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## Notes from the Chair

by Hamilton Cravens

As the newest kid on the block, I want to welcome one and all to the work and fun of the Forum. As an interest group allied with the History of Science Society, our major tasks include the recruitment of talented scholars interested in this field, on an international basis, and the cultivation and recognition of excellence.

First let me mention the John C. Burnham Early Career Award, jointly sponsored by the Forum and the *Journal for the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, and named after John in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the history of human science and the history of science in general. This newsletter announces our first Burnham Award, as well as our sixth Dissertation Award. At the 2003 meeting of HSS in Cambridge MA we will announce the fourth Article Prize and our second Burnham Award. Last year, for the first time, we announced our awards from the podium of the HSS banquet.

We also want to organize sessions for future programs of the History of Science Society annual meetings, as we have in the past. Our award programs and Forum-sponsored sessions help us attract new people who are interested in our work. My

## Weinstein Wins First Burnham Award

## Keller Wins 2002 Dissertation Award

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thanks go to all who have served on past award committees, to James Capshew for advice on organizing Forum sessions, and to Dave Robinson for work on the newsletter. I look forward to working with these and many more people on all our projects.

I need also to say that we do have a problem with dues being in arrears. This is not a problem of a few, but of many on our rolls who have simply forgotten about their small responsibility (US \$10 per year). Please do get the dues in and contact the Treasurer-Secretary if you are not sure what your standing is.

The study of the history of the human sciences has come a long way since John Burnham and I were colleagues at Ohio State University in the 1960s, he as an assistant professor, me as a lowly instructor. There was but a corporal's guard in the field then. Now it is the up-and-coming field in the history of science, perhaps the one with the best opportunities to connect with all fields of history. Let us continue to work toward excellence!

## Keep Us Going, Pay Your Dues

Please fill out and send in the loose page, the dues form. We have lots of programs and activities up and running, and our visibility in HSS is high. It would be a shame if our activities had to be diminished simply because people neglected to pay dues.

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## Cheiron meets 19-22 June in New Hampshire

by Ben Harris

Thirty-five years ago the University of New Hampshire was host to the summer institute that gave birth to Cheiron. It is fitting that we return to lovely Durham, New Hampshire, on June 19-22, 2003, for our annual meeting.

As Elizabeth Scarborough noted in a tribute to Robert I. Watson [*JHBS*, v. 18, pp. 322-325], Watson and Joseph Brozek co-directed a six-week institute on teaching the history of psychology in summer 1968, held at UNH and funded by the National Science Foundation. One goal of the thirty faculty and graduate students participating was the greater acceptance of the history of psychology in universities, including departments of psychology.

UNH has been a model for such acceptance. Its Department of Psychology awards a Ph.D. in the History of Psychology and offers a variety of courses in that specialty for graduates and undergraduates. Many of Cheiron's early leaders were either faculty or students at UNH, and as she attends her 34th Cheiron meeting Elizabeth Scarborough (Ph.D., UNH, 1972) personifies the lasting ties between that university and Cheiron. UNH also offers a concentration in the History of Science, directed by Professor Jan Golinski of the Department of History. Such ties between history of science and history of psychology exemplify another goal set in Durham in 1968.

This year's keynote speaker at Cheiron will be Professor Trudy Dehue of the Department of Psychology, University of Groningen. Dehue is a leading member of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences, an organization with longstanding ties to Cheiron. She will speak on "When History-Writing Becomes Part of Politics," reflecting on how her work on the history of randomized clinical trials (with heroin maintenance) became part of a parliamentary debate in the Netherlands.

The preliminary program can be found at Cheiron's website <[www.psych.yorku.ca/orgs/cheiron/](http://www.psych.yorku.ca/orgs/cheiron/)>. For more information contact: Prof. Ben Harris <[bh5@cisunix.unh.edu](mailto:bh5@cisunix.unh.edu)> University of New Hampshire, Durham NH 03824 tel: 603-862-4107

The Winner of the 2002  
**FHHS Dissertation Prize is ...**

**Richard Keller**, "*Action Psychologique: French psychiatry in colonial North Africa, 1900-1962*," Ph.D. Rutgers, 2001.

**Official Citation:** Richard Keller's "*Action Psychologique: French Psychiatry in Colonial North Africa, 1900-1962*" places North Africa and the figure of the mentally-ill Muslim at the center of the intellectual and professional development of French psychiatry in the twentieth century. Skillfully integrating the historical literature on European colonialism with an analysis of the power/knowledge constellation in psychiatric practice, Keller shows that French psychiatrists absorbed the orientalist assumptions of France's "civilizing mission" and viewed North Africa as an open space for building psychiatric institutions and testing psychological theories and treatments. Indeed, the colonial world provided a kind of outlet for French psychiatry as the profession saw its former dominance in Europe challenged by its German counterpart. Concerned with practices as well as institutions, the dissertation is attentive to the voices of the colonized and shows the deep interconnections between resistance to colonialism and opposition to the racist psychiatry that inhered in the French colonial project. Keller examines psychological warfare during the Algerian War (*action psychologique*) and the background of the revolutionary theorist Franz Fanon, then a psychiatrist working in that environment of colonial ethnopsychiatry. Thus Keller brings his local subject well into the mainstream of modern history and illuminates origins of anti-colonial and anti-psychiatric movements. The dissertation lies in a crucial, but understudied area in the history of the human sciences. It is based on an impressive amount of primary research in French and Tunisian archives, and it contributes greatly to the history of psychiatry and psychology and to the study of European colonialism.

--by 2002 FHHS Dissertation Prize Committee: Peder Anker, Paul Lerner, and David K. Robinson.

Richard Keller is now assistant professor in the Department of Medical History and Bioethics, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Competition for the 2003 FHHS Article Award is still open. Deadline is 1 July 2003. See the website for details: [www.fhhs.org](http://www.fhhs.org)

The first annual (2002)  
**FHHS/JHBS John C. Burnham  
 Early Career Award, the Winner is ...**

**Deborah F. Weinstein**, for "Culture at work: Family therapy and the culture concept in postwar America," to appear in *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*. Upon acceptance of her paper by JHBS's editors for publication, Weinstein will receive an honorarium of \$500 from the journal's publisher, John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

**Official citation:** Deborah F. Weinstein has written an original and deeply researched investigation of the uses and abuses of the culture concept, which anthropologists developed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century as a category apart from nature, unlike 19<sup>th</sup> century anthropological practice. Culture meant, in the simplest formulation by the Columbia University anthropologist Franz Boas and his students, the totality of habits of thought and conduct that people acquired as the consequence of belonging to society. If culture had become, in the 1930s and 1940s, a free-floating concept, divorced from nature, biology, and biological processes, nevertheless psychologists, psychiatrists, and anthropologists felt obliged to create a new unified concept of culture and personality, with social role being the connection between the individual and society. It is the great merit of Dr. Weinstein's work to show how this culture concept was imported into family therapy, and how it was recast, stretched, and contorted into various distinct meanings, not all of which had much to do with one another. From the notion of culture and personality the family therapists imported culture into what became the family system and, eventually, the family network as a series of nodes from one point to another, thus undercutting the notion of a unified family or culture. To show, and to a great extent explain, this historical process is a very impressive scholarly accomplishment, deserving of our award.

--by the 2002 Burnham Prize Committee: John I. Brooks III, James Capshew, Hamilton Cravens, Harro Maas, and Richard von Mayrhauser.

Deborah Weinstein finished her Ph.D. degree at Harvard in 2002, and is 2002-2003 Postdoctoral Fellow in the Pembroke Center, Brown University.

Deadline for entries for the 2003 Burnham Award was 30 April 2003. The committee's decision will be announced at the next HSS meeting.

## Minutes of FHHS Business Meeting Milwaukee, 8 November 2002

In attendance (partial list): Mitchell Ash, James Capshew, Jamie Cole-Cohen, John Carson, Thomas Chappellear, Hamilton Cravens, Ray Fancher, Sarah Igo, John Jackson, David Robinson, Michael Sokal, Ryan Tweney, Richard von Mayrhauser, Nadine Weidman, Debbie Weinstein.

In absence of both Chair and Vice-Chair, the meeting was called to order by Representative Jamie Cole-Cohen at 5:38 CST in the Crystal Room of the Hyatt Hotel. Cole-Cohen welcomed the attendees, new and old. He thanked FHHS officers and committee chairs for their work in the previous year, before turning to the agenda.

David Robinson provided maps and directions to the History of Science Society reception, which was beginning during (or very soon after) this meeting. He recommended that the reports from the editors of *History of Psychology* and the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* (JHBS) be moved to the first position on the agenda, in order that the editors would be able to leave early for the reception.

Ray Fancher presented the report for JHBS. He reminded attendees to submit their articles to JHBS and also noted that FHHS members receive a 15% discount off the normal subscription price, as described by the ad in the current FHHS newsletter. Fancher reminded attendees of the new John C. Burnham Early Career Award, and its prize of \$500.00, which JHBS's publisher, John Wiley & Sons, is financing. He asked attendees to encourage qualified persons to submit their articles; submissions should be sent to Nadine Weidman, Treasurer-Secretary. Robinson added that the qualifications for the Burnham Award included persons who are early in their career, untenured, or independent scholars. Fancher next reminded us that FHHS must appoint two new representatives to the JHBS editorial board, to replace the outgoing pair of Henrika Kuklick and Deborah Coon. Michael Sokal moved and Robinson seconded a motion of thanks to Fancher. Motion passed.

Sokal presented the report for the journal he edits, *History of Psychology*. After identifying this journal as the five-year-old publication of Division 26 of the American Psychological Association, he reminded attendees to submit their articles and distributed handouts about the journal. Robinson added

that membership in Division 26 entailed, in addition to other benefits, a subscription to this journal. James Capshew moved and Hamilton Cravens seconded a motion of thanks to Sokal. Motion passed.

Cole-Cohen turned next to the election of new officers. For Chair, Cravens was nominated and elected by acclamation. For Representative One (of the three at-large officers), Sarah Igo was nominated. Cravens moved and John Jackson seconded motion to close nominations, and Igo was elected. Jackson moved and Robinson seconded a motion of gratitude to Cole-Cohen for serving his full three-year term as Representative One.

Cravens took the chair. He asked attendees to introduce themselves. Next he requested that the minutes of the last meeting be approved, to which attendees agreed.

Nadine Weidman presented the Treasurer's Report. Beginning with \$1,396.02 in the savings account, FHHS spent \$597.47. This includes \$278.75 and \$231.12 spent on the Spring and Fall 2002 newsletters, respectively, and \$87.60 spent on the mailing of dissertations to prize committee members. Income totaled \$395.00, comprising \$360.00 in dues (only 36 out of the 180 total membership sent in dues this year) and approximately \$35.00 in interest. There is a total of \$1193.60 left in the FHHS account. Weidman warned of insolvency within three years if steps were not taken either to increase income, reduce expenditures, or both. She suggested raising dues to \$15 for full members per year and \$5 for students and the underemployed, with no exemptions. Weidman advised that publishing the newsletter online, and foregoing the printing and mailing costs of hard copy, would save the organization "a bundle."

Discussion followed regarding improvement of FHHS finances. Cole-Cohen recommended that the newsletter could be sent online via PDF (portable display format) files. Ash addressed the need to track down the missing dues. Cravens recommended a "holiday special" and amnesty, whereby delinquent members would not have to pay old dues, but could receive a three-year membership for \$25.00; whoever pays the dues gets the news(letter). Carson suggested that we ask the treasurer of the Forum for the History of Science in America how their organization handles this issue, and also that we ask the History of Science Society itself whether it would send dues notices out with its mailings. Robinson questioned whether we should be spending \$270.00

*Minutes, cont.*

per newsletter when email is virtually free. Sokal asked whether FHHS sought donations and also noted that the HSS statutes say that HSS shall provide services to interest groups at cost. Robinson moved that an appeal for donations be added to the dues form. Cravens seconded. Discussing the motion, Carson advised that the form be kept simple; Ash recommended that the form be kept loose within the newsletter (allowing for easier copying for tax records, mailing along with checks, etc.); and Tweney added that while a reminder to pay back dues was needed, we should not anticipate that many would pay past dues. Cravens offered a friendly amendment to the motion that dues be hiked to Weidman's suggested levels after 2003. Motion (adding only donation option to the form for now, the hike in a year) passed.

In the FHHS Newsletter report, Robinson asked attendees to submit reviews of pertinent sessions they had attended, as well as any news of interest to our members. In the FHHS Website report (for Hans Pols), Robinson reminded attendees of the new organizational logo and the website address <www.fhhs.org>, both of which were the work of Pols. The question arose as to who was paying for the server space, and Robinson offered to find out from Pols. Sokal recommended that FHHS express its gratitude to the benefactor, whoever that is.

In the Dissertation Prize Committee report, Robinson announced the winner was Richard Keller, who received his Ph.D. at Rutgers in 2001. He then read the committee's citation. Robinson also noted that a short announcement of both the Forum's prizes would be made at the HSS banquet for the first time this year. He also described the exhausting work of the committee this year (Robinson, Peder Anker, and Paul Lerner), which had received the largest number of submissions ever (16).

In the Burnham Award Committee report, Cravens announced that Deborah Weinstein had won. He described her paper and noted that it had competition from five strong submissions. The committee was Cravens, John Brooks III, Harro Maas, and Richard von Mayrhauser.

Cravens turned next to the appointment of representatives to the JHBS editorial board and committees for the Burnham and Article Prize in 2003. Cravens nominated Sarah Igo, and Robinson nominated Richard von Mayrhauser to be representatives to the JHBS board. John Jackson agreed to be "temporary

chair" of the Article Prize committee, and Debbie Weinstein agreed to be "temporary chair" of the Burnham Prize committee. These "temporary chairs" will work with the officers to appoint an appropriate prize committee in each case. Cravens asked that these nominations be approved by acclamation, which was accorded.

Cravens asked for announcements from members. Carson told of his article in an upcoming *Osiris*. Ash told of a workshop on interdisciplinary science that had generated a publication, and spoke of a large conference to meet in July in Berlin. Tweney told of transition in his research, from work on Michael Faraday's epistemic artifacts to an interest in a larger, historico-cognitive program. Jackson participated in a University of Iowa workshop on modern professions, out of which a volume (*The New Sciences: Rhetoric and the Emergence of Modern Disciplines*) was planned. Cravens is working on a short synthesis of the history of the human sciences. Tweney reported that the Archives of the History of American Psychology had received "collection status" from the Smithsonian Institution for their numerous instruments; plans are afoot to catalog the AHAP collection.

Cravens called for attendees to plan Forum-sponsored sessions for future HSS meetings. He reminded us that it was necessary to submit information to the program committee in order that an FHHS session would be announced as such in next year's program. Sokal pointed out that the available space that a conference hotel may offer always plays a role in the location and room size of FHHS sessions. Cravens asked James Capshew to help him promote/screen sessions for Forum sponsorship.

Sokal moved that thanks be offered to all past officers of the organization. Robinson seconded. Motion passed. Tweney moved adjournment. Von Mayrhauser seconded. Motion passed.

--Respectfully submitted by Richard T. von Mayrhauser, Recording Secretary.

### FHHS WEBSITE AND LOGO

Note: we now have a website that anyone can remember <www.fhhs.org>. Also, we have a new logo (see the masthead for the b/w version) not unlike that of the History of Science Society, our parent or umbrella organization <www.hssonline.org/main\_pg.html>. (In fact, I think ours is actually better.) Both are achievements of Hans Pols, Vice-Chair and Website Editor of FHHS. The newsletter has been meaning to draw these changes to your attention. Now it has.

## PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE:

## BOOKS:

C. I. Abramson, L. D. Jackson, & C. L. Fuller, eds., *Charles Henry Turner, Scientist: Selected Papers and Biography of Charles Henry Turner (1867-1923), Pioneer of Comparative, Animal Behavior Studies*. (Black Studies, Vol. 17). Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 2003. **Don Dewsbury** has written the foreword to this collection of the work of an important early African American scientist.

**Mitchell Ash** has edited two books: *Science, Politics, and the Public in Vienna* and *250 Years of the Schoenbrunn Zoo*. (The Newsletter only has the titles, at this point.)

**Hamilton Cravens**, ed., *The Social Sciences go to Washington: The Politics of Knowledge in the Postmodern Era*. Rutgers University Press, forthcoming fall 2003. Contains essays by Cravens, William Graebner, Maris Vinovskis, Zane Miller, Michael Bernstein, Hal Rothman, Howard Segal, and others.

**Wade E. Pickren & S. F. Schneider**, eds., *Psychology and the National Institute of Mental Health: A Historical Resource Volume*. APA Press, forthcoming. Includes, among many essays, **Ingrid G. Farreras**, "The Historical Context for NIMH Support of APA Training and Accreditation Efforts."

**Theodore Porter & Dorothy Ross**, eds., *Cambridge History of Science, Vol. 7: Modern Social Sciences*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003. Appearing probably in May, it contains 43 essays on many aspects of the social sciences throughout the world since the late eighteenth century.

**Robert Richards**, *The Romantic Conception of Life: Science and Philosophy in the Age of Goethe*. (Science and Its Conceptual Foundations Series). Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2002.

**Jessica Riskin**, *Science in the Age of Sensibility: The Sentimental Empiricists of the French Enlightenment*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2002.

**Jeffrey P. Sklansky**, *The Soul's Economy: Market Society and Selfhood in American Thought, 1820-1920*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002. In paperback.

## ARTICLES:

**O. Randall Braman**, "The role of response satiation in overtraining and burnout in sports," addendum to J. Kerr, *Counseling Athletes: Applying Reversal Theory*. New York: Macmillan, 2001.

**John Carson**, "Differentiating a republican citizenry: Talents, human science, and Enlightenment theories of governance," in *Science and Civil Society*, ed. Lynn K. Nyhart and Thomas H. Broman. *Osiris* 17 (2002): 74-103.

**Hamilton Cravens**, "American social science and the invention of affirmative action 1920s-1970s," *Prospects* 26 (2001): 361-389.

**Paul Croce**, "Calming the screaming eagle: William James and his circle fight their civil war battles," *New England Quarterly* 76:1 (March 2003): 5-37.

**Ingrid G. Farreras**, "Reflections on Alexander Luria: An interview with Drs. Elkhonon Goldberg and Allan Mirsky," *American Psychological Association's Division of Clinical Neuropsychology Newsletter*, 21 (2003): 9-10, 19-26.

**Gary Hatfield**, "Perception as unconscious inference," in *Perception and the Physical World: Psychological and Philosophical Issues in Perception*, ed. Dieter Heyer and Rainer Mausfeld, pp. 115-43. New York: Wiley, 2002.

**Gary Hatfield**, "Psychology, philosophy, and cognitive science: Reflections on the history and philosophy of experimental psychology," *Mind and Language* 17 (2002): 207-32.

**Ellen Herman** reports three recent articles: "The paradoxical rationalization of modern adoption," *Journal of Social History* 36 (Winter 2002): 339-385; "Child adoption in a therapeutic culture," *Society* 39 (January-February 2002): 11-18; and "Families made by science: Arnold Gesell and the technologies of modern child adoption," *Isis* 92 (December 2001): 684-715.

**William A. Koelsch**, "G. Stanley Hall, child study, and the teaching of geography," *Journal of Geography* 101 (1) 2002: 3-9.

**William A. Koelsch**, "Academic geography American style: An institutional perspective," in *Geography: Discipline, Profession and Subject since 1870*, ed. Gary S. Dunbar, pp. 245-279. New York: Kluwer, 2001.

*Articles, cont..*

**Edward K. Morris** & N. G. Smith, "The bibliographic process and product, and a bibliography of the primary-source works of B. F. Skinner," *The Behavior Analyst*, 26 (2003).

**Edward K. Morris**, "B. F. Skinner: A behavior analyst in educational psychology," in *Educational Psychology: A Century of Contributors*, ed. B. J. Zimmerman & D. H. Schunk, pp. 229-250. Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum, 2003.

**Floyd W. Rudmin**, "Critical history of the acculturation psychology of assimilation, separation, integration, and marginalization," *Review of General Psychology*, 7 (2003): 3-37.

**Robert Wozniak**, entries on Alexander Bain, Francis Galton, William Carpenter, Thomas Laycock, Henry Maudsley and others, *Dictionary of Nineteenth-Century British Philosophy*. Bristol UK: Thoemmes, 2002.

**WEBSITES OF NOTE**

**Ingrid Farreras** organized a symposium (11 April 2003) at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda MD entitled "NIMH/NINDB Intramural Research in the 1950s." It was videotaped and is now webcast:

<<http://videocast.nih.gov/PastEvents.asp?c=998>>

**Ellen Herman** is developing a website, "Adoption History Project," to be launched 1 June 2003. A section is devoted to history of adoption research and researchers, much of it in psychology, medicine, social work, and other clinical fields.

<<http://www.darkwing.uoregon.edu/~adoption>>

**Floyd W. Rudmin**, "Catalogue of acculturation constructs: Descriptions of 109 taxonomies, 1918-2003," in *Online Readings in Psychology and Culture*, ed W. Lonner. Bellingham WA: Center for Cross-Cultural Research, Western Washington University, in preparation. Structured like an annotated bibliography, with three interactive components: 1) A paragraph description of each acculturation theory and taxonomy, 2) an immense table in which all constructs are categorized in approximately similar ways, and 3) a bibliography.

**NEWS OF FRIENDS AND MEMBERS**

**John I. Brooks III** is visiting professor at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales during May 2003, at the invitation of Jacqueline Carroy, historian of psychology, and François Azouvi, historian of philosophy. He will make these seminar presentations: "The Secret History of an Amicable Divorce: Philosophy and the Human Sciences in 19th-Century France," Seminar in the Political and Cultural History of Modern Philosophy; "The Mysterious Face: A Case of (Self-) Interpretation at the Salpêtrière," Seminar in the History of Psychology and Psychopathology; "Durkheimians and the Sciences of Religion: The Case of Alexandre Moret," Seminar in the History of the Human Sciences.

**James G. Buickerood** is editor of a new journal, *Eighteenth-Century Thought*.

**Ingrid G. Farreras** gave a talk, "Psyche in the kingdom of the brain: A history of the Laboratory of Psychology of the National Institute of Mental Health," as the DeWitt Stetten Jr. Memorial Lecture, National Institutes of Health in Bethesda MD, July 2002.

**Ingrid G. Farreras** received the 2002 APA Division 26 (History of Psychology) Early Career Award. Also, she has accepted a position as assistant professor, Department of Psychology, Hood College, Frederick MD 21701 email: [farreras@hood.edu](mailto:farreras@hood.edu)

**Douglas R. Givens** is editor of the *Bulletin of the History of Archaeology*.

**Robert Wozniak** is psychology editor for *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers* (Thoemmes, in preparation).

**CALLS FOR PAPERS:**

First Annual Joint Atlantic Seminar for the History of Medicine, 3-5 October 2003, Institute of the History of Medicine, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. Email: [scgregor@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:scgregor@sas.upenn.edu) (Submission deadline: 15 June 2003)

Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S), annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, October 16-19 2003  
<[www.4Sconference.org](http://www.4Sconference.org)> (Submission deadline: 15 May 2003)

International Conference on the History of Drugs and Alcohol, 13-16 May 2004. Huron University College, London, Ontario, Canada. Email: [gmarquis@unbsj.ca](mailto:gmarquis@unbsj.ca) or [dan.malleck@brocku.ca](mailto:dan.malleck@brocku.ca) (Submission deadline: 1 August 2003)

"Alexander von Humboldt: From the Americas to the Cosmos," The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 14-16 October 2004 <[www.humboldtconference.org](http://www.humboldtconference.org)> (Submission deadline: 1 February 2004)

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