

Letter from the Editors

This edition of *Itinerario* can be considered a 'classic' volume. As we know from letters to the editors, our subscribers and readers always enjoy and appreciate the interviews with scholars we publish from time to time and we plan to have more of them in future. Besides, being fortunate enough to present in this edition an interview with the Leiden scholar of the Overseas Portuguese World, Ben Teensma, you will also find articles on various subjects, as well as a record number of book reviews. Since Marcus Vink, scholar at the State University of New York at Fredonia, has taken up the position of review editor, this section of the publication has thrived. Those of you who are interested in writing book reviews for *Itinerario* can contact him via e-mail at vink@fredonia.edu.

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John Carter Brown Library Research Fellowship

The John Carter Brown Library will award approximately twenty-five short- and long-term Research Fellowships for the year June 1, 2003-July 31, 2004. **Short-term fellowships** are available for periods of two to four months and carry a stipend of \$1,400 per month. These fellowships are open to foreign nationals as well as to U.S. citizens who are engaged in pre- and post-doctoral, or independent, research. Graduate students must have passed their preliminary or general examinations at the time of application and be at the dissertation-writing stage. **Long-term fellowships**, primarily funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, are typically for five to nine months and carry a stipend of \$3,500 per month. Recipients of long-term fellowships may not be engaged in graduate work and ordinarily must be U.S. citizens or have resided in the U.S. for the three years immediately preceding the application deadline.

It should be noted that the Library's holdings are concentrated on the history of the Western Hemisphere during the colonial period (c. 1492 to c. 1825), emphasizing the European discovery, exploration, settlement, and development of the Americas, the indigenous response to the European conquest, the African contribution to the development of the hemisphere, and all aspects of European relations with the New World, including the impact of the New World on the Old. Research proposed by fellowship applicants must be suited to the holdings of the Library. All fellows are expected to relocate to Providence and to be in continuous residence at the Library for the entire term of the fellowship.

Several short-term fellowships have thematic restrictions: the Jeanette D. Black Memorial Fellowship in the history of cartography; Center for New World Comparative Studies Fellowships for research in the comparative history of the colonial Americas; the Alexander O. Viator Memorial Fellowship in early maritime history; the Ruth and Lincoln Ekstrom Fellowship in the history of women and the family in the Americas; the William Reese Company Fellowship in bibliography and the history of printing; and the Touro National Heritage Trust Fellowship for research on some aspect of the Jewish Experience in the New World before 1825. Maria Elena Cassiet Fellowships are restricted to scholars who are permanent residents of countries in Spanish America.

The application deadline for fellowships for 2003-2004 is **January 15, 2003**. For application forms or more information, write to: *Director, John Carter Brown Library, Box 1894, Providence, RI 02912. Tel: 401-863-2725. Fax: 401-863-3477. E-mail: JCBL_Fellowships@brown.edu. Web Site: <http://www.JCBL.org>*