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Cover Illustration: Columbus taking leave of
Ferdinand and Isabella at the Port of Palos in
1492 (From Theodore de Bry, 1594)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 1991

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC SAVANNAH

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. [**Louis De Vorse** (*University of Georgia*) is the guide for this informal walking tour, which departs from the entrance of the De Soto Hilton]

WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. [Georgia Historical Society at Hodgson Hall, 501 Whitaker Street]

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1991

SHD COUNCIL MEETING

7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. [Suite 202, De Soto Hilton]

REGISTRATION

8:00 a.m. [Foyer, N. Harborview Room, De Soto Hilton]

****SESSION I - Navigation and Sailors**

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. [N. Harborview Room, De Soto Hilton]

Chair: **D.K. Abbass** (*Newport, Rhode Island*)

Ralph Brauer (*Institute for Research, Wilmington, North Carolina*), "Geographers and Navigators in the Muslim World of the Western Indian Ocean"

Norman Thrower (*University of California, Los Angeles*), "John Cabot and his Northern Voyages"

Mary-Emily Miller (*Salem State College*), "H.M.S. *Mermaid*, Capt. Joseph Law[e]s, and Henry Bentinck, First Duke of Portland: Jamaica, 1722-1724"

COFFEE BREAK

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. [Foyer, Harborview Room, De Soto Hilton]

****SESSION II - The Spaniards in the New World**

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. [N. Harborview Room, De Soto Hilton]

Chair: **Edward Goodman** (*Fort Myers, Florida*)

Philip Boucher (*University of Alabama in Huntsville*), "Cannibalism and the Island Caribs: Status of the Debate"

Clinton Edwards (*University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*),
"The Objective of Pizarro's 'Third Voyage' to Peru"

Russell Magnaghi (*Northern Michigan University*),
"Survival Rates in the Spanish Expeditions of the 1540s"

LUNCH

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. [Members are on their own for lunch]

****SESSION III - Varieties of Explorations**

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. [N. Harborview Room, De Soto Hilton]

Chair: **Martin Torodash** (*Lenox, Massachusetts*)

Tod McManis (*University of Minnesota*), "Call of the Wild: Sacralization of the Pilgrimage Route to Santiago de Compostella and European Cross-Cultural Contact"

Ray Fisher (*University of California, Los Angeles*),
"Alekssei Chirikov: The Underrated and Underappreciated Co-discoverer of Alaska"

David Icenogle (*Auburn University*), "Some Travelers to the Siwa Oasis - Past and Present"

Patricia Gilmartin (*University of South Carolina, Columbia*),
"Two Views of Unknown Labrador - a Woman's and a Man's"

AFTERNOON COFFEE

4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. [Foyer, Harborview Room, De Soto Hilton]

BANQUET

8:00 p.m.-10:15 p.m. [De Soto Hilton Center Ballroom]

Presiding: **David Buisseret** (*Newberry Library*) [Vice President, Society for the History of Discoveries]

Remarks: **Barbara McCorkle** (*Yale University*) [Secretary-Treasurer, Society for the History of Discoveries]

Speaker: **Sanford H. Bederman** (*Georgia State University*)
[President, Society for the History of Discoveries]
"E.G. Ravenstein's *Map of Eastern Equatorial Africa*:
An Incomplete Victorian Treasure"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1991

****SESSION IV - Columbus Studies**

8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. [N. Harborview Room, De Soto Hilton]

Chair: **Dennis Reinhartz** (*University of Texas at Arlington*)

William Phillips (*University of Minnesota*), "Christopher Columbus in Portugal: Years of Obscurity, c. 1474-1485"

Kay Brigham, (*Miami, Florida*), "The Importance of the *Book of Prophecies* in Understanding Columbus"

Arne Molander (*Gaithersburg, Maryland*), "Cartographic Evidence of the Columbus Landfall"

Carla Rahn Phillips (*University of Minnesota*), "Heavy Traffic at the Intersection of Arts and Life: Portraiture and the Mythic View of Christopher Columbus"

Bruce Solnick (*State University of New York at Albany*), "The Dark Side of the Columbus Quincentenary: The Denigration of Columbus and of the Significance of his 'Discovery'"

BUSES DEPART FOR EBENEZER, GEORGIA

11:45 a.m. [Buses will leave from the De Soto Hilton]

LUNCH

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. [New Ebenezer Family Retreat and Conference Center]

BUSINESS MEETING

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. [New Ebenezer Family Retreat and Conference Center]

TOUR OF HISTORIC EBENEZER, GEORGIA

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. [This tour, led by **Amy LeBey** (*Curator, Georgia Salzburger Society*), will include the Jerusalem Church and Museum]

RETURN TO DE SOTO HILTON

3:30 p.m.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF DISCOVERIES

The Society for the History of Discoveries is an organization formed for the purpose of stimulating interest in teaching, research and publishing the history of geographical exploration. Founded in 1960, the society includes members from several academic disciplines, librarians, archivists, non-affiliated scholars and laypersons with an interest in history. Fields of specialization include such related subjects as the history of European expansion, cartography, navigation and colonial settlement.

The society's publication program includes *Terrae Incognitae*, an annual journal of research papers and book reviews, which first appeared in 1969. Between 1971 and 1976, the society also published, jointly with the Newberry Library, five volumes in the series *Studies in the History of Discovery*. The *Newsletter* reports activities of members and general news of activities within the discipline.

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*The position of Vice President was established in 1971. These individuals serve for two years preceding their term as President. David Buisseret is Vice President/President Elect in 1990-91.