

incumbent on us to learn it, and we should be up to the task. I think we're smart enough.

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TO THE EDITOR:

For the first time ever, I got a good laugh from *PMLA*. In Edward W. Said's Forum reply (116 [2001]: 656–57), he says that Roger Shattuck “has no grasp of the facts” and is “[p]oorly informed about elementary matters,” that Shattuck “complain[s] petulantly,” that Shattuck is “ignorant,” that Eurocentrism is a “subject about

which Shattuck shows that he knows next to nothing,” that Shattuck's book is a “dismayingly censorious work,” that Shattuck “speaks dismissively,” that Shattuck has descended to “McCarthyism,” that Shattuck's ideas are “dyspeptically affirmed,” that Shattuck has a “closed mind,” and that Shattuck suffers from a “puritanical rejection of the world we live in.”

I got my laugh when, near the end of his reply, Said accuses *Shattuck* of “descend[ing] to such a level of name-calling”!

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