



Transitions in FEEGI Leadership

If you missed the 2006 FEEGI conference, you missed some exciting elections! Positions were uncontested, but nevertheless, the election resulted in marked changes on the executive committee.

thanks to outgoing board members

We are all grateful for the efforts of Markus Vink, who served as secretary-treasurer for six years; of James Williams, who managed the newsletter and website as editor for four years; and of Wim Klooster, who headed the organization for two years as president. All three have graciously continued to share the benefit of their experience as members-at-large of the board.

coming soon: redesigned website!

There should be a new look to the FEEGI website <<http://feegi.org>> sometime in the new year. Keep an eye out for the announcement on the listserv.

Membership Renewals

FEEGI membership runs from January to January. On the mailing label of this newsletter, you will see the expiration date of your current membership. If that date says January 2007, or any earlier date, please use the enclosed membership form to pay dues for the upcoming 2007 calendar year. Feel free to pay multiple years at once, saving paperwork all around.

Moving?

Please make sure FEEGI has your contact information. Email Linda Rupert, the secretary-treasurer, if this newsletter or the listserv is arriving at an old address. A subject line something like "FEEGI—address change" would be appreciated. Or mark the box for "new contact information" on your membership form. Likewise, let Linda know if your institutional affiliation has changed. <lmrupert@uncg.edu>

welcome to new board members

Kris Lane moved from vice-president to president, but otherwise there are mostly new faces among the defined executive positions: Marjoleine Kars as vice-president, Linda Rupert and secretary-treasurer, and Dayo Nicole Mitchell as editor. Alison Games and David Hancock continue as members-at-large, and have welcomed Laura Mitchell and Kristen Block to their ranks, with Kristen representing graduate students.

News: Maps & Exploration

Mark your calendar for November 2007: The theme of the Chicago Humanities Festival is "Maps," and the Field Museum will mount a large and multinational exhibit on that theme; many of these maps inevitably bear on European expansion. Meanwhile, the Society for the History of Discoveries, to which some FEEGI members belong, will meet at The Newberry Library (also the site of two large cartographic exhibits), where they will launch the *Oxford Companion to World Exploration*, to which some FEEGI members have contributed.

—David Buisseret

In Search of Submissions

Book Series: Explorations in World Maritime History

The Praeger Explorations in World Maritime History series features individual volumes on key maritime topics, both civilian and naval. The object is to publish books that offer reliable overviews of particular aspects of global maritime history while incorporating new scholarly interpretations. Books are intended to be narrative surveys that serve as practical introductions or handbooks to their topics. Each title in the series will be an original work of the highest quality. For more information, please contact Lincoln Paine, the series editor, with an email to <LPaine1@maine.rr.com>.

Articles: *Itinerario*

The journal *Itinerario* welcomes article-length submissions dealing with the comparative dimensions of European expansion and global interaction. For more information and submission guidelines, visit <www.itinerario.nl>.

Itinerario is the official journal of FEEGI—it is published by the Leiden University Institute for the History of European Expansion and the Reactions to It (IGEER).

CFP: World History Association

The 2007 WHA conference will be in Milwaukee in late June. The CFP deadline is fast approaching—1 February 2007. For more information, see the website <<http://thewha.org>>.

CFP: American Historical Association

As always, the deadline for AHA submissions is February 15. Visit <<http://historians.org>> for more information. **The 2008 meeting may be especially attractive to FEEGI members**—the committee chairs write: “We will particularly welcome sessions that break out of our customary circles of scholarly specialization, by crossing traditional chronological, geographic, and topical boundaries in their depiction of ‘uneven developments.’”

Feel free to use the FEEGI listserv to begin putting together a panel. FEEGI members have the ability to post to the FEEGI listserv, by emailing <feegi@lists.uoregon.edu>. Just be sure to send from the same email address that is subscribed to the listserv.

New Work by FEEGI Members

New Book: Captain Bligh's Second Chance

A large number of people know what happened the first time William Bligh attempted to bring Tahitian breadfruit plants on the *Bounty* to help feed slaves in the West Indies. In the spring of 2007, Chatham Press will bring out *Captain Bligh's Second Chance*. It is the never before published memoir of George Tobin, the third lieutenant on William Bligh's second (and successful) expedition to do what he did not accomplish the first time around. With two ships fully loaded with plants, and with water in short supply, Bligh also had the assignment of mapping a safe passage through the Torres Straits between New Guinea and Australia. He did so successfully, but not without major problems involving both navigation and hostile actions by the people who lived in the area. Tobin recorded it all and not only in writing. Besides being a talented writer, he also had gifts as an artist. His work, both written and visual, extended over the whole expedition and are included in this volume.

Contributed by Roy Schreiber, editor of this forthcoming work

Roanoke Island: New Research

New archaeological fieldwork at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, on Roanoke Island, North Carolina has begun. The long-term program of excavation and remote sensing survey is being carried out by the First Colony Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service. The team is made up of archaeologists experienced in the protocolonial Tidewater, including Jamestown and previous work at Fort Raleigh, and their goal is to discover evidence of the settlements that Raleigh established on Roanoke in the 1580s.

Contributed by Eric Klingelhoefer, member of the archaeological team

On the Conference Circuit

January: At the AHA

Oddly, the membership sent me no AHA panels to promote. A quick search through the website turned up several titles that may be of interest, but space precludes listing them here. However, most of these were Atlantic in nature—perhaps FEEGI members might help balance that by bringing the Indian Ocean and Mediterranean worlds into the spotlight for future conferences.

Report: Economic History and Global Interaction

The 124 sessions of the recent 14th International Economic History Conference included a number of papers of interest to FEEGI members. A small sampling suggests the range of topics: Africa in the International Economy 1500-2000; Colonialism and Labor; Imperial Networks and Global Business in the Iberian World, 15th-18th Centuries; Cotton Textiles as a Global Industry 1200-1850. Many of the papers presented at the conference can be downloaded from <<http://www.helsinki.fi/iehc2006/>>. The next International Economic History Conference is in Utrecht in August 2009.

Contributed by Robert S. DuPlessis

Report: Historical Archaeology in Italy

In November 2006, Sauro Gelichi of the Università Ca'Foscari di Venezia organized an international conference in Venice on "Constructing Post Medieval Archaeology in Italy: A New Agenda." Historical Archaeology exposes the daily lives of peoples and provides insights into the lives of groups that do not represent themselves in the archival record. The conference explored the gap between data and theory for post-medieval archaeology. Post-medieval archaeology in Italy has astonishing resources on rural landscapes, changing communities, and historic structures and fortifications. The British and North American archaeologists brought examples of large-scale survey projects, theoretical concerns, and connecting archaeology to local and descendant communities. The dynamics of the conference were very positive, indicating the potential for a new agenda that can connect sites in Italy to the concerns over colonialism, consumerism, and capitalism that have become the tropes for Historical Archaeology around the world. The proceedings of the conference will be published in 2007 by the Università Ca'Foscari di Venezia.

Contributed by Uzi Baram

FEEGI Table at AHA

Look for the FEEGI table at the Affiliated Society Display of the annual AHA meeting in Atlanta in January. The tables will be set up on Friday, January 5 from 11:30 to 2:30 pm in the prefunction area of the Grand Ballroom near the registration area on the second floor of the Hilton Atlanta (AHA headquarters). Drop by with a friend to chat and pick up a flyer.

Graduate Study in Atlantic History

Encourage your advanced history majors to take a look at the programs at UNC Greensboro. We prepare students to teach and conduct research in US history within an expanded global perspective. We have an innovative new PhD in US history, with a required minor in either Atlantic World, African-American, or European. Our MA in public history is one of the strongest in the country. Moreover, UNCG is part of a regional consortium that includes North Carolina Central University, UNC-Charlotte, NC State, and Duke University, meaning our students can take graduate-level classes at any of these area institutions for full credit and without additional charge. Visit <<http://www.uncg.edu/his/grad.html>> to learn more.

—Linda Rupert

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FEEGI News

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Many thanks go out to the FEEGI members who kindly responded to my call for items of interest to include in this newsletter.

News from Members

- new research, books and exhibitions
- reports from the conference circuit
- calls for papers, articles, and books

Eventually, FEEGI will forego paper newsletters entirely in favor of electronic communication through the website and listserv. However, all members are always welcome to send news, big and small, to the editor Dayo Nicole Mitchell at <dnm@uoregon.edu> at any time for inclusion on the website. In particular, I am interested in posting reports of conferences and announcements of new books by FEEGI members.

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