others who are picking up her projects, carrying them on, developing them further. We miss her physical presence, but she is still with us.

Christine St. Peter

Daughters' Geographies

my mother had
a map of
France in her head
a map of the dams
built all over the country

her father was
an engineer
he built dams
reshaped landscapes
flooded villages and farmland

i have
a map of
the world in my head
or rather
of the French
 colonial empire (long dead)

my father was
a colonial administrator
(administrateur des colonies)
he did not build empires
but he helped to
maintain them
reshaped political landscapes
flooded peoples' identities
dammed up their consciousness
until one day
they could not
be contained any longer

Michèle Pujol

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