

NEWSLETTER



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CAL STATE FULLERTON WILL HOST OUR NEXT MEETING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2009 IN THEIR POLLAK LIBRARY

How do I get to the Pollak Library on the Cal State Fullerton Campus? Easy. North is at the top of this map. Nutwood Avenue is on the south side of campus, the 57 Freeway runs along the east side. Get off the Freeway at Nutwood, turn west, pass the Fullerton Marriott Hotel and take the first right, Folino Drive. Drive north to Parking lot E and park. Walk to PL, marked with an arrow on this map. Directions will be posted near the entry on the East side of the building. Parking is free on Saturday.

Vice President Greg McIntosh has lined up a splendid program for us. You'll find a preliminary program on page 5 of this issue. For visitors from out of town, the fairly obvious choice is the Fullerton Marriott. You can make reservations at the Marriott website. Rates seem to be about \$120/night. The library is within easy walking distance of the hotel. The reservation form enclosed will give you details on lunch.



POLLAK LIBRARY—LOOK FOR THE HEXACON COVERED WAFFLE IRON BUILDING

Oh-oh! Campus prank run amok? No, just outside the Pollak Library lies David, in pieces. Originally mounted conventionally, David fell in the 1987 Whittier Narrows earthquake. Forest Lawn Cypress donated the broken pieces to Cal State Fullerton in 1989. It was a full size statue but now it looks like David flunked out.



There are other somewhat bizarre sculptures at CSUF. Look for the sinking "Sea Bee" near David, going down in a Sea of Grass (thanks, Walt Whitman.)

JOHN DOCKTOR KEEPS A CARTOGRAPHIC CALENDAR AT WWW.DOCKTOR.COM

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR 2009 YOU MIGHT ENJOY

February 7-8, 2009 - Miami: The [Miami International Map Fair](#), the oldest event of its kind in the Western Hemisphere, will be held at the [Historical Museum of Southern Florida](#), 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130. Dealers from around the world exhibit and sell antique maps. Visitors are invited to bring in maps of their own for expert opinions and attend educational programs. For information and registration materials, contact [Marcia Kanner](#), Map Fair Coordinator, at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida using the above address or by telephone at (305) 375-1492; facsimile: (305) 375-1609.

March 6-7, 2009 : Rosslyn, Virginia: The [Washington Antiquarian Book Fair](#) will be held at Holiday Inn at Key Bridge, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive. Rare books, maps, prints, autographs and more will be presented by 75 distinguished dealers. Open Friday 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

March 22-27, 2009 - Las Vegas: Join 8,000 geographers, GIS specialists, and environmental scientists for the latest in research, policy, and applications in geography, sustainability, and GIScience during the Association of American Geographers [Annual Meeting](#).

April 4-6, 2009 - San Antonio: [Texas Map Society](#) will have its spring meeting, co-sponsored by the University of Texas at San Antonio. The topic will be *Spanish Colonial Mapping and their Map Makers*. Speakers include Richard Kagan, Ph. D, Professor, Johns Hopkins University; David Buisseret, Ph.D, Newberry Library; John Hebert, Chief, Geography and Map Division, Library Of Congress; John Morris, Ph.D., University Of Texas at San Antonio; and Ricardo Pedron, Ph. D., Associate Professor, The University of Virginia. Dinner at the Alamo and field trips are planned. Contact [Kit Goodwin](#) for additional information.

May 28-29, 2009 - Los Angeles: "Mapping Medieval Geographies:" *Cartography and Geographical Thought in the Latin West and Beyond: 300-1600* is the topic for the [Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies](#) Ahmanson Conference at the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, UCLA. Geography as it was un-

derstood and practiced in the Middle Ages, within both eastern and western traditions, and as represented both graphically and textually, is a subject of renewed interest and importance among historians, philologists and geographers. This conference aims to promote an exchange between those of different disciplines working on geographical ideas and thinking from late Antiquity to the Renaissance on the themes of 'Translation, transmission, transculturation', and 'Mapping, imagining, placing'. Key speakers are: Daniel Birkholz (Univ. Texas at Austin), Veronica della Dora (Univ. Bristol), Kathy Lavezzo (Univ. Iowa), Natalia Lozovsky (UC Berkeley), Andrew Merrills (Univ. Leicester), Meg Roland (Marylhurst Univ.), Emilie Savage-Smith (Univ. Oxford), and Alessandro Scafi (Warburg Institute, London). Additional information [from](#) Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Box 951485, 302 Royce Hall, Los Angeles CA 90095-1485; 310-825-1880.

June 6-7, 2009 - London: The [London Map Fair](#) is held at the Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore. It will be open on Saturday June 6th from 12.00-19.00 and on Sunday June 7th from 10.00-17.00. Still the only specialist map fair in the UK and the largest in Europe, with 40 international exhibitors offering maps, charts, town plans, atlases, globes, views and reference books of all periods and to suit all pockets. Tickets for the map fair can be printed off at the [Map Fair web page](#). There will be lectures at 14.30 daily in the On-straatje Theatre. All are welcome.

July 12-17, 2009 - Copenhagen: Due to the difficulties of navigating the Far North, the early cartography of the region has been characterized by a blurring of the boundaries between fact and fiction, and a strong interplay between textual sources and cartography. These traits will be the subject of *Maps, Myths and Narratives: Cartography of the Far North* - the focus of the [23rd International Conference on the History of Cartography](#). Conference venue is the new 'Black Diamond' building of the [Royal Library](#). Two optional post-conference tours have been arranged:

(1) A day trip to ruins of Tycho Brahe's

observatory Uranienborg on the Island of Hven on Saturday, July 18.

(2) A three-day tour, from Sunday, July 19 to Tuesday, July 21, with a circuit of the Øresund Region of Northern Zealand in Denmark and Skåne in Southern Sweden. Pre-registration is available [online](#) or from [Henrik Dupont](#), Research Librarian, Department of Maps, The Royal Library, Slotsholmen, POB 2149, DK-1016 Copenhagen K.

September 6-9, 2009 - Oslo: The theme of the [27th international symposium](#) of the [International Map Collectors' Society](#) - and the first ever in Norway - is *The Mapping and Exploration of Norway and the North*. Following the format of several successful IMCoS symposia, an opening reception on Sunday, September 6, will be followed by three days of programs, which will conclude with a gala dinner. Half of each day will be devoted to a formal speaker session, with a social/cultural program in the other half. The venue for Monday and Wednesday mornings is the National Library, where the talks will focus Tuesday, we shall travel to the State Mapping Authority in Hønefoss, about 50 kilometers outside Oslo, where we will learn about the practical aspects of map making. The afternoon visits include the Viking Ship Museum, the Kon-Tiki Museum, and the Fram Museum. The last houses the Fram, the ship that was built for Fridtjof Nansen for his journey to the North Pole that sailed from Norway in 1893. Our gala dinner will take place on the deck of the Fram! The official Symposium hotel is The Grand Additional information from [Pål Sagen](#), P.O.Box 3893, Ullevål Stadion, NO-0805 Oslo, Norway; phone: +47 2233 3650, fax: +47 2233 3651.

October 11-13, 2009 - Raleigh, North Carolina: The [Society for the History of Discoveries](#) will hold its 50th annual meeting immediately following the October 9-10 events/seminar commemorating the 300th anniversary of the publication of [John Lawson's "A New Voyage to Carolina"](#). Both will be held in the same seminar venue, the [North Carolina Museum of History](#). More details to be announced.

THE ROY V. BOSWELL COLLECTION

In October 1971, Ernest W. Toy, Jr., Librarian for then Cal State College, Fullerton, and Roy V. Boswell, rare book and map expert, formed the Collection for the History of Cartography with 54 maps. By 1985 it had reached over 1500 maps and some 2000 books on cartography, geography, exploration, and navigation.

Over the years through 1990 eleven exhibitions including maps from the collection were sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The collection includes maps from 1500

through 1900. Twenty-five percent of the collection predates 1700. Many of the maps are uncolored as issued. Mr. Boswell thought these showed the mapmakers art to its best advantage.

Roy Boswell's long range vision, high standards, and patient energy are largely responsible for the Collection's attainment of regional and national stature. At age 91, Mr. Boswell retired as voluntary curator. Two years later he was honored by having the collection renamed the Roy V. Boswell Collection for the History

of Cartography. He died in 1990 at the age of 96, having left a great legacy for all of us to study.

Over the last several years the collection has been catalogued on computer. More scholars and other interested map people will now have ready access to this truly remarkable map collection. Our meeting will include a chance to see part of this collection.

Summarized from an essay by Albert R. Vogeler in the CSUF publication, "Very Special Collections."

L.A. Unfolded: Maps from the Los Angeles Public Library. On exhibit through Jan 22, 2009, Central Library Getty Gallery.

How many times have we wished for a map exhibit in Southern California? We have wonderful collections which are seldom visited and even more seldom put on display. The Los Angeles Central Library (renamed the Richard J. Riordan Central Library) is located at 630 West Fifth St. in downtown LA. You know it, the pyramid shaped roof you go whizzing past on the way to the Harbor Freeway.

During the rebuilding after the fire, the Map Department was placed in its proper perspective—on the bottom floor. Here co-curator Glen Creason and his associates gather to oversee an enormous collection of maps, one of the largest collections owned by a public library in the U.S. And now they get to show off.

Historical maps largely unseen for 100 years, classroom maps and maps representing a wide range of styles and periods are on display in this exhibit. The exhibition focuses on Los Angeles and California including topographic surveys, tourist guides, real estate maps, pictorials and more.

"As powerful technical and imaginative constructs, maps straddle the line between art and science," said co-curator Glen Creason, the Library's subject specialist in maps. "For the first time in 100 years, most of them will get their chance to see the world, just as the world has

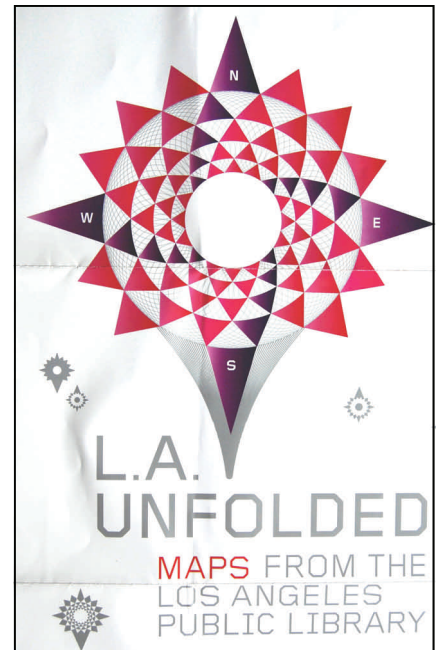
been 'seen' on their surface over many decades in the City of Los Angeles."

Co-curator Gloria Gerace designed the creative way the maps are grouped and displayed. The exhibit logo is at right (sorry, I folded the large program; your eyes are OK.)

"These maps, regardless of their type or intent, have remarkable stories to tell about our city, whether it's learning the original name for Grand Avenue or the location of the 1940's blimp landing field." said Gloria. OK, we all know that Figueroa St. was originally "Calle de los Chapulos" (Grasshopper St.) but equally fun is Grand Avenue, originally "Calle de Caridad" (Charity St.) I think we can probably surmise why the name change, nobody wanted to say they "lived on Charity in Los Angeles."

Another innovative part of this exhibit is a section displaying the winning entries of neighborhood maps created by student participants in the Library's teen summer reading program. Get them interested in maps as a practical way of showing off their pride in their own neighborhoods.

There are three Jo Mora maps displayed, which, half cartoon and half history lesson, are fascinating to explore up close. Naturally there is a "Map of the Stars Homes" on display, unfortunately not the original Wesley G. Lake map. Also a good copy of the Ord Map, the first map of Los Angeles done in 1849 by Lt. E.O.C. Ord for the City Council for, what else? Naturally, to sell real estate. And



what predominates the agricultural fields surrounding the city? Why, grapes, of course, because this was the birthplace of California's wine industry.

Well worth a trip on the Gold, Green or Red Line. Get off at Pershing Square and walk up the hill past the Biltmore to this wonderful County Library. The Getty Gallery is on the second floor, where the old central desk used to be. Enjoy...

BOOK REVIEWS

Transit Maps of the World, the World's First Collection of Every Urban Train Map on Earth by Mark Ovenden, Second Edition, 2007, Penguin Books, paperback, 144 pages all in color, \$25.00 list (Amazon, \$16.50).

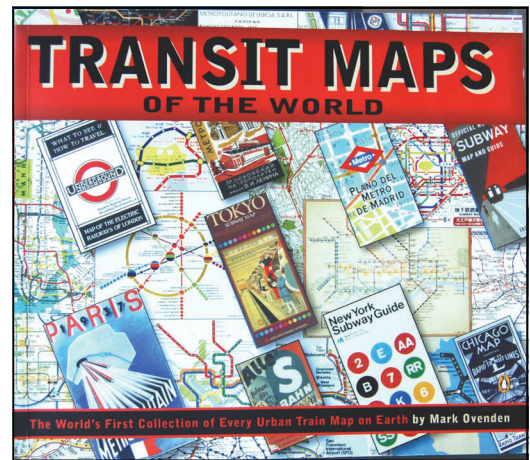
I love it when someone says "Every _ map on Earth." That's a challenge, knowing how many cities of the World have such systems. Well, this book does a pretty good job from London to Yokohama with hundreds of places you never dreamed had a rapid transit system. Dubai will have one in two years and it's covered along with some others which may never get farther than the drawing board.

The first section of this book covers major systems—London, New York, Chicago, Paris, Moscow and Madrid and delves into historic system

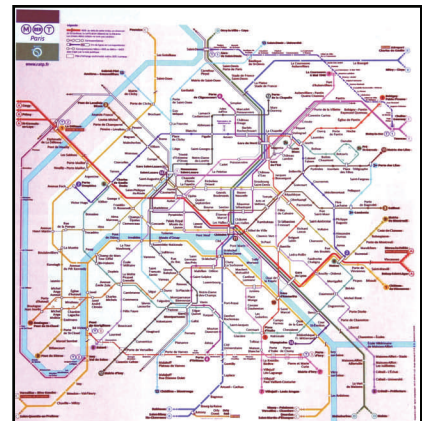
maps in addition to up to date ones. Since Mr. Beck's London Underground map has served as a model for many systems, it's no wonder they look similar. Lots of 45 degree lines giving the impression the cities were laid out by transit engineers rather than horse cart drivers.

One of the things you'll notice right away is that all major cities have rapid transit systems to their airports—save one. Of course, that's Los Angeles, which will never have because the airports are owned exclusively by the City of LA, which makes many millions of dollars each year from their parking lots.

This is a fun book for world travelers and for those of us map nuts who dream of visiting far away places and remember riding some of these lines.



THE RATP SYSTEM OF PARIS



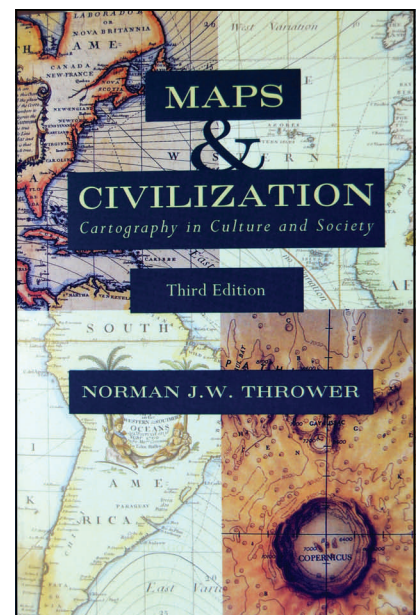
Maps & Civilization, Cartography in Culture and Society, THIRD Edition, by Norman J. W. Thrower, University of Chicago Press, 2008, paperback, 352 pages incl. notes, definitions, references, \$25.00 everywhere.

Two issues ago we noted that U. of Chicago Press had scrapped this book and started over. Note the U. of C. Press has learned to spell "Civilization" correctly and the Third Edition is now available. If you don't have this book, you should. Norman was the first President of CMS and has spoken to us more times than any other person.

So, OK, you say, I've already got a copy of the second edition—it's a hard back, and this one is a paperback, why buy this one? For sev-

eral reasons. The notes are expanded and a small amount of text added and revised but more importantly, a very complete twenty-five page Select Bibliography is added. Because of the misprinting Norman was even able to include a reference to Nick Kanas' book *Star Maps*, so all's well that ends well.

Seriously, this volume is a complete survey of the history of cartography and a standard text for many Universities. It is a meticulously researched work, but not pedantic. It is easy to read and filled with fascinating facts. It belongs on every map lover's library shelf. Bring your copy to the January meeting and have Norman autograph it for you.



Reviewed by Bill Warren

**BI-ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON,
SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY, 2009**

- 8:30-9:00 Coffee and registration
- 9:00-9:05 **Susan Caughey**, President, California Map Society, Welcome
- 9:05-9:15 Introductions: patrons, librarian, co-founder, faculty, former librarian, and other notables.
- 9:15-10:15 **Al Vogeler, Ph.D.**, Professor Emeritus, CSUF, "Digitizing the Boswell Collection"
- 10:15-10:45 **Terry Ahlberg**, Irvine, "The Jo Mora Maps / Posters." Terry has been a Joseph Jacinto (Jo) Mora (1876-1947) collector since 1995 when he saw his first Jo Mora carte. (Jo referred to his maps as cartes.) With a few leads to several collector/aficionados and some inspiring conversations about Mora, Terry was on his way and was hooked. Jo made his first map when he was about 9 or 10 years old (say 1886) and never lost his interest in them his whole life. He made his last map in 1945, a map of California, often revised. You will be able to view these maps in person during Terry's presentation. Terry will also display some of his original paintings of the maps. Terry Ahlberg lives in Irvine and has been a cowboy and Indian collector for a some time.
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-11:45 **Juan Ceva**, Pasadena, "Cartography of the Balearic Islands---A Collector's Survey"
Juan is a collector of maps of his native Mallorca. He resides in Pasadena with his lovely wife Kristin and two small children, Sofia and Alejandro. Juan works for Raytheon and JPL in interplanetary navigation and GPS. cartography, the famous cartography school of the Middle Ages and will provide a survey of collectable maps from Isolarii to touristic postcards of this beautiful Mediterranean region.
- 11:45-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-1:30 Business Meeting
- 1:30-2:00 **Judy Tyner, Ph.D.** "Two Wheel Maps: The Use of Maps in Bicycle Travel Narratives." Dr. Tyner will discuss how maps are used (or not used) in a form of travel literature--bicycle travel narratives. She will also consider the role of maps, the kinds of maps, and the ways the maps are used in such narratives. Dr. Tyner is Professor, emerita, from CSU Long Beach where she taught cartography for over 35 years. She is also a bicyclist and in the past year has done week-long tours in Death Valley, Vermont, and Arizona.
- 2:00-2:30 **Deborah Hann**, "Maps in Children's Literature: Their uses, forms and functions. This presentation comes from her thesis, which won the Best Thesis Award for the College of Liberal Arts at Cal State Long Beach. From picture books to Winnie the Pooh to *The Hobbit* by looking at how the maps function as part of the story, this research demonstrates the maps' true breadth and depth.
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-3:30 **Neal Malloch**, "The Big Map." The Big Map is a 600-foot long relief map of California built in 1924 and previously exhibited in San Francisco. It contains 31,00 feet of wire, 40,000 feet of muslin, and 800,000 miniature hand carved models of buildings, bridges, dams, docks, ships and railroad trains, and weighs 70 tons. Since 1960 "California's White Elephant" has been in storage and is looking for a home. Your basement?
- 3:30-4:00 **Farron Brougher** and **Annette Anderson-Ma**, CSUF, "The Boswell Collection Online" An unveiling for this wonderful multi-year project by the people who did the work.
- 4:00-5:00 **The Boswell Project Team**, 24 maps on display from the Roy V. Boswell Collection
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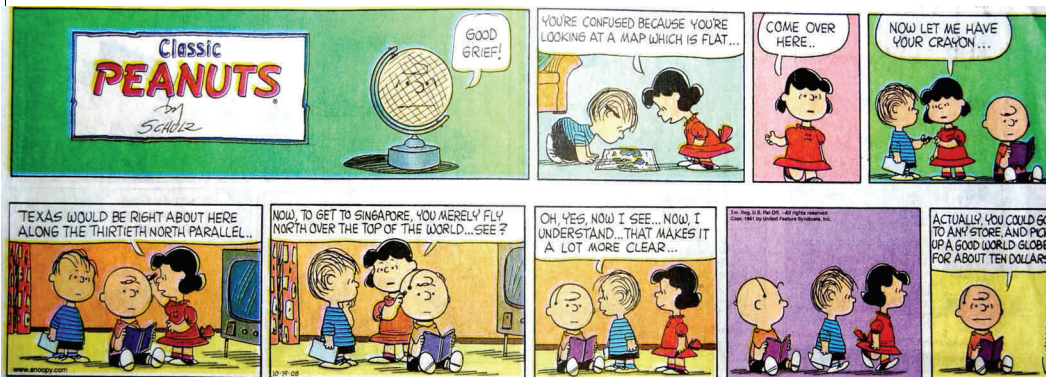
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Objectives and Purposes

Our objectives and purposes are educational, namely, the preservation and dissemination of historical and contemporary cartography, primarily that of California, both for our members and the general public.

We try to accomplish these objectives by:

- Holding twice yearly conferences.
- Compiling information about cartographers, historians, map libraries and dealers active within the state.
- Educating the public through occasional publications and media presentations.
- Supporting advancement in map production, utilization and preservation.
- Encouraging research and teaching in the field of cartography.
- Promoting the exchange of cartographic products and information with other map societies.



MURPHY'S LESSER KNOWN DICTUMS..

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

Nothing is ever foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

When you go into court you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.