I. Upcoming Events, 2010-2011:

A. Conference: The Politics of the Second Slavery

Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations;
Dean of Harpur College of Arts and Sciences, Binghamton University

The Politics of the Second Slavery:
Conflict and Crisis on the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic Slave Frontier
Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University

October 15-16, 2010

Preliminary Program
The concept of second slavery refers to the formation of new zones of slavery as part of the material expansion and economic and political restructuring of the world-economy during the nineteenth century. The second slavery emphasizes the spatial and temporal complexity of world-economic change and calls into question linear accounts, whether economic or political, of Atlantic slavery. Far from being simply archaic survivals condemned by modernity, the zones of the second slavery—exemplified by the Cotton South, the Cuban sugar economy, and the Brazilian coffee zone—represent dynamic though highly contradictory responses to industrialization, market competition, and political independence in the Americas. From such a perspective, the concept of the second slavery allows the re-examination of political and ideological relations and movements including liberalism, anti-slavery, pro-slavery, and the changing repertoires of slave resistance after the Haitian Revolution. The purpose of the conference is to examine the political dimensions of these world-economic transformations, including the interrelation of world, international, national, and local processes.

All sessions held in Casadesus Recital Hall, Fine Arts Building FA-117, Binghamton University

Friday, October 15

WELCOME and INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
Jean-Pierre Mileur, Provost, Binghamton University
Richard E. Lee, Director, Fernand Braudel Center
Dale Tomich, Deputy Director, Fernand Braudel Center
SESSION 1: THE POLITICS OF THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE

Luiz Felipe de Alencastro (Université de Paris-Sorbonne)—Resilience and End of the Brazilian Slave Trade: Long Term Causes and Outcomes

Dale Tomich (Binghamton University)—The Standard of Civilization: British World-Economic Hegemony and the Abolition of the International Slave Trade, 1807-1851


Enrico Dal Lago (National University of Ireland, Galway)—The American Civil War, Emancipation, and Nation Building: A Comparative Perspective

Celso Castilho (Vanderbilt University)—Counter Currents: A “Free” Ceará and the New Political Geographies of Brazilian Slavery, 1883-1888

SESSION 3: LOCAL DYNAMICS AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Ricardo Salles (Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro)—Slaves and Politics in Brazil, 1865-1888

Edward Baptist (Cornell University)—The Politics and Economics of the Political Economy of Slavery and Antislavery in the United States, 1837-1860

Anthony E. Kaye (Pennsylvania State University)—Lines of Attack: Social Space and Strategies of Slave Revolt in Demerara and Southampton, Virginia

Saturday, October 16

SESSION 4: ROUND TABLE AND DISCUSSION: “THE SECOND SLAVERY AS A CONCEPT FOR HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION”

Anthony E. Kaye

Rafael Marquese

Dale Tomich

SESSION 5: THE PROSLAVERY INTERNATIONAL

Rafael Marquese (Universidade São Paulo)—The Proslavery International and the Politics of the Second Slavery

Edward Rugemer (Yale University)—The Political Foundation for a Second Slavery: The Difference between Jamaica and South Carolina, 1787-1810
SESSION 6: THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF THE CIVIL WAR: EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES

Christopher Schmidt-Nowara (Fordham University)—Spanish Politics, Antillean Slavery, and the U. S. Civil War

Robin Blackburn (University of Essex, New School for Social Research)—An Unfinished Revolution: Marx and Lincoln

II. Activities, 2009-2010

A. Sixth Annual Fernand Braudel Center Distinguished Lecture, November 11, 2009

The Sixth Annual Distinguished Lecture, “Capitalist Crises, the Labor Movement, and Industrial Disinvestment,” was held Wednesday, November 11, 2009 by Staughton Lynd, Historian, Author, and Activist. This piece will be published in Review XXXII, 4, 2009.

B. Colloquium: Food, Energy, Environment

Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations’ Binghamton University;
Development Sociology and the Polson Institute for Global Development, Cornell University;
and Conversations in the Discipline

Food, Energy, Environment: Crisis of the Modern World-System

October 9-10, 2009

Friday, October 9

WELCOME
Richard E. Lee, Director, Fernand Braudel Center
Lois DeFleur, President, Binghamton University

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Fred Magdoff, University of Vermont, Emeritus
“Multiple Crises as Symptoms of an Unsustainable System”

SESSION I: FOOD, Dale Tomich, Chair

Farshad Araghi, Sociology, Florida Atlantic University

Harriet Friedmann, Sociology, University of Toronto; Development Sociology, Cornell University
“Creative Finance: Effects on Food and Farming”
Tony Weis, Geography, University of Western Canada
“Our Ecological Hoofprint: And the Population Bomb of Reverse Protein Machines”

Saturday, October 10

SESSION II: ENERGY, Richard E. Lee, Chair

Larry Lohmann, The Corner House, NGO
“Neoliberalism and the Climate Crisis”

John Wilkinson, Development, Agriculture and Society, Federal Rural University, Rio de Janeiro
“Agribusiness and the Challenge of Sustainability in Brazil”

David Pimentel, Ecology, Cornell University
“Food, Biofuels and the Environment”

SESSION III: ENVIRONMENT, Philip McMichael, Chair

Jason W. Moore, Human Geography, Lund University
“A Brief Environmental History of Neoliberalism: The Perspective of the Longue Durée”

Joan Martinez Alier, ICTA, Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona
“The EROI of Agriculture: The Usefulness of this Concept for Peasant Movements such as Via Campesina”

Richard York, Sociology, University of Oregon
“Smoke and Mirrors: Capitalism’s ‘Solutions’ to Environmental Crises”

SESSION IV: WRAP

Richard E. Lee, Fernand Braudel Center and Sociology, Binghamton University

Philip McMichael, Development Sociology, Cornell University

Dale Tomich, Fernand Braudel Center and Sociology and History, Binghamton University

C. Colloquium: Beyond Dominant Paradigms in Ottoman and Middle Eastern/North African Studies

Fernand Braudel Center
Department of History
Dean of Harpur College of Arts and Sciences

Beyond Dominant Paradigms in
Ottoman and Middle Eastern/North African Studies:
A Tribute to Rifa’at Abou-El-Haj
Saturday, April 24, 2010

Crime and Punishment in Mamluk Damascus.
Mahmood Ibrahim (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)

Ali Ahmida (University of New England)

The Rise of the West or the Rise of the Rich: The Question of an Alternative to Orientalism.
Peter Gran (Temple University)

Where are the Ottomans in the Historiography of the 20th-Century Fertile Crescent?
Dina Rizk Khoury (George Washington University)

Minorities, Statelessness, and Kurdish Studies: Prospects and Dilemmas for Scholars.
Janet Klein (University of Akron)

Placing the Ottomans in the Mediterranean World: The Question of Notables and Households.
Palmira Brummett (University of Tennessee)

Was There a Western and an Eastern Ottoman Empire? A Comparison of Ottoman Institutions in the Balkans with Other Areas
Heath Lowry (Princeton University)

Roundtable Discussion on Ottoman and Middle Eastern/North African Historiography
led by Christine Philliou (Columbia University) and İpek Yosmaoğlu (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

D. Public Lectures


David Wallace (Judith Rodin Professor of English, University of Pennsylvania), co-sponsored, “Literary Locations,” October 7, 2009

Herbert Bix (Sociology and History, Binghamton University), “What the Deep Past Teaches about America’s Imperial Democracy,” February 18, 2010
Leila Rupp (Prof. of History and Feminist Studies and past editor of the Journal of Women’s History, University of California, Santa Barbara) co-sponsored, “Sapphistry: Writing a Global History of Love Between Women,” April 28, 2010

John Loughlin (School of European Studies, Cardiff University; Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton), “Theology and the Westphalian State,” April 29, 2010

E. Research Working Group

The reading and discussion group on “Situations of Dependency” was established by Denis O’Hearn and Dale Tomich to begin to investigate problems of development. The expectation is that this group will become a Research Working Group.

F. Harpur College Workshop Presentations

The Contemporary State (Thomas M. Wilson and Denis O’Hearn)

Don Kalb (University Professor of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University, Budapest; and Senior Researcher, Utrecht University, The Netherlands; author of Expanding Class: Power and Everyday Politics in Industrial Communities, The Netherlands, 1850-1950), “Headlines of Nation, Subtexts of Class: The State as Fact and Fantasy in Contemporary Europe (and elsewhere),” April 15, 2010

John Loughlin (School of European Studies, Cardiff University; Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton), “Globalization and Regionalism: The End of Nation-State – European Experiences?” April 28, 2010

III. Review

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Political Economic Perspectives on the World Food Crisis
Philip McMichael, Special Editor

Raj Patel & Philip McMichael, “A Political Economy of the Food Riot”
Shalmali Guttal, “New and Old Faces of Hunger: Cambodia, Timor Leste, and Food Crises”
Farshad Araghi, “Accumulation by Displacement: Global Enclosures, Food Crisis, and the Ecological Contradictions of Capitalism”
XXXII, 2, 2009

Commemorating the Longue Durée

Note from the Editor
Fernand Braudel, “History and the Social Sciences: The Longue Durée

XXXII, 3, 2009

Huei-Ying Kuo, “Agency amid Incorporation: Chinese Business Networks in Hong Kong and Singapore and the Colonial Origins of the Resurgence of East Asia, 1800-1940”
Eric Wilson, “Making the World Safe for Holland: De Indis of Hugo Grotius and International Law as Geoculture”
Geoffrey C. Gunn, “Timor-Leste (Former Portuguese East Timor): From Colonial Anthropology to an Anthropology of Colonialism”

XXXII, 4, 2009

Enrico Dal Lago, “‘Second Slavery,’ ‘Second Serfdom,’ and Beyond: The ‘Atlantic Plantation System’ and the Eastern and Southern ‘European Landed Estate System’ in Comparative Perspective, 1800-60”
Staughton Lynd, “Toward Another World”

IV. Visiting Research Associates

Ravael Bivar de Marquese, Nov. 2009-Jan. 2010, History, Univ. of Sao Paulo, Brazil
Ilkim Ozdikmenli, Jan. 2010-Jan. 2011, International Relations, Dokuz Eylul Univ., Izmir, Turkey

V. FBC Co-sponsored Conferences

Co-sponsored the 18th Annual Crossing the Boundaries Conference, Binghamton University, March 19-20, 2010
VI. ASA Political Economy of the World-System Section Annual Conferences

A) Call for Papers

National Borders in the 21st Century
XXXVth Conference of the Political Economy of the World-System
State University of New York – Stony Brook

April 28 – 30, 2011

The social sciences historically developed under the premise that societies are delineated by national boundaries. Nation-states and their governments are believed to be the primary sites of social action, thus processes within and interactions between them became the cornerstones of social-scientific analysis. Yet ongoing transformations in the ways national boundaries both shape and are shaped by economic, political, and cultural forces challenge perspectives that continue to see nationally bounded space as the only relevant one for societal and political action. As we begin the second decade of the 21st Century, this conference will consider new ways of thinking about national borders – the analytical and empirical challenges, as well as the normative and political issues. How is law, work, identity, and community being affected by shifting meanings of borders? To what extent does social change, social justice, and collective action unfold inside (or outside, or across) national borders? This conference calls for papers under this general theme and that qualify under the following interrelated sub-themes:

Sub-Theme #1: Rule of Power or Rule of Law? State Sovereignty and Global Governance
Will the 21st Century become a post-national era? While arguments surrounding the decline of the nation-state and the subordination of state sovereignty are not new, others claim that global processes are reasserting the importance of national borders. To what extent do territorial boundaries still determine the primary source of jurisdictional authority, the centralized means of violence, and the fundamental identity of individuals? Is the sovereignty based model of international law becoming superseded? In favor of what? Is there a future for transnational solidarity or effective democratization beyond the nation-state?

Sub-Theme #2: Crossing Borders: Global Inequality and the Migration of People and Communities
According to the United Nations, close to 200 million people reside somewhere other than their country of origin; in the United States alone over 12 percent of current residents were born elsewhere. The unprecedented multidirectional movement of people around the world involves new patterns of transnational migration, identity, and community. At the same time many rights claims are about crossing borders – rights to mobility, rights of migrant labor, rights to economic opportunity, or to political asylum. What are the potential effects of migration for receiving as well as sending countries? How are states and other institutions regulating migration flows? What are the impacts for national politics as well as international economic inequality?
**Sub-Theme #3: Citizenship, and Human Rights**
While citizenship previously existed only in the context of a national polity, human rights are increasingly being discussed as having a universal property. How is this dilemma – the innate human rights of people everywhere and the exclusive social rights of citizens of sovereign states – being renegotiated today? How are new forms of belonging and association operating on global, national, and local scales? How are new modes of inclusion and social closure operating in different geopolitical contexts and under the aegis of a transnational Human Rights Regime?

**Sub-Theme #4: New Global Flows and Predicaments**
To what extent are social problems, and activism mobilized to solve them, taking place in “debounded spaces?” How are intensified flows of illicit global commodities – drugs, arms, toxic waste, counterfeits, trafficked people – challenging the legal boundaries and property institutions of the nation-state system? Similarly, how are global environmental threats – warming, deforestation, pollution, food and water shortages – challenging the ability of self-interested nation-states to respond? Are new forms of political mobilization and transnational activism leading to transformations in cross-border communities and civil societies?

Please submit proposals electronically to Timothy P. Moran (timothy.p.moran@stonybrook.edu). Submissions should include a one-page proposal and full contact information for all authors by December 19, 2010. Accepted papers will be considered for a planned edited volume. Conference proceedings at Stony Brook University, SUNY with accommodation in quaint Port Jefferson Village, New York.

**B) 34th PEWS Conference**

**Land Rights in the World-System**  
Florida Atlantic University, April 22-23, 2010

**Opening Plenary Session**
Manjunath Pendakur, Dean, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters  
Immanuel Wallerstein, Senior Research Scholar, Yale University  
“Land, Space, and People: Constraints of the Capitalist World-Economy”

**Plenary Session**
Wilma Dunaway, Professor of Sociology, Government and International Affairs Program, Virginia Tech and State University  

**The Labor-Land Continuum**
Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz, Sociology, University of Maryland, “Sugar, Slavery and Inequality in the World-Economy”  
Benjamin Scully, Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, “A Flag of Forgotten Wars or the Next Upsurge? Explaining Divergent Conclusions About the Trajectory of the Labor Movement”

**Land Struggles in Africa**
Fouad Makki, Development Sociology, Cornell University, “From Empire to Republic: The Politics of Shifting Land Tenure Regimes in Ethiopia”
Cynthia Hewitt, Sociology, Morehouse College: “Land and Desertification in the Sudan”
Sam Grant and Rose Brewer, AfroEco and University of Minnesota, “Contextualizing the 21st Century Organizing Theory and Practice of African Liberation and Land Struggles in the Light of the Evolution of the Capitalist World-System”

**Natural Resources, Extractive Industry, and Accumulation**
Paul K. Gellert, Sociology, University of Tennessee, “Contention Over Land Use Policy in Indonesia: Regional and Commodity Variations or Convergence?”
Mathew Toro, Geography, University of Miami/Chinese University of Hong Kong, “Linking Commodity Chains to Their Socio-Ecological Base: Coffee from the Bolaven Plateau Region, Laos”
Astra Bonini, Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, “Complementary and Competitive Regimes of Accumulation: Natural Resources and Economic Mobility in the World-System”

**Plenary Session: In Memory of Giovanni Arrighi**
Beverly Silver, Professor of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, “An Arrighian Perspective on Land and Labor Rights in the World-System”

**Development, Gender, and Land in the World System**
Kathleen Sexsmith, Development Sociology, Cornell University, “Patriarchy and Global Capitalism: Applying a Gender Lens to Food Regimes”
Jennifer Bair and Phillip Hough, Sociology, University of Colorado and Florida Atlantic University, “The Political Economy of Disarticulation: Land Struggles, Capital Accumulation, and Dispossession in Mexico and Columbia”

**Bridging World System Analysis with Grassroots Activism**

**Plenary Session**
Max Rameau, Take Back the Land, Miami, Florida, “Take Back the Land: Land Struggles in the US”

**Urban Expansion in the World-System**
Denise Perry, Power U Center for Social Change, Miami Florida, “Miami’s Crisis and the Creation of Housing”
Leonid Grinin, Volgograd Center for Social Research, “Urbanization and Political Evolution of the World-System”
Andrew K. Jorgenson and James Rice, University of Utah and New Mexico State University, “Urban Slum Growth and Human Health: A Panel Study of Infant and Child Mortality in Less Developed Countries, 1990-2005”
Andrey Korotayev, Anthropology of the East Center, Russian State University for the Humanities, “The World-System Urbanization Dynamics: A Formal Quantitative Analysis”

VII. Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship for 2010-2011 was awarded (2010) to Azat Z. Gundogan, graduate student in sociology at Binghamton University, for his dissertation research, “On the Outskirts of a Mega-City, in the Middle of Industry: Migrant Experiences from a Satellite-City, Gebze, Turkey.”

Below is application information for 2011-2012

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NESAR AHMAD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Syed Nesar Ahmad, a graduate student in sociology at Binghamton University, was killed on September 5, 1986 in the attempted hijacking of Pan Am flight 73 as it stood on the tarmac at Karachi International airport. Nesar was returning from the World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi, India, where he presented a paper on Muslim separatism in India, to the United States to defend his Ph.D. dissertation. He was a student of Immanuel Wallerstein and was affiliated with the Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations where he was a member of the Research Working Group on South Asia studying the problem of the partition of British India and the emergence of Pakistan. Wallerstein worked closely with Nesar’s widow, Fareena Sultan, to have the Ph.D. awarded posthumously and to have the dissertation published by Greenwood Press as Origins of Muslim Consciousness in India: A World-System Perspective (1991).

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of Nesar Ahmad’s death, a scholarship has been created by Fareena Sultan and his friends and family. The scholarship, a maximum of $2500, will be awarded once a year to a Binghamton University graduate student affiliated with the Fernand Braudel Center who is using world-systems analysis in the study of the Middle East or South Asia.
For application and information, contact:
http://fbc.binghamton.edu/ahmadscholarshipapplication.pdf
or
Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship
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Deadline for completed applications is February 1, 2011

VIII. Donna DeVoist Retires

On July 30, 2010 Donna DeVoist retired from her post as Administrative Assistant of the Fernand Braudel Center and Managing Editor of Review. This marked the end of thirty-three and a half years of exemplary service to the Center and to Binghamton University. As Donna noted in her message to friends and colleagues of FBC around the world, “if I measure time by how many people I’ve met and friends I’ve made, it seems like I’ve lived at least two lifetimes. Maybe three! My work at the center has been varied, interesting, challenging, rewarding, and most of all fun. I want to thank each of you for being part of my life and for sharing your journey through the center with me.” Generous to a fault, Donna will “volunteer” in order to ensure a smooth transition to a new Administrative Assistant (Amy Keough, effective November 1, 2010), and continue into the future to be a valued collaborator, advisor, and friend to all of us who have had the honor and pleasure of working with her.