

## HEB MARKS 600 SUBSCRIPTIONS

With the addition of the University of Oxford, the Library of Congress and Bishop Grosseteste College of Lincoln (UK), ACLS Humanities E-Book has reached its [600th subscription](#), three times the original goal set out in its Mellon grant proposal in 1999.

This marks a milestone in sheer numbers and indicates the continued good health and growth of HEB as it remains self-sustaining and expands its coverage of important fields in the humanities and related social sciences. It now serves a wide and international variety of university, public and other libraries with a combined FTE of nearly 5 million.

Our tenth year is off to a good start.

## TOP TEN TITLES, FALL 2008

HEB has just completed its twelfth round of statistics reporting and royalty payments. This list of top-ten books was compiled from HEB's over 1,700 titles currently online and is based on reported page hits per title. The entire collection received almost 3 million page hits this year.

HEB last published a top-ten list in its [Spring 2008 News](#) (Vol. 2.2). Not surprisingly, many of the same titles remain at or near the top. Once again Islam, the body and sexuality remain key topics, but this season America at war and matters economic have begun to make news.

1. McClintock, *Imperial Leather: Race, Gender and Sexuality in the Colonial Contest*.
2. Hodgson, *The Venture of Islam*. 3 vols.
3. Pomeroy, *Goddesses, Whores, Wives and Slaves: Women in Classical Antiquity*.
4. Dower, *War without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War*.
5. Hobsbawm, *Nations and Nationalism since 1780: Programme, Myth, Reality*.
6. Hourani, *Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age, 1789–1939*.
7. Kennedy, *Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War, 1929–1945*.
8. Stone, *The Family, Sex and Marriage in England 1500–1800*.
9. Setton, *The Papacy and the Levant (1204–1571)*. 4 vols.
10. Fogel, *The Nanjing Massacre in History and Historiography*.

## XML SURVEY'S IPOD TOUCH WINNER



We're happy to announce that the winner of our iPod Touch drawing is Dr. John Lewis, Electronic Resources Librarian at McKillop Library, Salve Regina University in Newport, RI.

According to John, "E-books should have a place in every academic library. The advantages of 24/7 access, keyword searching and off-campus use far outweigh the minor drawbacks. The HEB Collection provides access to a well-selected collection of outstanding academic titles in the humanities with a very user-friendly interface. The reasonable pricing structure makes it a wise purchase decision for most libraries."

## SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

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<http://www.humanitiesebook.org/subscribinginsts.html#Anchor-Consortia-49425>

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## XML SURVEY RESULTS

ACLS Humanities E-Book has recently completed a survey about our new experiment in format, the "XML Backlist," which compares a selected group of 20 books in the humanities that are presented in both XML and page-image format. The survey was designed to elicit feedback on the advantages and disadvantages of the two e-book formats in terms of basic interface, readability, navigation and interactive features. Survey invitations were sent to 2,500 librarians from April to August 2008.

In open-format responses, there were a significant number of suggestions for improving the readability of the e-books, the use of page numbers, citation, and printing and downloading options, among other features. The comments and suggestions of respondents were quite illuminating and will inform HEB's decision-making in the short- and long-term. This feedback is already providing a deeper understanding of the improvements that users wish to see in the ACLS Humanities E-Book collection. [See full description of survey.](#)

The full survey results are now being analyzed for inclusion in HEB's next white paper. This will give further detail about our findings, as well as what we've learned about comparative workflows, schedules and costs.

## RECENT TITLES IN XML



### [FLORENCE DUCAL CAPITAL, 1530–1630](#)

R. BURR LITCHFIELD  
HEB, 2008.

Linked to the *Online Gazetteer of Sixteenth-Century Florence* at Brown University, and using Brown's *Online Catasto of 1427*, this e-book traces the transition from republic to duchy and analyzes how new alignments of political, social and economic power had a profound impact on the physical contours of the city and hence on its artistic and cultural life, and how courtly patronage and artistic projects in turn had major influence on choices of habitation and commercial networks. This study crosses disciplinary and methodological boundaries between social history and cultural studies, while basing itself firmly on the physical fabric of Florence and its archival representations. **Born-digital and open-access.**



### [WOMEN'S LETTERS FROM ANCIENT EGYPT](#)

300 BC–AD 800

ROGER S. BAGNALL & RAFFAELLA CRIBIORE  
University of Michigan Press, 2006. HEB, 2008.

This study of letter-writing among women in late antiquity includes 314 letters. It draws on resources from Perseus, APIS and major international papyri and ostrakon collections and uses hi-res digital imagery, full transcriptions and technical notes on the Greek. **Born-digital version.**



### ["THE INFANTRY CANNOT DO WITH A GUN LESS":](#)

THE PLACE OF THE ARTILLERY IN THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, 1914–1918

SANDERS MARBLE  
Columbia University Press, 2002. HEB, 2008.

Artillery dominated World War I. Photographs, memoirs, poetry and prose all memorialized the carnage. But nature still has not mended the damage. What drove the artillery? How was it used? Who decided to use it, and why? Was it well integrated into strategy and tactics? How did these issues change over time? **A Gutenberg-e title.**

