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NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

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1996 Annual Meeting

The 1996 Annual Meeting will take place October 17-19 in

Richmond, Virginia. The meeting site is the Omni Richmond Hotel (804-344-7000), located in downtown Richmond next to the historic Shockoe Slip dining and entertainment district. The room rate for the Omni is \$93 single/double. Local Arrangements Chair is Mel Urofsky. Other Committee members are Hamilton Bryson, Bob Goldman, and Phil Schwarz. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Forms for both hotel reservations and the meeting, along with directions and other information, will be sent out to Society members in August.

1997 Annual Meeting

The Society's 1997 Annual Meeting will be held October 23-25 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. ASLH President PAUL MURPHY is acting chair of the Local Arrangements Committee and can be reached at the Department of History, University of Minnesota, 614 Social Sciences, 267 19th Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55455, tel: (612) 624-9813, fax: (612) 624-7096. ROBERT KACZOROWSKI is chairing the Program Committee; his address is Fordham University School of Law, 140 West 62nd St., New York, NY 10023, tel: (212) 636- 6826, fax: (212) 636-6899, e-mail: rkaczorowski@law.fordham.edu

The deadline for submitting proposals for papers, panels or sessions for the Meeting is January 15, 1997.

Office News

Secretary-Treasurer MICHAEL LANDON on July 1 began serving an indefinite term as Acting Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages here at the University of Mississippi. His teaching responsibilities continue to be in the History Department, however, and his mailing and e-mail addresses and phone and fax numbers will remain unchanged. Geographically, the new position has meant a moving out of the office immediately adjoining that of History Department Chairman, and NEWSLETTER Editor ROBERT HAWS on the west side and into the one adjoining his on the east side. So the two of them will remain in close touch. Also, Landon's new office is located a convenient forty feet closer to the ASLH office than his old one was.

Congratulations are due to our Office Assistant, MARTHA HUTCHINSON, of Gallatin, Tennessee, for winning our University's Third Year French Prize this past year. Also, Martha has been elected to serve as the 1996-1997 Student Director of the University Honors Program.

Donations

The Society owes a special "thank you" to its members who contributed to the Joseph H. Smith Memorial Publication Fund and the Donald Sutherland Memorial Prize Fund. Their names, as of June 24, 1996, are:

Contributors to the Joseph H. Smith Memorial Publication Fund:

Maxwell Bloomfield
 Christian G. Fritz

Stanley N. Katz

Contributors to the Donald Sutherland Memorial Prize Fund:

Christian G. Fritz
Stanley N. Katz
Michael Landon
Kathleen Parrow

Sponsoring and Sustaining Members

Warm thanks are also due to those who contribute to our General Fund by becoming "sponsoring" (\$100 dues-paying) or "sustaining" (\$55 dues-paying) members of the Society. As of January of this year they were:

Sponsoring Members -- 6 members

Avern Cohn	Bruce H. Mann
Kermit L. Hall	Maeva Marcus
William P. LaPiana	Herbert Robinson

Sustaining Members -- 58 members

Gregory S. Alexander	Peter C. Hoffer
G. Blaine Baker	Wythe W. Holt, Jr.
Barbara A. Black	N.E.H. Hull
Maxwell H. Bloomfield	Dennis J. Hutchinson
David S. Bogen	Herbert Johnson
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Stanley Chodorow	Joseph W. McKnight
Elizabeth B. Clark	Peter T. Middleton
Stephen A. Conrad	Justice Pamela B. Minzner
Thomas F. Cope	Donald G. Nieman
Cornelia H. Dayton	James C. Oldham
James W. Ely, Jr.	Vernon Palmer
Henry N. Ess, III	Walter F. Pratt, Jr.
Lawrence M. Friedman	Kathryn T. Preyer
Robert M. Goldman	Fred D. Ragan
Lee Gordon	Donald M. Roper
Robert W. Gordon	Lionel M. Schooler
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Charles M. Gray	Herbert T. Silsby, II
Thomas A. Green	A.W.B. Simpson
Rayman L. Solomon	Ruth G. Wedgwood
Mary Lee Stapp	Linda Whisman
Thomas M. Steele	William M. Wiecek
Emily F. VanTassel	David P. Wood
Sue Sheridan Walker	Martha A. Ziskind

Missing Persons

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The following people are on our membership lists, but their Winter 1996 NEWSLETTERS were returned to us without forwarding addresses. If anyone knows the present whereabouts of these "missing persons," please let us know!

George M. Curtis, III John F. Hart

1996 Elections

This year's Nominating Committee, chaired by DAVID J. SEIPP (Boston University - Law) and also including ELIZABETH CLARK (Boston University - Law), AVIAM SOIFER (Boston College of Law), RAYMAN SOLOMON (Northwestern University School of Law), and JOHN WUNDER (University of Nebraska - Lincoln), has selected nominees to fill five positions for three-year terms on the Board of Directors and one three-year term on the Nominating Committee. Below are brief biographies supplied by each of the candidates nominated. A tear-out ballot sheet is included in this NEWSLETTER, and must be mailed back to reach the office no later than October 1.

Biographies

Board of Directors

James A. Brundage

James A. Brundage has been Ahmanson-Murphy Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Kansas since 1989, where he was also appointed Courtesy Professor of Law in 1990. His publications include *Medieval Canon Law and the Crusader* (1969), *Law, Sex and Christian Society in Medieval Europe* (1987), and *Medieval Canon Law* (1995) as well as numerous other books and articles in scholarly journals. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and the Medieval Academy of America and has held fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, in addition to a Fulbright senior lectureship in Spain and grants from the American Council of Learned Societies. He is currently at work on studies of the history of a legal profession among medieval canon lawyers and the history of legal ethics. He has previously served on the Board of Directors of the ASLH from 1993 to 1995.

Carol Chomsky

Carol Chomsky is Associate Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota Law School, where her courses have included an American legal history survey course and seminars on 19th century American legal history, the history of women lawyers, and Minnesota legal history. Her research interests include American Indian legal history ("The United States-Dakota War Trials: A Study in Military Injustice," *Stanford Law Review*), the progressive era ("Progressive Judges in a Progressive Age: Regulatory Legislation in the Minnesota Supreme Court, 1880-1930," *Law and History Review*), and women's history. She is currently working on a history of an 1892 Supreme Court decision on statutory interpretation and a history of women lawyers. She will be Chair of the AALS Legal History Section at the 1997 Annual Meeting.

Stephen M. Diamond

Stephen M. Diamond is a Professor of Law at the University of Miami, where he has taught since 1989. He received his B.A. in History from Swarthmore College, his A.M. (1968) and Ph.D. (1976) from Harvard University, and a J.D. (1976) from Harvard Law School. He has published numerous articles, including "Citizenship, Civilization and Coercion: Oliver Wendell Holmes on the Tax Power," a chapter in Robert Gordon, ed., *Oliver Wendell Holmes* (Stanford Press, 1992), "Autopoiesis in America," *13 Cardozo Law Review* 1763-1769 (1992), and "Taxpayers and Tax Experts," *American Journal of Tax Policy* (forthcoming). He is currently the General Editor of the Princeton University Press Series on Legal Theory. He served on the *Law and History Review* Board of Editors from 1987-1993, as the Chairman of the Legal Histories Section of the American Association of Law Schools in 1991, as a member of the ASLH Nominating Committee (1987-88), and of the Program Committee (1986-87).

Philip Hamburger

Philip Hamburger received his B.A. in history in 1979 from Princeton and his J.D. in 1982 from Yale. From 1985 until 1990, he taught law and legal history at the University of Connecticut School of Law. Since 1991, he has taught at the George Washington University Law School, where he is the Oswald Symister Colclough Research Professor of Law. He has published articles on the history of several aspects of English and American law, including: seditious

libel, the Statute of Frauds, contracts, equality, religious liberty, judicial review, and the drafting of constitutions. For his work on the history of English law, he has twice received the Society's Sutherland Prize. Currently, he is working on two books, each of which is his excuse for not finishing the other. He has served on two of the Society's committees, including the Program Committee, of which he was the chair two years ago.

Cynthia Herrup

Cynthia Herrup is Professor of History and Law at Duke University, where she has taught since 1984. She is primarily interested in the social history of the criminal law in early modern England, Britain and America. Her current projects are a study of the 1631 rape and sodomy trial of Mervin Touchet, 2nd Earl of Castlehaven, and a study of mercy and pardon in seventeenth-century England. Her published work includes *The Common Peace: Participation and the Criminal Law in Seventeenth-Century England* (Cambridge, 1987), as well as articles in such places as *History Workshop Journal*, *the Historical Journal*, and *Past and Present*. She has served on the Program Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors of the ASLH, as well as on the Editorial Board of *Law and History Review*. For the last five years, she has been the Editor of the *Journal of British Studies*, and next year she will be an NEH fellow at the Folger Shakespeare Library.

Craig Joyce

Craig Joyce hosted the Society's 25th Anniversary Gala Annual Meeting last year as chair of the Local Arrangements Committee in Houston. He previously served as Treasurer of the Society and as chair of the Publications and Membership Committees. His scholarly work focuses on the early Republic and the history of American copyright law, including his *Michigan Law Review* article on early Reporters of the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Joseph Story, and *Wheaton v. Peters*. He is a member of the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Supreme Court History*. Professor Joyce is Associate Dean for Graduate Studies & Special Programs and Law Foundation Professor at the University of Houston. Education: B.A., Dartmouth College; M.A. (History), Balliol College, Oxford University; J.D., Stanford Law School.

John McLaren

John McLaren is Lansdowne Professor of Law at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, where he teaches Legal History. He received his legal education at the University of St. Andrews, London University and the University of Michigan. His research interests lie in the history of vice law and its enforcement, and the history of racial and ethnic discrimination. He has also written on the history of environmental law and regulation. In 1992 he co-edited with Hamar Foster and Chet Orloff a pioneer book of essays on the legal history of western North America, *Law for the Elephant, Law for the Beaver*, published by the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society and the Canadian Centre for Plains Research. In that context, he investigated the influence of the jurisprudence of federal courts in California and Oregon on B.C. judges in anti-Chinese discrimination cases. John McLaren's current work is on the legal treatment of the Doukhobors, a group of pacifist communalists who settled in western Canada in the late nineteenth century. He has written on this topic in the recently published *Essays in the History of Canadian Law: British Columbia and the Yukon* for the Osgoode Society which he co-edited with Hamar Foster. Editing a book of essays on *Religious Conscience, the State and the Law* for the SUNY Press occupies him currently. Professor McLaren is on the Editorial Board of the *Law and History Review* and an Associate Editor of the *Legal History of North America* series of the University of Oklahoma Press.

Ralph James Mooney

Ralph James Mooney is the Kaapcke Professor of Law at the University of Oregon, where he teaches Contracts, American Legal History, and American Legal Biography. He is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Michigan Law School. He also was a Harvard Fellow in Law and the Humanities and studied legal history at the University of Chicago/NEH summer institute. Mooney serves or has served on the ASLH Publications Committee, the Western Legal History Board of Editors, and the Oregon District Court Historical Society Board of Directors. His publications include articles on the life and judicial career of Matthew P. Deady, Oregon's first federal district judge (e.g., "Matthew Deady and the Federal Judicial Response to Racism in the Early West") and on 19th-century far-west law and society more generally (e.g., "Governing a New State: Public Law Decisions by the Early Oregon Supreme Court"). Mooney also has taught at the University of Mississippi, the University of Texas, and Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand.

John V. Orth

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John V. Orth is William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he has taught legal history and property law since 1978. He is the author of three books: *The Judicial Power of the United States: The Eleventh Amendment in American History* (1987), *Combination and Conspiracy: A Legal History of Trade Unionism, 1721-1906* (1991), and *The North Carolina State Constitution: A Reference Guide* (1993). He contributes the chapters on concurrent estates to *Thompson on Real Property* and has written numerous articles and book reviews. He is an associate editor (for law) of the forthcoming *American National Biography*. At the University of North Carolina, he is the elected chair of the Faculty Hearings Committee. In 1994 he chaired the Legal History Section of the Association of American Law Schools. For the American Society for Legal History he chaired the Nominating Committee in 1993 and the Sutherland Prize Committee in 1991-92; he was last on the Board of Directors in 1984-86.

Clyde Spillenger

Clyde Spillenger is Acting Professor of Law at the University of California, Los Angeles, where since 1992 he has taught American Legal History, Civil Procedure, and Conflicts of Law. He received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1982, and a J.D. (1987) and M.Phil. (1988) from Yale University. After practicing law for two years, he was a Research Fellow in American Legal History at the University of Wisconsin Law School from 1990-92. His most recent article is "Elusive Advocate: Reconsidering Brandeis as a People's Lawyer," *Yale Law Journal* (April 1996). He is working on a study of the image and reputation of Louis D. Brandeis in American legal culture.

Nominating Committee

Michael J. Churgin

Michael J. Churgin is a member of the law faculty at the University of Texas. He has served ASLH in a number of roles, and currently is chair of the Committee on Documentary Preservation. Professor Churgin organized a panel and presented a paper at the 1994 ASLH Washington meeting. He serves on the Joint Committee on Court Records, organized by the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts and the Federal Judicial Center; he also is a member of a working group at the National Archives on federal court records. His most recent publication is "Mass Exoduses: The Response of the United States," *30 International Migration Review* (1996).

Sarah Barringer Gordon

Sarah Gordon is Assistant Professor of Law at University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she teaches courses in American legal history and property. She received a B.A. from Vassar, J.D. and M.A.R. (Ethics) from Yale, and Ph.D. from Princeton. She is revising her dissertation, which is under advance contract with the Legal History Series at the University of North Carolina Press. She serves on the Littleton-Griswold Prize Committee for the AHA, and is the co-organizer of the Legal History Consortium at Penn. Her publications include "'The Liberty of Self-Degradation': Anti-Polygamy, Anti-Suffrage and Consent Theory in Nineteenth-Century America," *Journal of American History* (forthcoming December 1996), and articles and commentaries in the *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities* and the *New York University Law Review*. Fellowships and awards include the Cornell Young Scholars Fellowship in Ethics and Public Life, the Golieb Fellowship at New York University School of Law, and the Charlotte Newcombe Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation.

Alfred S. Konefsky

Alfred S. Konefsky is Professor of Law at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He received a B.A. from Columbia University in 1967 and a J.D. from Boston College in 1970. He was co-editor of Volumes 1 and 2 of *The Legal Papers of Daniel Webster* (1982, 1983). In addition, he has published a number of articles and review essays in the *Buffalo Law Review*, *Harvard Law Review*, *Law and History Review*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review* and the *Virginia Quarterly Review*. Professor Konefsky has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Bar Foundation. He has served in a variety of capacities for the American Society for Legal History, including membership on the Annual Program Committee, the Committee on Publications, the Editorial Board of *Law and History Review* from 1988 to 1992, and as Book Review Editor of the *American Journal of Legal History* from 1970 to 1977. He recently was first a member, then chairperson, of the James Willard Hurst Prize in American Legal History Committee for the Law and Society Association.

1995 Annual Meeting Session

Constitutionalism, Law and Social Policy in Twentieth-Century America

Friday, October 20, 1995 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Chair DAVID BALDUS (University of Iowa College of Law) reports:

Professor DAVISON M. DOUGLAS presented a paper, "The Limits of Law: School Segregation in the Pre-Brown North," which examined certain northern states—New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois—that pre-Brown maintained officially sanctioned segregated schools not withstanding state statutes that specifically forbade such segregation and a large number of court decisions enforcing those statutes. This dissonance between legal rule and social reality was due in large measure to white opposition to mixed schools as well as a certain ambivalence in the African-American community about the wisdom of school integration. Many African Americans feared, with good reason, mistreatment of their children in mixed schools as well as the loss of black teacher jobs, and hence favored the retention of segregated schools.

Segregated schools were finally eliminated in these northern states in the late 1940's as a result of enhanced black political power and a shift in black attitudes towards school integration attributable in significant measure to the aggressive educational, lobbying, and litigation activities of the NAACP.

Professor ALAN ROGERS' paper, "A Sacred Duty: Court Appointed Attorneys in Massachusetts Murder Cases," argued that changes in the procedure by which attorneys were appointed by the court in homicide cases were stimulated by the flight of the bar's elite from criminal work after 1891, when capital trials were moved from the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) to the District Court, and by the passage of a "reform" in 1911 that gave the initiative for selecting an attorney to the accused. Although the court had implicitly acknowledged that an appointed attorney had to be effective in order to safeguard the accused's rights, the changes in the procedure by which attorneys were appointed often meant that the accused was represented by an ineffective attorney. However, rather than articulate a clear standard of quality which an effective attorney had to meet, or to focus on specific trial behavior, the SJC first chose (*Commonwealth v Descalakis*, 1923) to highlight those general characteristics that an effective attorney might manifest. Confronted by the Boston Bar Association's charge that court appointed attorneys had acted incompetently (*Commonwealth v Cox*, 1950) and by numerous appeals based on a claim of ineffective counsel, the SJC adopted (*Saferian*, 1974) a tough two-part test that placed the burden of demonstrating attorney ineffectiveness on the defendant. In short, the court eschewed a standard of quality in favor of raising the standard for demonstrating ineffectiveness.

DEERYN MOTEN's paper, "Youth, Gender, Race, and Murder: The Execution of Virginia Christian," starts in March 1908, when the General Assembly of Virginia passed a bill replacing hanging with electricity as the official means to kill condemned felons. The Old Dominion thus became the first southern state to use the electric chair. Four years later on August 16, 1912, a seventeen-year-old African American named Virginia Christian was put to death by electricity at the Virginia State Penitentiary in Richmond. She became the first female to die in Virginia's electric chair and the last juvenile female to be executed in the United States. Christian's murder of her white employer, Ida Virginia Bailed, was described by Governor William Hodges Mann as the most dastardly in the state's history and that Christian's execution was necessary to ensure public safety. Concomitant with his concern about public protection was Mann's belief that the electric chair precluded mob violence because it fostered public confidence in and respect for the rule of law. Mr. Moten's paper inveighed against this argument by magnifying Christian's execution as a moment to show how race and racial control determined who would be most likely put to death by electricity in the epoch of twentieth century Virginia.

INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY BILLBOARD

H-Law

H-Law now (June 19) has 740 subscribers and averages three messages per day. Subscribers have discussed a wide range of issues, including teaching strategies, bibliographic resources, as well as scholarly topics. Every new subscriber is invited to join the American Society for Legal History.

There is now an H-Law Web page at <http://www.h-net.msu.edu> which serves the American Society for Legal History as well. The Web page contains a wealth of information on H-Law and the ASLH. Visitors will find an archive of discussion threads as well as ASLH newsletters from the Winter 1995 issue to the present. The current directory of H-Law subscribers, listing their addresses, phone numbers, and research interests is also on the Web page. In addition, visitors to H-Law's Website will find the current index to all issues of *Law and History Review* (vol. 1 through vol. 14, issue 1). We plan to keep this up to date as each new issue appears. Thanks to Jennifer Radcliffe of Eastern Illinois University for preparing the LHR index. The Web page is fully searchable by keyword. H-Net staff created the H-Law Web page and Tim Carmichael of Michigan State deserves thanks for his hard work on this project.

H-Law now has a book review editor. CHARLES ZELDEN of Nova Southeastern University has taken on this task and reviews have begun to appear. Each H-Law book review will be archived on the H-Law Web page.

The editor of H-Law, Chris Waldrep of Eastern Illinois University, welcomes new subscribers. If you wish to join H-Law, there is no charge. Send a note to cfcw@uxa.ecn.bgu.edu or send a message saying only "Subscribe H-Law/Your Name/Your Institution" to listserv@msu.edu

New National Digital Library Program Releases

March 5, 1996. National Digital Library Program Releases Five New On-Line Collections. The Library of Congress's National Digital Library (NDL) Program today announced the availability of five new collections from its World Wide Web homepage (Uniform Resource Locator: <http://www.loc.gov/>).

Like the more than 40,000 images now available from the Library's Internet site, these are from American historical collections:

- Documents of the Continental Congress and Constitutional Convention, ca. 1774-1790; 272 broadside documents.
- African American Pamphlets from the Daniel A.P. Murray Collection, 1820-1920; 351 pamphlets on 11,000 pages.
- World's Transportation Commission Photographs by William Henry Jackson, 1894-1896; approximately 900 photographs.
- Documents from the National American Woman Suffrage Association Collection, 1860-1920; approximately 160 publications on 10,000 pages.
- Daguerreotype Photographs, 1842-1862; approximately 600 photographs. James H. Billington, the Librarian of Congress, said today when announcing the collections' availability before the House Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee: "These primary source materials from American history provide valuable content for enriching the education of students and lifelong learners." In addition, the NDL Program has mounted an on-line congressional database called THOMAS, which offers bills of the current and previous Congress, the full text of the Congressional Record, the Bill Digest from the Library's Congressional Research Service and links to other legislative Internet sites.

Library of Congress Establishes Digital Grant Competition

First-Ever Grants to Broaden Access to American Treasures via Internet.

Ameritech Corp. and its Ameritech Library Services subsidiary announced today a partnership with the Library of Congress to establish a grant program through which selected libraries across the United States can digitize their unique Americana collections for incorporation into the Library's National Digital Library (NDL) Program.

The Ameritech Foundation will make a \$2 million gift to establish the Library of Congress/Ameritech National Digital Library Competition. It is the largest corporate donation to the NDL program to date and is the first effort to make unique collections from libraries across the U.S. on-line via the Library of Congress to millions of children, students and others.

The goal of the Library of Congress's NDL program is to make freely available over the Internet approximately 5 million items by 2000, in collaboration with other institutions. Ameritech's contribution will help the Library meet that goal by being the first to provide funds to libraries and other institutions to aid them in the critical, yet expensive, task of digitizing their unique collections, so they can be available to anyone with World Wide Web access.

More than a dozen of the Library of Congress's unique Americana://www.loc.gov/. Last month, five collections were added, including documents of the Continental Congress, African American pamphlets relating to slavery and civil rights, and daguerreotypes of Abraham Lincoln and Zachary Taylor, including the earliest known photographic images of the U.S. Capitol and White House. These newly-digitized collections will join early motion pictures, sound recordings of American political leaders and selected notebooks from Walt Whitman and other treasures that are already available.

Donation Puts Washington and Jefferson Papers On-Line

Exactly 207 years after Washington's inauguration in 1789, Reuters America Inc. and The Reuter Foundation donated \$1 million to the Library of Congress's National Digital Library (NDL) Program specifically for the digitization of the papers of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

This gift will make it possible, for the first time, to place unique presidential papers from the Library on-line. The Jefferson and Washington papers will be digitized for inclusion in the National Digital Library's collection of American history materials available at <http://www.loc.gov/>. Previously, items such as Washington's handwritten inaugural address and Thanksgiving proclamation as well as letters between him and Jefferson could only be viewed in Washington.

"Today's gift from Reuters will make it possible for the Library to share widely two collections of papers of the Founding Fathers," said Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. "Our collections of 23 presidents are among the most important in the Library, and the generosity of Reuters will offer Americans everywhere the chance to view these key documents of their nation's history."

The goal of the NDL program is to make freely available over the Internet 5 million items by the year 2000, in collaboration with other institutions. The Reuters contribution will help the Library meet that goal by providing the funds necessary to digitize the approximately 65,000 items in the Washington Papers and 25,000 in the Jefferson Papers.

New NHPRC Electronic Publishing Policy

At its most recent meeting, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission approved a policy designed to encourage the electronic publication of documentary editions. Under the policy, applicants for grants for new documentary publications will need to assure the Commission that they will develop their projects in a way that makes electronic publishing of the documentary material at least possible.

Specifically, the policy as adopted says that "to be eligible for NHPRC support, new documentary editing projects should be designed for an electronic environment." The policy goes into effect immediately.

Additionally, the Commission agreed to consult with documentary editors and others to assess possibilities for electronic publication of documentary editions already supported by the NHPRC. The Commission plans to review that subject at its next meeting, in June.

NARA Launches New On-Line Resources

The National Archives has launched a new website and three new public access services. For the first time, National Archives databases can be searched over the Internet. The website provides information about the agency's mission; the hours and locations of all National Archives facilities nationwide, including the regional archives, Presidential libraries and Federal Register; and other practical information for researchers, genealogists and records managers. The address is <http://www.nara.gov>

With the new online databases, a user can begin the research process online. The NARA AUDIOVISUAL INFORMATION LOCATOR (NAIL) DATABASE, at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html>, contains 81,000 descriptions of records held by the Still Picture (NNSP) and Motion Picture, Sound and Video Branches (NNSM) of the National Archives. Data come from existing databases and from card catalog scanning projects, and represent all of NNSP's series descriptions and about 15 percent of NNSM's catalog cards.

The GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LOCATOR SERVICE (GILS) DATABASE describes the 39 major automated information systems and information products of the National Archives. GILS can be reached directly at <http://www.nara.gov/gils/gils.html> or z39.50s://wais.nara.gov/gils.

The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Reference System at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/jfk/jfk.html>, contains more than 170,000 descriptions of documents prepared by agencies holding assassination-related material. Agencies that have transferred material to the National Archives, and whose index data is found in the database, include the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Justice (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation) and the Department of State.

NEWS NOTES

Call for Contributors

The Historical Encyclopedia of World Slavery

ABC-CLIO seeks scholars interested in contributing assigned essays for inclusion in its planned Historical Encyclopedia of World Slavery. This two-volume reference work, targeted for publication in early 1998, will offer a comprehensive assessment of the complex institution of slavery across cultures and throughout time. Unparalleled in scope, this project promises to produce a reference set that stands alone as the best resource available for an encyclopedic survey of slavery in world history.

This project will cover the history of slavery and the slave trade from antiquity to the present. Entries will consist of specific peoples, kingdoms, settlements, nations, tribes, political entities, armies, campaigns, individuals, charters, decrees, slave-trade routes, historical events, laws, and practices. Additional entries will explore the nature of antislavery thought and will highlight leaders in the worldwide abolitionist movement.

If you are interested in writing for this project and would like to receive a topics list, please submit a letter of inquiry and a curriculum vitae to: Junius P. Rodriguez, General Editor, Historical Encyclopedia of World Slavery, Eureka College, 300 East College Ave., Eureka IL 61530. Should you prefer, you may fax this material to (309) 467-6386, or you may send it by e-mail to jrodrig@eureka.edu

National Humanities Center Lecturers

The National Humanities Center announces a new program of lectures by leading scholars in history, literature, the arts, American studies, law, anthropology, women's studies, environmental history, and other humanistic fields. National Humanities Center lecturers are available to speak to groups and institutions throughout the United States on the topics listed below, 1996-1999. The normal fee is \$850 plus travel expenses. The proceeds from the program will support fellowships in the humanities. The list of lecturers includes (among others): Stanley Fish (English and Law, Duke University), "Hate Speech" and Paul Murphy (Law, University of Minnesota), "Native Americans and the Bill of Rights"

Inquiries may be addressed to: National Humanities Center Lecturers, Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, tel: 919-549-0661.

Chair Opening at Princeton University

Doris Stevens Chair in Women's Studies

The Princeton University Program in Women's Studies invites nominations and applications for an endowed chair, the Doris Stevens Professorship in Women's Studies. Candidates must be senior scholars with a distinguished history of publications in women's/gender studies. All fields will be considered, but they especially seek candidates in political theory, policy studies, political science, economics, demography, sociology, psychology, and legal theory. Final appointment will be in the department of the scholar's discipline, with teaching responsibilities in Women's Studies to be determined. Deadline for nominations and applications, including curriculum vitae, is October 1, 1996. Letters of nomination should be directed to: Professor Deborah Nord, Program in Women's studies, Princeton University, 113 Dickinson Hall, Princeton NJ 08544-1017.

Request for Records Preservation Information

The Hampshire County (Western Massachusetts) Historical Records Preservation Advisory Board has just been established to advise Hampshire County's Commissioners as to the best methods, procedures, and conditions for the format, storage, preservation, retrieval, and handling of Hampshire County's historic documents. The Board also hopes eventually to offer to interested regional cities and towns the opportunities to benefit from pooled knowledge about preservation and conservation, storage options, and possible funding opportunities.

It has occurred to the Board that there must be other communities in the U.S. where government entities have gathered together for mutually beneficial activities with respect to the storage, preservation, and group funding of historic records projects. Rather than re-invent the process, they would like to contact other groups which have

Historical Records project. Rather than re-invent the process, they would like to contact other groups which have engaged in similar activities. They would appreciate any information anyone can give. Contact Barbara Fell-Johnson, Head Law Librarian, Hampshire Law Library at the Historical Records Preservation Advisory Board, Hampshire County Courthouse, 99 Main St., Northampton MA 01060; tel: (413) 586-2297; fax: (413) 584-0870.

First Federal Congress Database Complete

With the publication of volume 14 of the Documentary History of the First Federal Congress, 1789-1791 (DHFFC) in January of this year, the editors of the series and the Johns Hopkins University Press achieved a long-term goal - publication of the complete documentary record of the debates of the first House of Representatives. The five volumes of debates replace Gales and Seaton's "Annals of Congress," which relied heavily upon only one source for each date and lacked a comprehensive index. The DHFFC volumes provide a compilation of all the variant accounts as recorded by the men who sought to report them to the American public in a timely fashion. Users now have the task of sifting through these accounts with their inconsistencies and potential biases to come to an understanding of what actually transpired on the floor of the House.

Signs Call for Papers

Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society seeks submissions for a special issue on Feminisms and Youth Cultures slated for publication in spring of 1998. The lack of attention given to challenges facing youth cultures and the virtual invisibility of the voices and concerns of youth in academic and popular debates is the impetus for this special issue. For the purposes of this special issue, youth indicates persons ages thirteen to thirty, in contemporary or historical cultures. The editors welcome submissions that are (1) based on independent or collaborative research conducted by, about, and/or within youth communities and (2) textual analyses (widely defined) of popular culture produced by youth from a wide range of racial, ethnic, religious, and national origins. This special issue might include articles that address such relevant youth-culture topics as the incorporation/reinscription/resistance of/to dominant ideologies and institutions; varying meanings and functions of feminisms; expressions of consciousness inflected by race, class, gender, nationality, sexuality, and religious training in popular culture; strategies employed by youth to transform traditional organizations; issues of health/health care; issues of violence; and sexual autonomy and sexuality. The special issue editors will include Professor France Winddance Twine (Department of Women's Studies at the University of Washington and Signs Board of Associate Editors) and others currently being selected. Please submit articles (five copies) no later than January 31, 1997, to Signs. "Feminisms and Youth Cultures," Box 354345, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-4345. Please observe the guidelines in the "Notice to Contributors" printed in the most recent issue of the journal.

Stanley N. Katz to Step Down as ACLS President

NEW YORK, New York. Stanley N. Katz, an honorary Fellow and former President (1978-1981) of ASLH, has indicated his intention to step down as President of the American Council of Learned Societies sometime in the latter half of 1997, dependent upon when a successor is named.

"It is with deepest regret and no little sadness," said Francis Oakley, Chair of the ACLS Board and President Emeritus of Williams College, "that I accept Stan Katz's decision to step down from the presidency of ACLS next year after what will have been eleven years of notable accomplishment in that position. These years have been very good ones for ACLS, not least of all because of Stan's dedication, imagination, entrepreneurial energy, thoughtfulness and forthrightness as an advocate for the humanities. He himself has every reason to be proud of his achievement, and we, who have been the beneficiaries of his efforts, have every reason to be grateful to him."

Katz early identified the potential for digital, networked technology to restructure both scholarly communication and publishing. He drew ACLS into closer partnership with scholarly libraries and publishers to develop this new technology and explore its potential benefits. ACLS has recently joined with over two dozen other organization to form the National Initiative for a Networked Cultural Heritage (NINCH).

He refounded the ACLS publications program. The Council now publishes a newsletter, a series of Occasional Papers, and reports on scholarly issues. During his tenure he edited, with colleagues, two books which developed out of ACLS activities: *Constitutionalism and Democracy*, and *A Life of Learning*.

Under Katz's leadership the number of learned societies affiliated with the Council increased from 45 to 58, and the value of the ACLS endowment increased from \$15.8 million to \$37.2 million.

Katz will return to full-time teaching and research at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University. During his

presidency he has continued to teach one course each semester at Princeton. He also plans to continue his research on the role of philanthropy and non-governmental organizations in public policy. "My calling has always been that of a teacher. I have enjoyed the challenge of administering the ACLS enormously, but I feel an obligation to return to my first love, the classroom," said Katz.

A search committee for Katz's successor is currently being formed and will begin its work in the fall.

Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Program

The New York State Archives and the Archives Partnership Trust announce the availability of awards for qualified applicants to pursue research using the holdings of the New York State Archives. The Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Program, funded by the New York State Archives Partnership Trust, is intended to support advanced work in New York State history, government, or public policy.

Applicant/Project Eligibility. Applicants working on doctoral dissertations and those at the postdoctoral level are particularly encouraged to apply, but any proposal for advanced research will be considered. Projects involving alternative uses of the Archives, such as background research for multimedia projects, exhibits, documentaries, and historical novels, are also eligible. The topic or area of study must draw, at least in part, on the holdings of the New York State Archives. Preference will be given to projects: (1) that have application to enduring public policy issues, particularly in New York State, (2) that rely on holdings that have been little used and are not available electronically or on microfilm, and (3) that have a high probability of publication or other public dissemination.

Awards. A total of \$15,000 will be available beginning in February 1997 for research to be carried out during 1997. Awards of \$6,000 each will be made for in-depth research over a substantial period of time, and awards of \$1,500 each will be made for shorter research visits. The awards are intended to defray the cost of travel, living expenses, and other research-related expenses.

Application Process/Deadline. Application forms are available: via gopher at gopher.sara.nysed.gov; via the WWW at <http://www.sara.nysed.gov>; or from Jill A. Rydberg, Archives Partnership Trust, Cultural Education Center, Room 9C49, Albany, NY 12230; tel: (518)473-7091; fax: (518)473-7058; e-mail: jrydberg@mail.nysed.gov. Applications must be received by September 30, 1996. Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of scholars and archivists familiar with the State Archives and its holdings. Decisions will be made by December 13, 1996.

Requirements. Residencies must be completed by December 31, 1997. At the end of the residency, awardees are expected to submit a final report on their research experience. Residents are expected to make one public presentation in New York State on the results of the project.

Pre-Application Planning. Potential applicants should contact the Archives Public Services staff before completing the Application to discuss their research topic and the records that they propose to use. Contact: Dr. James D. Folts, tel: (518)474- 8955; e-mail: jfolts@mail.nysed.gov. Information on the holdings of the New York State Archives is available in a published Guide to Records in the New York State Archives and in finding aids on specific topics or on the records of particular agencies. Contact the Archives for a list of publications. The published guide to the Archives, the computerized catalog of record series descriptions, and selected topical finding aids are available online at: gopher.sara.nysed.gov; <http://www.sara.nysed.gov>

New York State Archives. The New York State Archives, part of the State Education Department, holds more than 110 million records of colonial and state government. There are foundation documents that protect the rights of New Yorkers and document the obligations of their government. Other records reveal the lives and work of ordinary and extraordinary New Yorkers throughout the history of the State. The mission of the State Archives is to identify, preserve, and make available for research use the archival records of New York State government.

Archives Partnership Trust. The New York State Archives Partnership Trust is a public-private partnership created in 1992 to address a 350-year backlog of work in the State Archives which occurred because New York was virtually the last state to open a formal state archives (1978). The Trust's initial goal is to build an endowment of \$10 million to help support activities that promote the preservation of State Archival resources and encourage greater accessibility while increasing the educational potential and awareness of New York's rich heritage. To accomplish these goals, the Trust is developing a strong group of influential private sector leaders to act as advisors and advocates. These men and women – experienced in philanthropy, especially in educational and cultural programs – are already setting precedents.

Teacher Wins Three Awards

ASLH member LINDA K. MILLER, a teacher at Fairfax High School in Fairfax County, Virginia, was the winner of one of the American Bar Association's first-place Outstanding Law Day Activity Award for 1995. Dr. Miller won one of two 1996 Outstanding Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year awards, given by the National Council for the Social Studies and sponsored by Time Education Programs. She was also a co-winner of the Organization of American Historians 1996 Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau Pre-Collegiate Teaching Award, named for the late Professor Tachau of the University of Louisville, a longtime and very active member of ASLH who served on our Board of Directors from 1980 to 1982.

Burger Court Conference

"The Burger Court: Counter-Revolution or Confirmation?" is the title of a conference to be held October 1-3, 1996, at the University of Tulsa College of Law. A distinguished panel, including Derrick Bell (NYU Law School), Anthony Lewis of the New York Times, Father Robert Drinan, S.J., Mark Tushnet (Georgetown University Law Center), Justice Finn Backer of the Supreme Court of Norway, and others will discuss the United States Supreme Court's jurisprudence and its place in the law and life of the nation under Chief Justice Warren Burger (1969-86).

Registration for the conference is on a first-come, first-served basis. Accommodations at special rates are available at both the DOWNTOWN DOUBLETREE HOTEL (\$69 single or double) and the ADAM'S MARK HOTEL (\$65 single or double), both of which are about a 5-10 minute drive from the University. Information on discounted airfares and other hotel and travel information can be obtained by contacting Gary Michels at 800-688-8033. Questions about the Conference itself should be addressed to Vicki Jordan or Terry Saunders at (918) 631-2430 or e-mail:

law_tls@centum.utulsa.edu

NARA Accessions, Openings and Declassifications

National Archives-Southeast Region

1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point GA 30344; tel: (404) 763-7477 District Courts of the United States (RG 21, 74 cubic feet). Selected 1898 bankruptcy case files; civil case files, 1963-70; criminal case files, 1969, of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville. Criminal case files, 1970, of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, Pensacola. Civil case files, 1962-74, of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, Tallahassee. Civil case files, 1970-73, of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, Gainesville. Criminal case files, 1959-67, of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, Ocala. General Minutes, 1962- 67; 1898 Bankruptcy Dockets, 1965-70, civil case files, 1968-70; Criminal Dockets, 1961-67; Naturalization Petitions, 1964-68, of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa. Materials open.

National Archives-Great Lakes Region

7358 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago IL 60629; tel: (312) 581-7816 District Courts of the United States (RG 21, 198 cubic feet). Civil Docket Sheets, 1939-52, Criminal Docket Sheets, 1926-53, Ledger, 1940-46, and Cash Books, 1947-54, from the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan at Detroit; Civil Case Files, 1967-68, from the U.S. District Court, Fourth Division of Minnesota at Minneapolis; Civil Case Files, 1967-68, from the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio at Columbus; Civil Case Files, 1967-68, from the U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin at Madison; Civil Case Files, 1967-68, from the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Materials open.

National Archives-Pacific Southwest Region 24000 Avila Rd., Laguna Niguel CA 92677; tel: (714) 360-2641 District Courts of the United States (RG 21, 22 cubic feet). Declarations of intention (for naturalization), 1968-70, and petitions for naturalization, 1966-67, for the Los Angeles District Court; bankruptcy dockets, 1969-70, from the San Diego District Court; and civil case E-59, Gila River Water Users Association v. United States from the Tucson District Court. Materials open.

Department of Justice (RG 60, 357.5 cubic feet), Nazi Saboteur Records, 1942-45; Criminal Division, General Name Index Cards, 1930-1979.

Missouri Valley History Conference

The 40th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 6-8, 1997. Proposals for papers and sessions in all areas of history are welcome. Such proposals, accompanied with one-page abstract and vitae, should be sent by October 15, 1996. Contact: Lorraine Gesick, Program Chair, MVHC, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68102.

The Society of Military History holds sessions in conjunction with the MVHC. Please send proposals for papers and sessions on military history topics to: Mark R. Grandstaff, History Dept., Brigham Young University, 414 KMB, P.O. Box 24446, Provo, UT 84602.

Oral History Association Annual Meeting

The OHA Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia, October 10- 13, 1996, at the Holiday Inn Select Center City. The meeting's theme will be "Oral History, Memory, and the Sense of Place." Among the featured speakers are Robin D.G. Kelley (New York University) and Spencer Crew (Smithsonian Institution). For registration information, contact the Oral History Association, P.O. Box 97234, Baylor University, Waco, TX 76798-7234. Tel: (817) 755-2764; fax: (817) 755-1571; e-mail: OHA_Support@Baylor.edu

Oral History Association Call For Papers

The Oral History Association invites proposals for papers and presentations for its 1997 Annual Meeting to be held September 25-28, 1997, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme of the meeting is "Looking In, Looking Out: Retelling the Past, Envisioning the Future."

The past one hundred years have been marked by global transformations affecting every aspect of life. Personal experience has been shaped and reshaped through participation in the often threatening but also often desired changes moving around the world. This conference provides an opportunity to share research on accounts of personal experience in this century and to test arguments about how the stories people tell about their history relate to the strategies different communities and social institutions developed to recreate the future. The program committee especially encourages proposals that examine relationships between science, religion, personal values, and debates over public policy, but all subjects are welcome. They invite proposals that demonstrate how the use of oral sources has led creative reexamination of any aspect of modern history.

Proposals may be either individual papers or group sessions. Proposals should include a title and one-page description of the issues and questions papers will address and the name, affiliation, short vitae, mailing address and phone number of each presenter, including convenor and suggested commentator. Deadline for proposals is December 10, 1996.

OHA policy prevents those who have presented papers at the 1996 Annual Meeting from doing so in 1997.

For further information or to submit proposals, contact either Alphine W. Jefferson, Dept. of History, College of Wooster, Wooster, OH 44691; tel: (330) 263-2452; fax: (330) 263- 2614; e-mail: AlJefferson@acs.Wooster.edu or Stephen J. Novak, UCLA Oral History Program, UCLA 157511, Los Angeles, CA 90095; tel: (310) 825-7524; fax: (310) 206-2796; e-mail: sjNovak@library.UCLA.edu

The Irish Legal History Society

The Irish Legal History Society is a new legal history society, less than 10 years old, which is anxious to increase its membership (already a little over 200).

The Society was founded at a meeting held in Dublin in 1988, presided over jointly by the then Chief Justice of Ireland, Mr. Justice Finlay, and the then Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, Rt. Hon. Lord Lowry. The stated objects of the Society are:

to encourage the study and advance the knowledge of the history of Irish law, especially by the publication of original documents and of works relating to the history of Irish law, including its institutions, doctrines and personalities, and the reprinting or editing of works of sufficient rarity and importance.

Since its foundation, the Society has published five major volumes: Daire Hogan and W.N. Osborough (ed.), *Brehons, serjeants and attorneys: studies in the history of the Irish legal profession*, xx + 287 pp. (1990); Colum Kenny, *King's Inns and the kingdom of Ireland: the Irish inn of court, 1541-1800*, xxiv + 352 pp., illustr. (1992); Jon G. Crawford, *Anglicizing the government of Ireland: the Irish privy council and the expansion of Tudor rule, 1556-1578*, xiv + 508 pp., illustr. (1994); W.N. Osborough (ed.), *Explorations in law and history: Irish Legal History Discourses, 1988-1994*, xiv + 192 pp., illustr. (1995); W.N. Osborough, *Law and the emergence of modern Dublin: a litigat's Tristram Kennedy and the revival of Irish legal training, an important contribution to the history of the reform of legal education in Ireland and Britain in the 19th century*, is scheduled for publication later in 1996.

The Society meets in formal session once a year, alternating between Dublin and Belfast. (Indigenous membership is drawn from both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland). On these formal occasions, a learned discourse on some topic of legal historical interest is delivered. The majority of the discourses delivered to date have been published (see above).

The volumes in the Irish Legal History Society series are produced to a very high standard, and are published for the Society by Irish Academic Press under an agreement with this leading Irish publishing house.

Membership of the Society brings with it an entitlement to receive the Society's regularly published volumes and to be kept up-to-date with the Society's ongoing activities via an annual report.

Membership costs U.S. \$70. For further information and for membership application forms, please contact either of the Joint Secretaries: Professor W.N. Osborough, Faculty of Law, Roebuck Castle, University College, Dublin 4, Ireland; or Dr. Alan Dowling, Faculty of Law, The Queen's University, Belfast, BT7 1NN, N. Ireland;

Back numbers of all the Society's published volumes are available. So long as stocks last, new members are also supplied gratis with a copy of the Society's Inaugural Addresses, 32 pp. (1989).

Hutcheson Papers at University of Texas, Austin

The Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas at Austin, announces the acquisition of the Joseph C. Hutcheson, Jr. Papers (1853- 1979, bulk 1900-1970; 10.5 linear ft.). Hutcheson (1879-1973) is best known as a conservative judge on the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals (1931-1964), including 12 years as chief judge.

Much of the collection relates to Hutcheson's service as cochair of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry (which studied the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine after World War II) and includes correspondence, photographs, transcripts of hearings held in the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East, speeches by Hutcheson, publications, and reports by the committee and other bodies including the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the American Jewish Committee.

The collection also documents Hutcheson's personal, business, legal, judicial, civic, and family affairs. It includes correspondence with fellow judges (including Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.) relating to administration of the 5th Circuit, his retirement, his judicial philosophy, and his possible appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court. Also present are drafts and printed copies of Hutcheson's numerous speeches and articles on legal topics, and materials from his Houston law practice.

Hutcheson's papers were transferred to the Tarlton Law Library by the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, University of Texas at Austin. For more information, contact Mike Widener, Archivist/Rare Books Librarian, Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas at Austin, 727 E. 26th, Austin, TX 78705-3224; tel: (512)471-7263; fax: (512)471-0243; e-mail: mwidener@mail.law.utexas.edu

"Fidelity in Constitutional Theory" Symposium

Fordham University School of Law is pleased to announce that it will be holding a symposium on "Fidelity in Constitutional Theory" on September 20-21, 1996. The central question for the symposium is: What is the most defensible conception of fidelity in constitutional interpretation? The panels and scheduled speakers are: Fidelity as Integrity (Ronald Dworkin, Michael McConnell, Frederick Schauer, and Robin West); Fidelity in Translation (Lawrence Lessig, Steven Calabresi, Sanford Levinson, and Jed Rubenfeld); Fidelity as Synthesis (Bruce Ackerman, Frank Michelman, Lawrence Sager, and Mark Tushnet); Fidelity through History (Jack Rakove, Akhil Amar, Christopher Eisgruber, and Larry Kramer); and Does the Constitution Deserve Our Fidelity? (Jack Balkin, Sotirios Barber, Michael Klarman, and one other panelist). The panel organizers are Professors Michael Flaherty, James Fleming, Abner Greene, Robert Kaczorowski, and William Treanor. For further information, contact Helen Herman, Director of Academic Programs, Fordham University School of Law, 140 West 62nd Street, New York, NY 10023, (212) 636-6885, (212) 636-6899 (fax), hherman@mail.lawnet.fordham.edu

The Thirteenth British Legal History Conference

The Thirteenth British Legal History Conference will be held on Wednesday 1 July to Saturday 4 July at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Once again, the conference will focus on a particular theme. The theme "Learning the Law -- Legal Education and the Transmission of Legal Knowledge" should be understood in its broadest sense, including the transfer and acquisition of both practical expertise and the more scholarly learning which are required at various

levels of the legal profession, and the dissemination of legal ideas beyond the legal profession.

Among the aspects of the history of legal education which they hope will be dealt with are questions related to the following topics: Texts and Teaching: English Legal Writings, 1100-1900; Formal Teaching in the Law Faculties and the Inns of Court; Apprenticeship, Pupillage and the Legal Profession; Informal and Non-institutional Learning; Legal Teaching and Learning in Pluralistic Legal Systems; Common Law Teaching and Learning Overseas; Transmission of Legal Knowledge by Lesser Officials and Laity.

Obviously, many more aspects regarding legal education may be considered; and they welcome offers for papers on any of these topics, or on other questions related to the general theme (the deadline to receive proposals for papers was 1 July 1996).

For more information, please contact the conference organizers: Professor J. Bush, Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, California 95053, fax: (408)554-4426; or Professor A. Wijffels, Leiden University, Pieterskerkhof 6, NL- 2311 SR Leiden, The Netherlands, 31/71/27.74.44. Note: It may be of interest to those who will attend the conference that during the weekend immediately following the conference (4-5 July), Trinity Hall will also organize a conference on current problems of legal education, in particular with relation to European developments. Further information on this conference will be made available when you are invited to register for the British Legal History Conference.

Query: Was Queen Elizabeth Arbitrary?

ASLH member and Law Librarian CHARLES MEYERS is interested in the Christmas case that occurred in the reign of Elizabeth I. The case involved a Portuguese merchant resident in England who was threatened with incarceration for an indefinite period unless he compensated an English merchant for losses the latter had suffered in Portugal. He wonders whether the action "was totally arbitrary in nature or did it rest on Common Law or Parliamentary Statute?" And would like to hear from any scholar who could cast light on the matter. His address is 5277 Cedar Lake Road, Apt. 7-24, Boynton Beach, FL 33437.

MONEY AVAILABLE

NEH Summer Stipends

The National Endowment for the Humanities announces the October 1, 1996, deadline for the Summer Stipends program. NEH Summer Stipends support two months of full-time work on projects that will contribute to scholarly knowledge or to the general public's understanding of the humanities. Projects may address broad topics or consist of research and study in a single field.

In most cases, faculty members of colleges and universities in the United States must be nominated by their institutions for the Summer Stipends competition, and each of these institutions may nominate two applicants. Prospective applicants who will require nomination should acquaint themselves with their institution's nomination procedures well before the October 1 deadline. Individuals employed in nonteaching capacities in colleges and universities and individuals not affiliated with colleges and universities do not require nomination and may apply directly to the program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1, 1996; TENURE: Tenure must cover two full and uninterrupted months and will normally be held between May 1, 1997, and September 30, 1997; STIPEND: \$4,000; INQUIRIES: Summer Stipends Program, Room 318, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506; 202/606-8551; stipends@neh.fed.us

Application guidelines for this program are also available online at <http://www.neh.fed.us>

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Located in the heart of Washington, D.C., the Center awards approximately 35 residential fellowships each year for advanced research in the humanities and social sciences. Men and women from any country and from a wide variety of backgrounds (including government, the corporate world, the professions, and academe) may apply. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent professional accomplishments. Fellows are provided offices, access to the Library of Congress, computers or manuscript typing services, and research assistants. The Center publishes selected works written at the Center through the Woodrow Wilson Center Press. Fellowships are normally for an academic year. In determining stipends, the Center follows the principle of no gain/no loss in terms of a Fellow's previous year's salary. However, in no case can the Center's stipend exceed \$61,000; the average yearly support is

previous year's salary. However, in no case can the Center's stipend exceed \$1,000, the average yearly support is \$47,000, inclusive of travel expenses and 75% of health insurance premiums for Fellows and their immediate dependents.

The application deadline for 1997-98 is October 1, 1996. For application materials write to: Fellowships Office, Woodrow Wilson Center, 1000 Jefferson Dr. S.W., SI MRC 022, Washington D.C. 20560. Tel: (202) 357-2841; E-Mail: WCFELLOW@SIVM.SI.EDU; Fax: (202) 357-4439.

Fulbright Lecture and Research Grants

Over 800 awards in nearly 130 countries are available each competition. Approximately one-quarter are for research and three-quarters for lecturing, combined lecturing/research, or seminar participation. Funding for the Fulbright Program is provided by the United States Information Agency, on behalf of the U.S. government, and cooperating governments and host institutions abroad.

Awards range from two months to a full academic year, and many assignments are flexible to the needs of the grantee. Virtually all disciplines participate: openings exist in almost every area of the humanities, social sciences, natural and applied sciences, the arts, and professional fields such as business, journalism, and law. Applications are encouraged from professionals outside academe, as well as from faculty at all types of institutions. The basic eligibility requirements for a Fulbright Scholar award are U.S. citizenship and the Ph.D. or comparable professional qualifications. For lecturing awards, university or college teaching experience is expected. Language skills are needed for some countries, but most lecturing assignments are in English.

For more information, write the USIA Fulbright Senior Scholar Program, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden St., NW, Suite 5M, Washington DC 20008-3009; tel: 202-686-4000; e-mail: info@ciesnet.cies.org

National Humanities Center Fellowships 1997-98

Purpose and Nature of Fellowships. The National Humanities Center is a residential institute for advanced study in history, languages and literature, philosophy, and other fields of the humanities. Each year the Center awards fellowships to scholars of demonstrated achievement and to promising younger scholars. Fellows are expected to work at the Center. Applicants must hold doctorate or have equivalent professional accomplishments. Younger scholars should be engaged in work significantly beyond the revision of a doctoral dissertation. Most fellowships are for the academic year (September through May), though a few may be awarded for the fall or spring semester. Scholars from any nation may apply for fellowships. In addition to scholars from fields normally associated with the humanities, representatives of the natural and social sciences, the arts, the professions, and public life may be awarded fellowships if their work has humanistic dimensions.

Stipends. Fellowship stipends are individually determined, the amount depending upon the needs of the Fellow, and upon the Center's ability to meet them. As the Center cannot in most instances replace full salaries, applicants are urged to seek partial funding in the form of sabbatical salaries, or grants from other sources. The Center does not cover fringe benefits. In addition to stipends, the Center provides travel expenses for Fellows and their dependents to and from North Carolina.

Nonstipendiary Fellowships. Applicants who do not require funding are welcome to apply for nonstipendiary fellowships. With the approval of the selection committee, they may be appointed Fellows and receive round-trip travel, minimal relocation expenses, and all services and privileges of the Center.

Facilities and Services. The Center is in the Research Triangle Park of North Carolina, near Chapel Hill, Durham, and Raleigh. Its building contains Fellows' studies, conference rooms, a reference library, a dining area, and lounges. A library staff provides bibliographical services and oversees the daily delivery of books and research materials to Fellows. The staff also offers editorial and technical services in support of Fellows' scholarly work. The Center locates housing for Fellows in the nearby communities.

Seminars, Lectures, Conference, Public Programs. While the Center provides an environment for individual study, it is also designed to encourage the exchange of ideas among scholars. Each year interdisciplinary seminars are organized by Fellows, and lectures by Fellows and visitors provide further opportunities for collegial discourse. The Center also sponsors occasional conferences, and Fellows are invited to take part in Soundings, a weekly national radio program of conversations among scholars in the humanities.

Support. Funding for fellowships at the Center derives from private foundation grants, income from the Center's endowment, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Deadline and Application Procedures. For application material, write to Fellowship Program, National Humanities Center, P.O. Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2256. Materials may also be requested via e-mail at nhc@unccecs.edu. Applicants submit the Center's forms supported by a curriculum vitae, a 1000 word project proposal, and three letters of recommendation. Applications and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by October 15, 1996.

MONEY AWARDED

AAS 1996-97 Research Fellows

The American Antiquarian Society has awarded fellowships to twenty-two academic scholars and four elementary or secondary school teachers to work in the field of American history and culture through 1876 at the library in Worcester, Massachusetts, during 1996-97. One of them went to:

HOMESTEAD, Melissa, Ph.D. candidate in English, University of Pennsylvania, "When I Can Read My Title Clear": Harriet Beecher Stowe and Copyright"

The deadline for applications for the next round of AAS fellowships is January 15, 1997. The next deadline for elementary and secondary school teacher and librarian fellowships is March 6, 1997. For more information, contact the American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury St., Worcester MA 01609-1634; tel: (508) 755-5221.

National Humanities Center 1996-97 Fellowships

The National Humanities Center's list of 35 Fellowship or Associate grants for the coming academic year includes the following:

David Richard Armitage (History, Columbia University), The Ideological Origins of the British Empire

Ranon Katzoff (Classical Studies, Bar Ilan University), The Law of the Documents of the Judean Desert

Nancy Langston (Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison), Riparian Boundaries

Lucy Carroll Stout (History, independent scholar), Muslim Family Law in South Asia

Paul Strohm (English, Indiana University), Usurpation and Symbolic Legitimation in Lancastrian England

Grants from NHPRC

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) met on February 27 and recommended \$1,463,968 for 29 continuing documentary editions projects; \$128,878 for 14 publication subvention grants; \$581,086 for five state board regrant projects; and \$948,581 for 14 records access projects. Also recommended was \$21,616 for one project to improve documentary editing, the 25th annual Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents. The grant recommendations were made in response to more than \$5,750,000 in requests, and include the following:

Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY: A grant of \$53,468 to arrange and describe approximately 238 linear feet of manuscript materials representing approximately 629 collections (1700s-present).

Wisconsin History Foundation, Madison, WI: A grant of \$21,616 for the 1996 Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents.

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Springfield, IL: A grant of up to \$63,000 for continuing work on the Lincoln Legal Papers.

University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC: A grant of up to \$23,887 for continuing work on Race, Slavery, and Free Blacks: Petitions to Southern Legislatures and County Courts, 1776-1867.

Documentary Publications: The following products from NHPRC-supported documentary editing projects have been

received in the Commission office since November 1995.

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