

CNHH

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Twelfth Bulletin of the CNHH, May 2022

The Twelfth Bulletin of the CNHH has now been sent out to the membership. If you missed it, the complete PDF of the bulletin can be found here: [Twelfth Bulletin PDF](#)

It has been more than a year since the last bulletin of May 2021. We hope that you are all well and that you will continue to send news, posts and announcements.

I. PANEL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual CNHH sponsored panel on Legacies of Colonialism in Africa: Reconsidering Conquest, Capitalism, and Transnationalism in the 19th and 20th Centuries | Héritages du colonialisme en Afrique : nouveau regard sur la conquête, le capitalisme et le transnationalisme aux XIXe et XXe siècles will take place on Wednesday the 18th of May, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Ottawa time.

We are looking forward to watching our colleagues:

- Stephen Osei Owusu (PhD candidate, Carleton University), “The Mankessim Riots of 1849: a Case of Contested Ethno-forestry practices or Conflict between ‘Europeanized’ and Indigenous Africans.”
- Simplicie Ayangma Bonoho (Banting Fellow, Bishop’s University), « Le « Centre de Rééducation des handicapés de Yaoundé » (CRHY) : Un projet humanitaire d’envergure ? : Pour une relecture des relations diplomatiques canado-camerounaises (1968-1980). »
- Chair | Président : Robin Gendron

The full program of the CHA virtual conference is here: <https://cha-shc.ca/uploads/626ac9b5a803e.pdf> Every participant must register for congress here: <https://fhss.swoogo.com/22-registration-inscription>. Please note that the CHA has waived the registration fee for the CHA Annual Meeting for graduate students, unemployed and precarious historians.

The Annual meeting of the CNHH will take place at lunch time on the same day, on Wednesday the 18th from 12:30 to 2:00 Ottawa time. The agenda will include research updates, plans for the future, website update, discussion of the website, sponsored panel for 2023, and appointment of future officers. Let us know if you would like to add other points. Here is where to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/annual-meeting-of-the-canadian-network-on-humanitarian-history-2022-tickets-333051896187>

II. NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Jill Campbell-Miller presented her post-doctoral work on “[Hydroelectric Dams and the Hinterlands in Canada and India, 1953-1958](#)” at the Ottawa Historical Association on February 15. The recording will be posted shortly on the website of the OHA.

Sarah Glassford started a series of best reads in humanitarian history, last Fall, in the blog of the CNHH. Three have been published so far.

Dominique Marshall published two articles: “‘CIDA Gives You the World!’ Visual Media and Development Education in Canadian Schools: 1980-2000” & “Ethical Traditions in Humanitarian Photography and the Challenges of the Digital Age – Four Conversations with Canadian Communications Officers”, in the [Journal of Humanitarian Affairs](#), Special issue on “Humanitarian Action in the Age of Visual Media: The Past and Present of Humanitarian

Communication” Fall 2021, which came from a CNHH panel at the Canadian Historical Association two years previously.

Stephen Osei-Owusu is convening the Shannon Lecture Series in History - Spring 2022, on the regulation of natural resource extraction in Canada and Africa. Many NGOs are involved.



III. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

William Plowright, Lecturer - Peace and Conflict Studies, School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University, who recently authored *Armed Groups and International Legitimacy: Child Soldiers in Intra-State Conflict*. (Routledge, 2021)

Robert Anthony Ventresca, Academic Dean (Interim), King’s University College at Western University.

IV. ARCHIVES NEWS

In collaboration with [Carleton University’s Archives and Special Collections](#) we helped the [Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters](#) (CCPFH) to prepare a successful application to deposit its archives at Library and Archives Canada, which was successful.

The recordings of the twelve group conversations of the “Oxfam Canada between 1964 and 1990: A collaborative memory project” coordinated by Oxfam veterans Marc Allain, Susan Johnson and Lawrence Cummings, with the support of Dominique Marshall, will be deposited at Carleton University Archives and Special Collections later in 2022.

V. COMMON INITIATIVES FROM MEMBERS

At an informal meeting held in January 2022, the CNHH adopted a small **Steering Committee**. Here are the responsibilities.

Blog and website	Sarah Glassford
Bulletin	Helen Kennedy and Dominique Marshall
Twitter	Lydia Wytenbroek
CHA work	
○ Regular updates	Helen Kennedy
○ Annual meetings	Nassisse Solomon
○ Panel at Congress afterwards	Jill Campbell-Miller 2022 Nassisse & David Webster
○ Community links	Dominique Marshall
Events	Lydia Wytenbroek
Grants, joint research projects	Dominique Marshall

You are invited to the launch of

The NGO Moment

The Globalisation of Compassion From Biafra to Live Aid

By Dr. Kevin O'Sullivan
NUI Galway

March 30, 2022
4 p.m. EST

Register for Zoom Link:
<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/84461202020>

Guest Speakers: Ruth Compton Brouwer, John Foster, Ian Smillie, Laura Madokoro

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On March 30, Lydia Wytenbroek organised the CNHH sponsored [Book Launch](#) for *The NGO Moment: The Globalisation of Compassion from Biafra to Live Aid*, written by CNHH long-time partner in Ireland, Kevin O-Sullivan, with guest speakers Ruth Compton Brouwer, John W. Foster, Laura Madokoro, and Ian Smillie.

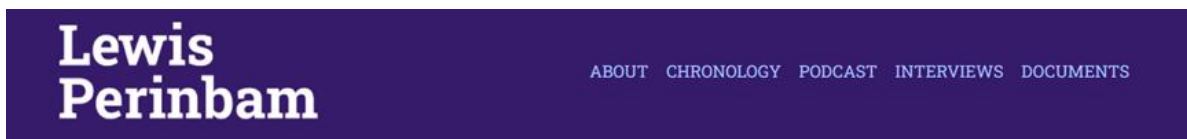
VI. WORK WITH NGOS

Carleton fourth-year student Caitlin Arbour has started an internship with [Farm radio International](#) to produce oral histories of the impact of FRI on local communities on Africa, under the supervision of Sylvie Harrison.

VII. TEACHING

Fourth-year students of D. Marshall's [STEM in the History of Canadian Society and Policy](#) course worked in collaboration with the master seminar of Soenke Künkle on [Science and Technology in Transnational Relations](#) at the JFK Institute of North American Studies. The products of the nine transnational teams are posted on the teaching website Recipro: eight timelines of case studies [Science and international humanitarianism](#). The German-based humanitarian transport drone company [Wingcopter](#) and the Canadian based NGO [Farm radio International](#) accompanied the making of the projects.

VIII. BLOGS & TALKS PUBLISHED BY THE CNHH SINCE THE LAST BULLETIN



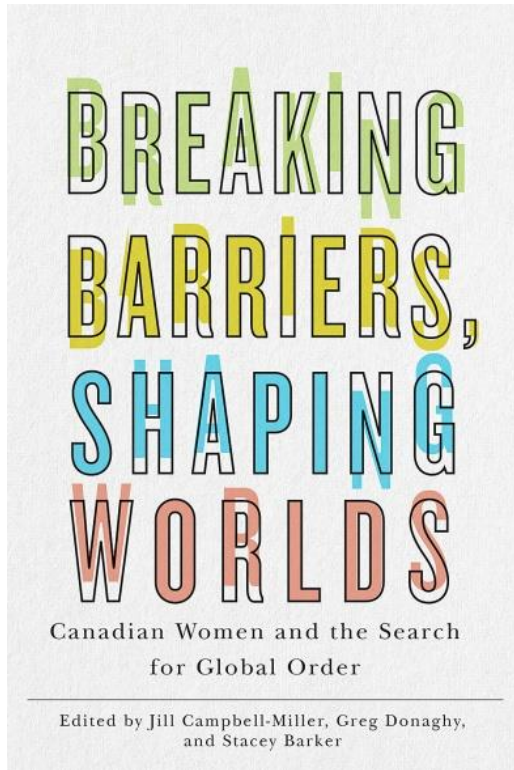
LEWIS PERINBAM

Anyone who worked in the international development field in Canada during the 1970s and 1980s would be familiar with the name Lewis Perinbam. However, with the dismantling of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), where Lewis spent most of his career, his legacy is becoming lost. Most of the documents describing Lewis' achievements are found in archives and academic publications that are not accessible to all, which is why the goal of this project is to inform current and future generations of Lewis' impact. Lewis was instrumental in fostering partnerships between Canada and the Global South, in making education more accessible to all and in creating opportunities for young people to become more involved in making our world a better place.

Born in 1925 in Johor Bahru (present-day Malaysia), Lewis Perinbam was sent to Scotland at the age of nine by his family in order to be educated. While in the UK, he started to work with the World University Service (WUS), a non-governmental organization established in the aftermath of the First World War to aid foreign students in need. In 1953, he was offered the opportunity to come to Canada and help develop the Canadian branch of WUS. In 1959, Lewis' work at World University Services Canada (WUSC) earned him a job as Secretary

[Preserving the Legacy of Influential Canadian Humanitarian Lewis Perinbam \(1925-2007\)](#), April 25, 2022, by Sarah Glassford.

[Nursing, Empire, & Mobility: Lydia Wytenbroek on American Mission Nurses in Iran & Iranian Nurses in the U.S., 1907-1979](#), Webinar Report. March 2022, by Maia Luger.



[Breaking Barriers, Shaping Worlds: Reflections on Finding the Women Missing from Diplomatic History](#)
March 2022, by Jill Campbell-Miller.

[Teaching with Humanitarian Archives: Three Lessons from Collaborations between Carleton University Archives and Special Collections and the Canadian Network of Humanitarian History, January 21, 2022](#),
by Dominique Marshall with Sarah Glassford

[The “Creative Crusade”: Settler Colonial Antinomies and Books for Development in the Age of Three Worlds](#), January 1961, by Jody Mason.

[Lost and Founds. Declassification of Government Records in Canada., January 2022](#), by Isabel Campbell.

[CNHH Presents: Essential Reads in the History of Humanitarianism](#), September 2021, by Sarah Glassford.

[Was it really “different back then?” Reflecting on current global health ethics with a NFB film about CUSO, 1965](#), September 2021, by Sonya de Laat.

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