

# History of Cartography

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## More Volume 1 News

Volume 1 sold so well that a second printing is in the works. This new impression will correct a few typographical and printing errors. Most reviewers have had positive responses to the volume.

## Funding

Early in 1988 we received major funding from the National Geographic Society and, for work on Volume 2, from The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc. This fall we began two new major grants: a two-year award from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation. We also received donations from a number of individuals. We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you again to all of our donors, without whom we would not be able to continue our work.

## Staff

This year has also seen us expand our staff: Dr. Cordell Yee, who is working on contextual chapters for the East Asian section of Volume 2, joined us last January; since he came we seem to have collected every book on campus which might be relevant to East Asian cartography. Paula Rebert, our new graduate assistant in Madison, started in August. Paula commutes to and from her home in DeKalb, Illinois, every weekend. We hope she can make it safely through the winter!

The National Science Foundation grant, along with the self-supporting subprojects, have allowed us to hire Kevin Kaufman (a graduate assistant until he received his M.A. last year) as a regular employee. Kevin is providing background research for the East Asian section of Volume 2 and is coordinating work on the subprojects.

Illustrations Editor Guntram Herb has had an busy fall: he has been preparing for prelims, and his first child, Henrik, was born on October 22. His work for the project has centered on locating and acquiring the fascinating illustrations for Volume 2.

Assistant Editor for Volume 2, Ahmet Karamustafa, spent part of the summer in Turkey completing his research on Ottoman maps

Associate Editor Anne Godlewska is in Paris on a two-year SSRC research grant for work on the French colonization of North Africa. She is still working on the colonial and indigenous topics in Volume 3, along with Co-Editor Brian Harley, but at a less frantic pace.

## New Offices

In September we moved our main office in Madison into a new, larger office space on the fourth floor of Science Hall. Managing Editor Jude Leimer immediately grabbed the space with the best view, and Program Assistant Susan MacKerer put her desk under the skylight. We finally seem to have enough bookshelves for Cordell! The move was less disrupting than we expected: we were able to sort ourselves out and get back to work almost immediately. Our address and phone numbers remain the same.

Volume 2 goes to the Press in sections in 1989 for readers' comments. First will be the Islamic portion, on which Brian has been working, second the South and Southeast Asian sections, and then, finally, the East Asian section, which has been Co-Editor David Woodward's focus over the past year. Final editorial work, reference checking, and illustration acquisitions are speeding up accordingly.

Volume 3 proceeds as second priority. Editors are reading and editing manuscripts and several authors are working on penultimate drafts.

Volume 4 has received substantial work but is currently on "hold" until Volume 2 is complete.

Volumes 5 and 6 still maintain the same theoretical framework that was decided upon last year; some essays for Volume 5 have arrived, but work is in abeyance for the time being.

## Conferences

David went to St. Louis in March to the ACSM meeting where the panel display about the project attracted a lot of attention. He attended the meeting of the U.S. National Committee for the International Cartographic Association, and also was able to meet with Ahmet about Volume 2.

In August Cordell went to San Diego to the International Conference on the History of Science in China. The conference yielded new leads and contacts for our work on Volume 2, and the sessions on astronomy and scientific interchange between China and the West were especially informative. Mei-Ling Hsu and Cao Wanru, authors for Volume 2, both presented well-received papers at the session on earth sciences.

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At the Sense of Place Conference in Madison in September, Brian spoke on "Maps in the Social Construction of Place." He also presented a talk at the Eastern Historical Geography Association meeting, Williamsburg, Virginia in November: "Deconstructing the Map: A Second Look at North American Colonial Cartography."

Several valuable papers and discussions on the cartography of European overseas expansion came out of the Society for the History of Discoveries meeting in Minneapolis, which Brian attended this fall. He also was able to confer with a many Volume 3 authors while he was there.

David, Brian, Jude, Paula, and several students from UW-Madison attended the Kenneth Nebenzahl, Jr. Lectures in early November. The lectures, presented at the Newberry Library in Chicago, centered on estate plans from Europe and the New World.

Both David and Brian spoke at The Land of Norumbega, an interdisciplinary conference in Portland, Maine. With over 400 people attending, the sessions were extremely stimulating and highlighted European and Native American Encounters, which was of particular relevance to Volume 3.

### Subprojects

*The Mapping of the Great Lakes in the Seventeenth Century*, is the title of the catalog of the George Parker Collection, planned for publication in spring or summer of 1989. Kevin prepared the introductory essay and descriptive captions for the portfolio-sized catalog. The maps will be part of a large exhibit on the French presence in North America at the John Carter Brown Library. When the Brown exhibit is over, it is possible that a smaller exhibit of the Parker collection will be mounted in the Midwest.

Kevin is now researching and writing content for "The Mapping of America," the first stage of *Terra Cognita*, a multiple program television series on the history of cartography, being planned by LMCL Communications, Inc., a team headed by François Lampietti and Rod MacLeish. At the end of October, an intensive meeting of the production team and board of advisors (which David chairs, and which includes Brian and other participants in the History Project) provided much exciting material. The *Terra Cognita* team is taking Kevin's research and preparing a narrative script to guide the first part: 1492-1800.

Preliminary help for "The Mapping of America" has been provided by United States Geological Survey, which offered their headquarters for the board meeting. Interested observers from USGS, NASA, the Bureau of Census, the Defense Mapping Agency, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration also attended.

### Milwaukee Activities

The Milwaukee office for the Project, run by Ellen Hanlon with help this semester from Research Assistant John Jacobson, continues to work from the Department of Geography. In addition, Brian directs the Office for Map History at the American Geographical Society Collection in the Golda Meir Library. One of the major projects of

this office has been planning the major exhibit "Maps and the Columbian Encounter." Brian directs and Mark Warhus coordinates this project, which involves the Newberry Library, the James Ford Bell Collection, the William L. Clements Library, and the American Geographical Society Collection. In April NEH will announce whether it will provide implementation funding for the exhibit, which has been endorsed by The Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission of the United States.

This year the Office for Map History began an exciting new research fellowship program in the History of Cartography at the AGS Collection. The first fellows were Rainer Vollmar (Free University of Berlin, April and November, 1988), Claude Boudreau (University of Laval, August, 1988) and Oswald Dilke (University of Leeds, September, 1988). Hu Bangbo (Academia Sinica, Beijing) will arrive in January, 1989.

In addition, in 1990 Helen Wallis will inaugurate the Arthur Holzheimer "Maps and America" Annual Lecture Series with "The Earliest European Maps of America." This new series promises to be a welcome addition to the Midwest's varied activities in the field.

### Other Activities

In February, Brian participated in the Transformation of the Heartland series, presenting "Paper Battlegrounds: Image and Reality in the Maps of the Old Northwest." He also gave a lecture "Elephants for Want of Towns': A New Look at Decoration on Early Maps," at the Washington Map Society; he repeated it to the Chicago Map Society in March.

David has continued his work on proton beam analysis of sixteenth-century maps for his watermark research (for which he again went to Davis, California in June, and the results of which will be presented as a paper at the 13th International Conference on the History of Cartography next June), in addition to presentations at various meetings and two radio spots: "Charts" and "Flat Earth" for the Earthwatch series last May.

The ICA appointed David to both its United States National Committee (which coordinates U.S. activities) and to the Standing Commission on the History of Cartography. He is chairing the Travel Committee, which is raising funds to allow scholars, especially younger ones, to attend the ICA meeting in Budapest in August 1989.

In October David attended two meetings: the National Council on Geographic Education in Snowbird, Utah, where there was some interest in including aspects of the history of cartography in high school history and geography curricula; and the North American Cartographic Information Society in Denver, which was attended by a people with a variety of government, academic, library, and private backgrounds.

All of us at the *History of Cartography Project* wish you a very happy holiday season.

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