



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. We will have our meeting Saturday, November 5, 2005 at the noon hour. Please be there. We have exciting news. Thanks to imaginative suggestions from several who attended the Forum confab in Austin, we have two exciting new developments.

First, and the more important change, we will have as the main feature of our annual meeting the Distinguished Lecture. This lecture may be formal or informal, and may last from 20-45 minutes. It will be by a very distinguished person in our field. Our inaugural Distinguished Lecturer is George W. Stocking, Jr., Professor emeritus, University of Chicago, who will talk informally about his recent soon to be published work, more or less on anthropology and anthropologists after World War II. I am very pleased that Professor Stocking has consented to give this lecture. He has done first class work from which all of us, I am sure, have learned much. I know that I have. Look for the location in the History of Science Society program.

We will conduct our business as needed after the Lecture.

Second, thanks to the energy and commitment of Karin Wetmore, we will finally have a brochure for the Forum. That is a smaller but essential change.

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. And there are Forum sponsored sessions at HSS. See the program for details. But please let us keep soliciting sessions.

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,

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FHHS Distinguished Lecture in the Human Sciences Stocking to Speak at HSS

Professor George W. Stocking will serve as the first annual Distinguished Lecturer in the Human Sciences at the History of Science Society annual meeting in Minneapolis, Saturday November 5, 2005 at about noon.

The lecture series was instituted by members at the last annual meeting in Austin and will become a regular feature at future annual meetings, which are typically held at noon on the Saturday of the History of Science Society conference.

Prof. Stocking's many publications include *Victorian Anthropology* (1987) and its sequel *After Tylor: British Social Anthropology, 1888-1951* (1995). Two collections of his essays have been published, *Race, Culture, and Evolution* (1968) and *The Ethnographer's Magic and Other Essays in the History of Anthropology* (1992). He also edited a *Franz Boas Reader* (1974) and founded and served as first editor of the University of Wisconsin Press series *History of Anthropology*. Now emeritus from the University of Chicago, Prof. Stocking is currently at work on a history of anthropology after World War II, from which he will speak informally at the FHHS meeting.

Prof. Stocking's name on the marquis will certainly raise the profile of FHHS within the History of Science Society.

The Distinguished Lecturer nomination committee were John Carson, Hamilton Cravens, and Hans Pols. Congratulations to them and thanks for their service this past summer.

FHHS Sponsored Session Forbidden Fruit or Final Frontier? Consciousness in Twentieth-Century Science

The relationship of twentieth-century science to human consciousness has been deeply ambivalent. Some scientists have regarded consciousness as a difficult but nevertheless tractable problem. Others have seen it as an impenetrable enigma, a quagmire of conceptual confusion, or a seedbed of pseudo-science and quackery. As it has impinged upon domains of knowledge formerly claimed by the humanities or religion, the scientific study of consciousness has called into question the limits, methods, and authority of science. What is the proper scientific study of consciousness? Who marks its boundaries and why? This session explores the taboos and transgressions involved when human consciousness has been invited to poke its ethereal head into the hallowed halls of twentieth-century science. Papers by **Stephen Wald** (*Wisconsin*) and **Craig McConnell** (*CSU-Fullerton*) explore what happened when practitioners of the relatively "hard" sciences of experimental neurophysiology and mathematical physics hazarded forays into the forbidding territories of the mind. **Erika Dyck** (*McMaster*) offers a paper on the early scientific study of LSD-induced enlightened consciousness, an enterprise that provoked debate in the 1950s over the legitimate meanings and methods of clinical psychopharmacology. Finally, philosopher **Nathaniel Barrett** (*Boston Uniu.*) offers an exercise in reflexivity as he examines the taboos that historians themselves have maintained in their accounts of early twentieth-century spiritualism and psychical research.

Chair and comment by **Anne Harrington** (Harvard)

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2005 Annual Meeting Announcements

*History of Science Society conference
Minneapolis*

Saturday, November 5

Following the Noon lecture by Professor Stocking

Elections: The following offices are up for election this year:

Vice-Chair

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Representative One

An ad hoc nominating committee has been formed by John Carson for the purpose of filling these offices. Other nominations (including self-nominations, i.e. volunteers) will be taken at the Annual Meeting. A vote will ensue. FHHS is an all-volunteer organization. Please consider serving.

Sponsored Sessions: As an interest group of the History of Science Society, FHHS is guaranteed one sponsored session each year at the HSS conference. Other sessions may be sponsored by the Forum but only one receives special consideration due to FHHS endorsement.

The HSS submission deadline for proposals

is usually April 1. Panel organizers seeking the FHHS endorsement should be submitted to the Forum in advance of that deadline.

News of Members: Notably missing from the current Newsletter issue. Please send news of your recent triumphs to the Editor: publication information, new jobs, work in progress. Your fellow members want to know!

Email addresses: Increasingly FHHS is relying on email encyclicals to make timely announcements to members. However only about half of the membership list has email addresses attached to the postal address; and of those with email addresses, many are out of date. Please confirm with the corresponding secretary that your email address is correct.

N.B.: An encyclical email notice announcing Professor Stocking's lecture went out during the last week of October. Did you receive it?

ESHHS News

European Society for the History of the Human Sciences held its 24th annual meeting in Moscow in September 2005. We hope to have a report of that conference in the next issue of this *Newsletter*.

It is rumored that the 25th annual meeting will be held in Oslo sometime in 2006. The

Call for Papers will appear in this *Newsletter* when the ESHHS has it ready.

Non-tenured scholars should remember that ESHHS offers an early career award (in conjunction with the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*). Details at:

<http://psychology.dur.ac.uk/eshhs>

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FHHS Awards for 2005

John C. Burnham Early Career Award

First Prize: Courtenay Raia, "Ether Theories and Ether Theologies: Mind, Matter and Meaning in the Late Victorian Physics of Sir Oliver Lodge"

The 2005 Burnham Award Committee is delighted to award this year's prize to Courtenay Raia's "Ether Theories and Ether Theologies." With verve and creativity, Raia's essay tracks the biography of Sir Oliver Lodge in order to illuminate larger themes related to the birth of "modern" science, religion, and philosophy. Her case study of Lodge—a British experimentalist and theorist—reveals a scientist who was authentically engaged with psychical phenomena, and suggests that many of his contemporaries also understood such investigation to be an important part of their mandate. At the intersection of the body and the soul, the scientific and the religious, Lodge's investigations into the ether aimed at a unitary scientific explanation of all physical things on the boundary between mind and matter. Moving convincingly from late-nineteenth-century accounts of the mysterious powers of an Italian laundry woman to epistemological questions about the nature of matter and energy, Raia paints a compelling portrait of the Victorian "fraternization between physics and metaphysics." Rather than seeking to reduce the supernatural to the material or mundane, Raia shows, Lodge hoped to elevate science to a more profound spiritual plane. In so doing, she reanimates a key transition point in the history of science before the investigation of physical and metaphysical forces were considered virtually antithetical. The Committee was impressed by the depth of Raia's research across published and unpublished sources as well as her ability to move fluidly between physical and psychical science—much like her protagonist.

Courtenay Raia is a History Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Honorable Mention: Jamie Cohen-Cole, "Making Minds and Social Relations for a Democratic America: The Politics of Thinking"

In a break from tradition, the Burnham Committee also wishes to award an Honorable Mention to Dr. Jamie Cohen-Cole for his stimulating essay on the perceived problem of mid-twentieth-century specialization, in both intellectual circles and American society at large. Examining Harvard's 1945 *General Education in Free Society, The Authoritarian Personality* (1950), and the struggle waged over the structure of social scientific disciplines at Harvard in the mid-1940s, Cohen-Cole documents academics' convergence around a solution: cultivation of the "right-thinking individual," a broad-minded, flexible, democratic subject able to withstand, and thrive in, modern American society.

Jamie Cohen-Cole holds a 2003 Ph.D. in History of Science from Princeton University and is currently a Lecturer in the Department of History and a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Fishbein Center for the History of Science at the University Chicago.

2005 Burnham Award Committee: Ellen Herman, Sarah Igo, and Deborah Weinstein

Article Award

Given the large number of submissions and their impressive quality, the Article Prize Committee has awarded two prizes: to Philippe Fontaine and Mark Solovey. The number and quality of the submitted and nominated articles was impressive; all contributed substantively the history of the human sciences. The articles by Fontaine and Solovey were distinguished by their careful examination of a wide range of factors that influence the shape of social scientific theory, factors that extend not only across disciplines but beyond to government, politics and professional practices.

Philippe Fontaine receives the 2005 Article Prize for his article, "blood, Politics, and Social Science: Richard Titmuss and the Institute of Economic Affairs, 1957-1973," published in *Isis* (2002, 93: 401-434). The article examines how and why Richard Titmuss, a British professor of social administration, produced *The Gift Relationship* (1971), a book arguing for voluntary blood procurement rather than commercialized distribution. Fontaine shows how Titmuss deployed arguments for a "socialist" policy and reached beyond economic policy to matters of ethics and social unity. The study reveals, too, Titmuss' challenges to dominant economic thought.

Mark Solovey receives the 2005 Article Prize for his piece, "Riding Natural Scientists' Coattails onto the Endless Frontier: The SSRC and the Quest for Scientific Legitimacy," published in the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* (2004, 40: 393-422). Drawing upon extensive archival material and government documents, Solovey examines the postwar establishment of the National Science Foundation and the connected debates over the inclusion of the social sciences in the NSF. He demonstrates how social scientists' divided views on the epistemological status of social sciences gave way to promotion of a natural science model of social science, a model that significantly influenced subsequent scholarship. Along with uncovering this enabling moment for scientism in the social sciences, Solovey's analysis also traces some significant challenges to this natural science approach.

2005 Artical Award Committee: Jill Morawski, Daniela Barberis, and Maurice Finocchiaro

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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

Two Job Openings at Penn State

Biomedical Ethics

Senior hire to be filled at the rank of **tenured associate or full professor** in the area of Biomedical Ethics. This will be a joint appointment involving two Penn State campuses, the College of the Liberal Arts (<http://www.la.psu.edu>) and the College of Medicine (<http://www.hmc.psu.edu/college/>), as well as the Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences (<http://www.lsc.psu.edu/>) The successful candidate would have a departmental home in the Humanities or Social Sciences in the College of the Liberal Arts and in the Department of Humanities in the College of Medicine.

Applicants will be expected to teach courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, with a strong range of teaching abilities in the area of Bioethics and Medical Humanities. We are particularly interested in candidates with expertise in research ethics. The successful candidate must be able to work knowledgeably and effectively with scientists and physicians. Highly desirable for the appointee is an active grants record.

A portion of the position will be situated in the Rock Ethics Institute (<http://rockethics.psu.edu>) with concomitant released time to ensure and enhance interactions with colleagues from the Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, participation in collaborative research projects, and development of research and outreach activities that create rich links between the Rock Ethics Institute and the College of Medicine.

Send application letter, full curriculum vitae, sample publications, and letters of reference to: *Chair, Biomedical Ethics Search Committee* at the address below.

Sci./Tech./Ethics/Med. in contemporary Society

Tenure-stream appointment, rank open, in its innovative intercollege program in science, technology, ethics, and medicine in contemporary society. Applications are welcome from candidates with degrees in Science, Technology, and Society or in a pertinent discipline within the humanities or social sciences.

Part of Penn State's, and the College of the Liberal Arts', commitment to research, teaching, and outreach in the areas of science and technology policy, public health and environmental policy, and ethical inquiry. The successful candidate will play a central role in the expansion and development of a robust intercollege program designed to augment Penn State's strengths in basic and applied fields of science and technology. She or he will also be involved in programs that strengthen the Rock Ethics Institute's initiatives in the area of ethics and policy in science, technology, and medicine.

The Program seeks candidates with expertise in the study of the relationship between contemporary society and science, medicine, and/or technology. Areas of research may include the ethical and social impact of biotechnology, engineering, environmental sciences, human sciences, and/or information sciences. The successful candidate must be able to work knowledgeably and effectively with researchers in basic and applied fields of science, technology, and/or medicine relevant to her or his area of specialization.

Ph.D. required along with evidence of research strength and ability to offer a range of courses at the undergraduate and graduate level in the program in science, technology, medicine, and ethics in society. Address application letter, full curriculum vitae, sample publications, and letters of recommendation to: *Chair, STEMS Search Committee*.

For both positions, review of applications begins on **November 15** and will continue until the position is filled. Send applications in care of the appropriate committee at:

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Call for Submissions

Cheiron 2006 Book Prize

Cheiron: The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences (<http://people.stu.ca/~cheiron.staff/>) announces its second biennial **Cheiron Book Prize** competition for an outstanding monograph in the history of the social/behavioral/human sciences. The inaugural prize went to Jeffrey Sklansky, associate professor at Oregon State University, for his 2002 book, *The Soul's Economy: Market, Society, and Selfhood in American Thought, 1820-1920*, published by UNC Press.

Eligible works for the 2006 Cheiron Book Prize include original book-length historical studies, written in English and published during the period 1 January 2002 through 31 December 2005. 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. Two copies of each entry must be received by the committee chair by **31 October 2005**. Final page proofs may be used for books to be published after 31 October and before 1 January 2006. If a final page proof is submitted, a bound copy of the entry must be received no later than 15 January 2006. No late submissions will be accepted.

The author of the winning book will receive \$500 plus up to \$300 in travel expenses to attend the 2006 Annual Meeting of Cheiron, where the prize will be awarded. Announcements of the award will also be widely circulated. Two copies of each entry, clearly labeled "2006 Cheiron Book Prize," must be mailed directly to:

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Call for Papers
Cheiron
June 29 - July 2, 2006

International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences
38th Annual Meeting
Sarah Lawrence College
Bronxville, New York, USA.

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 conform to the length limitations listed below (references, tables, etc. may be appended). To facilitate blind review, please include a cover sheet indicating: a) title; b) the author,s name and affiliation; c) the author,s address and phone number; and d) audio/visual needs.

Papers: Submit a completed paper (7-8 double-spaced pages plus a short abstract), or a 700-800 word abstract plus short bibliography. Papers should be original, i.e., not previously presented at other conferences.

Posters: Submit an abstract.

Symposia: 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 institu-

tional affiliations of each of the participants, which should not be revealed in the abstracts.

Workshops: Contact the program chair (fcherry@sympatico.ca) .

Proposal deadline: **January 9th, 2006.**

Submit proposals to program chair:

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Electronic submission strongly encouraged (as attachments .doc or .rtf). Otherwise send three printed copies of a submission may be sent by post to:

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