feel free to send me that information so that I can post it on the SHD blog. If you have anything you would like to share with our members, new publications, major conference presentations, new exhibits that are being curated by our members, or any other significant items worthy of sharing with our members please let me know so it can be included in the annual newsletter. Newsletters are difficult to put together if there is no news to share! You can contact me through my email lydia.towns@mavs.uta.edu. (please include SHD in the subject line to ensure your email is not lost in junk mail)

Another item of note is the updating and reposting of the members directory. Please help us ensure that this file stays up to date at all times by letting us know if you move or change email addresses. On a similar note, as you will see in the note from our *Terra Incognitae* editor, there will be a special issue next year which will only be available online. To access the online version we must have a current email on file for you with the publisher. If you have not received an email from me yet this year that means we no longer have a working email address on file for you. If this is the case, I ask that you send me a current email as soon as possible so that we can ensure you have online access to the journal.

As Don McGuirk (our current Treasurer) and I have worked to compile an updated members directory it has come to our attention that some of our regular members have not yet paid their dues for 2018. If you have not yet done so, please pay your annual dues as soon as possible. You can do this either by check or online through the SHD webpage. Your dues are what allow us to publish the journal and stay afloat. Without your annual contribution we would no longer be able to maintain our publishing commitment to Taylor and Francis, the publisher for *Terra Incognitae*.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the Annual Meeting this September. As you have already seen, we will be having this year’s meeting in Golden Colorado, just outside of Denver. We will be holding the meeting in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Map Society, who will be hosting pre-conference lectures themed, *Golden Quest: Mapping the Stampedes*, on Thursday. So come early and be ready to meet fellow map enthusiasts, learn more about mining and the mapping of mountains and enjoy the Rocky Mountains from the vantage point of Golden Colorado!

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**A Note from the Treasurer**

The Society’s financial situation is sound. We currently have in cash assets:

- Wells Fargo Denver Account: $13,743.02
- Pending Deposits: 840.00
- Society’s PayPal account: 1,230.92

Thus a total of $15,813.94. Before receiving early registrations for our Annual Meeting in Golden Colorado this September, the Society had cash assets of $11,500.00 dollars with no outstanding invoices. Also, the Society now has cell phone swipe technology and we will have it available at our annual meeting. As of July 4, we already have 14 registrations for that meeting. Please consider sending in your registration as early as possible.

Thank you,

Don McGuirk

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FROM THE TI EDITOR

Special Issue of Terrae Incognitae!

Readers and members of the Society for the History of Discoveries can look forward to a supplemental, thematic issue early next year. Terrae Incognitae is pleased to announce that our publisher has agreed to produce a third issue of the journal, and we hope to move toward producing three issues a year thereafter, with the third online-exclusive issue reserved for important and critical themes and subjects in the discipline. The first of these issues, due out in 2019, will deal with “The Explored.” The articles collected in this issue will examine the experience of being explored. Contributions will feature the perspective of exploration through first-hand accounts and develop a critical engagement with the subject matter that also elevates typically underrepresented voices, perspectives, and experiences within the context of exploration history. Terrae Incognitae publishes material relating to any period of exploration history up to the mid-twentieth century, and in addition to the online thematic issue, we will continue to publish two robust issues per year in which the book reviews and recent literature sections feature prominently. Please write the editor, Lauren Beck (lbeck@mta.ca), should you have suggestions for themes that the journal may explore.

A Note on Online Access of the Journal

Access to online editions of Terrae Incognitae is no longer available through the SHD webpage. Online access is via Taylor & Francis Online – we will be sending the publisher a list of our member’s emails: they will then create individual subscriptions for each member. Once the subscription is created on their system, an email is auto-generated which gives instructions on creating an account at https://tandfonline.com and an activation code for online access. This is sent to the email address provided to them by SHD.

This activation code expires at the end of the year and a new online license is created once the following year’s member list is received and processed. So be sure to keep an eye out for an email from Taylor & Francis Online in the next week or so and be sure to renew on time in January of each year to ensure your new online access arrives in a timely manner.

Visit Terrae Incognitae online at https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ytin20/current

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How often do you get the chance to ride on a historic railroad through spectacular scenery? Or explore an actual underground gold mine? Well now you have the chance to do both, and walk in the footsteps of dinosaurs while exploring geological wonders. Now that sounds like a trip for the memory books!

Join us on Sunday September 23rd, right after the 2018 Annual Meeting for an optional excursion. The excursion will include a guided tour of original gold-rush towns in the mountains near Golden, a ride on the famous Georgetown Loop steam engine train, an expert tour of an underground gold mine, and then a tour of impressive dinosaur and geological wonders nearby. A coach bus and boxed lunch are included.

This is an excursion you will not want to miss! The Georgetown Loop, finished in 1884, was one of Colorado’s first visitor attractions with the Colorado Historical Society beginning restoration of the loop in 1973. The loop takes you on a scenic ride along a spectacular stretch of three-foot narrow gauge railroad which was considered an engineering marvel for its time, through the 978 acre Georgetown Loop Historic Mining and Railroad Park.

**Excursion Cost**

- $115 • full program
- $100 • excludes the underground mine tour.

*Note: The excursion is subject to cancellation due to low registration.*

To register for this excursion please visit the SHD webpage at [https://www.sochistdisc.org/2018_annual_meeting_registration.htm](https://www.sochistdisc.org/2018_annual_meeting_registration.htm)

So sign up today, don’t delay or you might miss out on this chance of a lifetime!
2018 Meeting: Presenters and Titles
Arranged Alphabetically by Author

Plenary Presentation
by
Ralph Ehrenberg
“Revisiting the ‘Mountains of Shining Rock’
The Early Exploration and Mapping of the Rocky Mountains”

Mirela Altić
“Once Upon a Time When Jesuits Mapped the Gold Fields”

John Laurence Busch
“Discovery by Steam: Exploring the Early American West Using the First High Technology”

Mylënka Kilgore Cardona
“Art and History of the West on Twentieth-Century Texas County Maps”

Richard Francaviglia
“Demystifying Desolation: A Cartographic History of the Atacama Desert, 1700 – 1900”

Ronald Fritze
“Albert Einstein and the Fringe Scholars: Immanuel Velikovsky and Charles H. Hapgood”

Matthew Green
“Clarence King & His Friends: On Mountaineering in the American West”

Maura Hanrahan
“Mapping an Arctic Life: Discovering Robert Abram Bartlett of the Canadian Arctic Expedition and Peary’s 1909 North Pole Expedition”

Ginny Kilander
“Transits, Timbers, and Tunnels: The Legacy of Colorado Inventor David W. Brunton”

J. C. McElveen
“Crossing the Sierra Nevada Mountains into California: from Jedediah Smith to the Interstate Highways”

Donald McGuirk
“The Native American Explorer Moncacht-Apé: His Round Trip Transcontinental Journey Across North America, Circa 1700”

Ann M. Ortiz and Tiago Jones
“Recovery of Ancient Identity through Literature in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains”

Ed Raines
“Colorado Territorial Gold Coinage in the Pikes Peak Gold Rush”

Gary C. Stein
“Battle for the Yukon: The Army, Navy, Revenue-Cutter Service and the Klondike Gold Rush”

Lydia Towns
“The Voyage of 1521: New Insight into Henry VIII’s Planned Voyage to America”

Chet Van Duzer
“The Maps Used by Explorers in the Late Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries”

Abstracts and Speaker Biographies are available at:
https://www.sochistdisc.org/annual_meeting_2018_abstracts.htm
As a prominent society with long tradition and strong academic roots, SHD supports history of discoveries events worldwide. On September 7-9, 2020, a conference in honor of the 250th anniversary of James Cook’s discovery of the east coast of Australia will be held 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 the International Map Collector’s Society (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.

This historic meeting is planned as a three day event. Plans are for an opening reception at the State Library on the evening of Sunday, September 6 with the conference to begin on Monday, September 7, with a keynote presentation and a series of lectures across the Monday and Tuesday. The topic includes but will not be limited to the voyages of James Cook. Papers of a broader scope on exploration of the western Pacific by other explorers will also be welcome. 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 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 at: maggie.patton@sl.nsw.gov.au

Noam Sienna, a Ph.D. candidate in History at the University of Minnesota, was awarded the 2017 SHD Student Prize. He is interested in Jewish history in the Mediterranean world, Jewish-Muslim relations, and Mediterranean culture in the early modern period, including the history of the book and the transmission of knowledge. His prize-winning paper, “The Ways of the World: Thomas Hyde’s 1691 Printing of Farissol’s Iggeret Orhot ‘Olam,” discusses how this important 16th-century Hebrew manuscript came to be published by Oxford University in Latin translation. *Iggeret Orhot ‘Olam (The Ways of the World, 1534)* is a geographic compilation, and includes discussions of the seven climatic zones and the continents, speculations on the location of the Biblical Garden of Eden and of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, and descriptions of Italian and Portuguese explorations in the Indian Ocean, as well as the information about the new discoveries in the Atlantic and sailing directions for traveling from Italy to Egypt and also to northern Europe. Avraham Farissol was a rabbi and philosopher; Sienna sees this work as an attempt to open the new developments of secular Renaissance science and geography to a Jewish reading public.
**2016 Annual Meeting: Newport, Rhode Island**

For those of you who missed the 2016 annual meeting in Newport, RI, we have included a few photos. Special thanks are due to D. K. Abbass (Kathy) for not only presenting the keynote talk, but also managing all of the local arrangements including a harbor tour to the possible final resting site of Captain Cook’s *Endeavour*. A wonderful time was had by all.

![Beautiful coastline of Newport, Rhode Island](image1)

![Bill and Jenny Stanley (left) with Tess and Ralph Ehrenberg at Newport SHD meeting in 2016](image2)

![Chet van Duzer at 2016 SHD Meeting](image3)

![Keynote Speaker Kathy Abbass](image4)

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**2017 Annual Meeting: Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Our 2017 meeting in Milwaukee offered a lot for attendees. In addition to our usual program, it included a special behind the scenes tour of *Journey of Discovery: From the Midwest to the Arctic (and back again)* at the Milwaukee Public Library; a fascinating talk by Theodore Karamanski, professor of History at Loyola University in Chicago: “Navigating the Great Lakes and the Shoals of Disunion,” held at the Haggerty Museum of Art at Marquette University; and our post-conference excursion to the MacLean Collection Map Library in Green Oaks, IL, compliments of the MacLean Collection and its map curator, Tom Hall. Our keynote address by Professor Laura Chmielewski, State University of New York, offered some unique insights into the expedition of Marquette and Joliet: “On the Road Again: Living Among Jesuits in the Seventeenth Century.” A special thank you to our 2017 conference partners: Marcy Bidney, curator of the American Geographical Society Library, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, site of our main program, who made us feel particularly welcome; Professor Laura Matthew of Marquette University, who co-sponsored our welcome reception at Marquette; and Emelia Layden and Amy Cary of the Haggerty Museum for co-sponsoring Professor Karamanski’s talk and arranging a small exhibition of their treasures for our members to enjoy. And thanks to Art Holzheimer and David Buisseret for consulting on local arrangements and (David) for producing the lovely conference program.

![AGSLL Map Exhibit, Milwaukee](image5)

![Keynote Speaker Laura Chmielewski,](image6)

![Lauren Beck at 2017 SHD Meeting](image7)
New Publications by our members

Leslie Trager has published an online book entitled “Henry Hudson: Cree History and Ancient Maps.”

Wesley Brown published a paper in The Portolan Journal issue 100 Winter 2017 titled “A Mystery Lake in Southern Colorado”


Carla is also co-editor of a volume in the Hakluyt Society’s project to re-edit the first 12 volumes of Richard Hakluyt’s Principal Navigations. Her current research projects currently focus on Spain’s Mediterranean galley fleets in the late 17th century, as well as an ongoing role consulting with the San Diego Maritime Museum.

Conference Presentations of Note

Robert J. King presented his paper, “Hidden yet in obscurity: the southern lands on sixteenth century world maps” to the 27th International Conference on the History of Cartography (ICHC), Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 9-14 July 2017.

Members as Curators

Benjamin Baughman is the curator of the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Hennesaw, Georgia. The museum is home to The General locomotive, made famous during the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862, an impressive Civil War collection and features the Glover Machine Works, a restored early 20th century belt-driven locomotive assembly line. The museum also features an interactive, hands-on education center. As a Smithsonian Affiliations member, the museum features traveling exhibits from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

J.C. McElveen curated the “Exhibit on Western Exploration and Mapping” at the Grolier Club of New York which ran from March 21, 2018-May 26, 2018. The exhibit featured selections from his map and book collection, focusing on maps and travel narratives from the 17th and 18th centuries, but the focus of the exhibit was on exploring and mapping the American West in the 19th Century, from Lewis & Clark to the Pacific Railroad Surveys.

The Grolier Club of New York is America’s oldest and largest society for bibliophiles and enthusiasts in the graphic arts. Founded in 1884, the Club is named for Jean Grolier, the Renaissance collector renowned for sharing his library with friends. The Club’s objective is to foster the literary study and promotion of arts pertaining to the production of books.

Marguerite Ragnow, curator of the James Ford Bell Library at the University of Minnesota, reports that the Bell Library has moved to a wonderful new home in the Elmer L. Andersen Library — just a few buildings away from its previous site. Members interested in visiting should contact her at jfbell@umn.edu.

Other news . . .

Gregory McIntosh is a member of Medea-Chart - https://www.medea-chart.org/ - “The Medieval and Early Modern Nautical Chart: Birth, Evolution and Use” which is a research project on the History of Nautical Cartography, funded by the European Research Council, and is taking place between September 2017 and August 2022 in the University of Lisbon –Faculty of Sciences. The main purpose of this project is to solve a series of crucial questions pertaining to the birth, technical evolution, and use of nautical charts during the Middle Ages and Early Modern period. He is also currently enrolled as a PhD student in the Centro Interuniversitário de História das Ciências e da Tecnologia, Departamento de História e Filosofia das Ciências, Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa (Interuniversity Center of History of Science and Technology, Department of History and Philosophy of Sciences, Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon), where he is enjoying living and working in the beautiful and historical city of Lisbon, Portugal.

Ronald Grim retired from the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at Boston Public Library on May 15, 2018.

The Touchton Map Library has recently expanded and opened to the public. The Library, which is located within the historic center of downtown Tampa, contains a 2,500 square foot map gallery and research center. It is also home to the Florida center for Cartographic Education, which is the only cartographic center in the southeastern U.S. The Touchton Map Library contains thousands of maps, charts and other documents dating back to early sixteenth century European exploration of North America. In addition to this, in partnership with the University of South Florida Libraries, the Touchton Map Library also has access to the university’s diverse collection of more than 10,000 state and regional maps covering the past 200 years. The library will also be linked via the internet with other cartographic resources in the greater United States and beyond.
IN MEMORIAM

**Barbara Backus McCorkle** (1920-2017)
Please see Barbara’s obituary written by Karen Severud Cook in the April 2018 issue of *TI*

**Dee Longenbaugh** (1934-2018)
For Dee’s obituary please visit,

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