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Notes from the Chair

A really great meeting!

The History of Science Society (HSS) met 1-4 November, 2007, in Arlington, Virginia, just a few metro stops from the center of the nation's capital, and the program was rich with history of human sciences. From our (the Forum's) point of view, there were two high points, both on Saturday the 3rd: The Forum for the History of Human Science Distinguished Lecture by **John C. Burnham** and the History of Science Society Distinguished Lecture by **Theodore M. Porter**. As usual in the recent past of HSS, many regular sessions could well have been sponsored by FHHS, though we did not formally sponsor a session (more on that below).

What a sweep, and what food for thought! I barely had time to process John's lecture, and I was then thrown into the intricacies of Ted's, just a few hours later. The title of John's talk, "How Boundaries Dissolve in Writing Disciplinary Histories: The Exemplary, Agonizing Case of Accident Proneness (Unfallneigung)," made his approach clear: he gave us insight, not only into the discovery of accident proneness as a psychological (even actuarial) problem, but also into how historians who study this and many other problems ought to think more carefully about disciplines, especially about disciplinary approaches in researching and writing history. John did not simply play the old saw, "be interdisciplinary"; that would be too facile. Instead, he explained how researching this topic taught him that certain disciplines encompass certain problems at certain times, problems which become the purview of other disciplines (or multiple disciplines) at different times. Indeed, there are times, such as the technological society of the late 20th century, when interdisciplinary approaches in science were often very fruitful, but during the mid to late 19th century, the sciences, especially human sciences, became very productive by establishing their disciplinary boundaries. Accident proneness emerged as a scientific problem in the early 20th century—between those clearer historical epochs—thus it is an "exemplary, agonizing case" for Burnham.

As usual (no, as always) John spoke directly to the historians: he criticized and challenged us; he helped understand our own work better. We have honored him by naming our annual Early Career Award after him; there is also an annual Burnham Endowed Lecture at Ohio State, connected with the Medical Heritage Center where he

Call for Papers

History of Science Society

November 6-9, 2008

Pittsburgh

Forum for the History of Human Science, as an affiliated interest group within the History of Science Society, has the opportunity to endorse the submission of one session proposal to the annual HSS meeting. The Forum, therefore, calls for session proposals to be sent in advance of the upcoming HSS deadline to the chair. The proposals will be vetted by a Forum committee, and that Forum committee will send its endorsement up to the HSS program committee. Send your proposal for consideration of the FHHS endorsement electronically to Chair, David Robinson (drobinso@truman.edu).

Deadline for FHHS endorsement: March 25, 2008 (or a.s.a.p.)

Deadline for HSS consideration: April 1, 2008 (firm)

*N.B.: FHHS can endorse only one session, but HSS will consider more than one on human sciences topics. Therefore, please **also submit your session proposal to the HSS directly, heeding its deadline and guidelines below:***

The History of Science Society calls for proposals for its 2008 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 (<http://www.hsonline.org>). The proposal evaluation criteria include the following (paraphrased: see the HSS website for complete details):

- (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) Diversity of sexes, academic ranks, institutions.

still works. No matter how many honors may be established, the Burnham magic is most wondrous when he comments on your session, edits your manuscript, or gives you a challenging talk such as we heard at HSS.

In his HSS lecture, to a packed ballroom of hundreds of listeners, Ted Porter told us about "How Science Became Technical." There was plenty of overlap between the two talks, as Ted unpacked and historicized terms that even historians of science take too much for granted—discipline, science, technical, and others. The chronological sweep was even wider than in Burnham's talk, but perhaps because I was still pondering the earlier one, it seemed that Ted's cautions and challenges to the audience of historians went along similar lines. I will stop there: Ted's work will likely appear in *Isis*, and you all can judge for yourselves.

Although human sciences certainly claimed the peaks and a handsome percentage of the HSS sessions in Arlington, we still need to determine a clear process (to post on our website) for submission of session proposals for our endorsement and selection as a "Session Sponsored by FHHS" in the program of the annual meeting of HSS. The officers are zeroing in on a solid plan for your approval at next year's FHHS business meeting.

David K. Robinson

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FHHS Treasurer's Report January 2007-March 2008

Payments:

104.60 for Cedant (95.40) and mailing of prize certificates (9.20)
 37.25 for mailing of Burnham and article prize submissions
 329.00 for fall 2006 newsletter
 168.37 for spring 2007 newsletter
 138.34 for fall 2007 newsletter

Total payments: \$777.46

Income: \$525.00

We began with \$1,020.11 in January 2007.

Our current balance is \$963.90.

*Submitted by Nadine Weidman
 FHHS Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary
 March 18, 2008*

News of Members

Would normally go here, but members have been keeping their cards close to their chests. Given the balances in the column above and the Forum's annual awards noted on page 5, please take a moment to fill out the Dues insert and address an envelope to the Treasurer. While doing so, please verify that your address is correct on the mailing label. With each issue, more than a dozen Newsletters are returned to the Editor as undeliverable, due to address changes. And while you are at it, let us know of your recent accomplishments. This will help us all keep in touch with the latest work in the history of the human sciences.

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Conference Preview
40th Annual Meeting
Cheiron 2008
June 26-29, Ryerson University
Toronto

Keynote address

Gerald Grob, *Morbidity and mortality in 20th century America: The enigma of explanation*

Featured events

2007 Cheiron Book Award winner, Sarah Igo, *The Averaged American: Surveys, Citizens, and the Making of a Mass Public* (Harvard University Press, 2007)

Conversation with Ray Fancher: *A Pioneering Personology in the History of Psychology*

Posters

Emily Abbenante, *Filling in the gaps: An intellectual and socio-cultural view of phrenology*

Ryan Barnhart, *Does When Prophecy Fails describe accurate prediction or deliberate planning?*

David Devonis, *Milgram, the Gelb Effect, and the undergraduate history of psychology course*

Kenneth Feigenbaum, *Ms. Koch and Dr. Koch*

Jonathan Hagel, *The Journal of Social Issues, the psychology of prejudice, and the making of scientific anti-racism in post-WWII America*

Janet Martin-Nielsen, *Doubting data: Methodological concerns in Chomskyan linguistics*

Edward Morris, Charyse Fouquette, Nathaniel Smith & Deborah Altus, *The history of applied behavior analysis in the treatment of autism: Fathers, originators, and founders*

John Rickards, *The end of the chain: James to Lashley to Chomsky*

Floyd Rudmin, *The history and ideology of resilience research*

Stephen Underwood, *F. A. Moss: Psychological testing proponent and would-be popularizer*

Heather Wolfram, *"My only hope lies in a cure by means of hypnosis": Hypnosis and homosexuality in late Nineteenth-century central Europe.*

Jacy Young, *Examining Donald T. Campbell's self-identification as a socio-biologist: The contingency of time and topic*

Papers

Jennifer Bazar, *From humours to morals: Treatment at the Temporary Lunatic Asylum in Toronto*

Katrina Bell, *From DaCosta's heart to shell shock to PTSD: A brief historical account of war neuroses*

Adriana Silvia Benzaquén, *"Follow a child from its birth...": John Locke's children and the origins of the sciences of childhood*

Stephen Berger, *The significance of Children of Bondage in John Dollard's development*

Kersten Jacobson Biehn, *"Monkeys, babies, idiots" and "primitives": Nature-nurture debates and philanthropic foundation support for anthropology, 1901-1941*

Amanda Brian, *The child as revelation: Scientific networks and baby biographies in imperial Germany*

Adrian Brock, *The cultural limitations of psychology as evidenced by its geographical dispersion*

Dennis R. Bryson, *The SSRC Committee on Social Adjustment: A case study on the vicissitudes of technocratic modernism*

Michael Bycroft, *The birth of a movement: Joy Paul Guilford and creativity research in American psychology, 1950-1970*

David Clark, *Edgar Arthur Singer, Jr.*

Kurt Danziger, *Long past, short history: The case of memory*

Marla Eby, *Through a Lens Darkly, or a Window Into the Soul? The Professional Psychologist in Film*

Cathy Faye, *The "Crusade for Realism": Floyd H. Allport's event-structure theory*

Larry Friedman, *Why we hate: Universalist, particularist, and blended explanations*

Sebastián Gil-Riaño, *Otto Klineberg, race, and UNESCO's interventionist ethos*

Jason Goertzen, *An historical investigation into the development of Essays in Critical Realism: Implications for a broader understanding of early 20th century philosophy of psychology*

Benjamin Harris, *The Snake Pit: Misogynist Propaganda or Anti-Fascist Mass Entertainment?*

Christopher Hookway & Benjamin Harris, *Psychiatry in Fiction: A View from the Left*

John P. Jackson & Andrew Winston, *The last repatriationist: The career of Earnst Sevier Cox*

Ann Johnson, *"She's a nun, a psychologist and a feminist": The volatile career of Sr. Annette Walters*

Elizabeth Johnston, *Modern manners: Two Columbia trained women psychologists negotiate sex roles in 1950s America*

Russell Kosits, *"...the difficulties with Mr. Scripture...": Internal correspondence at Yale dealing with the firing of Edward Wheeler Scripture, 1902-1905*

Robert Kugelmann, *Out of the ghetto: Integrating Catholics into mainstream psychology in the United States after World War II*

Cornelia Lambert, *"Living Machines": Dance education at Robert Owen's New Lanark School, 1816-1828*

Barbara Lusk, *David Krech and the social and ethical implications of psychoneurobiochemedication*

Christine Manganaro, *From Hyde Park to "Paradise": Race relations research by Chicago sociologists at the University of Hawaii, 1920-1944*

José Maria Gondra, *The Institute of Human Relations of Yale: University and the Spanish Civil War: Dollard and Miller's study of fear under battle conditions*

Lawrence Nichols, *The formation of a sociologist of science: Robert K. Merton's Harvard Decade, 1931-1939*

Agnès Pazziani, *Charlotte Bühler and adolescent love*

Michael Pettit, *The con man as model organism: The commercial origins of Erving Goffman's dramaturgical self*

Wade Pickren, *Resistance/liberation: Indigenous psychologies in the decolonization era*

Jefferson Pooley, *The way humans behave: Bernard Berelson and the post-war social sciences*

Chanda Pundir, *Psychology in India: Beyond the Western imagination*

Anne Christina Rose, *The child as scientific object: Reconstructing nineteenth-century "scienza dell' infanzia" and "science des enfants"*

Gabriel Ruiz & Natividad Sanchez, *Of animals and men: Contrasting approaches to the study of experimental neuroses in America (1930-1950)*

Ed Slavishak, *The discouraging uphill struggle: Roswell Hill Johnson's career in eugenics*

Anne Sealey, *The strange case of the Freudian case history: Long case histories in the development of psychoanalysis*

Mark Solovey, *McCarthyism and the behavioral sciences reconsidered*

Larry Stern, *The search for memory-transfer at Berkeley: Controversial science and the "Cheshire Cat Affect"*

Cecilia Taiana, *Ontologies at war: The disappearance, incarceration and exile of psychologists/psychoanalysts during the last Argentinean dictatorship (1976-1983)*

Miki Takasuna, *Who taught whom? Japanese doctoral students in psychology and their American mentors: Effects on women's education before WWII*

Thomas Teo & Laura Ball, *The origins of the classical twin method, historical revisionism by omission, and scientific racism*

Elizabeth Valentine, *Communication networks amongst a group of early British women psychologists*

David Valone, *From Dixie Cups to Depo-Provera? Population control and eugenics on the left, revisited*

Kelli Vaughn-Blount, *Psychologist-historians: Historizing women and benevolent sexism*

Marga Vicedo, *The nurture of the child's tie to its mother: The construction of love for mother as a biological instinct in postwar America*

Jessica Wang, *Law versus social science in U.S. public policy: The National Labor Relations Board in the 1930s*

Nadine Weidman, *The aggression instinct: The creation of a public science in 1960s America*

Fredric Weizmann, *Individual differences, genetics and race*

Anton Yasnitsky & Michel Ferrari, *Several misconceptions in the history of Vygotskian psychology in 1930s*

Conference Announcement

Perspectives from the Periphery

*International Conference on the History of Sociology and the Social Sciences
Umeå University, Sweden
August 21-28, 2008*

Research Committee on the History of Sociology of the International Sociological Association announces its quadrennial interim conference to be held on the European periphery in northern Sweden. Conference themes include Geographical peripheries (history of sociology and the social sciences in Sweden and other small or non-western countries; glocal and/or postcolonial perspectives), Social peripheries (women as forgotten pioneers and newcomers on the academic scene, social scientific couples, class and ethnic perspectives, power relations), Institutional peripheries (extra-academic social research; state investigations and non-governmental organisations; disciplinary boundaries and academic hierarchies), Temporal peripheries (1968 — forty years later; long-term historical perspectives; cultural historical perspectives).

Keynote speakers:

Säid A. Arjomand (SUNY - Stony Brook)

Raewyn Connell (Sydney)

Johan Heilbron (CSE - Paris and Rotterdam)

Eileen Yeo (Strathclyde)

Organizers:

Prof. Hedvig Ekerwald (Sociology, Uppsala).

Dr. Per Wisselgren (Historical Studies, Umeå).

Prof. Björn Wittrock (Collegium for Advanced Study, Uppsala)

<http://www.periphery08.se>

Conference Announcement

ESHHS

*The European Society for the History of the Human Sciences
27th Annual Meeting
Bari, Italy
July 2-5, 2008*

The deadline for session and paper proposals has just passed, March 15, 2008. Papers, posters, and symposia will be presented on topics in the history of psychology, psychiatry, physiology, medicine, philosophy, anthropology, and sociology. Additionally, historical instruments of applied psychology will be on display for the duration of the conference. The official language of the conference is English.

Program Committee:

Maria Sinatra

Jaap Bos

Nathalie Richard

Sponsoring institutions:

Department of Psychology

Seminar for the History of Science

A. Marzi Laboratory for the History of Applied Psychology

Faculty of Letters and Philosophy, all at the University of Bari.

Faculty of Letters and Philosophy of the University of Foggia.

Current executive board of ESHHS:

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Secretary, Uljana Feest (Technical Univ., Berlin)

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

Call for Submissions

FHHS Awards for 2008

Dissertation Award

Offered Biennially

The Forum for History of Human Science awards US \$100 for the best doctoral dissertation in history of the human sciences. (This award alternates annually in rotation with the FHHS's award for best published article.) Entries are encouraged from authors in any discipline, as long as the dissertation is related to the history of the human sciences, broadly construed. The winner will be announced at the annual History of Science Society meeting, November 6-8 in Pittsburgh, and the prize will be publicized in the FHHS *Newsletter* and in publications of several other organizations (HSS and Cheiron, for example). To be eligible, the dissertation must have been formally filed within the three years previous to the year of the award—in this case, 2005, 2006, or 2007.

Send three copies of the dissertation (PDF format on CD, if possible) by **June 15, 2008**, to Nadine Weidman, Secretary of FHHS, 138 Woburn St., Medford MA 02155.

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

Citation

2007 Burnham Award

The 2007 Burnham Award Committee is pleased to award this year's prize to **Howard Hsueh-Hao Chiang** of Princeton University for his engaging submission, "Effecting Science, Affecting Medicine: Homosexuality, the Kinsey Reports, and the Contested Boundaries of Psychopathology in the United States, 1948-1965." "Effecting Science, Affecting Medicine" adds texture and complexity to the story of the American Psychiatric Association's famous decision in 1973 to de-pathologize homosexuality. Without rejecting the standard argument that the change in classification must be seen as a triumph of the gay rights movement, Chiang persuasively argues that shifts internal to medicine were also an important part of the story. In particular he notes that a number of mental health professionals—especially within clinical psychology—had begun during the 1950s and 1960s to worry about, and some to become completely skeptical of, claims that homosexuality was a pathological condition. A key factor preparing the way for this shift, Chiang argues, was Alfred Kinsey's 1948 bombshell, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, which revealed levels of homosexual practice theretofore scarcely imagined within the mainstream medical community. Chiang uncovers a number of psychologists and even psychiatrists who, he demonstrates, found in the Kinsey report a direct challenge to their understandings of homosexuality, and who slowly changed their minds, coming to see homosexual sex as just another variant in human behavior. "Effecting Science, Affecting Medicine" does a fine job of revealing and documenting this growing challenge during the 1950s and 1960s within the mental health community to the pathologization of homosexuality, and of explicating the scientific and medical ideas underlying the initial

John C. Burnham Early Career Award

The Forum for History of Human Science (FHHS) and the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Science* (JHBS) encourage researchers in their early 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 publisher provides the author of the paper an honorarium of US \$500 (see details below).

Guidelines. Unpublished manuscripts dealing with any aspect 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 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 paper must meet the publishing guidelines of the JHBS; for example, conference papers would have to be revised and expanded to article length. 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 submissions of suitable quality in any given year, no award will be given for that year.) The winning article will be submitted to JHBS with FHHS endorsement and will undergo the regular review process; when the article is accepted for publication, the publisher of JHBS will announce the award and issue a US \$500 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: Submit manuscript and curriculum vitae (PDF format by email) by **June 15**, to weidman@fas.harvard.edu.

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

categorization as well as the challenges to it. Well documented and richly footnoted, Chiang's submission is a worthy recipient of the 2007 Burnham Award.

Howard Chiang is a Ph.D. candidate in the Program in History of Science at Princeton University.

2007 Burnham Award Committee:

John Carson (chair), Paul Lerner, and Deborah Weinstein

held at History of Science Society meeting
Annual Meeting Minutes
Washington, D.C., November 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order at noon by David Robinson, FHHS Chair.

Nadine Weidman presented the Treasurer's Report. *See p. 2 of this Newsletter for the most recent financial report.*

Old business dealt with three main issues:

1. How to regularize FHHS sponsorship of an HSS session. Members offered several suggestions, and the officers agreed to come up with a solid, published plan for approval at next business meeting.

2. Whether our Burnham Early Career Award would continue to be viable, now that both the European Society for History of Human Science (ESHHS) and Cheiron also offer the same kind of award. We agreed to try to keep it going as is, soliciting submissions as best we can, but to think about what alternatives we might pursue if the "supply of papers" fails to meet the demand for three identical award programs.

3. How to modernize submissions to all our awards. We will request electronic submissions for awards, as much as possible, but will continue to allow paper submissions by post, at least for the time being.

Elections were held, with virtually no changes. **John Carson** was re-elected Vice-Chair, **Nadine Weidman** as Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary, **Ellen Herman** as Recording Secretary (all to two-year terms), and **Jill Morawski** as Representative Three (a three-year term). We also

re-elected **Elizabeth Lunbeck** and **Theodore Porter** to three-year terms as FHHS Representatives to the editorial board of JHBS (with **Ben Harris** as alternate, in case one of the others wishes to rotate off).

Prizes were announced. The 2007 FHHS Article Award went to **Jeff Pooley** (Muhlenberg College, PA). His citation was read by **Mitchell Ash**, who chaired that prize committee, consisting also of **Dana Simmons** and **Mark Solovey**. The 2007 FHHS/JHBS John C. Burnham Early Career Award went to **Howard Hseuh-Hao Chiang** (graduate student at Princeton). **John Carson** read the citation, having chaired the prize committee that also included **Paul Lerner** and **Debbie Weinstein**. The Forum formally thanked our committees for their work. The full citations for these and earlier prizes can be accessed on our website, www.fhhs.org

Announcements included reminders to continue supporting *History of Psychology* and *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Science* (JHBS) with our manuscript submissions, our work as reviewers, etc. Cheiron will meet 26-29 June 2008 at Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada. The European Society for the History of the Human Sciences (ESHHS) will meet 2-5 July 2008 in Bari, Italy.

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:40, after which we heard **John Burnham** deliver the FHHS Distinguished Lecture.

—**David Robinson**, standing in for the Recording Secretary