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CHICAGO 1991 MEETING

The following papers were included in the Academy's program at this joint meeting with the American Historical Association.

Martin Elbl (Trent University), "Tracking Economic 'Long Waves' in Medieval Mediterranean Commerce"

At present we do not possess any coherent picture of general medium- to long-run fluctuations in late medieval Mediterranean trade. The precise chronology of developments in trade and manufacturing has always posed a problem in medieval economic history, given that long time series of prices are much more readily available than those of "real variables". The present study attempts to construct an indicator of the relative intensity of shipping movement for a specific sector of Western Mediterranean trade, assess its validity, test its representativeness by gauging it against independent traffic data from other maritime trade sectors, and outline options for the model's refinement. Combining archival and published data, the study creates a composite model of traffic fluctuations based on the number of ships leaving Majorca, Valencia, and Barcelona for the Maghrib. The model is then tested to establish whether it will pick up with some accuracy fluctuations of shipping movement or of maritime commerce registered by unrelated series tracking a) the auction bids for the Venetian Levant galleys, b) Venetian galleys sailing in the Alexandria and Beirut convoys, c) Venetian "cotton" cogs sailing for Levant ports, d) Florentine galleys sailing to all destinations, e) Genoese ships bound for Maghribi ports, and f) Genoese coral boats calling on the Maghribi coral-fishing station at Marsacres.

On the whole, the concordance in the chronological patterning of more or less clearly defined peaks in traffic movement proved to be remarkably strong. Major peak concordances were detected in the 1360s, in 1390-1400, in the 1420s, the 1440s, and around 1460; minor peak matches were established for c. 1470, 1480 and for the mid-1490s. In general, the present set of series exhibited repeating movements of some 20 to 30 years in length, and minor ones of some 10 years. As far as "classic" long wave or

"Kondratieff cycles" are concerned, the composite indicator revealed a strong visual pattern of sharp peaks around 1350-60, 1400, 1460 and 1510, yielding fluctuations of 40-50, 60 and 50 years. But, as in other studies of this kind, spectral analysis of selected series was unable to corroborate the visual pattern, bringing out most clearly periodicities of only 20 to 28 years, 7 to 11 years, and 4 to 6 years.

The next step should be to see how the current model's patterns withstand a transition from using Maghrib trade voyages as a base to using the departures of Catalan ships for all destinations. Then, as many similar series as possible from other parts of the Mediterranean ought to be compiled to allow further testing of pattern robustness. If the patterns prove stable enough, we shall have to attempt determining the economic structures and processes behind them, but there certainly would seem to be hope for establishing a sound general benchmark for the movement of late medieval Mediterranean maritime trade. Situating exceptions in relation to such benchmarks and thus stimulating debate and explanation has invariably proved fruitful.

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Olivia Remie Constable, "Push It or Perish: Legislation on Shipwreck and Jettison in Spain and the Medieval Mediterranean World"

The focus of this paper is on the Consulate of the Sea, a famous collection of Catalan maritime law, in which most of the provisions concerning jettison date to the 14th century, though some may originate as early as 1075. This compilation of law is considered within the wider context of Mediterranean sea law, including the Digest, the 7th-century Rhodian Sea Law, medieval vernacular and Latin texts from Amalfi, Pisa, Ancona, Bordeaux, Castile, Aragon and Valencia, and Islamic fatwas or legal opinions. The analysis of jettison law shows that the Consulate of the Sea was a self-conscious (and ultimately unsuccessful) attempt to lay out a coherent corpus of sea law. It drew upon a diverse maritime legal tradition which it sought to codify, reconcile, select, and reduce in the pursuit of a unified body of synthetic law. Its particular rulings on jettison, whether or not representative of actual practice, are in line with those found in other medieval Mediterranean texts. If some of its rulings seem impractical, it stemmed from the attempt to solve a virtually unsolvable legal problem.

1991 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

President Jill Webster submits the following report from the Annual Business Meeting:

Dear Members,

At the poorly-attended business meeting at the AHA in Chicago we discussed the following proposals which I hope to bring to the membership at Kalamazoo:

1. The revision of the Constitution -- there are a few changes which need to be made to bring it up to date. These are not substantial and I will distribute copies at Kalamazoo. If accepted, we can vote then or the matter can be decided at the AHA in Washington.

2. Proposal to raise fees from \$4.00 to \$5.00 -- present graduate students can continue at the old rate. A rate of \$5.00 does not make much difference to members but would help meet the costs of the proposal under (3). You will notice that the new application form takes this for granted and puts \$5.00 as the fee.

3. Proposal to institute a prize for the best published essay by a graduate student in the academic year preceding the AHA meeting. It was suggested that a token prize of \$100 be given and that the prize be called "Research Historians of Medieval Spain Prize for best graduate student article".

4. Institution of a special panel or round table for graduate students at the AHA and that this not necessarily be on a historical topic but oriented towards professional concerns (preparation for job interviews, articles, consultation in archives etc.)

5. Administration of Burns Fund.

6. We need to do something to attract new historians as many of the graduate students in medieval Spanish history are not members. The suggestions above are part of an attempt to respond to this need but other suggestions would be welcomed at Kalamazoo or the AHA.

7. A meeting of AARHMS will take place immediately following the first panel in honour of Father Burns at Kalamazoo - that is Panel No.66 Studies in Honor of Robert I. Burns, S.J. I in Room 1010 Fetzer at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 1992. All members are urged to attend as there are several items of business and especially concerning the Burns Fund.

I have redone the brochure distributed some years ago and copies will be available at Kalamazoo or from me by mail. I have kept it simple but separated the Application Form so that as new Secretary-Treasurers are elected only that page need be redone.

KALAMAZOO 1992 MEETING

Rev. Robert I. Burns, S.J., will deliver the First Plenary Address at the 27th International Congress on Medieval Studies, this entitled: "Latinate Jewish Wills in Medieval Spain." In addition the Academy, along with the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, is sponsoring eight sessions entitled: "Studies in Honor of Robert I. Burns, S.J."

WASHINGTON 1992 MEETING

At what will be the last of the AHA meetings in the interval between Christmas and New Years, the Academy will sponsor three sessions.

I. From Power to Poverty - The Vicissitudes of Medieval Life in the Iberian Peninsula

Bernard F. Reilly: "Asturias-León, Pelayo to Fernando I: The Invertebrate Kingdom"

James Powers: "Aspects of Daily Life at Cuenca"

James W. Brodman: "Feeding the Poor in Medieval Catalonia"

Chair: Jill R. Webster

Commentator: Joseph O'Callaghan

II. Prelude to the New World - The Medieval Iberian Frontier

Larry J. Simon: "Free Muslims in the Balearics? A Reconsideration"

Clay Stalls: "Garcia de Cortazer and the Feudalization of the Twelfth-Century Iberian Frontier"

Theresa Vann: "Lay and Ecclesiastical Encounters on the Medieval Castilian Frontier"

Chair: Donald Kagay

Comment: Robert I. Burns, S.J.

III. Violence and Margination in the Late Middle Ages

Mark Meyerson: "Violence against Women and the Power of Women in Late Medieval Valencia"

David Nirenberg: "Emnity and Marginality: the Well-Poisoning Scare of 1321 in the Crown of Aragon"

Jill R. Webster: "Margination, Violence and the Mendicant Orders in Late Medieval Catalonia"

NEW EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER

Jill R. Webster, President of the Academy, has appointed Dr. Donald Kagay as the new editor of the AARHMS Newsletter. Dr. Kagay will assume his new responsibilities with vol. 19, no. 1, the October, 1992 issue. His address is: P.O. Box 12855, Dallas TX 75225. Please note that this is the last issue of the Newsletter to be edited by Jim Brodman; all material for the Newsletter should now be sent to Dr. Kagay.

GETTING CONNECTED

Increasingly members of the Academy are gaining access to electronic networks like BITNET and INTERNET. Lynn Nelson at the University of Kansas has been particularly active in developing ways for this new technology to be of service to us historians and Hispanists. He has established a discussion list for Spanish history, called ESPORA-L, as well as an electronic archive for materials of interest to its subscribers. Within a few weeks, back

issues of the Newsletter will be available electronically from Kansas through ftp (file transfer protocol). The site address is: kuhub.cc.ukans.edu. Signon with "anonymous" and use your userid as the password. To get to the ESPORA-L directory, use the command "CD DUA9:[malin.espora]." If you encounter difficulties, contact Jim Brodman (JIMB@VM1.UCA.EDU) or Lynn Nelson (LHNELSON@UKANVM). Interested parties can subscribe to ESPORA-L by sending the message "SUB ESPORA-L yourfirstname yourlastname" to LISTSERV@UKANVM. Lynn also requests that subscribers send him a short biographical resume via e-mail for inclusion in the directory of members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dues for 1992 remain at \$4 per year. These should be sent to the Academy's Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Anthony Cardenas, Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Ortega Hall 235, Albuquerque NM 87131-1146, telephone 505/277-5907.

Application materials for the 1993-94 Fulbright Scholar Program are now available from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden Street NW, Suite 5M, Box NEWS, Washington DC 20008-3009, telephone 202/686-7877.

The World History Association's "The Global Impact of 1492" will be held in Philadelphia, June 24-27, 1992. Information is available from Dick Rosen, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, 215/895-2471.

The University of Michigan is planning several events centering around the theme of Jews and Conversos and the Encounter. Upcoming sessions are planned for September 12-13, November 8-9, and December 6, 1992. Information can be obtained from the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, 206 Angell Hall, Ann Arbor MI 48109.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Conquerors and Chroniclers of Early Medieval Spain, translated with notes and introduction by Kenneth Baxter Wolf, Liverpool University Press, 1990. ISBN 0 85323 047 1

This volume in the "Translated Texts for Historians Series" includes translations of four Latin chronicles. The Chronicle of John of Biclaro and the History of the Kings of the Goths of Isidore of Seville demonstrate how the Visigothic kings were legitimized as rulers of Christian Spain. The third is an anonymous continuation of John of Biclaro's Chronicle written in the mid-eighth century by a Christian living under Muslim rule; the fourth, attributed to Alfonso III, was intended to continue that of Isidore. In a series of essays, Wolf examines each of the texts for the information provided on the Islamic conquest of the peninsula and tries to understand the perspective each author has on the conquest. In addition, there is an index, map, and two bibliographies.

The Age of the Catholic Monarchs, 1474-1516. Literary Studies in Memory of Keith Whinnom, edited by Alan Deyermond and Ian Macpherson, a special issue of the Bulletin of Hispanic Studies, Liverpool University Press, 1989. ISBN 0 85323 016 1

Among the twenty-three studies presented in the volume are those of Academy members E. Michael Gerli, "Metafiction in Spanish Sentimental Romances;" and Joseph T. Snow, "'¿Con qué pagaré esto?': The Life and Death of Pármeno."

NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

James W. Brodman has resigned after twelve years as editor of the AARHMS Newsletter. He recently completed encyclopedia articles for World Book Encyclopedia and Lexikon des Mittelalters. Work continues on his study of medieval hospitals.

Robert I. Burns, S.J., has recently published *The Foundations of Crusader Valencia: Revolt and Recovery*, *Diplomatarium of the Crusader Kingdom of Valencia*, vol. 2 (Princeton, 1991); a revised version of *Islam Under the Crusaders as L'islam sota els croats* (Valencia: Tres i Quatre, 1991), 2 vols.; "Crime in Medieval Valencia," *Miscel·lània Joan Fuster: Estudis de llengua i literatura*, ed. Antoni Ferrando and A.G. Hauf (Valencia/Montserrat, 1989-91), 3:53-66; "El rei Jaume I i València: perfil d'un conqueridor," *La Corona d'Aragó: el regne de València en l'expansió mediterrània (1238-1492)* (Valencia: Corts Valencianes, 1991), 65-73; *Emperor of Culture: Alfonso X the Learned of Castile and His Thirteenth-Century Renaissance* (Philadelphia, 1990); *Los mundos de Alfonso el Sabio y Jaime el Conquistador: razón y fuerza en la edad media* (Valencia: In-

stitució Valenciana d'Estudis i Investigació Alfonso el Magànim, 1990); "Warrior Neighbors: Alfonso el Sabio and Crusader Valencia, An Archival Case Study in His International Relations," *Viator* 21 (1990): 147-202; "Muslims in the Thirteenth-Century Realms of Aragon: Interaction and Reaction," in *Muslims under Latin Rule, 1100-1300*, ed. James M. Powell (Princeton, 1990); "Stupor Mundi: Alfonso X of Castile, the Learned," in *Emperor of Culture*, 1-13; (with Paul Chevedden) "Al-Azraq's Surrender Treaty with Jaume I and Prince Alfons in 1245: Arabic text and Valencian Context," *Der Islam. Zeitschrift für Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients* 66(1989): 307-30; "The Loss of Provence. King James' Raid to Kidnap its Heiress (1245): Documenting a 'Legend'," *Historiographie de la couronne d'Aragon: Actes du XIIIe Congrès d'Histoire de la couronne d'Aragon* (Montpellier, 1987-89), 3:195-231; "Regalo para una madre: una muchacha esclava musulmana del nieto de Abu Zayd, el señor de Borriol (1301)," *Sharq Al-Andalus* 6(1989): 307-30; "Iglesia y sociedad de Valencia durante la generación de la conquista," in *En Torno al 750 aniversario: Antecedentes y consecuencias de la conquista de Valencia* (Valencia, 1989), 2:97-114; "The Significance of the Frontier in the Middle Ages," in *Medieval Frontier Societies*, ed. Robert Bartlett and Angus MacKay (Oxford, 1989), 307-30; "Social and Legal History in the Pardon Charters of Jaume the Conqueror (1270-1274)," in *Mediterraneo Medievale: Scritti in onore di Grancesco Giunta* (Soveria Mannelli, 1989), 1: 213-241; and chapters 1, 5 and 6 of *Historia del país Valencià*, ed. Ernest Belenquer et al., vol. 2 de la conquesta a la federació hispànica (Barcelona: Edicions 62, 1989-90), 43-56, 125-37, 139-67. Father Burns reports that volume 3 of the *Diplomatarium* is nearly finished and that, despite his "retirement" from UCLA, he continues his association with UCLA, including teaching. He also remains available at his office there or at the Institute.

Dwayne E. Carpenter has been appointed to the editorial board of *Mediterranean Studies*; he is preparing a study of the portrayal of the Jew in Alfonso X's *Cantigas de Santa Maria* and a monographic study on medieval Jewish-Christian relations.

Maria Echaniz Sans, a new member of the Academy, is currently Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at Columbia University. Recent publications include: "Espiritualidad femenina en la Orden Militar de Santiago, siglos XII-XV," in *Religiosidad femenina: expectativas y realidades* (ss. VIII-XVIII), eds. Angela Muñoz and María del Mar Graña (Madrid: Asociación Al-Mudayna, 1991): 115-38; "El monasterio de Sancti Spiritus de Salamanca. Un espacio monástico de mujeres de la Or-

den Militar de Santiago (ss. XIII-XV)," *Studia Historica*, in press. Her current work includes an analysis of the literary work of Teresa de Cartagena, a Castilian writer of the 15th century, and continuing research on women's monasticism in late medieval Spain. She has received the "Premio extraordinario de doctorado" for her University of Barcelona dissertation (1990): *Las mujeres de la Orden Militar de Santiago. El monasterio de Sancti Spiritus de Salamanca (1268-1500)*.

Thomas F. Glick has been elected as a corresponding academican of the Reial Academia de Bones Lletres de Barcelona. His publications include *Cristianos y musulmanes en la España medieval (711-1250)* (Madrid, Akianza, 1991), a revision and expansion of the first six chapters of his *Islamic and Christian Spain in the Early Middle Ages* (1979); "Las técnicas hidráulicas antes y después de la conquista," in *En torno al 750 aniversario: Antecedentes y consecuencias de la conquista de Valencia* (Valencia, 1989), 1:53-71; with M. Espinar and J. Martínez Ruiz, "El término árabe dawla 'turno de riego', en una alqueria en las tahas de Berja y Dalias: Ambroz (Almería)," in *El agua en zonas áridas: Arqueología e historia* (Almería, 1989), 1:123-41; "Molins d'aigua a l'Horta medieval de València medieval," *Afers* 9(1990): 9-22; "Posts de llit i llocs de post a la València medieval," *Afers* 9(1990):147-50; "El sentido arqueológico de las instituciones hidráulicas. Regadio berber y regadio español," *II Jornadas de Cultura Islámica* (Madrid, 1990), 165-71; "Regadio y técnicas hidráulicas en al-Andalus. Su difusión según un eje Este-Oeste," *La caña de azúcar en tiempos de los grandes descubrimientos, 1450-1550* (Motril, 1990), 83-98.

Thomas M. Izbicki has published "A Collection of Ecclesiastical Manuscripts in the Vatican Library: Vat. lat. 4106-4193," *Miscellanea Bibliothecae Apostolicae Vaticanae* 4(1990): 89-129. This includes manuscripts of works by Andreas Escobar, Juan de Segovia, Juan de Torquemada, Rodrigo Sanchez de Arevalo and other Iberian authors.

Miguel Angel Ladero Quesada was inducted into the Royal Academy of History in a ceremony held on January 26, 1992 in Madrid. His address was entitled: "Niebla, de Reino a Condado."

Mark D. Johnston was named outstanding University Researcher at Illinois State University for 1992. He continues his studies on Ramon Llull.

Helen Nader has won the AHA's Gershey Prize for her *Liberty in Absolutist Spain: The Hapsburg Sale of Towns, 1516-1700* as the best book in Early Modern European History for 1990. She has published 20 articles in *The Christopher Columbus Encyclopedia* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1991). Current research centers around the origins, growth and decline of cities in Spain.

Lynn H. Nelson has published "King Sancho's Horse and Political Sovereignty in the 14th-century Crown of Aragon," *Medievalia et Humanistica*; *The Chronicle of San Juan de la Peña*. Translation and Notes (Philadelphia, 1991); *Classics of Eastern Thought* (Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich). Current work includes a translation of Herman of Tournai's *Restoration of Saint Martin's of Tournai*; the middle class of twelfth-century Huesca; and an untitled monograph of western Europe, 1190-1200.

Roger E. Reynolds reports these publications: "The Civitas Regia Toletana before the Reconquista: A Mozarabic Vision in the Codices Vigilanus and Aemilianensis," *Estudios sobre Alfonso VI y la Reconquista de Toledo: Actas del II. Congreso Internacional de Estudios Mozárabes* (Toledo, 1989), 153-84; "A Visual Epitome of the Eucharistic 'Ordo' from the Era of Charles the Bald: The Ivory Mass Cover of the Drogo Sacramentary," *Charles the Bald: Court and Kingdom*, 2nd ed. rev., eds, M. Gibson and J. Nelson (Hampshire, 1990), 241-60; "The Ritual of Clerical Ordination of the Sacramentarium Gelasianum saec. viii: Early Evidence from Southern Italy," *Rituels: Mélanges offerts au Père Gy, O.P.*, eds. P. De Clerck and E. Palazzo (Paris, 1990), 437-45; "The South-Italian Canon Law Collection in Five Books and its Derivatives: New Evidence on its Origins, Diffussion and Use," *Mediaeval Studies* 52(1990): 278-95; "The Greek Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in Beneventan Script: An Early Manuscript Fragment," *Mediaeval Studies* 52(1990): 296-302. Professor Reynolds has been elected as member of the International Societas Liturgica (1991) and with colleagues received a grant from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Norman Roth has published "1992 and Its Mythology: a Warning," *Jewish Spectator* (Spring, 1991) and excerpted in *The Wexner Heritage Review* (October, 1991); and "Algunos de los Primeros Hebraistas de España y sus Influencias," *Miscelánea de Estudios Arabes y Hebraicos* 37-38(1991): 317-23. His work on Spanish and Portuguese Jews after the expulsion continues. He has been named editor of the *Encyclopedia of Medieval Jewish Civilization*, and

editor of a multi-volume series of reprinted articles in the same area. Norman expresses his desire to hear from people (it's lonely in Madison!) and states that offprints are always welcome.

Barbara A. Shailor has published with John Williams *A Spanish Apocalypse: The Morgan Beatus Manuscript*. The English edition was published by George Braziller, New York, 1991; a German edition by Belser Verlag (Stuttgart); and a Spanish edition by Editorial Casariego (Madrid). She is collaborating on a commentary for the facsimile edition of the Beatus manuscript preserved in the cathedral of Burgo de Osma, scheduled to be published by Vicent García Editores (Valencia, 1992).

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