



# THE FORUM ON *European Expansion and Global Interaction*

## **CALL FOR PAPERS: Fifth Biennial Meeting of the Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (F.E.E.G.I.)**

The John Carter Brown Library  
Providence, Rhode Island, February 20-21, 2004

In recognition of the tenth anniversary of its founding, the Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction (F.E.E.G.I.) will return to the place of its founding—the John Carter Brown Library in Providence, Rhode Island—on February 20-21, 2004, for its fifth biennial meeting. Individual proposals on any theme in the field of European expansion or global interaction during the early modern period, broadly defined, will be considered. In recognition of the United Nations Resolution that has proclaimed 2004 the International Year to Commemorate the Struggle Against Slavery and Its Abolition, F.E.E.G.I. welcomes papers that relate to the theme of the UN Resolution. F.E.E.G.I. has dedicated at least \$1200 to provide support to enable graduate students to participate in the conference. For examples of previous F.E.E.G.I. conference programs, visit [www.feegi.org](http://www.feegi.org).

An abstract of a paper proposal should be sent as an email attachment to: Prof. Wim Klooster Department of History Clark University 950 Main Street Worcester, MA 01610-1477 e-mail: [wklooster@clarku.edu](mailto:wklooster@clarku.edu)

Proposals should include a 250-word abstract of the paper and an abbreviated c.v. Those who prefer a hard-copy submission must provide six (6) copies of the abstract and c.v. Proposals should be sent by October 1, 2003.

## ***Don't be a delinquent! Are your dues up-to-date?***

Check your mailing label for the last year in which you paid dues. If it is not 2003, please send your dues payment to Markus Vink using the enclosed membership form. You may pay for multiple years in advance. If you are *not* delinquent, please pass the form on to a colleague, student, or friend. *Thanks!*

## **An Invitation from the Editor:**

Welcome to the last paper issue of the F.E.E.G.I. newsletter! At least that is the plan of the moment. We have not had a newsletter since spring 2001, and in case you have been wondering why, the gap in newsletters is due to the membership's decision at the 2002 business meeting to make the transition to an online newsletter, which has only occurred earlier this year.

So I invite you to visit our new web site at [www.feegi.org](http://www.feegi.org). At the moment, my institution (Middle Tennessee State University) is hosting the web site, but no matter where the web site is hosted in the future, you can always find it by simply pointing your web browser to [www.feegi.org](http://www.feegi.org). There you will find the constitution of F.E.E.G.I., lists of current and past executive committee members, information about our journal *Itinerario*, back issues of newsletters, conference information, and other news of interest to F.E.E.G.I. members that comes into my hands.

I would like to thank board member Paul Lovejoy and Eugene Onutan of the Tubman Centre at York

University for their assistance in the design of the F.E.E.G.I. web site earlier this year.

In addition to our web site, I have also created an email listserv at the address **FEEGI-L@mtsu.edu**. If you are on our mailing list, and we have your email address, you should have been subscribed to this list earlier this year. If you did not receive my welcome message and would like to subscribe to the list, please send me an email to that effect. *The F.E.E.G.L listserv will be the primary way in which the executive committee communicates with the membership.*

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see the minutes from the 2002 business meeting in which there is a reference to F.E.E.G.I. affiliating with H-NET. We submitted an initial application for the creation of an HNET list on European expansion and global interaction, but the council of H-NET replied with the suggestion that the list be modified into something along the lines of "the age of discovery" or an exploration-focused list. The executive committee of F.E.E.G.I. decided that this list was not in the best interest of F.E.E.G.I. and charged me to create a web site and email listserv independent of H-NET.

**Please send announcements that would be of interest to F.E.E.G.I. members to the listserv (FEEGIL@mtsu.edu) or to me for posting on our web site.**

*Jim Williams, Middle Tennessee State University  
Editor*

## **Minutes of the business meeting, February 16, 2002, held at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California:**

President Jane Landers (Vanderbilt University) opened the business meeting, expressing her thanks to Roy Ritchie and the Huntington Library for hosting the conference, and all participants for their contributions. She then proceeded to the agenda.

### Newsletter/Internet

She pointed to the current problems that the editor of the newsletter, Gregg Roeber (Pennsylvania State University), has had with receiving news from the membership. Another problem of a printed newsletter,

besides being very time-consuming, was the fact that information received was often outdated by the time it reached the membership. A discussion ensued in which the pros and cons (mainly pros) of an electronic version of the newsletter were debated. Advantages included the fact that the overwhelming majority of the membership has access to email, and the possibility of having abstracts of conference papers listed along with building up a cumulative archive of past issues of the newsletter. A vote was taken from the membership at large, resulting in a unanimous decision in favor of an electronic newsletter. An announcement of the decision will be disseminated to the membership in one final printed version of the newsletter. In addition, webmaster Jim Williams (Middle State Tennessee University) said he would apply in the next few months to H-NET to set up an electronic listserv (perhaps under the name H-FEEGI), which he thought would not present any problems. Jim and Tracy Neal Leavelle (Smith College) will act as list moderators.

### Recruitment of members

President Landers subsequently urged the membership to actively engage in membership recruitment and raise the profile of F.E.E.G.I. since many people are not aware of its existence. She suggested that each member, apart from verbal advertisement, send out some brochures to other conferences or to various libraries.

### Location of next meeting

President Landers invited the audience to suggest possible locations (preferably southern) for the next F.E.E.G.I. meeting. Suggestions included Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Cuba, though concern was voiced over costs, tapping into local graduate students and academics, and losing sponsorship of supporting institutions. The point was raised that the John Carter Brown Library, pace Norman Fiering, was already next to certain of hosting the conference. This matter would be investigated. The suggestion that the meeting would be co-hosted by the Federation/Foundation of Comparative History of European Expansion (FCHEE) was not endorsed in view of the existing confusion over the organization.

### Financial report

Secretary-treasurer Markus Vink (SUNY-Fredonia) provided a brief overview of the organization's financial situation. On the eve of the conference, he reported that the current membership of FEEGI was

260, with 128 paying (representing 49 percent) paying members. He suggested removing some of the most die-hard non-paying members from the membership list. Some members have not paid membership dues since 1995! Having paid some of the major expenses associated with the conference (banquet, lunches, coffee breaks, and so forth), the current balance of F.E.E.G.I. account was \$5,009.35.

#### Dues structure and graduate fellowship

The next item on the agenda dealt with F.E.E.G.I.'s dues structure. It was suggested that the membership dues could be easily increased to 20 dollars per year without any problems. The additional monies raised could be used to create a fellowship in order to support graduate students to attend the conference and present papers. A vote was held, unanimously deciding that dues were to be raised to 20 dollars, with student membership staying at 10 dollars. A program committee will award 1200 dollars in each 2-year-cycle to deserving graduate students to pay for the costs of presenting papers at the conference. The amount granted will depend on the students' location with the respect to the convention.

#### Itinerario

A letter from Norman Fiering to *Itinerario* for reduced membership subscription (40 dollars instead of 52 dollars per year) has received no response so far. Vice President Wim Klooster (University of Southern Maine) promised to take up the matter with Wim van der Doel, one of the journal's editors. [Editor's note: For current information about discounted subscriptions for F.E.E.G.I. members, visit [www.feegi.org](http://www.feegi.org).]

#### Berghahn Books

Past president Karen Kupperman (New York University) reported on the F.E.E.G.I. series contract with Berghahn Books. As one of the series editors along with Gregg Roeber, she stated that one volume (Paolo Bernardini, *The Jews and the Expansion of Europe to the West, 1450 to 1800*), has been published so far, and that a second volume by Edward Gray is forthcoming. At the moment, however, she described the contacts with Berghahn as a "moribund" and said she was unsure where the relationship would go. Wim Klooster pointed the audience to similar series published by Routledge and Brill Publishers. As a member of the latter series' editorial board, he urged the membership to submit manuscripts for publication. Jim Williams was wondering whether publishing the

conference proceedings would be an option. Karen Kupperman replied that it might be a possibility and that Berghahn might prove to be amenable.

#### Election of new officers

The final point on the agenda was the election of new officers for 2002-2004. The nomination committee proposed the following names to the membership:

For president: Peter Mancall (University of Southern California)

For Vice-President: Wim Klooster (University of Southern Maine)

Secretary-treasurer: Markus Vink (SUNY-Fredonia)

Editor: Jim Williams (Middle Tennessee State University)

Nominating Committee: Joyce Chaplin (Harvard University), Kris Lane (College of William and Mary), and Kumkum Chatterjee (Pennsylvania State University)

The slate was accepted by unanimous vote. This point concluded the business meeting.

*Markus Vink, Secretary-treasurer*

## **Lost Colonies Conference**

The McNeil Center for Early American Studies will host a conference in Philadelphia on the theme of Lost Colonies, March 25-27, 2004, featuring many FEEGI members, including co-organizers Alison Games and Bob Ollwell. For information on the conference, including the program and accommodation information, visit [www.mceas.org](http://www.mceas.org).

## ***New Early Modern Studies Institute***

In its inaugural year, the USC-Huntington Library Early Modern Studies Institute has chosen as its theme the early modern travel narrative. We will sponsor seminars and workshops on the theme beginning in the fall of 2003 and end with an interdisciplinary conference April 30-May 2, 2004. Some events will be held at USC in downtown Los Angeles and some at the Huntington Library in San Marino. Contact us if you are interested in participating in any of these activities. Address: USC-Huntington Library Early Modern Studies Institute, SOS Building Room 153, University of Southern California, Los Angeles CA 90089-0034. (Submitted by Peter Mancall.)

The nominating committee seeks nominations for F.E.E.G.I. offices for the 2004-2006 term. Officers to be elected at the biennial meeting in February 2004 include President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor. Suggestions are also sought for at-large Executive Committee members.

Please send your nominations, or volunteer yourself, to the nominating committee chair, before January 2004:

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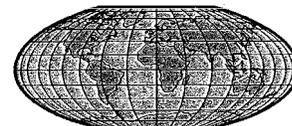
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### **Journal *The Americas* seeks articles on Latin American religion:**

Amy Bushnell, a member of the editorial board of *The Americas*, eagerly seeks the submission of articles from F.E.E.G.I. members who may be working on topics relating to religion or the church in Latin America. Average review time is less than three months with accepted essays usually published within a year. If you are writing on the colonial frontiers and borderlands, and do not think your topic is suitable for *Itinerario*, think of *The Americas*, whose editors are equally eager to receive good submissions, especially any that have to do with missions or religion.

Contact Amy Bushnell for more information (Amy Bushnell@brown.edu).



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