



## American Friends of the IHR President's Report to Members

28 November 2017

At our AFIHR Board in Denver on 3 November, we enjoyed meeting Professor Philip Murphy, the IHR interim Director. He announced that the new Director, Professor Jo Fox, will begin her service in January. Sadly, we learned of the death of David Eisenberg, an American lawyer and scholar of Islamic Studies who became a member of the IHR Trust. In 2014, he endowed an annual Lecture in Public History at the IHR and was a sponsor of the IHR's Jewish History seminar. The seminar program remains vigorous and now has seventy regional and thematic seminars during the academic year ([history.ac.uk/events/seminars](http://history.ac.uk/events/seminars)).

The Board decided to allocate a total of \$8,130 to four IHR projects: \$4,000 to support an IHR Master's Bursary; \$1,750 to the digitization of early-modern American and British-Atlantic history material for British History Online; \$1,750 for library development (especially e-resources that will be accessible to overseas historians); and \$630 to help fund a David Eisenberg Doctoral Studentship. We have also elected two historians to fill vacant places on our Board: Abigail Swingen (Texas Tech University) and Susan Pennybacker (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill).

Please rejoin the AFIHR with a \$45 (\$30 for graduate students) contribution to maintain your access to the IHR and so that we can continue to help support the IHR's impressive and wide-ranging work. AFIHR membership and any charitable contributions you make are tax-deductible for US citizens. Our website ([america.ihrfriends.org](http://america.ihrfriends.org)—click on the 'Support Us' tab for a full list of the benefits of membership) makes payment easy via major credit cards and PayPal. For more information and the membership form, see our website and click on the 'Support Us' tab at the top. Whether you have long used the IHR services and facilities (both in London and online), are planning a visit, or have graduate students whose work you are directing, please join or renew soon. And thank you so much for your support in the past.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sears McGee'.

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