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## Notes from the Chair

by Hamilton Cravens

Another year has passed in our organization's history, and there are both good and not-so-good things to report. The most disappointing thing was that we were unable to identify a winner for the John C. Burnham Early Career Award for this year. I hope that in the future we will always have a winner, and that we will always have a reasonably large number of candidates from which to choose. So please get those manuscripts in for the 2004 Burnham Award, and urge your colleagues to do the same!

But from here on out the news gets better. We have an excellent winner for the Article Award, drawn from an impressive field of submissions. Moreover, four of our members organized interesting and provocative FHHS-sponsored sessions for this year's meeting of the History of Science Society, 20-23 November 2003, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. (See listing of these, elsewhere in the newsletter.) For the Forum's annual business meeting, we have planned a munch-a-lunch affair, on Saturday, from noon to quarter past one, with organizational news and election of some new officers. Our treasurer, Nadine Weidman, reports that our pleas for catching up on Forum dues had some effect, and we may be financially flush for the upcoming year. Nevertheless, I remind all that it is important to keep up, with dues and with the scholarly work, so that we can fund our activities and perhaps even expand them. We exist to encourage high caliber work in our field, and we welcome ideas on how best to do that now and in the future.

## FHHS meets at HSS-Cambridge

The Forum for the History of Human Sciences will hold its annual **business meeting** at the 2003 History of Science Society meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on **Saturday, November 22, 12:00-1:15**, in the Haym Saloman Room. Presiding will be the Chair, Hamilton Cravens of Iowa State University.

The agenda will include election of officers, as some terms are ending: Vice-Chair (currently held by Hans Pols); Recording Secretary (currently held by Richard von Mayrhauser); Representative Two (currently held by Peder Anker). In addition, both the Newsletter Editor and Website Editor (appointed positions) welcome aspiring networkers to claim either or both of those jobs. Both David Robinson and Hans Pols, respectively, have shouldered these responsibilities for some time now. New blood and new ideas are almost always a good thing. For that matter, it might not be a bad idea to recirculate some *cont. p. 2*

### DUES, some good news!

Our urgent appeal to members to pay their dues met with some success, but we still need responses from some. Note your mailing label: it indicates how far you have paid up, whether you are in arrears. Send back dues (\$10/year), and donations, directly to: FHHS Treasurer, Nadine Weidman, 138 Woburn St., Medford MA 02155.

### THIS YEAR'S WINNER (Singular, unfortunately)

More details will be revealed at the meeting (and in the next newsletter), but now it can be announced that the **winner of the 2003 FHHS Article Prize is John Carson** (University of Michigan), for "Differentiating a Republican Citizenry: Talents, Human Science, and Enlightenment Theories of Governance," *Osiris*, 17 (2002). The committee for the **2003 Burnham Early Career Award** decided to award **no prize for this year**.

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### *FHHS meets, cont.*

of the old blood! How about it, folks? Really, the important thing about our business meeting is to find the right people for all these jobs, jobs that are more interesting than you might think.

The minutes of the 2002 business meeting <[www.fhhs.org/News3/index.html](http://www.fhhs.org/News3/index.html)> give a good idea of what to expect in this year's meeting, as many of the Forum's activities continue according to schedule. This year we will announce the results of the work of two prize committees: 2003 FHHS Article Award (chaired by John Jackson) and the 2003 Burnham Early Career Award (chaired by Debbie Weinstein). We will appoint prize committees for next year's 2004 FHHS Dissertation Prize and 2004 Burnham Early Career Award.

Last year there was extensive discussion of the organization's finances, expenses, and dues collection, so we look forward to the treasurer's report and more discussion of these issues. We will take note of Forum-sponsored sessions in the HSS meeting (see listing of these below in this newsletter), and there will likely be new business and suggestions from the floor. Come ready to participate and to present your ideas for the Forum's future activities.

### Information, Diverse & Notable

**Websites:** Ingrid Farreras points out that, in addition to many resources available through the Cheiron website, there is a website on the history of women in psychology: <http://psychology.okstate.edu/museum/women/cover2.html> as well as a related site on the history of psychology (with links to the Classics in the History of Psychology and others): <http://psychology.okstate.edu/museum/history/index.html>

**Roy Porter Student Essay Prize Competition**  
**The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM)** invites submissions to its 2003 Roy Porter Student Essay Prize Competition. This prize will be awarded to the best original, unpublished essay in the social history of medicine. The competition is open to undergraduate and post-graduate students in full or part-time education. The winner will be awarded £500.00, and his or her entry may also be published in the journal, *Social History of Medicine*. Further details and entry forms can be downloaded from the SSHM's website, [www.sshm.org](http://www.sshm.org)



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**Cheiron Book Prize** (deadline has passed, but note this important new prize in our field)

Beginning in 2004, Cheiron: The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences will award the Cheiron Book Prize biennially for an outstanding monograph in the history of the social/behavioral/human sciences.

Eligible works include original book-length historical studies, written in English and published during the period 1 January 2000 through 31 December 2003. Topical areas can include, but are not limited to, histories of psychology, psychiatry, anthropology, sociology, and social statistics. Works that are primarily in the histories of medicine or education are not eligible, unless they are strongly tied to the history of the social/behavioral/human sciences. Edited collections, anthologies, or textbooks are not eligible. Submissions will be judged on the basis of their scholarly character, depth of research, and the importance of their contribution to the field. Submissions can be made by publishers or authors.

The author of the winning book will receive \$500 plus up to \$300 in travel expenses to attend the 2004 Annual Meeting of Cheiron, where the prize will be awarded. Announcements of the award will also be widely circulated. The deadline (31 October) has already passed for the 2004 award, but readers can anticipate the competition for 2006.

**Fellowships for Research at UCLA**

The James and Sylvia Thayer Short-Term Research Fellowships support the use of special collections materials by visiting scholars and UCLA graduate students. Special collections materials are located in the Arts, Biomedical, Music, and Research libraries. Recipients receive stipends varying from \$500 to \$2,500 per month for up to three months for residence between January and December 2004. U.S. citizens or foreign nationals engaged in graduate level, post-doctoral, or independent research are invited to apply. Applications are due December 31, 2003, and should include: cover letter; curriculum vitae; outline of research and specific collections to be used (two pages max.); brief budget for travel, living, and research expenses; dates to be spent in residence; two letters of recommendation from faculty or scholars familiar with the research project.

Mail to: James and Sylvia Thayer Fellowship Program, c/o Eunice MacGill, UCLA Library Dept.

of Special Collections, A1713 Charles E. Young Research Library, Box 951575, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1575. Questions about the fellowships can be requested by mail at the address above, or by email to [emacgill@library.ucla.edu](mailto:emacgill@library.ucla.edu)

For information about collections in neurosciences, contact Russell Johnson, Archivist, UCLA Neuroscience History Archives; [rjohnson@library.ucla.edu](mailto:rjohnson@library.ucla.edu); also see website: [www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/special/scweb/thayer.htm](http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/special/scweb/thayer.htm)

**The European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Announces a Change in Rules Governing Membership**

Membership is now open to anyone interested in the history of medicine and health; those wishing to contribute to current work in the field are especially encouraged to become members. Previously, two references had to be provided upon application for membership, but these are no longer required. The name of the Association is only due to the fact that it is based in Europe: residency in Europe is not a requirement, nor is a research subject orientated to the history of medicine and health in Europe.

The Association organizes an academic meeting every other year (the next one to be held in Paris on 7-10 September 2005) offers a high-level interdisciplinary and international forum for studies in the history of medicine and health promotes and fosters research, teaching, and international scientific cooperation between individuals as well as with related national and international societies fosters research networks advances the education of the public in the historical aspects of the history of medicine and health publishes a newsletter and supports a website. Annual membership is 25 Euros. Further information and membership forms can be obtained from the website, [www.EAHMH.org](http://www.EAHMH.org)

**Jack D. Pressman - Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Development Award, 2004**

This award honors Jack D. Pressman, Ph.D., a distinguished historian of medicine and Associate Professor of the History of the Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco at the time of his early and unexpected death in June 1997. The award and stipend of \$2,500 is given in even numbered years for outstanding work in twentieth-century history of medicine or medical science, as demonstrated by the completion of the Ph.D. and a

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proposal to turn the dissertation into a publishable monograph. The Ph.D. must have been completed and the degree granted within the last five years (i.e. 1998-2003). The application must include: a c.v.; the dissertation abstract; a one-page summary of the proposed book; a description (not exceeding two pages) of the work to be undertaken for publication; and two letters of support from faculty members knowledgeable about the applicant's dissertation. The winner of the Award will be invited to attend the 2004 meeting of the Association, to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, from April 29 to May 2, where the Award will be conferred.

More information may be obtained from the Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Committee Chair: Susan E. Lederer, Section of the History of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, P.O. Box 208015, New Haven, CT 06520-8015 (ph) (203) 785-4338 email: susan.lederer@yale.edu The application, including all supporting materials, must be **postmarked by December 31, 2003**, to Prof. Lederer.

*N.B. Jack Pressman was a founding member of FHHS and an officer during the first three years of its existence.*

**CONFERENCES (Submission deadlines passed)**

**22nd Annual Mephistos Conference** (An International Graduate Student Conference on the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science, Technology, and Medicine) will be **30 January through 1 February 2004 at University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada**. Mephistos provides an opportunity for graduate students to present papers, participate in discussions, and meet other students in their field. (**Deadline for submissions: 1 October 2003**) For more information, contact: Mephistos 2004 Organizing Committee, c/o Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, N6A 3K7. E-mail: Mélanie Frappier (mfrappie@uwo.ca) FAX: +1(519)661-3922

The American Association for the History of Medicine will meet in Madison, Wisconsin, **28 April - 2 May 2004**. Deadline for submissions was **15 September 2003**. Organization website: [www.histmed.org](http://www.histmed.org)

**HUMAN SCIENCES AT HSS**

*These session descriptions were taken from the preliminary program. Possibly some of them will be changed in the final version of the program. Many sessions have FHHS members as participants, and about 20 deal with human sciences. Nevertheless, these four are officially sponsored by the Forum.*

**Subjectivity in Crisis: European Psychiatry and Patient Experience (1880-1920)** (Sponsored by FHHS), Thursday, 4:00-6:00 (Room: President's Ballroom A) 1. Anne Christina Rose, Johns Hopkins, "'Moral Orthopedics' and the Debate over Suggestibility in Fin-de-Siecle Psychiatry" 2. Susan Lanzoni, Boston U., "The Prominence of Subjective Experience in Phenomenological Psychiatry, 1912-1922" 3. David K. Robinson, Truman St. U., "Vladimir Bekhterev and the Psychiatric Subject: Early Work in Hypnosis" Commentator and Chair: William Woodward, U. New Hampshire; Session Organizer: Susan Lanzoni

**Virtue and Vice** (Sponsored by FHHS), Friday, 3:30-5:30 (Room: Cambridge) 1. Marga Vicedo-Castello, Harvard U., "Primate Love: Mothers, Machines, and Morals" 2. Nadine M. Weidman, Harvard U., "The Aggression Instinct: Masculinity and Pop Ethology in 1960s America" 3. Abigail Lustig, Max Planck Institute, "Why Be Nice?" Chair and Commentator: Lorraine Daston, Max Planck Institute; Session Organizer: Abigail Lustig

**The Organic Metaphor and the Human Sciences** (Sponsored by FHHS), Saturday, 3:30-5:30 (Room: Crispus Attucks) 1. Michael C. Carhart, U. Nevada, "Culture and the Rejection of the Organic Metaphor in the 1780s" 2. Naomi Beck, Université de Paris I and U. Chicago, "The Appeal of the Organic Metaphor in Spencerism" 3. Daniela Barberis, U. Chicago, "A novel object for science: 'society' as defined by the organic metaphor" Chair and Commentator: Bruce Mazlish, MIT; Session Organizer: Daniela Barberis

**Selves, Subjects, and Identities in the Twentieth-Century Human Sciences** (Sponsored by FHHS), Sunday, 9:00-11:45 (Room: President's Ballroom A and B) 1. Alison Winter, U. Chicago, "Chemistry of Truth and Sciences of Identity on Film, 1930-1950"



2. Sarah E. Igo, U. Pennsylvania, "Statistics, Selves, and Other Subjects: Kinsey-Era Americans" 3. Greg Eghigian, Penn St. U., "Socialism and the Sciences of the Deviant Self: The East German Psyche Observed" 4. Elizabeth Lunbeck, Princeton U., "Paradoxes of Plenty: The American as Exemplary Narcissist" Chair, Commentator, and Organizer: John Carson, University of Michigan

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Mitchell Ash** (University of Vienna) reports that "Psychological Thought and Practice: Historical and Interdisciplinary Perspectives," an international conference organized by the Working Group of the same name at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, took place this past summer, 1-3 July 2003. Among the speakers were FHHS members **Mitchell Ash**, **Jim Capshaw**, and **Jill Morawski**. Other speakers included: P. Baltes (Berlin); R. Bösel (Berlin); J. Brandstädter (Trier); M. Eberhardt (Berlin); K. Gergen (Swarthmore); H. Gundlach (Passau); M. Heidelberger (Tübingen); S. Lüders (Berlin); S. Maasen (Bern); J. Proust (Paris); G. Roth (Bremen); F. Strack (Würzburg); and T. Sturm (Berlin). Topics addressed included the varied constructions of the self (including experimental subjects) and of voluntary action in philosophy, psychology, the self-help literature and everyday language; the significance of "hard" and "soft" instruments for psychological research programs; and the claims of current brain research to "explain" psychological phenomena. Details of the program can be obtained from the web page of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences ([www.bbaw.de](http://www.bbaw.de) – click on "Forschung" then on "P" for *Psychologische*). Publication of papers from the conference, along with selected additional papers from members of the working group, is now in preparation.

**John Brooks** (Fayetteville State University) will present a paper, "The Clan of the Falcon: Alexandre Moret and the Durkheimian Interpretation of Egyptian Monarchy," at an international conference on "Morality and Ideology: Durkheim and the Durkheimians on Religion," to be held 9-11 December 2003 at the University of Crete, Rethymno.

**Ingrid G. Farreras** (Hood College, Frederick MD) has a third-year renewal of the DeWitt Stetten Jr.

Memorial Fellowship in the History of Biomedical Sciences and Technology at NIH. She will write (the first half) and edit (the second half of) a historical book (to be published by IOS Press) on the joint intramural research program of the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness during the 1950s, their first decade of existence. The book is based partly on the proceedings of the symposium she organized on this topic in April 2003.

**Ellen Herman** (University of Oregon) has the website for her Adoption History Project up and running now <<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~adoption/>>. Supported by an NSF Grant, Ellen's work-in-progress can serve as a model for historical websites in human sciences.

**Jean Elisabeth Pedersen** was promoted to tenured Associate Professor of History in the Humanities Department of the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester.

**David K. Robinson** (Truman State University) will give a lecture, "Wundt and the Americans," at the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wilhelm Wundt's Institute for Experimental Psychology, hosted by **Anneros Megte-Meischnner**, Leipzig University, 27 March 2004.

**Margaret Schabas** has a three-year term as Chair of the Individual Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program at the University of British Columbia. **Sonja Amadae** (PhD, UC-Berkeley, 1999) has joined her there as visiting assistant professor of history and philosophy of the social sciences, in the Philosophy Department.

**Irina Sirotkina** (Academy of Sciences, Institute of History of Science, Moscow) has won a prize from the Modern Language Association (MLA), The Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Studies in Slavic Languages and Literature, for her book: *Diagnosing literary genius: A cultural history of psychiatry in Russia, 1880-1930* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002).

**Miki Takasuna** (Tokyo International University) and **Ingrid Farreras** (Hood College, Frederick MD) were elected to three-year terms on the Cheiron Review Committee, beginning June 2003.



## CONFERENCES: CALLS FOR PAPERS

**36th Annual Meeting of Cheiron, The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences**, will be **17–20 June 2004** at the **University of Akron**, Akron, Ohio. Papers, posters, symposia, or workshops may deal with any aspect of the history of the behavioral and social sciences or with related historiographical and methodological issues.

All submissions must be **received by 8 JANUARY 2004**. To facilitate blind review, please include a cover sheet indicating: a) title; b) author's name and affiliation; c) author's address and phone number; d) audio/visual needs. Submissions are best sent as text, Rich Text (.rtf), or Word (.doc) documents attached to email to [drobinso@truman.edu](mailto:drobinso@truman.edu); alternatively, three printed copies of a submission may be sent by post to David Robinson at the address given below.

**PAPERS:** Submit a completed paper (7–8 double-spaced pages plus short abstract), or a 500–700 word abstract plus short bibliography. Papers should be original – i.e., not previously presented at other conferences. **POSTERS:** Submit an abstract. **SYMPOSIUM:** Submit a 250 word abstract describing the symposium as a whole and a 500–700 word abstract plus short bibliography from each of the participants. A cover letter should include the names and institutional affiliations of each of the participants, which should not be revealed in the abstracts. **WORKSHOPS:** Contact the program chair. **STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS:** Available to help defray travel expenses of students who present papers or posters. Please indicate if you are a student and wish to be considered for an award.

Send submissions to David K. Robinson, Cheiron Program Chair, Division of Social Science, 100 East Normal Street, Truman State University, Kirksville MO 63501 USA, Phone: 660-785-4321; Fax: 660-785-4337; email: [drobinso@truman.edu](mailto:drobinso@truman.edu) Cheiron website: [www.psych.yorku.ca/orgs/cheiron/](http://www.psych.yorku.ca/orgs/cheiron/)

### **Fifth British-North-American Joint Meeting of the BSHS, CSHPS, and HSS 5-7 August 2004, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**

The program committee invites proposals for sessions on the theme of "Circulating Knowledge." The theme has been chosen to encourage contributions on the following topics: (1) The circulation of scientific knowledge between North America and Europe, and between these regions and elsewhere in the world. (2) The formation of scientific knowledge through geographical displacement in the course of exploration, migration, trade, and fieldwork. (3) The circulation of knowledge among scientific disciplines and research fields, and between science and other cultural domains. (4) The circulation of scientific knowledge between expert practitioners and public audiences. (5) The formation of scientific knowledge by translation between different languages, media, and forms of publication. (6) The part played in the creation of scientific knowledge by circulating texts, metaphors, images, objects, and artifacts.

The meeting will be organized into sessions of three or four papers, with a commentator if appropriate. Proposals for complete sessions are encouraged, but proposals for individual papers will also be considered. Proposals may be in either French or English. Session organizers are urged to include speakers from more than one country. Proposals may be made at the website of the History of Science Society: [www.hssonline.org/3Societies/index.html](http://www.hssonline.org/3Societies/index.html) **The deadline is 15 December 2003.** Those accepted for the program will be notified by the end of February 2004. For more information, contact Jan Golinski (University of New Hampshire) [jan.golinski@unh.edu](mailto:jan.golinski@unh.edu)

**The Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science (CSHPS)** is holding its annual conference as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) in Winnipeg, Manitoba, between May 29 and June 6, 2004. (The exact dates of our three-day meeting are still to be announced).

The program committee invites historians and philosophers of science, as well as scholars from any field whose work relates to history and philosophy of science, to submit abstracts for individual papers or proposals for sessions. Submissions may be in English or French. Individual paper submis-



sions should consist of a title, a brief abstract of 150-250 words, and complete contact information for the author. Session proposals should consist of a session title, titles and brief abstracts for each paper, and complete contact information for the session organizer. CSHPS offers a book prize (Richard Hadden Award) for the best student paper presented at the meeting.

Proposals must be received by **31 December 2003** and must be sent by e-mail (rtf attachment preferred). E-mail address for submissions: cshps04@uottawa.ca Information about Congress registration and accommodation can be found at the Canadian Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences Federation (CFHSS) website: [www.fedcan.ca/english/congress/congress.html](http://www.fedcan.ca/english/congress/congress.html) For more information on the Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science, as well as on the Hadden Award, consult website: [www.psych.yorku.ca/orgs/cshps/](http://www.psych.yorku.ca/orgs/cshps/)

**Slought Foundation** seeks papers and proposals for an interdisciplinary arts symposium to be held on Saturday **3 April 2004** that will address the **history of Mesmerism** in 18th, 19th, and 20th-century literature, political and social philosophy, medicine, and dynamic psychotherapy. Direct correspondence to: Aaron Levy at [alevy@slought.org](mailto:alevy@slought.org) Postal address: Executive Director / Senior Curator, Slought Foundation, 4017 Walnut Street, Philadelphia PA 19104-3513 phone: 215-222-9050 website: <http://slought.org/>

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Paul Lerner** (University of Southern California), *Hysterical men: War, psychiatry, and the politics of trauma in Germany, 1890-1930*. (Cornell Studies in the History of Psychiatry) (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2003). Lerner won the 1998 FHHS Dissertation Prize.

**Jean Elisabeth Pedersen** (Eastman School of Music), *Legislating the French family: Feminism, theater, and republican politics, 1870-1920* (Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2003). It in-

cludes sections on the use of statistics in nineteenth-century debates over divorce, on the contradictions between Durkheim's defense of revolutionary rights in the Dreyfus Affair and his denial of revolutionary rights for the women's movement, and on the arguments among medical professionals and social scientists about how best to address the depopulation crisis from 1870-1920.

**Robert W. Rieber** (CUNY) and **David K. Robinson** (Truman State University), *The essential Vygotsky* (New York: Kluwer/Plenum, forthcoming in 2004). Selected readings from the collected works of Vygotsky, with new introductions to guide the general reader.

**Margaret Schabas** (University of British Columbia) and **Neil De Marchi** (Duke University), eds., *Oeconomies in the age of Newton* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2003).

**Warren Schmaus** (Illinois Institute of Technology), *Rethinking Durkheim and his tradition* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming in 2004). Durkheim's sociological theory of the categories was proposed as an alternative to the eclectic spiritualists' misinterpretation of Kant's theory of the categories as being about individual psychological capacities. Student notes and college textbooks reveal the academic philosophical tradition from which Durkheim's thought emerged. Durkheim's sociological alternative to this tradition brings out how such fundamental concepts of causality, space, and time provide the underpinning to the moral rules that hold society together.

**Robert H. Wozniak** (Bryn Mawr), "Lost classics and forgotten contributors: James Mark Baldwin as a case study in the disappearance and rediscovery of ideas," in T. C. Dalton & R. B. Evans (Eds), *The life cycle of psychological ideas: Understanding prominence and the dynamics of intellectual change* (NY: Kluwer/Plenum, forthcoming in December 2003 or January 2004).

