Eccles is one of the visiting professors here for the "France and North America Festival: Three Centuries of Dialogue Symposium", which is being sponsored by the Institute of French Studies of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, the USL Union and the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana.

A program of events April 26-30 includes in addition to the guest lecturers, an Art Exhibit and movies in the USL Union; Wine Tasting; luncheons; sightseeing; a Reader's Theatre by the Department of Speech of excerpts from "The Mad Woman of Chaillot"; a tea by the Louisiana Colonials at the Shadows in New Iberia, and a ballet by the Acadian Ballet Company in the Cordon Rouge Ballroom of the USL Union.

Dr. Eccles is a Canada Council Killam Award holder, 1969-72; has published articles in: Canadian Historical Review, Canadian Historical Association Reports; The William and Mary Quarterly; the Revue de l'Histoire de l'Amerique Francaise and Alberta Historical Review.

He is the author of the following books: "Frontenac: The Courtier Governor" (winner of American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch Book award 1959); "Canada Under Louis XIV"; "The Ordeal of New France"; the "Canadian Society during the French Regime"; and "The Canadian Frontier, 1534-1760."

Eccles is currently completing his seventh book "France and North American" for the New American National Series. He plans to use his time in Lafayette to find maps and illustrations for use in his new work.