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**Collection Summary:** Collection consists of the personal and profession papers of Glenn Ames, documenting his career as a professor of History and noted scholar at the University of Toledo from 1987-2011. The collection documents his research interests and work as a faculty member.

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### Biographical Sketch

Glenn J. Ames was born on February 3, 1955 in Attleboro, Massachusetts. Ames earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rhode Island (1977), and Master of Arts (1982) and Doctor of Philosophy (1987) degrees from the University of Minnesota. In 1988, Ames joined the University of Toledo History Department and taught courses for twenty years on an array of topics including the French Revolution, European expansion to the Indian Ocean basin, and the age of absolutism. Ames joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor of history, was named associate professor in 1993, and a professor of history in 1998.

Ames had a vast publication record of six books and over thirty academic articles. Among his book publications include: *En Nome de Deus: The Journal of the First Voyage of Vasco da Gama to India, 1497-1499* (2009), *Renascent Empire: The House of Braganza and the Quest for Stability in Portuguese Monsoon Asia, c. 1640-1683* (2000), and *Colbert, Mercantilism and the French Quest for Asian Trade* (1996). Ames had at least two book projects in the works before his untimely death.

Ames spent more than five academic years undertaking archival research in France, England, the Netherlands, Portugal, and India. Ames received many awards including a Fulbright grant (1984), fellowships from the American Institute of Indian Studies (1985), the Portuguese Ministry of Education (1986), and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation of Lisbon (2002). Ames was a Leverhulme Post Doctoral Fellow at the University of Bristol (1988) and in 2002 was a Union Pacific Visiting Professor at the Center for Early Modern Europe at the University of Minnesota. In 2004, Ames received the Outstanding Faculty Research Award at the University of Toledo.

At the University of Toledo, Ames served on the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee (1992-1996), the Provost's Advisory Committee on Distance Learning (2001-2010), the Faculty Senate (2002, 2007-2010), the Department Liaison for the Writing across the Curriculum Program (1989-2010), and the Arts and Science Council (1990-93, 2006-2010).

Ames was actively involved in professional organizations, such as the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, the Western Society for French History, and the French Colonial Historical Society. Ames worked on the "Slave Route Project," part of 'The African Diaspora in Asia' (TADIA) associate project to UNESCO (2005-2010). In addition, Ames was editor of H-Portugal on the H-Net Web Network as well as General Editor of the *European Expansion and Indigenous Response Series* with Brill Academic Publishing.

As a professor of history at the University of Toledo, Ames was lauded by students for his multi-disciplinary methodology, engaging lecture style, and radiant sense of humor. Glenn Ames died of cancer on October 14, 2010 at the age of 55.

### Scope and Content Note

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The collection is arranged by topic into two series: Series I-Department of History/Faculty Activities; and Series II-Research, Publications, Professional Interests. The collection occupies two linear feet.

Series I is arranged into four sub-series: Correspondence, which is arranged alphabetically by last name or organization name; Dossier, which includes Annual Reports of Professional Activities, Curriculum Vitae, Five Year Professional Assessments (which includes publications and conference papers), and Promotion Reviews; History Department Activities; and University Activities.

Series II is arranged into six subseries: Articles, Book Chapters, Book Reviews, Dissertation, Papers, and Professional Organizations. Books are divided by chapters for organization purposes. *The Globe Encompassed: The Age of European Discovery, 1500-1700*, *Renaissance Crusader: The Life of Vasco da Gama, 1469-1534*, *Stillborn Empire: Colbert and the French Quest for Asian Trade, 1664-1674*, and a chapter from *Portuguese Colonial Cities in the Early Modern World*, are all part of this section.

### Series List

- S1 Department of History/Faculty Activities**  
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Alphabetically Arranged.  
Includes personal and professional correspondence, dossier, History Department activities, and university activities.
- S2 Research, Publications, Professional Interests**  
1987-2007.  
Alphabetically Arranged  
Includes an array of conference papers, published academic articles, and book manuscripts, as well as book reviews and materials related to professional organizations.

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	32	Colloquium: The Mechanics..., 1990.
	33	Department Meeting Minutes. 1992.
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		<b>University Activities</b>
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	37	Speaker at Columbus Quincentenary Symposium, 1992.

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### **Articles**

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              4    “An Elusive Partner: Portugal and Colbert’s Projected...,” 1993.  
              5    “The Asian Trade Revolution of the Seventeenth Century...” 2007.  
              6    “The *Carreira da India*, 1668-1682.” 1991.  
              7    “Colbert and the Elusive Quest for French Mercantile...” 1992.  
              8    “Colbert’s Grand Indian Ocean Fleet of 1670.” 1990.  
              9    “Colbert’s Indian Ocean Strategy of 1664-1674...” 1990.  
             10   “The *Estado Da India*, 1663-1677.” 1987.  
             11   “*Fama E Reputacao*: The Provincial Portuguese Nobility...” 2002.  
             12   “Francois Bernier and the Mughal Empire...” 1994.  
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20       *Stillborn Empire...* Chapters 6-7.  
21       *Stillborn Empire...* Chapters 8-9.  
22       *Stillborn Empire...* Epilogue-Bibliography.  
23       *Portuguese Colonial Cities...*Chapter 5. 2008.  
24       *The Globe Encompassed...* Introduction-Chapter 3. 2008.  
25       *The Globe Encompassed...*Chapter 3-Index. 2008.  
26       *Renaissance Crusader*: (Manuscript). Title- Chapter 2.  
27       *Renaissance Crusader*: Chapters 3-4.  
28       *Renaissance Crusader*: Chapters 5-Epilogue.

### **Book Reviews**

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30       Journal of Modern History, 2004.

### **Dissertation**

- 31       “Colbert’s Eastern Strategy of 1664-74.” 1987.

### **Papers**

- 32       A Noble Life: Luis de Mendonca Furtado....(N.D.)  
33       Acts of Faith and State: the Goa Inquisition....(N.D.)  
34       An Elusive Partner: Portugal and Colbert’s Projected....1990.  
35       Brahmins, Tobacco, and Betel Nut: Indigenous Tax....1991.  
36       The *Carreira da India*, 1668-1682: Maritime Enterprise....(N.D.)  
37       Colbert and the Origins of the Dutch War. 1990.  
38       Colbert and the Elusive Quest for French Mercantile Power...1990.

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- 40 Colbert, Mercantilism, and the Portuguese Quest....1997.
- 41 Damiao Vieira: Primitive Cartography, Private Profit....1991.
- 42 Francois Bernier and the Mughal Empire....(N.D.)
- 43 The Goa *Rendas* and the Case for Indigenous Dominance....1990.
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- 45 Parlements and Parlementaires.... (N.D.)
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- 47 Pedro II, Luis de Mendonca Furtado and the Quest....1991.
- 48 Pepper Dreams: The *Compagnie Royale des Indes*.... 2003.
- 49 Portuguese Absolutism and the Overseas Empire....1992.
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