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FROM THE CHAIR

Carolyn Kadri, University of Texas at Arlington

Plans for ALA Midwinter have been completed. The schedules have been finalized and are available on the MAGERT Web site (<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rt/magert/oversightgroups/2009Midwinter.cfm>).

The Friday evening tour of the Denver Map Library will be 4:30-6:00 and will be conducted by Wendel Cox of the Denver Public Library and Chris Thiry of the Colorado School of Mines. The address of the Denver Public Library is:

10 W. Fourteenth Ave. Pkwy.
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I will send out additional information in early January on where to meet Mr. Cox at the Denver Public Library.

Immediately after the tour, MAGERT members will group for “Dutch dinner” at the:

Cherokee Dining on 12th Avenue
1201 Cherokee Street
Denver, CO 80204
(303) 623-0346

The restaurant is approximately 3 blocks from the Denver Public Library. We should be able to easily walk to it. The restaurant has menus and prices as well as some descriptive information about the restaurant on its website:

<http://www.cherokeeon12thave.com/>

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our meeting in Denver.

Carolyn
December 2008 

Executive Board I Minutes

ALA Annual 2008

Anaheim, CA • June 28, 2008

MAGERT Executive Board I
ALA Annual 2008
Anaheim, CA, June 28, 2008

Present:

Pete Reehling, Carolyn Kadri, Dan Seldin, Steve Rogers, Mike Smith, Jan Dixon, Nancy Kandoian, Wade Bishop, Scott McEathron, Matthew Parsons, Edith Scarletto, Colleen Cahill, Dorothy McGarry, Carol McAuliffe, Susan Moore, Hallie Pritchett, Marcy Allen

MAGERT Chair Pete Reehling began the meeting with a welcome, introductions and announcements related to the conference.

Chair's Report: Pete Reehling

Update on *base line* refunds – refunds were owed to EBSCO (\$1,060.00), Swets (\$235.00), and 2 individual subscribers (\$50.00) for a total of \$1,135.00. These amounts are not reflected in the Treasurer's report. EBSCO was asked if they could host *base line* as a digital publication, but the response was negative.

Pete recommended that MAGERT monitor its operating costs over the next 12-18 months and attempt to keep them at 50% of our budget, as recommended by ALA Budget Office.

Round Table Coordinating Assembly – Kathy, Carolyn and Pete attended the assembly. In 2010, Midwinter and Annual will start closing on Tuesday in an effort to reduce meeting space requirements, reduce costs, and

encourage more virtual meetings. This change does not impact MAGERT's usual scheduling.

Vice-Chair's Report: Carolyn Kadri

Planning for the Chicago Annual program is underway with one program put together by Chris Kollen regarding the sharing of information between colleagues who have gone on sabbaticals and/or have done research. The second program is still in progress; however, with ALA's intention of shortening the conference length, we may not have or need an additional program.

New Chairs will be announced at Exec. II. A new leader for Map Collection Management Discussion Group is needed. MAGERT also needs to start thinking about streamlining our operations in accordance with the new ALA President's objectives. MAGERT might consider combining or repurposing some of its committees.

Past-Chair's Report: Scott McEathron

The 2008 MAGERT Honors Award was presented to Nancy Kandoian at a reception held on Friday, June 27.

Treasurers Report: Mike Smith

MAGERT's fiscal standing has greatly improved over the last few months. With the money saved from discontinuating the printing and mailing of *base line*, and strong sales of the workbook *Rare, Antiquarian, or Just Plain Old: Cataloging*

Pre-Twentieth Century Cartographic Resources, the organization is no longer in danger of going bankrupt.

Through the end of April 2008, MAGERT's total revenues for the first eight months of the fiscal year were **\$11,939** and total expenses were **\$3,641**, for a net gain of **\$8,298**. The carryover balance from fiscal year 2007 (end of August) was **\$2,656**, leaving an ending balance of **\$10,954**. This doesn't reflect the recent refunds paid to vendors (EBSCO, etc.) due to the cancelation of the print *base line* or the sponsorships from ESRI and David Rumsey.

Secretary's Report: Matthew Parsons

The 2008 Midwinter Meeting minutes were published in the June 2008 *base line*.

New Business / Appended Discussion Items:

*ALCTS voted to change all their Discussions Groups to Interest Groups. The intent being that Interest Groups have more flexibility in that they can plan and host programs.

*Core Competencies document drafted by the Education Committee will be reviewed for content at the committee meeting. The document will be vetted through the Education Assembly and the MAGERT Board once it is finalized.


*Map Collection Management Group Task Force on Security Guidelines document will be finalized with regard to adding illustrations and making it available online. Jan Dixon is stepping down as the Discussion Group leader.

*There was additional discussion on the potential of virtual meetings and how updates are made to the MAGERT Web pages.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. 

Core Competencies Document Now Available

MAGERT presents the Map, GIS and Cataloging /Metadata Librarian Core Competencies tool for professionals who need specialized knowledge of maps, geographic information systems (GIS) and all other cartographic resources, whether in hardcopy or digital form, and the cataloging of, or metadata creation for these same resources. The document will support those new to the profession as well as those taking on additional duties in this specialty area. A list of helpful links and readings is included. Prepared by the MAGERT Education Committee and subcommittees on GIS Librarian Core Competencies, Map Librarian Core Competencies, Cataloging and Metadata Core Competencies. <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/magert/news/index.cfm>

It is also posted alongside other core competency statements on ALA's Office for Accreditation page: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/accreditation/edpol/magertcorecomp2008.pdf> 

Executive Board II / General Membership

Meeting Minutes

ALA Annual 2008 • Anaheim, CA • July 1, 2008

Chair's Report – Pete Reehling

Pete opened the meeting by welcoming the incoming chair and vice chair of MAGERT. Pete extended appreciation to the following for their support during his year as chair: Mary Larsgaard, Angela Lee, Michael Goodchild, Scott McEathron, Carolyn Kadri, Matt Parsons, Mike Smith, Danielle Anderson, all the committee and discussion group chairs, ESRI and David Rumsey for their financial sponsorship.

ALA Council is pushing for shorter schedule (by one day) by the 2010 Washington, D.C. conference; encouraging webinars and virtual meetings.

Vice Chair's Report – Carolyn Kadri

Plans for 2009 Annual are coming along. Two programs have been identified: Chris Kollen will be presenting on the sharing of information between colleagues who have gone on sabbaticals and/or have done research. It is hoped that the other program will involve David Rumsey in some capacity.

There will be no official reception at Midwinter 2009. Instead an informal get-together at a restaurant will take place for those interested. Official receptions will occur primarily at ALA Annual Conferences.

There are a number of new chairs for MAGERT committees and discussion groups.

Past Chair's Report – Scott

McEathron

Nancy Kandoian was the recipient of the 2008 MAGERT Honors Award.

One of the duties of the past chair is to revise the MAGERT organizational manual, which didn't happen this year, or in past years to any significant degree. Future past chairs might want to create a task force to assist with this responsibility. ALA has a general handbook for roundtables that could be utilized when updating the MAGERT manual. It is recommended that this be put on the agenda for the ALA Denver Midwinter Meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Smith

See report from Executive Board I minutes, June 28, 2008.

Secretary's Report – Matthew Parsons

The minutes of the last meeting were published in *base line*. Please get liaison reports to me by the end of July 2008, if possible.

Attending Committee Chair Reports:

Awards Committee: – Scott McEathron

No report.

Nominations Committee: – Scott McEathron

No Report.

Planning Committee: – Carolyn Kadri

See Vice Chair's report above.

Education Committee: – Kathy Weimer

The committee met and discussed the Core Competencies document. The task now is to implement the resulting edits and then get it to the Board for a final look. The Education Assembly liaison to ALA will take the final version of the Core Competencies and send it through the Committee on Education. Hopefully, they will provide some feedback and will post it to the ALA page where other core competencies are listed. Future programs based on the core competencies are an expected outcome.

Carol McAuliffe is stepping in as the new chair.

Publications Committee: – Steve Rogers

The publications committee met on Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In attendance: David Allen, Jan Dixon, Carolyn Kadri, Roger Knouff, Chris Kollen, Carol McAuliffe, Hallie Pritchett, Steve Rogers, T. Wangyal Shawa, Kathleen Weessies, Kathy Weimer.

Steve Rogers gave a *base line* update, noting that the transition from print to

online has occurred relatively smoothly. He thanked the regular column editors for their continued good work: Tammy Wong (cataloging), David Bertuca (new maps & books), C.C. Miller (electronic mapping) and Jim Coombs (cartoon).

Due to technical problems, the current issues of *base line* have not been password protected, making them available to anyone with access to the Web. The pros and cons of this status were discussed and it was decided that having *base line* available to all was not such a bad idea and perhaps it would serve as a vehicle for increasing membership. This idea will be forwarded on to the executive board. It was suggested that we announce new issues of *base line* not only on the MAGERT listserv, but also on other lists such as Maps-L, MapHist and gis4lib. It was also advised to add a "hit counter" to determine how much traffic *base line* receives.

David Allen gave a *Coordinates* update by saying that he continues to struggle to find writers for the online journal. He is also looking for an associate editor and possibly an advertising manager. He noted that all articles and reports in *Coordinates* are made available in 2 formats: HTML and PDF. After some discussion, it was suggested that David simplify the process by producing *Coordinates* in only one format—PDF. David also is trying to get *Coordinates* indexed in order for it to receive wider exposure.

The issue of creating an advertising manager for either the publications committee or MAGERT in general was discussed. It was believed that

a possible solution was to have an advertising manager for publications and this person would coordinate with the chair of MAGERT or the executive board.

Jan Dixon gave an update on the *Map Collection Security Guidelines* and showed a mock-up of the administrative summary brochure. She also brought along some illustrations that the task force was considering adding to the full 9-page document. After much discussion, it was decided to hold off on the illustrations, at least for the initial version of the *Guidelines*, and to make the *Guidelines* available through both the MAGERT Web site and *Coordinates* when the final version is ready. The task force will approach the publications committee again about printing the administrative summary when it too is finalized. The summary will also be made available as a PDF on the Web.

Webmaster Colleen Cahill was unable to attend the meeting due to her exhibit booth responsibilities. However, she submitted the following report prior to the meeting:

“The past six months have been one of change for the Web site. We were moved to the new *Collage* content software tool, which is proving to have some problems at present. The ALA staff are working to clear these up. There is one stray bad link in our Web site that the software will not let me fix (I won’t tell you where; it is very minor and no one has noticed it ...yet). This has been reported to ALA and I hope to have a solution from them soon.

Base line is now being published directly on the Web site. The only issue with this is we have not been able to make this a members-only access; ALA has asked that we wait to try this until after all the Web pages for the ALA site have been converted to the new *Collage* system. My hope is that this will be completed by the end of the summer and it will be possible to move forward on this.

Please let me know of any edits or additions to the MAGERT Web pages. It would be nice if we make at least a small change to the main page every month; any news or information would be welcome. While I am still learning *Collage*, which is a powerful but complex system, I don’t think that should hold up any changes to the Web site.

—Colleen”

In further discussing the Web site, it was suggested that we consider putting the “From the Chair” column on our Web site in addition to its regular spot in *base line* to further promote the round table and its activities.

Chris Kollen reported on the Map Scanning Registry, noting that there is now a total of 38 entries. She said that there has not been much activity of late. Additional methods to advertise the existence of the registry are being considered.

Chris also reported on the issue of revising *Cartographic Citations: A Style Guide*, last issued in 1992. It was suggested we create a condensed version for the Web and sell the

full printed edition as a MAGERT publication.

A report from publications distribution manager Jim Coombs indicates that the *Rare, Antiquarian, or Just Plain Old* cataloging workbook has been sold to 156 individuals and institutions, adding approximately \$2,600 to MAGERT's income. Also sold during the past fiscal year were 4 books in the Occasional Papers series, 2 Circulars and 1 copy of the West Indies carto-bibliography. To date some 439 copies of the 3rd edition of the *Guide to U.S. Map Resources* have been sold.

The final issue discussed was the project to scan the 16 issues of *Meridian* and make them available to readers and researchers on the Web site. After a good deal of discussion it was decided the chair would seek to locate the digital copies in order to get the project back on track.

Steve announced that Hallie Pritchett (University of Georgia) has agreed to serve as the new chair of the publications committee. Her renewable one-year term begins at the end of this conference.

Membership Committee: – Pete Reehling for Wade Bishop

The Membership Committee will no longer meet at ALA Annual. If a meeting is required, it will be ad-hoc. The committee will be on the schedule for Denver, however, and a trip is planned to the Denver SLIS to meet with ALA student chapters.

This year the Membership Pavilion gave us a display with monitors to show our PowerPoint presentation.

Cataloging and Classification Committee: – Nancy Kandoian

The Cataloging and Classification Committee meeting took place on Sunday morning. At least 25 people were present. We welcomed new member Jay Weitz of OCLC and noted with appreciation the long and faithful service of Ellen Caplan and Betsy Eggleston, who are no longer on the committee. We also welcomed as new chair long-time member Mary Larsgaard. After liaison reports, Mary reported to us about the elements of metadata created for the National Geospatial Digital Archive at UC Santa Barbara as part of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program. The task force on guidelines for recording map set holdings will submit a final report at Midwinter 2009. As a follow-up to the Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group discussion of catalog records for digital versions of printed maps, Mary, with the help of Jorge Gonzalez and perhaps one or two others, will write up some draft guidelines. We discussed the possibility of sponsoring another map cataloging preconference in 2010, either a follow-up on early maps, or a combined early and modern maps workshop in half-day modules, but decided, on the advice of our most experienced members, that we would postpone this until RDA (Resource Description and Access) is completed and implementation is more imminent or in process. Also,

we noted with satisfaction that the Bibliographic Standards Committee of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section accepted the proposal of a sub-group of our members to develop a manual in the DCRM (Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials) series for cartographic materials. Betsy Mangan recommended that we proceed with this project cognizant of the changes that RDA will likely put in place.

Federal Spatial Data Discussion Group: – Edith Scarletto

1. CUAC update

Most of the federal agencies are moving from producing data to contracting with commercial producers.

There are archival issues to Web 2.0 technologies, and more concern for archiving current information. There seems to be more interest in making complex datasets easier for the public to view instead of making the data available for analysis.

Google is often used as the API, and charges the federal government for this use. Later they may charge users of federal data for it. The question is whether the federal agencies should continue this relationship.

Also discussed was GeoPDF as an archiving format along with JPEG 2000. GeoPDF is proprietary software. While the viewer is a free download, users need to pay for the extensions to work with the file in Arc products. Security is built in with no extraction option. Layers can be turned on and off, and users can measure, find an area and locate latitude and longitude.

USGS is using the JPEG 2000 as it is non-proprietary and has a better format now.

GeoTiff is open access, but the image viewer is needed, it has large file size. It works with the world file + the tiff file and you need both pieces for it to work.

2. Archiving the National Map

NARA held a Web seminar in the spring on archiving the National Map. Library of Congress has not been able to take the two-times-a-year snapshot they had intended.

In regard to the Google API usage, Google may begin asking educational institutions to pay for the API if they are using the final maps for commercial purposes (perhaps in private colleges).

3. The upcoming decennial Census will not be using the long form. Instead, the American Community Survey will be compiled from 3 years of data. It will be continuously updated. The short form is the only part of Census that is legally mandated, so it has to continue, but the long form has been increasingly expensive to produce.

The new census files will have better street line center points and more address accuracy — within five meters — and better geocoding by lot. Many of the old maps are being digitized and re-rendered.

4. It might be a good idea for MAGERT to get together with other interested ALA groups and talk about the problem of data contractors creating

and retaining copyright/distribution rights of federal data. More types of libraries and librarians are beginning to work with geospatial/ cartographic data. Perhaps a program inviting the Federal & Armed Forces Libraries as well as other interested parties should be considered.

5. The issue of the CUAC representative from MAGERT was discussed. If it is not the coordinator of the Federal Geospatial Data Discussion Group, then the representative needs some technical knowledge so that they can ask the necessary questions at CUAC. The speakers at the recent CUAC meetings have been generalists, rather than data specialists as they are the contact between the federal agency and the data contractors. If the speakers are not pressed for technical information, then MAGERT and others will get fewer answers and details about the data and its collection/ distribution process.

Additional notes: In the future, CUAC may move more toward virtual meetings. Minutes are often long in coming from meetings because to have actual minutes from the meetings, the speakers must approve the copy. As a result, the last CUAC meeting minutes are not yet available.

Another discussion topic in CUAC was the licensing of data and how it can be shared. Often contracted data is only licensed for federal use, instead of data-sets for free public distribution.

6. Mary Laarsgard discussed the state of her library's (UCSB) cooperation with NGDA in archiving spatial data. It

is a prototype in archiving data. They are using the Globetrotter interface that will allow users to search both by data type and metadata. The goal is to keep public domain data available to the public.

Respectfully submitted by Edith Scarlett, coordinator, Federal Spatial Data Discussion Group.

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Cartographic Materials Cataloging
Discussion Group: – Susan Moore

No report.

GeoTech: –

No report.

Map Collection Management
Discussion Group: – Jan Dixon

At the 2008 ALA Annual Conference, twenty-five people participated in the “open discussion” about a range of map management topics that we had previously identified at ALA Midwinter. The participants were mostly map librarians from academic libraries, with a few others who are assigned to maps part-time. The discussion covered the topics of: tackling the backlogs of map cataloging; managing digitization/ scanning projects; creating online indexes for print and digital map resources; marketing and publicity for map collections; and developing “triage” management – cataloging, preservation, and security of maps.

Most if not all are challenged by the

backlogs of map cataloging, with discussion about simplified records and/or copy cataloging. Few turned to outsourcing, except for unique, foreign language maps that were successfully outsourced to OCLC for cataloging. Some map libraries use student assistants to undertake copy cataloging. Others talked about “simplified records” as a means to get the cataloging done, but were warned that you may “never go back” later for full cataloging. It was recommended to attempt to get grant funding to obtain full cataloging, particularly for unique collections of maps.

In management of digitization/scanning projects, the group noted that the key is coordination among various departments, especially systems/IT departments. Numerous projects were described as cooperative efforts: National Geospatial Digital Archive at University of California-Santa Barbara with the Library of Congress; University of Wisconsin with the USGS; University of Kansas with a researcher from Germany; and University of Georgia with the state digital library project, among others. Once again, the usefulness of student assistants was suggested for a variety of tasks including input of metadata, georeferencing, and identifying coordinates from map sheets (accomplished at University of Florida by community service students).

Several libraries are creating online indexes for their maps and aerial photography, with links to cataloging records and sometimes to the digital image. At Yale University, they have added KML records to Google Earth for footprints

of some local topographic and Sanborn maps. Establishing footprints of aerial photography is especially tricky, and several libraries are experimenting with simplifying the process—including the University of Florida and University of California-Santa Barbara.

Numerous ideas were shared for marketing and publicity of map collections. Celebrations of special events helped bring awareness about maps in the library. GIS Day was the most common, including being held in the lobby of a library and another with geocaching. When conferences or workshops were held locally, tours of map collections were offered to participants. Some map librarians contribute to weekly seminars in Geography or other associated departments. Several mentioned blogs, including digital galleries which feature maps, in hopes to meet new audiences in the world of Library 2.0.

The concept of “triage” management of maps interrelates cataloging, preservation, and security. Over the past few years, there has been much discussion about sharing links to digital collections of maps, for sake of cooperation and efficiency. For unique, particularly historical maps, it is proving important for a library to have a digital copy of their own original map. From the digital copy, unique physical characteristics of a map can be used as evidence of ownership, in case of theft, and lead to recovery.

Kristi Jensen, Map Librarian and Head of the Map Library at the University of Minnesota has volunteered to serve as the incoming coordinator of this Map

Collection Management Discussion Group. Please welcome her to this new role at 2009 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver.

Attending Liaison Reports:

WAML – Kathy Rankin

The Spring 2008 WAML meeting was held March 12th-15th on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Speakers presented talks on: flood hazard assessment using various types of maps; mapping the Old Spanish Trail; creating online indexes for historic map series; and early maps of southern Nevada. There was also an optional trip to see the *Cirque du Soleil* show “O,” a dinner at a Las Vegas buffet, and a banquet at a restaurant formerly owned by Liberace. The group toured the Atomic Testing Museum. The field trip was a bus trip to Death Valley guided by a naturalist and a geologist with a stop at a National Park Service library.

The Fall 2008 WAML meeting will be held October 1st-4th at the San Diego Historical Society in Balboa Park, hosted by Mike Smith of the UCSD Library.

The Spring 2009 WAML meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 29th-May 2nd and will be hosted by University of Utah Marriott Library.

As of July 1st the new WAML President will be Kathy Stroud of UC Davis and Matthew Parsons of University of Washington is the new President-Elect.

RBMS: – Nancy Kandoian

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The RBMS is planning a special 50th anniversary preconference for Charlottesville in 2009 (June 17-20), and Philadelphia will be the site of the preconference in July 2010, with the theme of collaboration. In Charlottesville, there will be a workshop on DCRM (Serials), which will have been published and available for several months by then. The Bibliographic Standards Committee (BSC) of RBMS met on Saturday morning. Its *Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Books)* sold out, and a second printing was to be available in early July. DCRM (Serials) has been completed and is being reviewed by CC:DA (ALCTS/CCS's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access) and CPSO (LC's Cataloging Policy and Support Office) prior to publication sometime in August or September of this year. DCRM (Music) is well underway, and DCRM (Graphics) and (Manuscripts) are just getting off the ground with their initial editorial committee meetings. We were gratified that the BSC approved the proposal that a group of us (Seanna Tsung, Carolyn Kadri, Todd Fell and myself) presented to develop a DCRM for cartographic materials. An editorial committee for this endeavor will be set up by the chair of the BSC (Randal Brandt) by Midwinter 2009. A subcommittee of the BSC maintains a thesaurus/controlled vocabulary that includes form and genre terms. Those of us at the meeting were exposed to the rigorousness with which they establish authorized forms of terms. The BSC is getting together a group to review the full draft of RDA that is to become available later this year. Also of interest to MAGERT may be

the fact that RBMS has a diversity committee with an action plan that includes creating a toolkit for going out into the community where Midwinter is held to try to draw into the profession underrepresented minorities. Once this toolkit is available on the Web, we might take a look at it and see how we can adapt what our education committee has done with library school visits so that we also can promote diversity.

Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee: – Mike Smith

The committee is looking into offering a program on security issues for rare materials in general, similar to MAGERT's program, and may want to tap someone from MAGERT to provide a summary of the recent map security issues.

The Geography and Map Division. Library of Congress: – report submitted by John R. Hébert, Chief, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress

I want to share with you some of the programs and efforts that are underway at the Division and our long-range projects and direction. The Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress engages in a wide variety of programs from **acquisition, to cataloging, inventory, scanning, reference, cartography for congress and outreach.**

I will take those seven areas of our activities to describe what we have been doing in recent date.

There are opportunities in the present: the effort to integrate digital cartography and traditional paper cartography to create a seamless body of data over the history of cartography as represented in our collections. We have been approached by both institutional and commercial bodies who wish to work with us or assist us to capture portions of our historical map collection in digital form. As examples of these projects the University of Texas has approached us about scanning pre-1923 city maps from the Sanborn Map Company collection in the Geography and Map Division; during the summer of 2007 they conducted a pilot project and will assess the results and let us know of their interest to continue to copy all of the pre-1923 Sanborn Texas and Mexico maps in our collection. For some time we have had an agreement with Readex/NewsBank who is involved in a project to capture the colored maps in the US Congressional Serial Set. At this moment, some 7000 colored maps in that Set have been scanned in the Geography and Map Division. In April 2008 the Division held discussions with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) regarding a project to digitize all of the Division's holdings of U.S. Coast and Geodetic and Lake Survey charts.

Our program is directed toward a continuing desire to create greater access to our unparalleled collections for a whole new body of users and to improve access to our collections among traditional users. With increased use and dependence in research on collection content on the

Internet it is apparent to all of us that therein lies a whole new community of casual and serious researchers who will benefit from knowledge about maps, map holdings, and reproduction of maps for a whole range of uses. While traditional users will continue to find utility in historical and contemporary materials, it is expected that new applications of geographic information systems by traditional scholars and traditional disciplines will bring a whole host of new users who will be encouraged to integrated cartographic objects in their research.

Acquisitions

The Geography and Map Division collections now contain approximately 5.5 million map sheets, 80,000 atlases, 500 globes and globe gores, 3000 raised relief images, and over 19,000 CDs containing maps; in April 2008 the Division received a large scale map series on Angola on an external hard drive that was then downloaded into one of the Division's servers. To date, with the institution of machine readable cataloging in the early 1970s, approximately 600,000 bibliographic records exist and that number is strongly represented by contemporary maps, i.e., those acquired since 1970.

The past year was another one filled with considerable acquisitions for the collection. Included among the additions was a manuscript map *Carte de la Province Et Colonie de la Louisiane, dans la partie Septentrionnal [sic] del Amerique* by Le Page du Pratz [Paris]ca 1732 [Madison Council purchase]; Nicholas Berey and Alexis-Hubert Jaillot,

Carte de L'Amerique (Paris, 1671); Hokushika Katsushika, *Katsushika Zenhokusai Taito hitsu* (Edo), 1819; E. Parker, *The Geographical Pastime or the Complete Tour of Europe* (Philadelphia, 1822) (one of the earliest board games published in the United States); Edward C. Biddle, *Industrial & Political Map of Pennsylvania exhibiting the Population, the Principal Resources of Each County, and the Valuation of Property*, 1844; *Local Prohibition Map of Wisconsin* (1950), and 1:1,000,000 scale topographic map series sheets issued during WWII (GSGS/AMS Series 2768, Europe) 23 sheets (gift of Wes Brown); 4 Japanese atlases (gift of Roger Baskes); L.W. F. von Oeschelwitz, [A collection of military plans for the Seven Years' War], (The Hague, 1758-9); IHS, *Iraqi Atlas, A compendium of all known petroleum prospects and fields in Iraq (CD-ROM)*, 2007; more than 11,000 sheets of 1:100,000 series map by the Soviet military for portions of North America, Africa, and Asia; more than 100 Russian hydrographic charts for Russian and Western Hemispheric coastal waters; medium scale geological/mineral maps of Mexico; a 12 inch Cheney globe 1896; nine panoramic maps; 67 late 19th early 20th century US county atlases, and a series of maps on historical China population census data in CD-ROM.

Waldseemüller map

We acquired the 1507 world map by Martin Waldseemüller in May 2003. Since then efforts to place the item on permanent display developed and came to a successful conclusion on December 12, 2007 with the formal opening of

the Early America Exhibition and the Waldseemüller Map display in the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. During the past two years, the Division and many other participants in the Library worked with the National Institute of Standards (NIST) to have an encasement constructed which would allow the map to be displayed for a long period of time; that encasement constructed is the most ambitious of such projects to date. The NIST is the group who developed the Documents of Freedom encasement at the National Archives several years ago. The map is displayed with examples from a large segment of materials on the cartographic advancements made surrounding the 1507 world map, including the Carta Marina (1516 Waldseemüller) and many other great treasures. A new publication, *The Naming of America: Martin Waldseemüller's 1507 World Map and the Cosmographiae Introductio*, by John Hessler of the Geography and Map Division, published by the Library of Congress and D. Giles, London, 2008 appeared in January and that publication continues to receive very positive reviews.

Cataloging

During the past few years we have developed a new cataloging position description that is applicable to all new staff and existing catalogers in the division. That position description calls for wide responsibility for individual catalogers, from cataloging maps and atlases to maps on compact disc and online Web site.

Non Roman alphabet script

(JACKPHY) As of January, 3, 2008, G&M catalogers are creating records using non Roman scripts for the languages that LC currently catalogs in the vernacular (Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Persian, Hebrew).

Nautical Charts/set holdings

In preparation for the transfer of a selection of the Division's huge collection of nautical charts (national and foreign products) to offsite storage, a member of the cataloging team worked to develop sheet level inventory/holding's information for our nautical charts, which have not previously been placed under online bibliographic control. We will be looking at providing this type of holdings information for other of our series/set records. Summer interns and staff have been assigned to systematically inventory every nautical chart held in the Division, an estimated 200,000 sheets.

Teleworking We continue to catalog the maps and atlases of China that were scanned by Academia Sinica (Taiwan), thus providing online control of a portion of our pre-1970 title collection. As well, a cataloger is working on the cataloging of a backlog of atlases in Cyrillic.

RDA review The cataloging team is continuing to review the revisions and new portions of RDA as they become available, and reporting our comments and suggestions to the Library's Cataloging and Policy Support Office for discussion in meetings of the Joint Steering Committee.

Sherman collection. The cataloging of the Sherman collection, a group of 213 maps (printed and manuscript) and atlases, is completed.

This collection is among the last of the materials from the Civil War bibliography to be cataloged, scanned, and mounted on our website.

U.S. county atlases. G&M continues to acquire and catalog county atlases from the 19th and early 20th centuries, with the aim of building further our holdings of these historically important documents.

Team Leader, Cataloging

Team posting. A vacancy announcement for the team leader of the Cataloging Team, Geography and Map Division, will be appearing shortly.

Inventory/preservation

Rehousing of U.S. maps

For the past 5 years we have had a team working on the rehousing and relabeling of our title collection of US state maps published before 1970. At present over 163,000 maps have been rehoused, and an assessment of preservation concerns for each has been made. That project has systematically worked through the individual state holdings in the Division and as of this date only a handful of maps for the state of California remain to be handled. We have not reviewed all of the state holdings, however, we estimate another 5,000 maps remain to be handled and rehoused. It is expected that that project will be completed within the year.

Academia Sinica Project

For the past four years the Division has been engaged in a number of projects concerning retrospective cartographic

materials for Asia. From the major efforts of Professor Xiaocong Li, Peking University, to identify (and to assist us in assessing preservation concerns for) items in our Chinese map collection (pre-)1900, to the work of Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, in the past three years to scan and to created brief catalog record of maps in our China collection—maps, atlases, set maps. Those holdings of printed materials were received in the Division before 1970 and are not to be confused with the items described by Professor Li Xiaocong mentioned above. For the first time we are obtaining increased information about the importance of these holdings to China and China researchers and through cataloging we are able to make that information more broadly available. Professor Li issued a cartobibliography, in Beijing, in Chinese *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Traditional Chinese Maps Collected in the Library of Congress* (Beijing: Cultural Relic Publishing House, 2004) about our holdings, and that publication has appeared on the internet, thus further enhancing knowledge of our holdings.

Nautical Charts

In anticipation of the transfer of certain portions of our collection to offsite storage in 2009 (that includes the three dimensional plastic raised relief maps, the 20th century globe collection, the Bruce Heezen-Marie Tharp oceanography collection, and the nautical chart collection for all issuing bodies except the British Admiralty, the US Hydrographic Office and the US Coast Survey materials), Division staff and interns are involved during the

past summer, and continued in the fall and spring, in creating inventories to those nautical charts slated for off site storage. During the summer of 2008 some 9 interns will be working on the development of the inventories of the Division's nautical chart holdings.

National Library of Korea Preservation Project.

Through support received from the National Library of Korea, an effort to preserve key rare Korean atlases and maps began in 2007. During the fall eight treasures (rare atlases and map) were preserved, scanned and the digital files were mounted on the website and were forwarded to the National Library of Korea. An additional 8 atlases and maps will be preserved in 2008 with the Division sharing the digital files with the National Library of Korea in accord with our agreement.

Digital program

The scanning program in the Geography and Map Division is now more than 10 years old. To date, more than 13,000 maps have been added to the on-line data base. These items include many historical materials, much Americana, and increasingly materials from throughout the world. The scanning program, our Digital team, is driven by long range scanning proposals and reader demand for reproductions of Division materials in digital format. We celebrated the posting of our 10,000th map online in September 2006.

The Division set out in the beginning of the program 11 years ago to scan popular cartographic themes/items

in our collection based on the use of established cartobibliographies as the selecting and framing device. Since the beginning we have placed panoramic maps, railroad maps and maps and atlases of the U.S. Civil War and American Revolutionary War on the American Memory website. Today the first three mentioned group of materials are practically completed, with new panoramic maps added routinely and with the Civil War materials lacking some of the large atlases from being on line.

This year we added the Jedediah Hotchkiss and W. T. Sherman Civil War map collections. Three years ago we entered into an agreement with the Virginia Historical Society and the Library of Virginia to post Civil War maps in their collections on our site.

In the matter of the US Revolutionary War materials, much progress has been made and yet much remains to be done; we have added the Rochambeau collection on line but yet to be scanned are several items, including nearly 1800 Atlantic Neptune sheets in our collection. In the meanwhile we continue to receive requests for county landownership maps, set map segments, World War II and other conflict data, maps from the Luso-Hispanic world cartobibliography and so on. We have also been involved in the tedious task of scanning the US Serial Set maps, those that contain any coloration, and progress is being made there; that is a project in which we have an agreement with Readex.

During the summer of 2007 interns scanned the Casini 18th century topographical survey of France and

materials from the collection of the Real Escuela de Navigación, Cadiz (Maggs Brothers Collection) related to Latin America and the Portuguese and Spanish world. Those items are now available on our website.

Reference

The Reading Room is involved in final editing of the machine readable form of the 1981 Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress. That work, which lists Sanborn map holdings in the Division, will be updated with information on the additions to our Sanborn collection that have occurred since 1981. It is planned that, as the Division scans Sanborn maps, the digital file will be linked to the on-line data base. Interns worked during the summer of 2007 to complete the editing portion of the project with oversight from the Reference and Digital teams.

Two new publications of the Division appeared during the year. Vincent Virga and the Library of Congress. *Cartographia; Mapping Civilizations* appeared in the fall of 2007 and *The Naming of America: Martin Waldseemüller's 1507 World Map and the Cosmographiae Introductio*, by John Hessler of the Geography and Map Division, published by the Library of Congress and D. Giles, London, 2008 appeared in January 2008.

Cartography for Congress

Our main entry into the GIS field has been through our Congressional Cartography Program. The cartographer has been actively engaged with individual Congressional requests, committee

requests, and those long term research projects received through the Library's Congressional Research Services. The program has effectively met congressional demand for timely maps depicting every imaginable topic, from the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the Gulf Coast, to the long term impact of the reduction of AMTRAK Service and energy concerns worldwide. Two new cartographers are joining the program this summer, 2008.

Outreach

In the matter of outreach, the Division has tied much of its programming in this area through the Philip Lee Phillips Society. In the past five years we have held meetings of content at the Miami Map Fair (February 2005), the International Map Collectors Society meeting in Denver (September 2005), with the Texas Map Society (In Texas (2003) and in Washington (September 2005), in Chicago during the IMCoS meeting in 2001, in the Division (October 2006) and during the map extravaganza in Chicago in November 2007. We host in our division the monthly meeting of the Washington Map Society. Two years ago, we hosted along with the Cartographic Users Advisory Counsel a two day program on the future of Map Librarianship and Map libraries preceded by a one day IFLA work shop on the paper map collections. The Division has received publicity in the latest movie National Treasure, 2 in which a separate nine minute description of the collections of the Library of Congress appears.

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New Maps and Cartographic Materials, Along with Other Items of Interest

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Libraries Map Collection

End of another year and 2008 is ending with a small list of new carto-materials, many just in time for holiday gift-giving. Below I have listed a brief review of new map items, as well as a few more 'popular' works. Have a good winter break and see you in 2009!

Last Minute Gift Ideas

Cartographic Chic

Benchmark Jewelry and Paperweights
<http://www.mountainclimb.com/store/scripts/prodList.asp?idCategory=2>

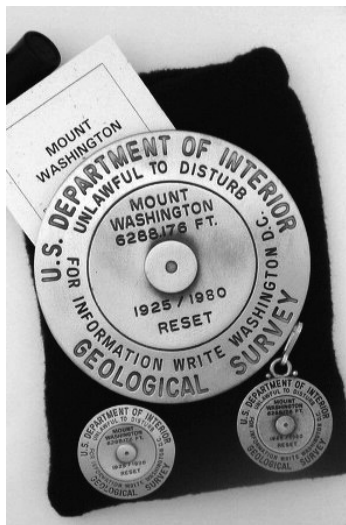
Finally something neat to buy and fun to use! These are authentic replicas of summit benchmarks that "are a great way for hikers and climbers to remember their accomplishments..." Summit-Mark and SiteMark benchmark-related gifts include full-size 3-1/4" diameter paperweights, 7/8" lapel pins, earrings, key chain fobs, medallions, and zipper pulls. There are benchmarks for many

U.S. peaks and some landmarks, as well as the South Pole, and one foreign location (Kilimanjaro). View a complete list at: <http://www.mountainclimb.com/store/scripts/prodList.asp>

Paperweights come in a fleece storage bag, and include a brief description of the geographic location. Felt bottom prevents scratches on furniture.

Some of these products are also available at Omni Maps: <http://www.omni-map.com/catalog/new/08-nov.htm#p1>. Omni also carries Triangulation Station marker pins.

For other carto-gift ideas (for the holidays or even next year), visit my Academic Gifting page, which at present is on its 'Holiday' edition: <http://www.DavidBertuca.net/gifts.html#carto>. You can find carto-ties, shirts, scarves, jewelry, puzzles, framable prints, plates, and decorative items.





Maps

World Gas Map. London: Petroleum Economist, 2008 (ISBN: 1861862083). Scale: 1:23,000,000. 1 map: col. ; 92 x 117 cm., folded to 31 x 21 cm.

Energy supply seems to be on everyone's minds now and those in the field are looking for current data on anything dealing with fuel. This map and the ones that follow are entries into that field.

Relief and depths shown by gradient tints. Includes satellite imagery, timeline, statistical tables, and graphs on 2006 on gas production, consumption, and movement. Insets: United Kingdom – LNG Trade Movements, 2006 – Trinidad & Tobago – Deepwater gasfields in the Gulf of Mexico (United States) – West Delta deepwater marine Egypt – Northwest Shelf (Australia) – Gulf of Thailand (Thailand) – World

gas production, 2006 – World gas consumption, 2006 – World gas balance.

Fuller, Kevin and Bush, Peregrine.

Gas in the CIS & Europe. London: Petroleum Economist Ltd., 2008 (ISBN: 1861862482).

Scale: [ca. 1:5,600,000]. 1 map: col.; 87 x 137 cm., folded to 31 x 21 cm.

The map shows gas fields, existing/planned pipelines, associated processing plants, and LNG terminals for Commonwealth of Independent States (former Soviet republics) and European countries, including Turkey (it does not cover Eastern Siberia or the Russian Far East).

Relief and depths are shown by gradient tints. The map includes notes, directories, a large inset of northern West Siberia and 6 small insets, and graphs.

Fuller, Kevin and Bush, Peregrine.

Oil & Gas Map of Western, Central

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& Eastern Europe. London : Petroleum Economist Ltd., 2008 (ISBN: 186186275X). Scale: [ca. 1:5,600,000]. 1 map: col.; 87 x 128 cm., folded to 30 x 21 cm.

This is a companion map to the above title and shows fields, pipelines, processing plants, storage facilities, LNG facilities, tanker terminals, and refineries. It covers Europe including: Turkey, Transcaucasia, and Central Asian republics. The map includes notes, 3 regional insets, statistical tables, graphs, and key to pipelines.

Both maps are important tools for energy and environmental studies research, geologists, and for those studying economics and world trade.

Fuller, Kevin and Bush, Peregrine. **Energy Map of Africa.** London: Petroleum Economist, 2008 (ISBN: 1861862385). Scale: [ca. 1:19,500,000]. 1 map.: col.; 112 x 80 cm., folded to 29 x 21 cm.

A map that goes with the above two titles, this too shows oil and gas fields, coal deposits, tanker terminals, and pipelines and covers the continent of Africa. It includes graphs showing population, economic data, oil production and reserves, gas production and reserves, nuclear and hydro-electric operations, and has 6 inserts, and a list of sources.

Atlases

Africa: Atlas of Our Changing Environment. Nairobi, Kenya: United Nations Environment Programme; London: Distributed by SMI London, base line 29(6): 24

2008 (ISBN: 9789280728712). 1 atlas (xviii, 374 p.): col. ill., col. maps; 36 cm. (Also available online: <http://www.unep.org/dewa/africa/AfricaAtlas/>).

This atlas is available in print or on-line and provides a detailed study of “environmental change at more than 100 locations in Africa. There are more than 300 satellite images, 300 ground photographs and 150 maps, along with graphs and charts that give a visual portrayal of Africa and its changing environment that provide scientific evidence of the impact that natural and human activities have had on the continent’s environment over the past several decades. The observations and measurements of environmental change help gauge the extent of progress made by African countries towards reaching the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals.” — Publisher’s description.

Contents: Africa: Africa’s geography; Africa’s changing environment ; Earth observations – Transboundary environmental issues: Transboundary ecosystems and protected areas ; Transboundary movement of people ; Transboundary movement of pollutants ; Conclusion – Tracking progress towards environmental stability: United Nations Millennium Development Goals : the Millennium declaration ; Country profiles and images of our changing environment.

You can view individual chapters and maps on the UN Web site: <http://www.una.unep.net/AfricaAtlas/AfricaAtlas/chapters.html>

This is well-written and the images,

maps, and graphics nicely display date. Visually it is an impressive work. The atlas would be of interest to high school through adult, with emphasis on environmental and resources management studies, African studies, population and cultural studies, and any research on history and change.

National Geographic Society (U.S.). **Atlas of the Middle East**. 2nd. ed. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, 2008 (ISBN: 9781426202216). 128 p.: col. ill., col. maps ; 28 cm.

With the traditionally great cartography, and a good deal of statistical and historical data, this atlas provides a good, all-around view of the Middle East, its history, cultures, and economics. Along with the atlas below, this would serve libraries for any age, but mostly for high school through adult.

Smith, Dan (ed.). **The State of the Middle East: an Atlas of Conflict and Resolution**. Updated 2nd ed.[London]: Earthscan; Berkeley, Calif.: University of California Press, 2008 (ISBN: 9780520257535). 148 p. col. ill., col. maps ; 25 cm.

Here is a new atlas covering a well-described region, but one that probably needs more coverage than the extensive material that exists. The atlas describes the current state of Middle Eastern affairs, including foreign relations and economics, as well as the history of the many civilizations that conquered or moved through the region. Contents include:

pt. 1. The shaping of the Middle East – The Ottoman empire – European co-

lonialism – The new Middle East after World War I – Decolonization – Arab nationalism – The formulation of the state of Israel – Oil – The US presence – pt. 2. Arenas of conflict – Arab-Israeli warfare – Israel and Palestine – Lebanon – Syria – Libya – Egypt – Algeria – Iran – The Iran-Iraq War – Iraq – The Kurds – The Gulf wars – Saudi Arabia – Danger and opportunity – pt. 3. The state of the nations – Ethnicity and language – Religion – Life expectancy and health – Population and urbanization – Water and sanitation – Education and literacy – Government and economy – Military spending – Energy and transportation – Water resources – Labour and migration – Refugees – Gender equality – Human rights.

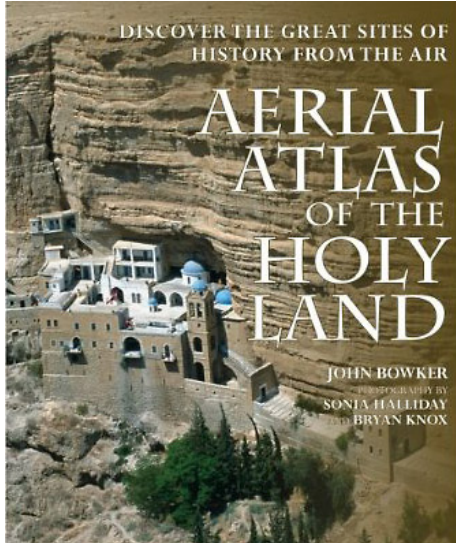
As an atlas, this should be considered for libraries serving high school through adult learners. It will provide cartographic visualizations for studies in regional economics, foreign relations, history, geography, political science (especially in culture studies and conflict resolution), and other academic areas. It provides clear maps covering all aspects of the Middle East.

Bowker, John Westerdale. **Aerial atlas of the Holy Lands: Discover the Great Sites of History from the Air**. Richmond Hill, Ont.: Firefly Books, 2008 (ISBN: 9781554073979). 256 p.: col. ill., maps; 30 cm.

A new book from Firefly, this one is an aerial survey, with detailed text, of 36 sites in the Middle East that are significant to the Jewish, Christian or Muslim faiths from Roman, Persian and Crusader times. The sites are shown on a large map that also shows cities and

towns, physical features, transportation facilities and other aspects of the modern-day Holy Land.

Some of the sites include: Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth; Caesarea, Philippi, Cana, Qumran, Jericho, Mount Hermon, the Carmel Caves, Tiberias, Dor, and the Sea of Galilee.



The aerial photographs are by several experienced photographers. These photographs are very high-quality; the text covers the historical, religious, and cultural context of the illustrations.

The book would be very useful to those studying the Holy Lands, archaeology, Middle East studies, or for those wishing to see these sacred sites from a different perspective. This atlas is recommended for all collections (and as a good gift item as well).

National Geographic Atlas of China. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, 2008 (ISBN: 9781426201363). 128 p. col. ill., col. maps ; 25 cm.

Published this year, this atlas contains over 400 color maps and illustrations. It shows the current view of China
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and the “tremendous changes occurring within China – the world’s fastest growing economy and most populous place – as well as their global implications.”– Publisher description.

Maps of various scales show the entire country, provinces, towns, cities, and transportation networks, among other themes. The atlas is essential for collections serving Asian studies, management and economics, history, and other fields. It is a good atlas for any age group, but especially to high school through adult.

Frey, William H., Anspach, Amy Beth, DeWitt, John Paul. **The Allyn & Bacon Social Atlas of the United States.** Boston: Pearson/Allyn & Bacon, 2008 (ISBN: 9780205439171). x, 165 p. col. ill., col. maps ; 26 cm.

United States vital statistics can be covered in so many ways, and offer a snapshot of any period they describe. This one provides population, social and economic conditions, and other themes to its collection of maps. The authors along with the staff of the Social Science Data Analysis Network (<http://www.ssdan.net/>) have put together maps, graphs, and tables to visually show American culture in a variety of ways.

This book would be good for high school through adult learners, in almost any field of study. The SSDA Web site provides additional supporting materials for instructors and students.

Lanegran, David A., Urness, Carol Louise. **Minnesota on the Map: a Historical Atlas.** St. Paul, MN:

Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2008 (ISBN: 978087351593). 1 atlas (viii, 215 p.) : ill. (chiefly col.), maps (chiefly col.) ; 28 cm.

I have not seen a review copy of this atlas but from what I have read and seen, it looks like a nice treatment of maps for a given state. The atlas contains about 100 facsimile maps showing Minnesota from 1507 to the present (the final 'map' being a GIS). The text describes the mapping of Minnesota in both real and fanciful ways, and shows how maps influenced the history and development of the state. Contents:

First European views – Mapping and measuring the land – Claiming the land: commercial map publishers – Owning the land: county atlases – Mapping the state: the Andreas illustrated atlas – City plats and maps – Mapping the transportation connections – Mapping the developing twin cities – Landscapes of recreation – Mapping the modern landscape: two maps.

This atlas is of most interest to libraries in Minnesota and possibly Western Ontario (whose wilderness areas are on the same continuum) but would also appeal to anyone who wants to see a model of a regional atlas, or who studies history and geographic exploration. It would be useful in collections for high school through adult.

Riddel, Frank S. **The Historical Atlas of West Virginia**. Morgantown: West Virginia University Press, 2008 (ISBN: 1933202270). 1 atlas: 306 p.; 29 cm. Similar to the Minnesota Atlas above, this one focuses on one state, providing a good all-around view and describing

the state using maps and text. Contents:

Geography – History – The evolution of counties – The development of transportation – Natural resources and extractive industries – Education – Population, 1790-2000 – Legislative, judicial and congressional districts.

Daniell, Christopher. **Atlas of Medieval Britain**. London; New York: Routledge, 2008 (ISBN: 9780415340694). vii, 160 p.: maps; 26 cm.

Students of British and Irish history, anthropologists, and cultural studies researchers will enjoy seeing this atlas that covers medieval England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales from the end of Roman occupation through to 1485 (though some of the materials presented go back to Iron Age culture).

Shown through maps and descriptive text, this work shows the interaction among cultures from Iron Age, Roman, Anglo-Saxon, Viking, Celtic, and British inhabitants, invaders, and settlers. Included are maps and text on educational institutions, architecture, trade and economics, politics and religion, and locations of human landmarks, among others.

This atlas is good for high school through adult and will be of interest to historians and to studies in religion, politics, culture, architecture, and science.

Books

Akbari, Suzanne Conklin, Iannucci, Amilcare with John Tulk. **Marco Polo and the Encounter of East and West**.

Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2008. (ISBN: 9780802099280). 440 p.: ill. (some col.).

Along with the Asia-related atlases mentioned above, this work will complement one's collection of Asian studies works. This book will be available mid- to late-December so I have not seen it, but from the publisher's description, it may be one to watch:

"Few figures from history evoke such vivid Orientalist associations as Marco Polo, the Venetian merchant, explorer, and writer whose accounts of the 'Far East' sparked literary and cultural imaginations. The essays in *Marco Polo and the Encounter of East and West* challenge what many scholars perceived to be an opposition of 'East' and 'West' in Polo's writings. These writers argue that Marco Polo's experiences along the Silk Road should instead be considered a fertile interaction of cultural exchange. The volume begins with detailed studies of Marco Polo's narrative in its many medieval forms (including French, Italian, and Latin versions). They place the text in its material and generic contexts, and situate Marco Polo's account within the conventions of travel literature and manuscript illumination. Other essays consider the appropriation of Marco Polo's narrative in adaptations, translation, and cinematic art. The concluding section presents historiographic and poetic accounts of the place of Marco Polo in the context of a global world literature.

By considering the production and reception of *The Travels*, this collection lays the groundwork for new histories of world literature written from the perspective of cultural, economic, and linguistic exchange, rather than conquest and conflict."

The main authors (Iannucci is now deceased) are both professors with strong backgrounds in the period.

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This book seems to be of most interest to students of literature (especially Italian), Medieval studies, Asian studies, and for those with an interest in the history of exploration and intercultural relations. Anyone interested in Marco Polo's travels will also enjoy this work.

Franklin, Jane, Lady, 1792-1875. **As Affecting the Fate of My Absent Husband: Selected Letters of Lady Franklin Concerning the Search for the Lost Franklin Expedition, 1848-1860.** Montreal : McGill-Queen's University Press, c2009 (ISBN: 9780773534797).

The ill-fated Franklin Expedition through the Arctic has been a popular topic for many years and though one would expect little new on it, something new always turns up. This work offers another perspective, a more human one, in sharing Lady Franklin's letters that were written during the search and rescue attempts made in the mid-nineteenth century. The book is annotated with references and provides some source material for scholars and for those interested in exploration, geography, and history. If your collection contains other works on this topic or on the history of exploration and its associated risks, this book will be a good addition.

Lancaster, Glen. **Exploring South East Asia: a Photographic Adventure Through Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.** North Vancouver, B.C.: G. Lancaster, 2008 (ISBN: 9780980915907). 199 p.: col. ill., col. ports.; 21 cm.

For travelers, historians, and geogra-

phers, this book also provides a rich, visual documentary on the edge of Asia, but from a more personal viewpoint than the Aerial Atlas of the Holy Lands (see Atlases). It describes the countries, their cultures, people, and landscape.

This work is of interest to anyone in visual arts, geography, and cultural studies. It would appeal to general readers from high school through adult and offers a glimpse into exotic places that many of us have dreamed of seeing in person.

Williamson, Ronald F. (ed.). **Toronto: a Short Illustrated History of its First 12,000 Years.** Toronto : J. Lorimer, 2008 (ISBN 9781552770078). 128 p.: ill. (chiefly col.), maps; 23 cm.

This title almost sounds amusing, but is a great eye-catcher. It is a collection of illustrations and text that describes the geography and anthropology of the Toronto region. First, Toronto's pre-historic geographic background explains the region, and North America in terms of geologic and natural development. The vast natural resources of Canada, with Toronto's location as a hub for future trade and economic evolution, create the importance of the site.

Ronald F. Williamson covers the period from pre-history through the period when early aboriginal people camped and migrated along the shore of Lake Ontario and inland among the local river valleys.

Carl Benn continues the story, discussing permanent settlement by colonial powers and the strategic placement

of York (later Toronto) in the center of Canada's economic potential. He describes this development through the middle nineteenth century.

Christopher Andreae writes on the age of industry, the century of technological and industrial evolution through to the end of World War II.

Roger Hall closes this study with Toronto's continued evolution as a twenty-first century, multicultural metropolitan center whose growth and change continue with dynamic force.

This is a good scholarly work for collections dealing with history, urban development and planning, urban geography, urban studies of all kinds, and for collections that are strong in anthropological studies. The illustrations and maps provide an important part of the book, making it also interesting for adult readers. Canadian libraries especially will appreciate having this in their collections.

Web sites and Resources

Why not spend the holidays and intersession *off-line* and enjoy yourself, family, and friends? The Internet will still be there when you get back.

Conclusion

Happy New Year! —DJB



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Other Business:

*There was discussion on the usefulness of incorporating audiovisual aids into the discussion groups and committee meetings.

*There was also discussion on the differences between a discussion group, interest group and a committee. The idea was floated that the Map Collection Management Group be made into a committee or an interest group.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. 🌍🌍🌍

The following photos of the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim were taken by former chair Scott McEathron.



The Anaheim Convention Center.



A tradition: The MAGERT reception on Friday evening.



Friends and colleagues visiting at the MAGERT reception.



Outgoing chair Pete Reehling passes the ceremonial gavel over to incoming chair Carolyn Kadri.

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