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Dear Colleague:

The Community College Humanities Association (CCHA) invites you to apply for a four-week summer research seminar on "Trans-Oceanic Exchanges." The seminar will be held July 6 – August 1, 2003, in Washington, DC.

CCHA in partnership with the **American Historical Association** and the **Library of Congress** will hold the summer seminar for twenty faculty members from community colleges. Seminar participants will be able to enrich their college teaching and engage in curriculum development and original academic research that deals with global processes and exchanges. The seminar will draw on recent scholarship and benefit from the guidance of major scholars.

The major topic areas include **social and political organization** (littoral societies vs. national authority over seas; the relationship of ports to one another as well as to their hinterlands; informal maritime communications; the **gender division of labor** in trans-oceanic exchange; the emergence of a **politically conscious Black Diaspora**), **economic implications** (regulation of trade, currency, and **migration; transgression** of such regulations; origins of 'globalization' in **trans-imperial networking of colonizers and colonized**), **culture** (seaside sites of hybridization; ports, beaches, **tourism; religions** as sponsors of trade; hybridization of rituals); environmental and **scientific issues** (effects of climate and weather patterns on trans-oceanic exchange; **ecology; biological exchanges**).

The Co-directors of the seminar are Jerry Bentley of the University of Hawaii and Nadine Hata of El Camino College, and the research director is Lester Vogel of the Office of Scholarly Programs at the Library of Congress. An impressive group of visiting scholars will lead seminar sessions, including Karen E. Wigen, Duke University; John E. Wills, Jr., University of Southern California; Karen Ordahl Kupperman, New York University; Peter Wood, Duke University; Colin Palmer, Princeton University; Alan Karras, University of California at Berkeley, and John R. McNeill, Georgetown University.

During their stay in Washington, DC, participants will be expected to attend all seminar activities and conduct research leading to the writing of a paper that contributes to new scholarship in a chosen area related to global processes and exchanges. After completing the program, participants will be expected to incorporate what they have learned into their course curricula and to participate in dissemination activities. There will be opportunities to present the results of scholarly work at the conferences of the sponsoring organizations. Each participant will receive a stipend of \$500, housing at a major university in Washington, DC, and a substantial allowance for roundtrip airfare from a major city to Washington, DC for full-time participation in the seminar. Meals are not included.

This research seminar is designed to appeal to faculty who are interested in global processes and exchanges — and who wish to conduct research on a topic of their choosing in connection with their research interests and/or in connection with courses they teach. Surely topics in global exchanges have broad appeal to faculty in the humanities — literature, history, philosophy, foreign languages, art history, music history, and other disciplines as well, including sociology, psychology and anthropology taught from humanistic perspectives.

The Library of Congress, whose collections number some 120 million items, is the world's foremost repository of the accumulated knowledge and wisdom of humankind. With collections that support research in all subjects except clinical medicine and technical agriculture, the library provides those doing original research with a wealth of information in such formats as books, serials, manuscripts, rare materials, maps, sound recording, films, photographs and prints. Over half of the library's materials are in languages other than English, and for many areas of the world, its collections are the finest and most comprehensive research collections outside the country of origin. Thus the library provides an excellent milieu in which the seminar will take place.

Applications are welcome from faculty at two-year colleges. Participants will be selected on the basis of their statement of purpose, on the potential contribution of their project to furthering scholarship on global processes and exchanges, and to generating new curriculum initiatives. Foreign language competence is advantageous, but is not a criterion for selection. Participation is limited to twenty full-time and part-time (i.e. with three years continuous experience at one college) faculty members who are teaching at two-year colleges in the United States.

Institutional support for the applicant is expected to ensure full participation in the seminar and to encourage and support on-campus presentations during the fall semester/terms 2003 and spring 2004. A letter of support from an appropriate administrator satisfies this requirement.

The application deadline is **January 17, 2003** and applications must be received on or before this date. **Application packets are available** from David A. Berry, Library of Congress Seminar, Community College Humanities Association, Essex County College, 303 University Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102, or online at www.ccha-assoc.org.

For questions about the seminar and the research component, contact Jerry Bentley, Project Co-Director, University of Hawaii at jbentley@hawaii.edu or Nadine Hata, Project Co-Director, El Camino College at 310-660-3119 or email at nhata@elcamino.cc.ca.us, or David A. Berry at 973-877-3577 or email at berry@essex.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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