I. Center Accomplishments during Reporting Period (see attachments for details)

The Fernand Braudel Center (FBC) is dedicated to the study of long-term, large-scale social change. It is considered the worldwide central locus of scholarship in world-systems analysis and the maturing unidisciplinary field of historical social science (unidisciplinary in the sense of working across multiple disciplines in the social sciences and the humanities—recently extended to the sciences). As a consequence, it is in regular contact and exchange with research centers and scholars in literally every corner of the globe: Europe, East Asia, South Asia, Australasia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and of course all parts of North America. In addition to our reputation in world-systems studies and historical social science, we are also known for our concerns and accomplishments in narrower areas of the economics and politics of the world-system: the contemporary world-economy, Ottoman studies, studies of southern Africa, long waves, and commodity chains. More recently, the Center has embarked on a systematic analysis of the structures of knowledge of the world-system and the organization of the social sciences to include their relationship with the sciences and the humanities. In each of these fields, we have filled a particular niche.


This fall, 2014, brought three Croatian visiting research scholars to the Center to participate with Karen edis-Barzman and other Binghamton faculty, including Center Director, Richard E. Lee, in a study associated with the Visual and Material Cultures ICE/TAE project, “Negotiations around Borders—A Case Study of Sovereignty and Provincial Identity at the Edges of Imperial Rule.” The funding for this project comes from a TAE grant from the Research Foundation of SUNY and co-sponsored by Binghamton University departments of Art History, Geography, History, and the Fernand Braudel Center.

2) Journal. Our quarterly journal, Review, is in its 35th year of publication. In the 3rd edition of the Guide to Historical Literature of the American Historical Association (1995), it was listed as one of the ten journals of reference in “world history.” We now have an agreement with JSTOR for the electronic archiving, indexing, and access to the entire Review backfile. The first thirty-four volumes of Review are available, with one new issue going into the archive as each new issue appears in print (a zero year lag).

3) Publication Series. Our series, “Studies in Modern Capitalism,” with Cambridge University Press, has published over 25 volumes. The Center also has a Fernand Braudel Center series with Paradigm Press. Three books have appeared in that series.

In addition, FBC has a series with the State University of New York Press: Fernand Braudel Studies in Historical Social Science, edited by Richard E. Lee. The description of the series reads as follows:

The Fernand Braudel Center Studies in Historical Social Science will publish works
that address theoretical and empirical questions produced by scholars in or through the Fernand Braudel Center or who share its approach and concerns. It specifically seeks to promote works that contribute to the development of the world-systems perspective engaging a holistic and relational vision of the world—the modern world-system—implicit in historical social science, which at once takes into consideration structures (long-term regularities) and change (history). With the intellectual boundaries within the sciences/social sciences/humanities structure collapsing in the work scholars actually do, this series will offer a venue for a wide range of research that confronts the dilemmas of producing relevant accounts of historical processes in the context of the rapidly changing structures of both the social and academic world. The series will include monographs, colloquia, and collections of essays organized around specific themes.

The first three books in this series, which appeared in the fall of 2010, were products of three symposia sponsored by the Gulbenkian Foundation. All three were edited with an “Introduction” by Richard E. Lee and included a “Foreword” by Immanuel Wallerstein and featured authors from across the sciences, social sciences and humanities. They are:

- *Questioning Nineteenth-Century Assumptions about Knowledge, I: Determinism.*
- *Questioning Nineteenth-Century Assumptions about Knowledge, II: Reductionism.*
- *Questioning Nineteenth-Century Assumptions about Knowledge, III: Dualism.*


The fifth and sixth book in the series, *New Frontiers of Slavery and Slavery in the Circuit of Sugar: Martinique and the World-Economy* were contracted ion 2014 and are expected to appear later this year, 2015. These are the first two installments of a trio of volumes on plantations and slavery, edited by Dale Tomich. Taken together, the three collective volumes open up an original interpretation by examining the material, economic, social and political dimensions of nineteenth-century slavery and post-slavery. The third volume, *Politics of the Second Slavery,* is a product from the Fernand Braudel Center conference of the same name, held in fall 2010.

Related to its overall publication activities, in 2013 the Center produced the DVD *Caribbean Journey: Conversations with Sidney Mintz,* presented by Dale Tomich. It continues to be sought after by scholars, and is available through the Center.

4) **Conferences.** We have sponsored every year, for 38 years, 1–3 national and international conferences on explicitly multi-, pan-, trans-disciplinary themes.

5) **Website.** The FBC website is widely utilized across the world. In addition to all the work of the Center, we place there the bi-weekly “Commentaries” of Immanuel Wallerstein. These commentaries also appear in translation, e.g., in Chinese, Italian, Spanish, Czech, French, Korean, Arabic, Romanian, and Dutch.

**II. Future Directions**

In April of 2014, Rebecca Dunlop, long-time Fernand Braudel Center secretary, retired. After that time, in consultation with the Provost and the Office of Human Resources, FBC updated its overall staffing profile. This has been a significant change serving to better respond to contemporary demands and make more efficient use of University resources.

FBC plans to add to its long tradition of conference organizing. In addition to its annual
Transdisciplinary Area of Excellence conference in fall 2015, “Seminar on World Literature”; we plan to offer at least one conference in spring 2016; the conference for spring 2015 is titled “Capitalism and Temporalities: Theories and Histories.”

Over the past five years book publication at FBC has increased dramatically when compared with the previous three decades. We continue with this rhythm and are presently preparing a manuscript for publication in 2016.

The Fernand Braudel Center reopened its FBC Seminar Series in 2014, for which presentations will be complete and distributed in advance to prospective audiences/participants. In the first seminar Luiza Franco Moreira presented on “Conjectural Front: Brazilian Writers on the Left and the Estodo Novo” held in April, 2014. We plan to offer and additional seminar in spring, 2015, and one such in the fall, 2015.

The Center’s Lecture Series, “Crises and Transitions in the Capitalist World-Economy” was launched in fall 2014. Our guest lecturers were Binghamton alumnus Rajagopalan Radhakrishnan, PhD '83, who spoke on “Untangling the Crisis in the Humanities: A Binghamton Prophet”; Andrea Komlosy, University of Vienna and Harvard University fellow, who presented “Transitions in Global Labor History, 1250–2010: Entanglements, Synchronicities and Combinations on a Local and Global Scale.”

The Center is also in negotiations for the launching of an “Americas” research project with colleagues in Spain, Mexico and Brazil.