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This is in response to your request dated August 26, 2008 under the Freedom of Information Act seeking access to lists of employee colloquia, brown bag lunch talks, and employee seminars. In accordance with the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records, as of September 05, 2008, the date we received your request in our FOIA office.

We have located 46 pages of responsive records. You are granted full access to the responsive records, which are enclosed. Additional records may be located and will be sent to you.

Based on the fee provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A), and the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR § 4.8 et seq., as amended, I am also enclosing an invoice for the charges we incurred for this partial response to your request. Failure to pay this bill promptly will result in our refusal to provide copies of accessible documents in response to future requests. If not paid within 30 days, this bill will accrue interest penalties as provided by Federal Claims Collection Standards, 31 C.F.R. § 900-904, as amended.

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Washington, DC 20580

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If you have any questions about the way we handled your request, or about our FOIA regulations or procedures, please contact Carolyn Lowry at 202-326-3055.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Joan E. Fina
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosed:
Responsive Lists
(46 pages)
Just a reminder that at 12:30 today in H-432, Dr. Jörg Terhechte, professor of law at the University of Bielefeld in Germany (and currently visiting the FTC), will present his findings on the application of European Union competition law to OPEC, a topic of relevance here in the United States. John Seessel from the Office of the General Counsel will also make a few observations about past and current Congressional attempts to apply U.S. antitrust law to OPEC, as well as a reiteration of FTC public pronouncements in this area. We hope that you will attend.

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Handouts for Brown Bag on OPEC

- Excerpts from FTC Chairman Majoras’ Statement to Antitrust Modernization Commission on March 21, 2006, with pp. 81-82 setting out her view that OPEC is a foreign policy and not a law enforcement issue;

- Senate Bill S. 2557, which includes text for proposed NOPEC Legislation on pp. 5-7;

- Excerpts from FTC Staff Report Called “Gasoline Price Changes: The Dynamic of Supply, Demand, and Competition,” 2005, relating to supply and demand considerations and OPEC’s influence; &

- Press Release and Testimony of then BC Director Richard Parker to House Judiciary Committee on March 29, 2000, which sets out legal and other complications that would arise in an antitrust lawsuit against OPEC.
Ruth,

We don't really have responsive lists. However, we did have a few responsive events for which OIA was responsible.

1. Apr. 16, 2007, Cavendish Elithorn of UK's OFT made a presentation at a brown bag lunch about the OFT's reorganization

2. Nov. 28, 2007, Gail Slater and John Parisi presented a training course on the EC Merger Regulation

3. Every Summer, OIA presents to summer interns and new attorneys an overview of the role and work of OIA and guidance on cooperation with foreign enforcement authorities in investigations.

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International Fellow Presentation. Joan MacPherson, an FTC International Fellow and Senior Competition Law Officer at Competition Bureau Canada, will give a presentation on fair business practices investigations and enforcement in Canada at a brown bag lunch on February 28.

European Commission. Representatives of DG Sanco will visit on September 18-19 to discuss complaint handling, and will conduct a brown bag presentation on September 19 on their "Consumer Scoreboard" project.

2007

Japanese Consumer Policy Brownbag. Kenta Suzuki, on detail to OIA from the Japan Fair Trade Commission, will lead a brown bag discussion on consumer policy in Japan on March 27.

Consumer Protection in the EU. We hosted a brown bag lunch on March 21 by Professor Fernanda Nicola of American University to discuss recent consumer protection policy developments in the European Union. It was very successful and well attended.

Norwegian Officials. On November 19 and 20, officials of the Norwegian Consumer Ombudsman Office will participate in a two-day FTC study program and will lead a brown bag presentation about Internet Fraud and Consumer Protection in Norway on the 19th.

Brazil Safe Web Fellow. OIA and BC hosted a brown bag program featuring Roberto Taufick, our Safe Web fellow from Brazil, on competition law enforcement in Brazil.
The Office of International Affairs
INVITES YOU TO A BROWN BAG LUNCH
ON EUROPE

David Mair
of the European Commission's
Directorate General on Health and Consumers
(DG SANCO)

WILL PRESENT ON
CONSUMER MARKET MONITORING

Friday, September 19, 12 p.m. in H-481

Sponsored by the Office of International Affairs
The Office of International Affairs invites you to a brown bag lunch with

Luc Labonte
FTC International Fellow
and Senior Canadian Prosecutor
and

Sgt. Tim Feeney
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

whose subject will be:

Legislation on proceeds of crime and offense-related property and its impact on prosecutions of cross-border fraud

Thursday
January 24, 2008
IN ROOM H-432 at 12:00-1:00

Sponsored by the Office of International Affairs
The Office of International Affairs invites you to a series of two brown bag lunches on Hungary.

Virág Balogh, FTC International Fellow from Hungary, will present on Hungarian consumer protection with a focus on the work of GVH, the Hungarian Competition Authority. 

Wednesday, April 23, 12 p.m. in H-481

Eszter Takácsi-Nagy and Krisztián Katona, Office of International Affairs, will present on the transition to a market economy, Hungarian competition law, and lessons learned in recent competition enforcement.

Thursday, April 24, 12 p.m. in H-481

Sponsored by the Office of International Affairs.
Speaker on International Consumer Protection

The Office of International Affairs
INVITES YOU TO A BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH

Joan MacPherson
FTC International Fellow
in BCP’s Division of Marketing Practices
and Senior Competition Law Officer,
Competition Bureau Canada

WHOSE SUBJECT WILL BE:
Fair Business Practices Enforcement in Canada,
including the Competition Act as a tool
for combating mass marketing fraud

THURSDAY
February 28, 2008
IN ROOM H-481 at 12:00-1:00

Sponsored by the Office of International Affairs
Please join us for a brown bag presentation about:

Consumer Protection in The Netherlands

When: Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 12:00 pm

Where: Room H-481

Who: Representatives from the newly-created Consumer Authority of The Netherlands
Federal Trade Commission  
Office of International Affairs

Please join us for a brown bag presentation about:

Internet Fraud and Consumer Protection in Norway

When: Monday, November 19, 2007, at 12:00 pm

Where: Room H-481

Who: Officials from the Norwegian Consumer Ombudsman Office
Federal Trade Commission
Office of International Affairs

Please join us for a brown bag talk on:

**Consumer Policy in the European Union: Recent Developments**

**When:** Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at noon

**Where:** Room H-382

**Who:** Professor Fernanda Nicola,
American University
Washington College of Law

Questions? Hugh Stevenson, ext. 3511
Please join us for one of three presentations on:

The U.S. SAFE WEB Act: An Overview

Monday, March 19, 2007 at 2:30-4:00 pm in NJ A and B

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 2:00-3:30 pm in H-332

Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 2:00-3:30 pm in H-332

Questions? See the FTC Daily or call Shaundra Watson, ext. 2777
Please join us for a reprise of the presentation

The U.S. SAFE WEB Act: An Overview

Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 2:00-3:30 pm in H-332

Questions? See the FTC Daily or call Shaundra Watson, ext. 2777
Foreign Assets and Foreign Targets: Can Anything Be Done?

BCP New Attorney Training
June 19, 2006
Federal Trade Commission

MANEESHA MITHAL
Acting Associate Director for International Consumer Protection
Federal Trade Commission
Lecture expresses the author's personal opinion and must not be interpreted or construed as the official position of the Brazilian government.
Another responsive item that occurs to me is the "privacy across the pond" presentation as part of privacy week.

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Visit to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission by Representatives from the Egyptian Consumer Protection Office

Monday July 2, 2007 (Room H-294)

Tuesday July 3, 2007 (Room H-481)
Tuesday July 3, 2007 (continued)

12:00pm Brown bag lunch presentation about consumer protection in Egypt

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Thursday July 5, 2007 (Room H-588)

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Friday July 6, 2007 (Room H-294)

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Aug. 9  
12:00pm  
601 Conf. Center

Joel Schrag  
FTC Technical Assistance Mission to Indonesia

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RA Seminar Series Home Page

Contact the Coordinating Committee to learn more:

Co-Chairs: Marissa Crawford (x3293)
Joe Caissie (x2887)

The RA Seminar meets at 3pm in Room 4100 of the New Jersey Avenue Building, unless otherwise noted.

April 26, 2006
Kenneth Kelly (CP) TBA

August 2006
David Balan (Antitrust II) Generic Drugs - Pharma Industry

September 2006
Haj Hadeishi (CP) Mortgage Lending Discrimination

November 2006
Alan Fisher, Harold Saltzman, Loren Smith (Antitrust II) Funeral Homes/Cemeteries: SCI/Alderwoods Merger

2:30-3:30, January 17, 2007
Joseph Caissie Modeling Marriage Using an Option Framework

A listing of previous seminars is available here.

Tips for planning an RA seminar.

Audience
RA Seminar is intended for the Bureau's RAs and support staff.

Mission
The RA Seminar Series consists of a series of one-hour presentations by economists, with the purpose of educating RAs and others on some of the underlying economic theories that direct the Bureau of Economics' decisions, and the role these theories play in the conduct of staff investigations.

The goal is to open a new and unique avenue of communication between RAs and Economists that is outside the more focused case work, and to create a dynamic interaction among young, motivated RAs and senior, educated Economists that is informed and free-flowing.

Economists are encouraged to present topics that interest them and in which they are knowledgeable, starting from basic concepts and moving to applications and advanced theory.

Economists will be contacted by the RA coordinating committee about presenting a topic. Once the topic is chosen, the Economist will work with an RA liaison to create the seminar and assure that the necessary materials (equipment, copies of articles, etc.) are available.
Seminar Series Calendar Archive

The Bureau of Economics periodically hosts seminars given by scholars and practitioners in economic fields related to the Federal Trade Commission's missions. Listed here are the presenters and topics from previous seminar series. To view the schedule for the current seminar series, go to the seminar series homepage.

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May 8
Claudio Lucarelli
(Cornell University)
Government Policy and the Dynamics of Market Structure: Evidence from Critical Access Hospitals
NJ Avenue Conference Center Room B

June 19
Greg Crawford
(FCC)
NJ Room 4100

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Fall 2007

Date Speaker/Paper/Host

Sept. 6 Michael Baye
(FTC and Indiana)
“Clicks, Discontinuities, and Firm Demand Online”

Sept. 13 John Rust
(University of Maryland)
“Pricing and Selling Decisions by Rental Car Companies”

Sept. 20 Ana Aizcorbe
(Bureau of Economic Analysis)
“Intermittent Purchases and Welfare-Based Price Deflators for Durable Goods”
Seminar will be held in room 4100.

Oct. 4 David Prentice
(LeTrobe and Lehigh)

Oct. 11 Sean Nicholson
(Cornell University)
“Is Early Childhood Television Viewing an Environmental Trigger for Autism?”
Seminar will be held in room 4100.

Oct. 18 Brian Krauth
(Simon Fraser University)
“Bounding a linear causal effect using relative correlation restrictions.”

Oct. 25 Jeremy Fox
(University of Chicago)
“Measuring the Efficiency of an FCC Spectrum Auction.”

Nov. 1 Jacques Cremer
“The Value of Switching Costs”
Seminar will be held in room 4100.

Nov. 15 Matt Shum
(Johns Hopkins University)
“Estimating First-Price Auctions with Unknown Number of Bidders: A misclassification approach” (with Yingyao Hu)

Nov. 29 Oz Shy
“Market Dominance and Behavior-Based Pricing Under Horizontal and Vertical Differentiation.”

Dec. 6 Gautam Gowrisankaran
(University of Arizona)
“Dynamics of Consumer Demand for New Durable Goods”
Seminar will be held in room 4100.

Dec. 13
Kathy Zeiler
(Georgetown Law)
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From: Brown, Mary
To: Lowry, Carolyn;
Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2008 8:42:00 AM

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From: Hosken, Daniel S.
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2008 8:05 AM
To: Brown, Mary
Cc: Adams, Christopher P.; Schmidt, David R.
Subject: RE: Request for Documents for Case # 'FOIA-2008-01049'. Due date September 16, 2008.

I do not have a list of brownbag seminars. They do not have titles per se, but more are subjects

1. Adams: Discussion of Realcomp case (4/29/08)
2. Sanghvi: Discussion of Whole Foods case (5/20/08)
3. Hanner: Discussion of Warner Chilcott (WC)/Barr case (6/18/08)
4. Wendling/Herman: Research Presentation: Relationship between Education and Smoking
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I forgot one brownbag
Garmon/Brand/Balan: Discussion of Inova Hospital case, 7/22/08
DFP Academy  
Session No. 2: Regulation of Financial Institutions  
June 25, 2008  
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. Financial Institutions and Their Regulators  
Arthur E. Wilmarth, Jr., George Washington University Law School

A. Depository Institutions and Their Regulators

National Banks and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)  
State Member Banks and the Federal Reserve Board (FRB)  
State Nonmember Banks and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).  
Savings Associations and the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS)  
Credit Unions and the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA)  
Federal Prohibition against Accepting Deposits without Lawful Authority

B. Holding Companies and Their Regulators

Bank Holding Companies and the FRB  
Financial Holding Companies and the FRB  
Savings and Loan Holding Companies and the OTS

C. Other Financial Institutions and Their Regulators

Securities Broker-Dealers and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)  
Investment Companies, Investment Advisers and the SEC  
Insurance Companies and State Insurance Commissions  
Government-Sponsored Enterprises

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Selected Topics in Bank Regulation  
Heidi Mandanis Schooner, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America

D. Supervision and Regulation of Financial Institutions

Special Features of Depository Institutions  
Policy Justifications for Regulation and Supervision  
Regulation of Banks' and Banking Groups' Activities
12:00 noon  LUNCH

1:00 p.m.  Selected Topics in Bank Regulation (cont.) – Heidi Schooner

Bank Capital Regulation
Bank Supervision
Enforcement
Application of Specific Statutes to Banks

2:00 p.m.  Questions and Concluding Remarks
AGENDA

1:30 p.m. Professor Elizabeth De Armond, Chicago-Kent College of Law
Nuts and Bolts of the FCRA
Consumer Reporting Agency Responsibilities
User Responsibilities
Furnisher Responsibilities
The FCRA’s Identity Theft Provisions
Nuts and Bolts of the Credit Repair Organizations Act

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Thomas Quinn, Vice President, Fair Isaac
FICO Score Overview
FICO Score Predictive Power
FICO Scores in Use
AGENDA

9:30 a.m.  **Fundamentals of Check Clearance**  
Mark Budnitz, Georgia State University College of Law  

A. Traditional check processing  
B. Remotely created checks  
C. Check image exchange  
D. Remote deposit (Prof. Levitin)

10:00 a.m.  **Automated Clearing House Operations**  

A. NACHA’s role  
B. Types of ACH transactions  
C. Check to ACH conversion

10:30 a.m.  **Uniform Commercial Code and Federal Laws Applying to Checks**  

A. Regular checks: consumer liability under the UCC

11:00 a.m.  Break

11:15 a.m.  B. Remotely created checks: applicable law  
C. Counterfeit cashier’s checks and money orders: applicable law  
D. Check image exchange  

Substitute check: Check 21 Act  
No substitute check: applicable law
12:00 noon  LUNCH

1:00 p.m.  Uniform Commercial Code and Federal Laws Applying to Checks (cont.)

E.  Electronically represented checks: NACHA Rules
F.  Check to ACH conversion: POP & ARC

    EFTA & Reg. E
    NACHA Rules

1:30 p.m.  Credit Cards
    Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center

    A.  Fundamentals of Credit Card Transactions
    B.  Credit Card Disclosure and Marketing
    C.  Billing Error Resolution and Unauthorized Use Liability
    D.  Cardholder Claims and Defenses
    E.  Convenience Checks
    F.  Regulation of Substantive Credit Card Terms and Recent Developments

2:30 p.m.  Break

2:45 p.m.  Debit Cards

    A.  Fundamentals of Debit Card Transactions
    B.  Debit Card Disclosure and Marketing
    C.  Error Resolution and Unauthorized Use Liability
    D.  Debit Card Holds

3:25 p.m.  Stored Value Cards

    A.  Fundamentals of Stored Value Transactions
B. Law Regulating Stored Value Cards
C. Major Consumer Issues with Stored Value Cards

3:45 p.m.  New Technologies

A. New Technology 1: Contactless, Mobile Payments, Biometrics
B. New Technology 2: Internet Payment Intermediaries
C. Pay by Phone Bill
The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Debt Collection Industry

Presentation to the Federal Trade Commission
Division of Financial Practices Academy

August 27, 2008

AGENDA

1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. – Bob Hunt, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
   Overview of the Debt Collection Business

1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. – Cyndi Geerdes, University of Illinois College of Law
   Overview of the FDCPA
   Case study
   The FDCPA in the future

2:40 – 2:55 - BREAK

2:55 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Bob Hunt
   Consumer Debt Collection
   Scale of the collections activity
   Who does collections?
   The 3rd party collections industry
   Changing industry structure
   Debt buying
   Implications for regulation

   Consumer Credit Counseling
   What are DMPs?
   Scale of counseling/DMP activity
   The incentive problem
   Entry by new players
   Unraveling a voluntary equilibrium
   Future challenges
Introduction to the Mortgage Industry: The Players – Patricia McCoy, University of Connecticut School of Law

a. The Mortgage Business - Brokers
   - How brokers get compensated
   - How brokers market products

b. The Mortgage Business - Lenders
   - How lenders get compensated
   - How lenders market products
   - How lenders fund loans (portfolio, warehouse lines of credit, GSEs, non-agency securitization market)

c. The Mortgage Business - Secondary Markets
   - GSEs overview
   - Wall Street (non-agency) securitization

d. The Mortgage Business - Servicers
   - Pooling and Servicing Agreements
   - How servicers get compensated

Types of Mortgage Products: Fundamentals of Mortgage Documents and Disclosures – Kathleen Engel, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University

(The focus of this segment is on subprime and nontraditional home mortgages.)

a. Mortgage products
   - prime, Alt-A, subprime
   - fixed rate, ARM, hybrid ARM, option ARM, interest only, low doc, stated income, NINA
   - 80/20 or 80/10/10 mortgages
   - reverse mortgages
   - home equity lines of credit

b. Mortgage insurance products
   - FHA/VA programs
- Private Mortgage Insurance
- Lender-paid mortgage insurance

c. Credit insurance and other ancillary products

11:45 a.m.  LUNCH

12:45 p.m.  Legal Framework for Mortgage Lending – Kathleen Engel

a. The Truth in Lending Act
b. RESPA
c. State anti-predatory lending laws
d. The FTC Act
e. State UDAP Statutes
f. State fraud laws
g. Other regulation (or lack thereof) of mortgage brokers and nonbank lenders (other than operating subsidiaries of banks and thrifts).

2:00 p.m.  Servicing Issues – Patricia McCoy

a. The Mortgage Business – Foreclosures
b. Overview on state laws re: foreclosure
c. Foreclosure Rescue Scams
Bobley, Brett

From: Bobley, Brett
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2007 5:39 PM
To: Aguera, Helen; Anderson, Andrea; Ashbrook, Barbara; Bays, Barbara; Canevali, Ralph; Gould, Bonnie; Hall, Michael; Henrickson, Gary; Hindley, Meredith; Joffrion, Elizabeth; Losin, Peter; McDonald, Michael; Meredith, John; Milan, Noel; Mitchell, Kathleen; Myers, Larry; Phelps, Thomas; Reece, Dwan; Ross, Steve; Shepherd, Jerri; Shirley, Michael; Thomas, Jeff; Weinstein, David; Winter, Fred; Word, Laura; Wurl, Joel; Wyland, Russell; Losin, Peter; Rhody, Jason; Serventi, Jennifer; Stewart, Beth
Subject: DHI Visit from Cathy Davidson on April 30

DHI Committee,

Chairman Cole has invited Cathy Davidson of Duke University to visit with the NEH next Monday, April 30th. Cathy is the interim director of the John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute and the co-founder of HASTAC. This invitation stemmed from Cathy's recent Chronicle editorial entitled "We Can't Ignore the Influence of Digital Technologies." (Attached as "Chronicle.pdf").

Coincidentally, I just returned from the HASTAC "Electronic Techtonics" conference held down at Duke. It was a terrific conference that focused largely on digital humanities and how scholars from different disciplines will work collaboratively in the future.

Cathy will be here at the NEH on Monday, April 30th. Tentatively, she will meet with Chairman Cole at 10am and then I will ask her to come to RM 415 at 11am to talk with the DHI Committee. (I'm confirming these times with the Chairman's office). So please join us if you can.

Cathy has attached some other information including a copy of a forthcoming article entitled "Data Mining, Collaboration, and Institutional infrastructure for Transforming Research and Teaching in the Human Sciences and Beyond" which discusses the past and future for digital humanities. It is very interesting reading.

So please plan on joining us in RM 415 at 11am.

thanks,

Brett

From: Cathy Davidson [mailto:Cathy.Davidson@duke.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2007 4:08 PM
To: Cole, Bruce
Cc: Bobley, Brett
Subject: Possible readings for my upcoming visit to NEH

Dear Bruce,

As you may have heard from Brett, having some extremely famous scientists and prominent humanists in the room produced a quite historic meeting. Supporting graduate students in both fields at the same event really made the ideas sizzle. Not only do we have cross-foundational conversation happening (continuing upon the NEH Digital Summit), but we actually witnessed what some are saying is the birth of the semantic web. Now, that was pretty exciting!

09/25/08
I have attached here two separate documents that might be of interest to your senior officer. Both are short. One is an assessment of where digital humanities began and where they are now and where I think they need to go. The other is my "welcome" to the "Electronic Techtonics: Thinking at the Interface" conference that sets out an agenda for humanists in the Information Age. This "Welcome" document (also posted to the HASTAC website) also gestures towards the role of funding organizations in supporting disciplinary structures and inspiring institutional change. If your senior officers are truly gluttons for punishment, they might also want to look at "The Future of Learning Institutions in a Digital Age," a first draft of a collaborative think piece that David Theo Goldberg and I have posted on the website at the Institute for the Future of the Book that allows anyone to annotate or comment upon an individual paragraph, sentence, or word in the draft or even to comment on someone else's comment, without altering the text itself. (It's a next-generation wiki, in other words). We are also holding three public forums on this topic and will, in the end, write a final draft incorporating and synthesizing comments as well as examples posted on the site by readers. We will acknowledge these contributions, while still, in the end, presenting our own position and a hybrid idea of "authorship." The websites is http://www.futureofthebook.org/HASTAC/learningreport/about/

Feel free to distribute this or not, as you wish. I look forward to meeting you on Monday.

Best regards,

Cathy

Cathy N. Davidson
Ruth F. DeVarney Professor of English and
Interim Director and Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute
Duke University
Co-Founder, HASTAC (www.hastac.org)
DHI Visit with Marshall Poe

When: Monday, February 12th, 10:45am - Noon
Where: Room 510

Chairman Cole has asked Marshall Poe to visit with us here at the NEH on Monday. Dr. Poe is a historian and author of several books on early modern Russia. He is well-known for his essay "Note to Self: Print Monograph Dead; Invent New Publishing Model" which describes his forays into electronic publishing.

He will be meeting with the Chairman in the morning and then with the DHI Committee at 10:45. Please feel free to join us for an interesting discussion. Below is an e-mail from Dr. Poe. I asked him to provide us links to some of the articles he's written and to provide some background on the digital humanities projects he is involved in.

Brett

Marshall Poe [mailto:marshallpoe@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2007 3:52 PM
To: Bobley, Brett
Subject: Re: Visit to NEH

Hi Brett:

Great to hear from you. I'm looking forward to the visit and our meetings. As you your questions, my bio can be found (embarrassingly enough) here on Wikipedia:


It's more or less accurate, and contains from links to two things you might want to skim in advance of my visit, namely:

1. "Note to Self: Print Monograph Dead, Invent New Publishing Model." Available here:

I've also attached two other items, one old and short, and the other new and long.

3. "The List: On the Coming Reorganization of Historical Study," an article I wrote ages ago for the AHA (and it shows it's age a bit now that email discussion lists are everywhere).
4. "What is WikiWorld?," a chapter from a book I'm currently writing on the ways, means and meaning.
of mass collaboration. Note that this is a draft, and probably full of both typos and foolishness. But I couldn't pass up the opportunity to run it past a group of experts hands.

You might also take a moment to look at these web projects with which I'm involved, as they might provide more food for thought: MemoryArchive (http://www.memoryarchive.org), The Russian History WikiProject (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Russian_History); and Data360 (http://www.data360.org/index.aspx).

Again, I'm looking forward to meeting the group and helping out in any way I can. I've not rec'd an itinerary yet (that is, a when and where for Monday morning), but I imagine I will shortly.

Warmest Regards, Marshall Poe
Bernard F. Reilly will be the next speaker in the Division of Preservation and Access colloquium. Reilly is the president of the Chicago-based Center for Research Libraries, a consortium of 205 North American universities and research libraries. The center holds collections of over 4 million titles, and undertakes cooperative acquisition, preservation, cataloging, and access projects on behalf of its member libraries and universities. Reilly will be discussing the financial implications of digital preservation, stemming from his involvement with several initiatives at the national and international level regarding the development and sustainability of digital resources. Please join us for this presentation, followed by Q&A, and invite any other colleagues who would like to attend.

Bernard F. Reilly, Weighing the Costs and Benefits of Digital Preservation Services

Tuesday, June 10, at 2:00 pm

Room 415
The NEH Enayet Rahim Memorial Library
presents a Library Forum

Wednesday, March 15th, 11:00 a.m.

The “Noble Savage” on Tour in Europe:
The Iowa Indians and George Catlin in England and France,
1843-1845

by
Joe Herring
Division of Preservation and Access
Dr. Herring will discuss the relationship between George Catlin and a group of Iowa Indians who joined the American artist’s Indian Gallery/Wild West Show, and will focus on the story of the Iowas, who traveled from their village along the Missouri River to England to dance, engage in mock war games, shoot arrows, play lacrosse, and ride horses “Indian style” for eager white audiences. Additionally, Dr. Herring will explore their motivations for playing Indian. He will also discuss Catlin, the lawyer-turned-artist, and his reasons for selling a bill of goods—the Noble Savage—that he knew to be almost entirely false.
As we celebrate the agency’s 40th anniversary again this year, now is an appropriate time to review the scholarship on the history of the humanities and the founding of the NEH. Federal agencies rarely spring to life without an external force, and before the legislation authorizing the creation of a new agency was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson, there were efforts to persuade Congress and the White House of the need for such an experiment. Yet for an institution so important to American scholarly life, the National Endowment for the Humanities has attracted remarkably little attention from historians and other scholars in the humanities. The contrast with scholarship about the arts is striking: while there are many books on the origins of the NEA, there has been surprisingly little written about the decision to create NEH and even less about the public policy choices facing the humanities. Some questions to be explored: What efforts were made in the 1950s to create an NEH? What arguments were advanced to justify the creation of a federal agency for the humanities? How did the case for the humanities differ – if at all – from that made by arts advocates for the NEA? What were the decisive reasons for the specific way – linking the arts and the humanities under a common legislative umbrella-- in which NEH and NEA were created?
The NEH Enayet Rahim Memorial Library

presents a

Library Forum

Thursday
September 21, 2006
in Room 217
at 11:00 a.m.

Professor Risley and His Japanese Troupe

Dr. Robert H. Sayers, Division of Education Programs

During the long Tokugawa period (1603-1867), Japan's military rulers upheld a policy of rigid seclusion, embargoing most contacts between Japanese citizens and foreigners. When these restrictions were finally relaxed in 1866, the very first travel visas were issued not to prominent Japanese diplomats or other officials, but rather to a troupe of popular entertainers. The impetus behind this unlikely event was an American entrepreneur and star gymnast, Richard Risley Carlisle. Having appeared two years earlier in the Yokohama foreign settlement, "Professor Risley," as he styled himself, persuaded the last of the Tokugawa rulers to entrust into his care many of Japan's most accomplished
acrobats, magicians, jugglers, and top-spinners for a two-year odyssey across America and Europe. In his slide-illustrated lecture, Dr. Sayers will discuss the impact these exotic entertainers had on the American imagination in the years immediately following the Civil War. He will also share newly-unearthed details about the strange and remarkable career of Richard Risley Carlisle.
The NEH Enayet Rahim Memorial Library

presents a

Library Forum

on

January 25, 2007

in Room 217, at 2:00 p.m.

Out-takes from a Sojourn in Finland

by Dr. Kenneth Kolson
Division of Research Programs

The issue of cities' self-perceptions is intensely interesting. as is the question of how they remember, or forget, their own histories. There also is the matter of their branding techniques—that is, the way that cities position themselves in relation to others, and the things they do in pursuit of "market share" in the economy of cultural tourism. And in the end, issues of identity and representation are never far from questions about preservation. What are we to save? What may be legitimately sacrificed in the name of progress? What should we just sweep under the rug?

These are among the issues that informed Ken Kolson's teaching as a Fulbright Lecturer in urban history at the University of Oulu, in Finland. This library forum is a report on his experience during the fall semester, 2006-2007.
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The NEH Enayet Rahim Memorial Library
presents a
Library Forum
on
Tuesday, October 2, 2007
at 11:00 a.m., in Room 217


Douglas Arnold, Division of Education Programs

Why is the year 1818 considered one of the most significant in Connecticut's history? Two volumes of The Public Records of the State of Connecticut, to be published by the Connecticut State Library, will provide basic documentation of the political transformations that led to the writing of Connecticut's first "American style" state constitution and the dismantling of the old religious establishment dating back to Puritan times.

Doug Arnold will discuss these important historical developments and give an idea of the rewards and challenges of producing a full-scale scholarly edition in off-hours from NEH work. These will be the sixth and seventh volumes of this ongoing series that Doug has edited since 1989. Doug was ably assisted on the 1816-1818 volumes by colleagues Jen Serventi and Kathy Toavs, who will also be present at this Library Forum.
The NEH Enayet Rahim Memorial Library presents a Library Forum Thursday, March 27, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. by Dr. Jane Aikin Division of Research Programs

Preparing for a National Emergency: The Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources, 1939-1944

In March 1940 the U.S. National Resources Planning Board established the Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources to plan for the protection of cultural institutions during national emergencies. The committee provided a mechanism to bring officials together to consider protective measures for and evacuation of valuable books, paintings, and artifacts well before the U.S. entered World War II. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the committee executed its plan to recommend protective action to
cultural institutions nationwide. As a forerunner of interdepartmental cooperation, national emergency and preservation planning, and federal cultural leadership, the committee's experience provides an early example of the challenges of disaster planning.