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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I write to share with you news of the Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution during the 2015-2016 academic year.

News from the Job Front

Dr. Bryan Banks and Dr. Joshua Meeks, both of whom received their doctorates from the INFR in fall 2014, have accepted tenure-track jobs. Dr. Banks will be teaching at SUNY – Adirondack and Dr. Meeks will be teaching at Northwest University.

Graduate Degrees Awarded

- Two INFR students received their doctorates this year.
- Richard Byington, "Pseudo War, Consummate Victor: The U.S.S. Constitution and America's Naval War with France"
 - Jonathan Deverse, "The Domestication of Religion: Revolutionary Religion during the Directory"

Graduate Student Conference Participation

This was a very busy year for the INFR graduate students on the conference circuit. Altogether, they presented 16 papers at a variety of conferences in the U.S. and abroad.

- Arad Gigi, "The Slaves Who Built the King's Empire: Labor for the Construction of Fortifications during the Old Regime," (Omohundro Institute, Worcester, MA)
- -----"Royal Space in Colonial Martinique: Fort Royal under the Old Regime," (Western Society for French History, Chicago)
- Ben Goff, "Conceptions of Martial Strength during the French Enlightenment," (CRE, Shreveport)
- Joe Harmon, "Preparing to Nationalize: The Biens du Clergé in the Pre-revolution," (CRE, Shreveport)
- Chris Juergens, "Toward and Environmental History of War in the Caucasus, 1942-3," (Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, Boulder)
- -----, "Endgame Deutsch-Brod: War, Peace, and Captivity for an Officer of the 97th Jaeger Division," (Northern Great Plains History Conference, Bismark)
- -----, "Hessian Jaeger in the Age of Revolutions," (Society for Military History, Ottawa)

- Erik Lewis, "Sexual Regulation and the Legality of Prostitution during the Revolutionary Era," (CRE, Shreveport)
- -----, "Prostitution and the French Revolution: A Cultural and Legal Transformation," (INS, Dublin)
- Marina Ortiz, "Jacques-Louis David: From Republican Painter to Canvasser of Empire," (CRE, Shreveport)
- -----, "Rome Undone: Competing Views and Aligning Rhetoric Concerning the Despoliation of Italy," (INS, Dublin)
- Richard Siegler, "Blacking out the Friction: The Napoleonic State's Unapologetic Rehabilitation of Monarchy," (CRE, Shreveport)
- Zach Stolfus, "Hommes des Lois: Six Lawyers on the Eve of Revolution," (CRE, Shreveport)
- -----, "Napoleon's Kindle: The Emperor and His Librarians," (INS, Brussels)
- Tom Thomas, "An Impending Peace: Reflections on the Peace of Leoben and the Treaty of Campo Formio," (CRE, Shreveport)
- ----, "The French Illyrian Cotton Connection," (INS, Dublin)

Graduate Student Awards and Fellowships

The graduate students also garnered a number of honors, awards, and fellowships.

- Arad Gigi, Bourse Chateaubriand (Spring/Summer 2016)
- -----, Martin-Vegue writing Fellowship (Fall 2016)
- -----, FSU International Dissertation Semester Research Award (Spring 2017)
- -----, John Carter Brown Library Short-Term Fellowship
- Ben Goff, INS conference travel grant
- Joe Harmon, Princeton Firestone Library research grant
- Chris Juergens, Russel F. Weigley Travel Grant
- Erik Lewis, INS conference travel grant
- -----, Massena Society research grant
- Marina Ortiz, INS conference travel grant
- Alex Rowney, FSU Outstanding TA (nomination)
- -----, FSU Student Employee of the Year (nomination)
- Richard Siegler, J. Leitch Wright Outstanding Graduate Student Research award
- -----, Massena Society research grant
- Zach Stolfus, Massena Society research grant
- Tom Thomas, INS conference travel grant

Summer Conference and Research Activity

With the help of generous grants from the International Napoleonic Society, four INFR students will be going to Dublin in July 2016 to give papers at the annual meeting of the INS. They are Ben Goff, Erik Lewis, Marina Ortiz, and Tom Thomas.

Goff, Lewis, and Ortiz will be travelling on from Dublin to Paris, where they will conduct archival research for their dissertations. They will be joined by four other INFR

students (Joe Harmon, Alex Rowney, Richard Siegler, and Zach Stolfus) who will also be conducting dissertation research in Paris.

Their costs are being covered in part by generous Massena Society research grants (to Lewis, Siegler, and Stolfus), as well as by Weider endowment funds.

In all, seven INFR students are going to be conducting dissertation research in the Paris archives this summer.

New INFR Students

In the 2016-2017, there there will be two new students joining the INFR. They are:

- David Lunger (Ph.D.), coming from the USAF (from which he retired with the rank of colonel)
- Autumn Razeyu (MA), coming from LSU-Shreveport (where she studied with INFR graduate Alex Mikaberidze). Ms. Razey has been awarded the Anabel Howard Fellowship for the 2016-17 academic year.

Weider History Lecture and Conference Series

In January 2015, the Weider Foundation made a generous donation to fund invited speaker and an annual conference series.

This year's speakers were Drs. David Bell (Princeton), Claire Cage (South Alabama), Marc Lerner (Mississippi), Judith Miller (Emory), Rebecca Spang (Indiana), and Dale Van Kley (Ohio State).

Our second annual Weider History conference focused on the French presence in the Indian Ocean region in the 17th and 18th centuries. It brought together about a dozen junior and senior scholars from a wide range of institutions, including the University of Chicago, UCLA, and Harvard. Dr. Sue Peabody gave the keynote speech.

Activities of the Institute Professors

In May 2016, Dr. Rafe Blaufarb, Ben Weider Eminent Scholar of Napoleonic History, published *The Great Demarcation: The French Revolution and the Invention of Modern Property* (Oxford). He also published a number of articles and book chapters, and was invited to give talks at a variety of places including the University of Chicago and Clark University. He also gave conference papers at the CRE (Shreveport) and Society for French Historical Studies (Nashville).

The search for the Ben Weider Professorship in French Revolutionary history has already been authorized. Interviews will be conducted this coming fall, and we expect to make a hire by the end of the year.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Rafe Blaufarb, Ben Weider Eminent Scholar
-Director, Institute on Napoleon and the French Revolution