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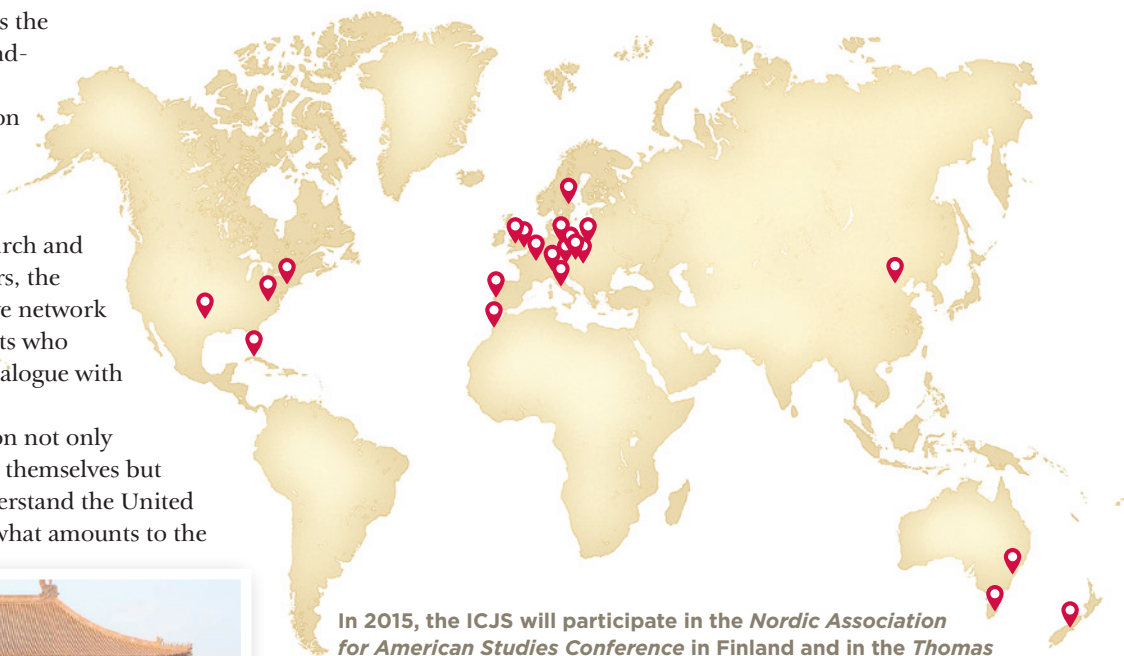
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## 20th Anniversary of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies

In 2014, Monticello celebrates the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies (ICJS). The mission of the ICJS is to foster Thomas Jefferson scholarship and disseminate findings through research and education. Over the past 20 years, the Center has created an impressive network of scholars, teachers and students who engage a global audience in a dialogue with Jefferson's ideas.

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In 2015, the ICJS will participate in the *Nordic Association for American Studies Conference* in Finland and in the *Thomas Jefferson: Local and Global* conference in Florence, Italy.



Scholars from the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies in China

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mission statement of this nation,” stated Andrew O’Shaughnessy, Vice President and Saunders Director of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies. “The Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies has generated and continues to generate new and original research, which has in turn helped to transform the interpretation of Monticello.”

Today, the ICJS encompasses Monticello’s departments of archaeology, research, publications, and adult enrichment; the 15,500-square foot Jefferson Library, and the editorial operations of *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series*. An Advisory Board of acclaimed scholars and statesmen helps guide the Center’s activities. Through a fellowship program, international scholarly conferences, panel discussions, lectures and curriculum-based tours, the ICJS establishes relationships with people from around the world.

**ICJS BY THE NUMBERS**

**51** ICJS conferences (23 locations)

A SNAPSHOT OF 20 YEARS

**1.5 million** archived artifacts from 55 sites related to slavery in Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, South Carolina, Jamaica, and St. Kitts and Nevis.

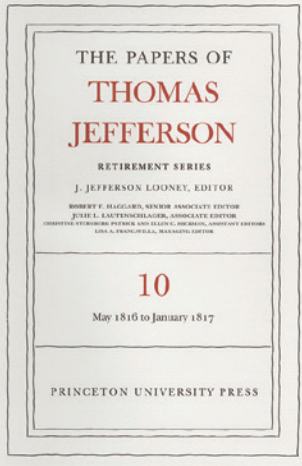
**OVER 300** ICJS Fellows (117 foreign, from over 26 countries)

**23,000** books catalogued

**16** conference volumes

**40** ICJS-sponsored books published

**10** volumes of *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series*



## Monticello’s Andrew O’Shaughnessy Wins Book Awards

Vice President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation and the Saunders Director of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, Andrew O’Shaughnessy dispels the myth of British incompetence and uncovers the reasons America achieved its independence in his award-winning book, *The Men Who Lost America: British Leadership, the American Revolution, and the Fate of the Empire*. *The Men Who Lost America* received significant acclaim this year, winning several major awards including the 2014 George Washington Book Prize and the 2014 New-York Historical Society Book Award.

*The Men Who Lost America* is available for purchase through The Shop at Monticello at [www.monticelloshop.org](http://www.monticelloshop.org). Your purchase supports Monticello!



Andrew O’Shaughnessy at Mount Vernon