

## OBITUARIES

### **Rita Headrick, 1942-1988**

In a better-ordered universe where we could all have the opportunity to exercise the full extent of our capacities, students would be expected to write the obituaries of their teachers. The career of Rita Headrick, however, was cut off by cancer before she could have any mature students of her own, and so it is left to her teachers and peers to note the loss which has been suffered by the world of African studies. Rita was well known among scholars of Central Africa and medical history and epidemiology throughout the continent for her work on disease and public health politics in former French Equatorial Africa. A good deal of this research was published in various articles but the main contribution, a doctoral dissertation more on the scale of a French *doctorat d'état* than an American Ph.D., was completed only a few months before her death. Rita's husband, Daniel Headrick, himself a well-known historian of colonial-era technology, is planning to revise the work for an eventual appearance in print. But no tomes on shelves or even open on desks before us can replace a living presence as warm, animated, and humorous as Rita. She was a student, colleague, and friend—often all at once—to many members of this association and will be sadly missed.

Ralph Austen

### **Alf Andrew Heggoy, 1938-1987**

Alf Andrew Heggoy, professor of history, the University of Georgia, died December 18, 1987, in Athens. He was forty-nine years old.

Professor Heggoy was born in Algeria, the son of Norwegian Methodist missionaries. After schooling in Algeria, Norway, France, and the United States, he received his undergraduate education at Randolph-Macon College. He took the Ph.D. in history from Duke University in 1963 and joined the department of history at the University of Georgia in 1965.

Trained in nineteenth-century French history, he became a specialist in French colonialism, especially in North Africa. In addition to contributing numerous articles and book reviews to learned journals, he authored *The African Policies of Gabriel Hanotaux*, 1972, and *Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in Algeria*, 1972. With Robert Crout he produced *The Historical Dictionary of Algeria*, 1981; with John Haar he wrote *The Military in Imperial History: the French Connection*, 1984. He edited four volumes of the *Proceedings of the French Colonial Historical Society*, 1976-1979 and *Through Foreign Eyes: European Attitudes toward North Africa*, 1982. He brought out *The French Conquest of Algiers, 1830: An Algerian Oral Tradition* in 1986. At the time of his death he was working on a social and intellectual history of Algeria since independence.

He received grants in support of his research from the U.S. Army Research Office, the Institute of International Education and the American Philosophical Society. He was president of the French Colonial Historical Society, 1976-1978 and 1980-1982.

A dedicated and inspiring teacher, he received the Joseph H. Parks Award for distinguished teaching in 1974 and the Outstanding Honors Teacher award in 1972 and 1974.

Since 1985 he served as coordinator of instruction in the history department.

He was a warm friend and a generous colleague and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Julie, two sons, and a daughter.

Lester D. Stephens

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## GRANTS AND AWARDS

**HERSKOVITS AWARD FOR 1987.** The African Studies Association invites publishers to nominate titles for the Herskovits Award, to be offered in October to the author of the outstanding original scholarly work published on Africa in 1987. This annual award is named in honor of Melville J. Herskovits, one of the original founders of the African Studies Association, and the man who is considered the father of modern African studies.

The winner of the Herskovits Award is announced at the ASA Business Meeting and the formal presentation made at the Presidential banquet. An honorarium of \$500 is presented to the author at that time. In addition, a list of the ten finalists for the Award is published in the Program of the Annual Meeting and in the *ASA News* that appears following the meeting.

Nominations for the Herskovits Award are made directly by publishers, who may nominate as many separate titles in a given year as they desire. All nominations must meet the following criteria:

1. Nominations must be original non-fiction scholarly works published in English in 1987 and distributed in the United States.
2. The subject matter must deal with Africa and/or related areas: Cape Verde, Madagascar, or Indian Ocean islands off the East Coast of Africa.
3. Works that are not eligible include edited collections and compilations, proceedings of symposia, new editions of previously published books, bibliographies, and dictionaries.

The Secretariat has contacted over 300 American and British publishers seeking nominations for the Herskovits Award. Authors who wish to nominate their own works or ASA members who wish to recommend titles for nomination should contact the relevant publishers directly. If such publishers have not already been contacted by the Secretariat, they may seek further information from: Herskovits Award Committee, c/o African Studies Association, Credit Union Building, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322 (404-329-6410). Deadline for receipt of nominations is May 15, 1988.

**ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AFRICAN DISSERTATION INTERNSHIP AWARDS.** The Rockefeller Foundation announces a program of support for students from Sub-Saharan Africa enrolled in U.S. universities at the doctoral level. The program, to be implemented with the African Academy of Sciences, Nairobi, Kenya,