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Notes from the Chair

The Forum exists for one purpose, and one purpose only: to encourage and reward excellence in our chosen field of specialization within the history of science, the history of the human sciences. As a formally constituted interest group of the History of Science Society, we meet once a year, at the History of Science Society's annual meeting in the fall, to conduct our formal business. Thanks to imaginative suggestions from several who attended the Forum confab in Austin, we have exciting new plans afoot. Because all the details and ramifications have not been worked out, and because too your duly elected officers need to be taking formal action, I will just have to leave this vague, except to say that the change will be, I think, quite welcome. We will have a relatively early newsletter in the fall to outline what will be different. Stay tuned!

Of course some things will not change. We will announce and congratulate our prizewinners for the John C. Burnham Early Career Award and the Best Dissertation Award, hold elections, and discuss ways to further excellence with the specialty. But I need to say something. We are promised by the HSS Program Committee at least one session at the Conference if we endorse it. Get your proposals for sessions to me by email, I will ask a review committee to referee them, and we will make a decision, faster than you can say George Sarton! This year there were no Forum-sponsored sessions at HSS - surely we cannot allow this to happen again. Our field is capacious, and there are many scholars at work in it. Warning: The HSS Program Committee must have these proposals by – get this - April 1. Get them to me, and I will get them to the Program Committee. Furthermore, we can sponsore more than the one session we are guaranteed, but those others will be judged by the Program Committee solely on their merits. In some years we have had as many as four sessions on the HSS program, and of course sessions often lead to books, articles, symposia, and other scholarly communications, and often come from dissertations that deserve recognition from the Forum. Now I am sorry that word comes so late. Believe me, that was not my wish in any way, shape, or form.

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Call for Papers

History of Science Society November 3-6, 2005

On Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis Held jointly with the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT)

The History of Science Society calls for proposals for its 2005 Annual Meeting. Proposals may address any aspect of the history of science. Participants may propose either individual at-large papers or complete sessions. In addition to formal papers, workshops, field trips, or site visits may be proposed.

All proposals should be submitted via HSS's online form. Alternatively, for those who find internet submission a burden, a traditional paper form may be requested from the HSS executive office. (Web and postal addresses below)

Proposal evaluation criteria (paraphrased: see the HSS website for complete details): For individual at-large papers (to be grouped in general sessions of "contributed papers" created by the Program Chairs):

- (a) The principal criterion will be the quality of the proposal.
- (b) A second factor of substantial weight will be the need to bring balance to the program.
- (c) Ordinarily a person may appear on the program once only (as presenter of a paper, commentator, discussant, or chair). A person may, however, serve more than one function in a single session--e.g., as chair and presenter or commentator or discussant or as a presenter in a panel. Also, a person is exempt from the stricture against duplication if he or she serves only as an organizer of another session or a presenter in a special gathering such as a workshop or plenary session.
- (d) Priority will be given to people who did not appear on the previous year's program.

For complete sessions:

- (a) The importance of the topic and the perceived quality of the proposals and their integration into a meaningful and useful session.
- (b) The need for balance in the subjects covered on the program.
- (c) Sponsorship by an official HSS interest group or committee (one session only).
- (d) Involvement of participants representing diversity of institutional affiliations.

Deadline: April 1, 2005

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coming for the Burnham Early Career Award. A change of regime is also coming, and Jill Morawski expressed her appreciation for the accomplishments of these editors—especially to Mike, for his courage and foresight to found a new journal. Members voiced unanimous agreement with Jill's sentiments.

13. Miscellaneous business: There were several announcements "for the good of the order." Mike Sokal announced that the *New Dictionary of Scientific Biography* is currently seeking suggestions and authors. By continuing the work of the old DSB, this project will "enhance existing articles by filling in gaps and providing updates on major figures and will include new entries on leading 20th-century scientists." Besides Mike, Forum member Jim Capshew also serves on the advisory board. To ensure good coverage of the human sciences, interested FHHS members should contact Mike or Jim, or the website of the publisher, Thomson-Gale http://www.gale-edit.com.

David Robinson reminded us that the 2005 meeting of Cheiron would be in Berkeley, 23-26 June.

Karen Wetmore informed us that she has been appointed to the HSS Committee on Honors and Prizes. She invites Forum input on the prize programs, to make sure that work in history of human sciences is properly recognized. She reminded us that many nominations should

be made quite early (for example, for the Sarton Medal, by the first of each calendar year).

Liz Lunbeck, Emily Martin, and Louis Sass have launched the "The Psy-ences Project" to provide an interdisciplinary venue for scholars concerned with the emergence and social influence of such disciplines as psychiatry, psychology, psychoanalysis, and psychopharmacology. Website: http://www.nyu.edu/fas/ihpk/Psyence/Psyences%202005.htm

There were some suggestions from the floor. Karen Wetmore suggested that FHHS produce a brochure, similar to the one available on the Forum for History of American Science. Ted Porter wonders whether we might sponsor an annual lecture on human science, to be held during the HSS meeting. The Chair and officers agreed to take these suggestions under advisement.

Concluding the meeting, the Chair, Hamilton Cravens, thanked all officers and committee members for their good work in the past year and said that he is looking forward to involving more and more people in our work during the coming year. All those present echoed Ham's intentions.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15.

Minutes submitted by David Robinson, in absence of Richard von Mayrhauser (Recording Secretary).

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Errata

The present issue is properly numbered Volume 16, Number 2. The banner on the Fall 2004 issue was incorrectly so numbered: it should have read Volume 16, Number 1.

If you recently sent in your membership dues for 2005, thank you. Please note that your mailing label on the current edition might not yet reflect current dues status.

Call for Submissions

FHHS Awards for 2005

Article Award Offered Biennially

The Forum for History of Human Science invites submissions for its Article Award for 2005. The competition is for glory. No money is awarded, but the winner will be presented with acclaim at the History of Science Society annual meeting in Minneapolis as well as announced to societies of similar interest including Cheiron, ESHHS, History of Anthropology Society, as well as in this Newsletter and in the Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences.

Guidelines: The competition is for published articles appearing with an imprint date of 2002-2004 inclusively. Entries are encouraged from authors in any discipline as long as the publication is related to the history of the human sciences, broadly construed. The winner of the 2005 Article Award will be announced at the annual meeting of the Forum for History of Human Science, held in conjunction with the History of Science Society meeting, which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 3-6 November 2005.

Deadline: July 1, 2005. Send three copies of the article to Nadine Weidman, Secretary of FHHS, 138 Woburn St., Medford MA 02155 Further information @ http://www.fhhs.org

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John C. Burnham Early Career Award

The Forum for History of Human Science (FHHS) and the Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences (JHBS) encourage researchers early in their careers to submit unpublished manuscripts for the annual John C. Burnham Early Career Award, named in honor of this prominent historian of the human sciences and past-editor of JHBS. The journal will publish the winning paper with a notice of the award, and the publisher will provide the author of the paper an honorarium of US \$500.

Guidelines: Unpublished manuscripts dealing with any aspect(s) of the history of the human sciences are welcome. Eligible scholars are those who do not hold tenured university positions (or equivalent); graduate students and independent scholars are encouraged to submit. "Early career" is interpreted to include the period up to seven (7) years beyond the Ph.D. Since competition may be high in any given year, people are encouraged to re-submit in subsequent years, as long as the manuscript has not been already submitted to some other journal and the submitting scholar is still in early career.

The paper submitted is the most important aspect of the competition, but since this is an "early career award," the prize committee will also consider professional activities, including (though not limited to) participation in annual meetings of the History of Science Society and other scholarly work. The submission consists of three copies of the paper and three of the candidate's c.v. The paper must meet the publishing guidelines of the JHBS; for conference papers, these guidelines generally include revision and expansion to create an article-length paper.

The committee will acknowledge receipt of each submission and will promptly confirm its eligibility. The committee's selection of the prizewinner (the nominee to JHBS editors) will be announced at the annual History of Science Society meeting (held October or November). (If there are no appropriate submissions in any given year, no award will be given for that year.)

FHHS will promptly notify JHBS of its endorsement, and the manuscript will go through the regular refereeing process of the journal. After the editors of JHBS have accepted the nominated paper for publication, it will be published on their timetable and the publisher will issue the honorarium. Although it is technically possible that someone might win the Burnham Early Career Award and not receive the honorarium, FHHS and JHBS do not expect this to happen under normal circumstances.

Deadline: April 30. Send three copies of unpublished manuscript and of c.v., to Nadine Weidman, Secretary of FHHS, 138 Woburn St., Medford MA 02155

Further information @ http://www.fhhs.org

Cheiron 2005 In Berkeley

The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences will hold its 37th Meeting at the University of California, June 23-26, 2005. Below is a list of presentations and symposia.

Keynote address

Londa Schiebinger *Stanford* "Human Experimentation in the 18th Century: Natural Boundaries and Valid Testing"

Symposia

Donald A. Dewsbury, *Florida* (chair/organizer) "Karl Lashley and Donald Hebb: New Perspectives"

Elizabeth Lunbeck, *Princeton* (chair); Jill Morawski, *Wesleyan* (organizer) "Experts, Subjects and Citizens: The Human Sciences and the Making of Subjectivity in Postwar America"

Ann Johnson, *St. Thomas* (chair/organizer), Elizabeth Johnston, *Sarah Lawrence* (co-organizer) "Second Generation Women in Psychology"

Ryan D. Tweney, *Bowling Green* (chair/organizer) "Replication in the History and Pedagogy of Psychology"

Leila Zenderland, *CSU-Fullerton* (chair/organizer) "Psychology in Yiddish: Exploring Language, Culture, and Identity"

Papers

Francesca Bordogna, *Northwestern* "Ecstasy and Community: William James and the Politics of the Self"

Dennis Bryson, *Bilkent* "The Social Sciences, Interdisciplinarity, and Selfhood in the United States in the Early Twentieth Century"

Paul Burnett, *Penn* "Modeling the Global South in the American South: Agricultural Economics and Development in the United States, 1942-60"

Michael Carhart, *Old Dominion* "The Rise of Particularism in the Eighteenth-Century Human Sciences"

David Clark, York "Edwin R. Guthrie's Philosophy of Science"

David Coleman, *Eastern Kentucky* "Rolling the Bones: Fossil Hominids, Popular Science and Concepts of Human Nature, 1953–1981"

Alan Collins, *Lancaster* "Order and Change as Themes in the Work of Frederic Bartlett"

Thomas Dalton, *Cal-Poly* "Philanthropy and Scientific Innovation: The Macy Conferences on Cybernetics, the Brain and Consciousness"

Trudy Dehue, Groningen "The Emergence of 'the Control Group'"

Cathy Faye, York "'War-Winning Words': Floyd H. Allport and the Syracuse University Morale Seminar"

Christopher Green, *York* "Coleman Griffith: 'Adopted' Father of Sport Psychology"

John Greenwood, CUNY "Materialism, Strong Continuity, and Early American Psychology"

David Leary, *Richmond* "Authentic Tidings': What Wordsworth Gave to William James"

André Leblanc, *University of King's College* "Joseph Delboeuf and the Placebo Effect"

David Lee, *Independent Scholar* "On the Translation and Import of Wilhelm Wundt's Memoirs, *Erlebtes und Erkanntes* (1920)"

Matthew Millikan, *Chicago* "W. I. Thomas and the Problem of the Individual in Interwar Social Thought"

Larry Nichols, West Virginia "The Rise of Humans at Harvard: Pareto and the English Villagers"

Ian Nicholson, *St. Thomas* "Stripping Body & Mind: Paul Bindrim, ESP & 'Nude Psychotherapy'"

Paul Roazen, York "Freud, Bullitt, and Wilson"

Joy Rohde, *Penn* "A Science of Warfare or World Peace? The Ethical Imperative for Social Research in the Department of Defense in the early 1960s"

Mac Runyan, *California* "Psychobiography and the Study of Individual Lives in Psychology: An Historical Sketch"

David Schmit, *St. Catherine* "The Physician John Kearsley Mitchell's 1840s Mesmerism Experiments and Their Significance for American Mesmerism"

Anthony Smith, *Harvard* "Two Concepts of the Social Self: The Mead/ Cooley Division and its Significance to Modern Social Thought"

Larry Stern, Collin County Community College "The Memory-Transfer Episode: Professor Burgers, Scotophobin, and the (Not-so) Fanatical Fringe"

Gerald Sullivan, Collin County Community College "Margaret Mead and the Daughters of Men Adjin: 'Informants,' Projects and Methods"

Stephen Underwood, *New Hampshire* "Scientist by Association: H. Addington Bruce Popularizes Psychical Research"

Naoko Wake, Indiana "Memory, Theory, and Biography"

Stephen Wald, *Wisconsin* "Making Room for Mentalism: Limits of the Neo-Behaviorist Regime in American Experimental Psychology, 1938-1955"

Nadine Weidman, *Harvard* "Human Ancestry and Racial Ideology: Raymond Dart in South Africa"

Andrew Winston, *Guelph* "Mythologizing the Environmentalist Hegemony in post-World War II Psychology"

Clive Wynne, *Florida* "Rosalía Abreu (1862-1930): 'One of the Strangest Women of Our Time'"

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Annual Meeting Minutes Austin, Texas, November 20, 2004

The annual business meeting of the Forum for the History of Human Science was called to order by the chair, Hamilton Cravens, at 12:10 p.m. CST in Texas Ballroom VI of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Austin, Texas, on 20 November 2004.

In attendance were Hamilton Cravens (Chair), Daniela Barberis, John Burnham, John Carson, Jamie Cohen-Cole, Ray Fancher, Lynn Gorchov, John Jackson, Liz Lunbeck, Jill Morawski, Ted Porter, David Robinson, Mike Sokal, Laura Stark, Ryan Tweney, Debbie Weinstein, and Karin Wetmore.

- 1. The chair's annual report: After welcoming everyone, the Chair reported that his activities had been sidelined recently by some health problems, but that he was on the mend. Debbie Weinstein expressed the Forum's wishes for continued good health of the Chair.
- 2. The vice-chair's report: The Vice-Chair, Hans Pols, sent no report.
- 3. The treasurer's report: The Treasurer-Corresponding Secretary, Nadine Weidman, was in Austin but had to attend an HSS meeting of the Committee on Research and the Profession, so David Robinson read her report. In general, the Forum's finances are still in reasonable shape. We collected \$460.12 in revenue (mostly dues paid) and incurred \$995.84 in expenses. (The breakdown of expenses was \$314.00 for one newsletter plus mailing, and 681.84 for a catered lunch to our meeting last year, an expense that we probably cannot repeat). The balance of the account at the time of the meeting was \$1462.30. Weidman reminds us that dues renewals and address changes should be sent to her. Since she also handles the submissions that come in for our prizes, Weidman reminds the officers to make sure that prize committees are formed and ready to do their jobs, come May or June of next year.
- 4. Recording secretary: From the Recording Secretary, we had the minutes of the 2003 meeting, as published in the spring 2004 newsletter. Motion to approve them was made, seconded, and passed by acclama-
- 5. Representative Reports: The three Representatives (#1 Sarah Igo, #2 Daniela Barberis, and #3 Juliet Burba) gave no reports.
- 6. Newsletter Editor's report: The Newsletter Editor, Michael Carhart, could not be present. The Chair noted that only one newsletter had been issued this past year, rather the usual two; he promised to coordinate with Michael and the officers to get newsletters back on a regular schedule.
- 7. Website Editor's: The Website Editor, Hans Pols, could not be present. Since he moved to Australia a few years ago, Hans has been eager to find a replacement as FHHS Website Editor. He notes that the information on our website is now out of date. David Robinson (who first designed the website) and the Chair will work with Hans to make some kind of transition. [In the meantime, David has agreed to maintain the website.] Thus finishing the reports of the officers, the meeting moved on to the first item of business, the announcement of the winners of this year's two prize competitions.

- 8. Burnham Award: The 2004 John C. Burnham Early Career Award was the charge of this committee: Hamilton Cravens, David Robinson, and Debbie Weinstein, chair. Debbie read the citation, declaring the winner to be Sarah Igo (University of Pennsylvania), on the strength of her draft article, "Roper, Gallup, and the 'Man in the Street': Producing the Public Through the Polls, 1936-1953." According to the terms of the prize, the paper will be submitted for publication in the The Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences. Upon acceptance for publication, John Wiley Press will award Sarah with the \$500 honorarium that accompanies this award.
- 9. Dissertation Award: The 2004 FHHS Dissertation Award committee was Richard Keller, Ted Porter, and Hunter Crowther-Heyck, chair. Ted reported that the winner of this biennial award is Sarah Igo, for "America Surveyed: The Making of a Social Scientific Public, 1920-1960" (Ph.D., Princeton, 2001). He read the citation of the award, which carries a \$100 honorarium, and the Forum voted thanks to both committees. Special congratulations go to Sarah, of course, for achieving this first-ever sweep of FHHS prizes. Both citations will appear in the next newsletter and also will be posted on the organization website.

In a related matter, Ray Fancher reported that Daniela Barberis won the 2004 Early Career Award of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences (ESHHS), so the Forum was pleased to congratulate her personally on this achievement.

10. Elections: The next item of business was election of officers. This year's meeting had three scheduled vacancies. Hamilton Cravens was reelected to another two-year term as Chair, and Nadine Weidman was likewise re-elected to another two-year term as Treasurer-Corresponding Secretary, both by acclamation. As Juliet Burba had finished her threeyear term as Representative Three, the members elected John Carson to this position.

The Forum provides members to serve on the editorial board of *The* Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences. Sarah Igo and Richard von Mayrhauser having just finished their terms, the Forum elected Ted Porter and Liz Lunbeck to be our new representatives on the JHBS editorial board.

- 11. Sponsored Sessions: The Forum did not officially sponsor any sessions at the 2004 meeting of the History of Science Society, having sponsored four the previous year. The Chair and officers will try to coordinate sponsorship of a session or two for next year's HSS meeting in Minneapolis (deadline for submissions is April 1, 2005).
- 12. JHBS Editor: Further business included announcements of changes in the leadership of our affiliated and related journals. The Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences, with which the Forum is officially affiliated, will soon have a new editor. After years of fruitful service, Ray Fancher is passing this position to Christopher Green (York University). Ray reminded us that FHHS members can receive a 15% discount off IHBS subscriptions, and he emphasized the need to keep submissions

Recent Publications by Members

Ingrid G. Farreras, Caroline Hannaway, and Victoria A. Harden, eds., Mind, Brain, Body, and Behavior: Foundations of Neuroscience and Behavioral Research at the National Institutes of Health (Amsterdam: IOS Press, 2004).

The Office of NIH History is pleased to announce the publication of a new book on the history of mental health and neurology research at the National Institutes of Health in the 1950s. The book discusses the research that was conducted by scientists from both the National Institute of Mental Health and from what was then known as the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness.

John P. Jackson and Nadine Weidman, *Race, Racism and Science: Social Impact and Interaction* (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-Clio, 2004).

Based on her recent work Nadine Weidman presented a lecture on "The Rise and Fall of Scientific Racism" at the University of New Hampshire in February, sponsored by New Hampshire's American Studies

Program, Department of Psychology, and Black History Month Committee.

Wade. E. Pickren and Stanley F. Schneider, eds., *Psychology and the National Institute of Mental Health: A Historical Analysis of Science, Practice, and Policy.* (Washington, D. C.: American Psychological Association Press, 2004).

This edited volume provides a historical analysis of the reciprocal relationship of psychology and the NIMH. The 11 chapters illustrate the expansion of psychology and its influence on government since World War II, and highlight the NIMH's impact on the field through its mental health policy, research and training grant programs, and mental health services. The copious references and tables will provide scholars with rich resources for future specialized histories of post-WWII psychology and the government.

Send your news to the editor (address p. 2).

Notes from the Chair, cont.

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We must not let another year go by without promoting some sessions. Perhaps it is time to think about pulling together an anthology in the history of the human sciences with classic articles in the field that could be used in course adoptions, both as a way of promoting the field and as a way of raising a few bucks for our never-overflowing treasury.

As Chair I encourage any and all to participate in the Forum's activities, to come up with new and different ideas, to expand our operations and horizons. All of this takes effort, and money as well. Please do not

neglect our treasury: please pay your dues on time, and, if possible, throw a small contribution in the kitty as well. We can use it. If there are any problems or questions, please feel free to contact me, Ham Cravens, Department of History, Iowa State University, 615 Ross Hall, Ames, Iowa 50011-1202; hcravens@iastate.edu, (515) 294-1156 (work).

Thanks very much for your help and support of the Forum for the History of the Human Sciences.

Ham Cravens