



## Newsletter #3- June 2023

Dear SHOT community,

With just four months to go before our meeting on **26-29 October 2023 in Long Beach, California (US)**, SHOT's program committee has been hard at work assembling an exciting program of talks and events. Acceptances have gone out, the [preliminary program](#) is now available, and [travel grant applications](#) can now begin! Please apply for all the travel grants for which you are eligible.

Much as we wish everyone could join us in person in Long Beach, we know this is impossible. So this year will once again feature two hybrid threads. Glitches inevitably accompany such sessions; nevertheless, streaming is important for inclusivity on several fronts. In that spirit, we're also planning a few hybrid or online-only sessions at early morning times in California, so that people in far-away time zones can join at a reasonable hour. We expect to continue fine-tuning our program and meeting practices to address the needs of our membership. If you have feedback, ideas, or time to volunteer, please contact any one of SHOT's officers.

Farther into the future, we're excited to announce that next year, SHOT's annual meeting will be held in conjunction with ICOHTEC in the beautiful city of **Viña del Mar, Chile, 9-14 July 2024**. To prepare our early career colleagues in Latin America for the conference, SHOT will be co-sponsoring [ESOCITE's](#) doctoral school in Montevideo, Uruguay this July, as well as another small meeting in Santiago de Chile this November. Meanwhile, our organizing team ironing out the details to ensure that everything will go smoothly from the moment you land in Santiago. We're also beginning to search for funds that will enable colleagues from faraway and under-resourced institutions to attend. Stay tuned for more – but in the meantime, we invite you to start planning your travel!

Other dimensions of SHOT's global community-making are also in full swing. Most recently, I appointed a steering committee to guide SHOT's Africa Initiative. Damilola Adebayo (York Univ./Canada) and Frank Edward (Univ. of Dar es Salaam/Tanzania) kindly agreed to co-chair this committee, with four more members who generously agreed to serve: Roland Ndille (Univ. of Buea/Cameroon), Jennifer Hart (Virginia Tech/US), Njogu Morgan (Univ. College London/UK & Wits Univ./South Africa), and Laura Ann Twagira (Wesleyan Univ./US).

You recently received an email from me asking for your support of the REDI initiative. With travel grant season upon us, we are particularly grateful for contributions from members who are able to help. Also in this newsletter: interviews with one of last year's award winners, Alfredo L. Escudero Villanueva and some community news ([check out our new submission system](#)). Last but not least: please remember to renew your membership in time for Long Beach!

With all good wishes,

Gabrielle Hecht  
SHOT President

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## Check out our annual meeting program

The (preliminary) program for the SHOT 2023 Annual Meeting in Long Beach is now available online. The Program Committee created an exiting, broad and diverse program. We are grateful for the work, devotion and enthusiasm of our PC members - Jethron Akallah (Chair), Josh Grace (Associate Chair), Bess Williamson, Diana Montañó, and Itty Abraham.

**[Check out the exciting annual meeting program on the SHOT website.](#)**

### Conference registration

All annual meeting information will be posted on [SHOT's annual meeting website](#). There you will find the conference program, a link to the conference hotel in Long Beach, travel grant information, and answers to frequently asked questions. We expect to have the online registration form available mid July. Please regularly check the website for updates.

### Travel grants

To support travel to the annual meeting, participants can apply for travel grants. You can find all information and links to the online application forms on [SHOT's annual meeting webpage and the travel grant page](#).

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## CfP SHOT Early Career Group (ECIG) 2023 Workshop (extended deadline 30 July)

The Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) Early Career Interest Group (ECIG) invites graduate students to submit 250-300 word paper proposals for an intensive workshop at the SHOT annual meeting, 26-29 October 2023 in Long Beach California.

The workshop will provide graduate students with an opportunity to discuss their work in progress and to receive extensive feedback on their work from established scholars and their peers. The organizers of the workshop will connect workshop participants with mentors working on similar topics so they receive tailored commentary on their work and the opportunity to network with scholars in their field.

Accepted students will submit a short paper, which will be circulate and discussed in a seminar-style workshop. Participants will be matched with established scholars in the field who will provide tailored commentary on their work.

Participants will be expected to submit their paper proposals no later than **30 July 2023**: please send your 250-300 words paper proposal to [JGL328@cornell.edu](mailto:JGL328@cornell.edu), and [shot.ecig@gmail.com](mailto:shot.ecig@gmail.com). In your proposal please include your name, email, institution and a short description of your field/subfield.

### Questions?

Email to Jason Ludwig ([jasondludwig@gmail.com](mailto:jasondludwig@gmail.com))

**[You can find the full Call for Proposal for the ECIG Workshop here.](#)**

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## SHOT Community News

### Meet SHOT's 2022 Melvin Kranzberg Dissertation Fellowship recipient, Alfredo L. Escudero Villanueva



The 2022 Kranzberg Dissertation Fellowship was awarded to Alfredo L. Escudero Villanueva. Escudero is a fourth-year doctoral student at Florida International University.

Escudero's dissertation, titled "Surveying the Andes: Indigenous Labor, Land Inspections, and the Technologies of Spanish Colonial Rule," examines interactions between Andeans and Spanish colonizers in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. "I look at how Indigenous communities, cultures, practices and technologies changed over time, taking into account colonial presence," he said.

Escudero's work focuses especially on trends in what is now Peru. Part of the project examines how

colonial agents gathered information about agricultural and textile technologies to draw conclusions about the technologies and epistemologies of data collection and storage, to draw attention to the history of indigenous knowledge transfer.

"I am interested in how information about the land was communicated through imperial channels at various levels," Escudero said of his project. "This work includes aspects of histories of cultural anthropology, the study of capitalism and the environment, and markets and economics, and has challenged me to work in multiple frameworks."

Escudero, who is currently on fieldwork in Peru, plans to use the funding to work in archives between Peru, Bolivia and Spain, and says he has found many fascinating pieces of information in his research so far. He would like to thank SHOT, his advisor Dr. Bianca Premo, and his colleagues at the history department at FIU for supporting his work.

*Interview by Alina Bykova (Stanford University)*

*Picture: Courtesy [Florida International University](#)*

## Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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- 30 July 2023: Extended deadline CfP ECIG 2023 Workshop
  - 14-18 August 2023: [Annual meeting ICOHTEC](#) (Tallin/Tartu, Estonia)
  - **25-29 October 2023: [SHOT Annual Meeting 2023, Long Beach \(California\)](#)**
  - 9-12 November 2023: [HSS Annual Meeting](#) (Portland, Oregon)
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## Other News

Royal Society Publishing has launched a new history of science platform called [Science in the Making](#), which allows free access to digitized versions of over 30,000 archival items related to their journal publications from the past 400+ years. This ambitious program includes reviews by Darwin, doodles by Newton, astronomical observations, electrical experiments, anatomical illustrations and more from every branch of science.

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## Call for Volunteers

### **Assist the Robinson Prize Committee in Long Beach**

The Joan Cahalin Robinson Prize is awarded annually for the best-presented paper by an individual delivering their first paper at the SHOT annual meeting. The prize has been established to recognize and foster the professional development of future scholars. Robinson Prize candidates are judged on the quality of the historical research and scholarship of their paper, the awards committee also pays particular attention to the effectiveness of the presentation. The Robinson Prize Committee is looking for volunteers to participate in the committees work onsite at the SHOT Annual Meeting in Long Beach.

Interested? Please contact SHOT Secretary Jan Korsten ([shot.secretariat@tue.nl](mailto:shot.secretariat@tue.nl)).

### **Join the SHOT Conference Team in Long Beach**

SHOT is looking for volunteers, already participating in the meeting, for the conference desk in Long Beach and volunteers interested in operating the hybrid conference rooms. Interested in helping us out? Please contact the SHOT secretary's office ([shot.secretariat@tue.nl](mailto:shot.secretariat@tue.nl)) to learn more about the possibilities and the benefits.

### **Serving on a SHOT Committee?**

**If you'd like to serve on a SHOT (prize)committee**, please send us an email letting us know which committees you're primarily interested in (SHOT secretariat ([shot.secretariat@tue.nl](mailto:shot.secretariat@tue.nl)), and/or SHOT President Gabrielle Hecht ([president@historyoftechnology.org](mailto:president@historyoftechnology.org)))

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