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Notes from the Chair

Like all of you, I wear many hats in my academic life. I am lucky to be chair of this organization, because its programs keep me in close touch with great old friends and also force me to keep up with newcomers and new work in our widening field. Another big hat I have been wearing recently is that of vice-president of Missouri Conference of AAUP, our state umbrella organization for the American Association of University Professors. Even those of you who are not members will probably remember that, for nearly a century, AAUP has represented the gold standard in academic freedom and shared governance in higher education.

What does this have to do with the Forum? As a historian of human science, and AAUP officer, I have twice testified before legislative hearings: the Missouri Senate Committee on Higher Education on 25 April 2007; and the Missouri House of Representatives Committee on Higher Education on 5 February 2008. Two years in a row, under the guise of "intellectual diversity" in one case and a "sunshine act" in another, my state's legislature has considered anti-Darwinism bills, and they actually went much further than biology. As the witnesses in favor of these bills argued, the teaching of evolution by natural selection is harmful to our society, not only because it is bad science ("just a theory") but also because it fosters attitudes that lead to late-term abortions, human cloning, genocide, the acceptance of homosexual marriage and parenthood ... you get the picture. The legislation would have forced the administrators of public universities and colleges to monitor their classrooms (actually only those courses that deal with biology, religion, politics, or society) to make sure that each course is "fair and balanced" and gives "equal representation" to all sides of an issue.

We were able to stop this legislation, and citizens of at least 28 other states have done the same during the past few years. It might have been interesting to see one of those laws pass, just to see whether the courts would block it or whether universities would indeed implement such thought police. Now I can really understand why Darwin shied from public attention.

I am a scholar of European history, so I have to thank fellow Forum members whose work on problems of sci-

Forum for History of Human Science at the **History of Science Society**

annual meeting

Saturday, November 8, 2008

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

FHHS proudly announces its

Fourth Annual Distinguished Lecture in the History of the Human Sciences

The Forum for History of Human Science proudly announces its fourth annual Distinguished Lecture in History of Human Science. This lecture series was inaugurated in Minneapolis in 2005 by George W. Stocking, Jr. This year's lecture will be given by another prominent historian of anthropology, Professor Henrika Kuklick of the University of Pennsylvania. Her topic is "Personal Equations: Reflections on the History of Fieldwork, with Special Reference to British Anthropology."

Professor Kuklick earned a Ph.D. in sociology from Yale University in 1974 and has taught many years in Penn's program in the History and Sociology of Science, authoring two major monographs: *The Imperial Bureaucrat: Colonial Administrative Service in the Gold Coast, 1920-39* (Stanford, 1979); and *The Savage Within: The Social History of British Anthropology, 1885-1945* (Cambridge, 1991). Recently she edited *A New History of Anthropology* (Oxford, 2008), and in 1996 she co-edited with Robert Kohler the *Osiris* volume entitled "Science in the Field." She has authored numerous articles, and her first one, "A 'Scientific Revolution': Sociological Theory in the United States, 1930-45," *Sociological Inquiry* 43 (1973): 3-22, was reprinted twice in the 1990s, once in a volume on Talcott Parsons and later in a volume on sociology in America. Since 2004 Kuklick has edited the *History of Anthropology Newsletter*.

In some ways Kuklick's appearance before us marks a return to the Forum's beginning, because she and the grad students from Penn gave powerful impetus to our organization in its early days (and several continue to do so). At the risk of omitting someone, we can mention Jim Capshaw, Hans Pols, Jack Pressman, Joy Rohde, Lyn Schumaker, Sarah Tracy, and Leila Zenderland in this connection.

The FHHS Distinguished Lecture is Saturday, November 8, at 12:30 in the Lawrence Welk Room on the Mezzanine of the conference hotel, the Omni William Penn. Please arrive early, as the lecture will be preceded by the FHHS annual business meeting (noon-12:30).

See back cover for a conference-goer's guide to the HSS.

ence and society in North America have given me deep background on such issues. I did not become a historian of science to engage in political activity, but I am a citizen, a human being, and when necessary I will take the stand. As we approach Charles Darwin's 200th birthday next February 12, I invite you to learn about the struggles for academic freedom still being waged. (Check out freexchangeoncampus.org which has lots of information, including my testimony.) And if you find your state facing similar legislation, please contact me immediately.

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News of Members

Mitchell Ash (Vienna) co-edited with Thomas Sturm *Psychology's Territories: Historical and Contemporary Studies from Different Disciplines* (Mahwah, N. J.: Lawrence Erlbaum, 2007), available from Psychological Press, a division of Taylor & Francis.

Hamilton Cravens (Iowa State) held the Fulbright-Dow Distinguished Research Chair at the Roosevelt Studies Center in Middleburg, Netherlands, in the Spring of 2007. In 2006-07, he was Distinguished Scholar of the Arts & Humanities at the Center for Excellence in the Arts & Humanities at Iowa State University. His new book, *The American Social and Behavioral Sciences: A History* (Cambridge Univ. Pr.) will be forthcoming in Spring 2009.

Henrika Kuklick (Pennsylvania) edited *A New History of Anthropology* (Malden, Mass./Oxford: Blackwell, 2008).

Richard Olson (Harvey Mudd, Claremont), *Science and Scientism in Nineteenth-Century Europe* (Urbana: Univ. of Illinois Pr., 2008).

Jefferson Pooley (Muhlenberg) has been named Annenberg Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania for Spring 2009.

Dorothy Ross (Johns Hopkins, emerita) is working on debates about social ethics and nationalism in the United States.

Floyd Rudmin (Tromsø) since 1996 has been critiquing the field of acculturation psychology for faulty psychometrics and ignorance of their history. Both types of errors show up as ideological bias, resulting in a kind of alchemy. For example, data showing $a=b > c=d$ become $a>b = c>d$ and forty or more scholars writing in top journals (e.g. Psychological Bulletin, American Psychologist) agree to the magical transformation. This faulty research then advises governments on policies towards minorities.

Michael Sokal (Worcester Polytechnic Inst., emeritus) was visiting professor at the English-speaking University of Hong Kong in October 2007.

David Valone (Quinnipiac) is associate professor and chair of the History Department. With Benjamin B. Page he has co-edited *Philanthropic Foundations and the Globalization of Scientific Medicine and Public Health* (University Press of America, 2007); and with Jill Marie Bradbury *Anglo-Irish Identities: 1571-1845* (Bucknell Univ. Pr., forthcoming).

Stephen Wald earned a Ph. D. in the History of Science from Wisconsin in May 2008 for his dissertation, "Minds Divided: Science, Spirituality, and the Split Brain in American Thought."

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Call for Papers

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The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences

41st Annual Meeting, Penn State University, June 25-28, 2009

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.

Deadline: All submissions must be received by **5pm EST on January 12, 2009**. Authors are strongly encouraged to send submissions electronically as attachments (.doc or .rtf), although three printed copies of a submission may be sent by post to the address below.

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 a 300-400 word abstract.

Symposia: Submit a 250-300 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 (sarah.igo@vanderbilt.edu).

Student Travel Awards: Available to help defray travel expenses of students who present papers and posters. Please indicate if you are a student and wish to be considered for an award.

Send your program submissions to Sarah Igo: sarah.igo@vanderbilt.edu. If necessary, they may be sent by regular mail to: Sarah Igo, Department of History, VU Station B #351802, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37235-1802.

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FHHS Awards for 2008**John C. Burnham Early Career Award**

Perrin Selcer (University of Pennsylvania), "The View from Everywhere: Disciplining Diversity in post-WWII International Social Science"

The 2008 Burnham Award Committee is delighted to award this year's prize to Perrin Selcer for his essay "The View from Everywhere: Disciplining Diversity in post-WWII International Social Science." Focusing on the social scientists associated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), he examines these practitioners' definitions of their role as scientists. The award committee was particularly impressed with how Selcer's work goes beyond the often national scope of much research in the history of science. He details the history of those social scientists who did not tie up their professional project with national destiny, but rather with creating international networks. These internationalists fostered certain cultural values (such as empathy and subjectivity) and character traits of the scientist (such as partiality), which are not usually associated with the social sciences. Arguing that such movements represent more than just American hegemony or Western cultural imperialism, his analysis highlights the challenges involved as these social scientists attempted to craft a truly internationalist epistemology, "the view from everywhere." Drawing on numerous archival sources, Selcer offers a fruitful way of reconceptualizing the geography and scope of the human sciences in the twentieth-century.

2008 Burnham Prize Committee:

Michael Pettit (chair), Hans Pols, Nadine Weidman

Dissertation Award

Laura Stark, "Morality in Science: How Research is Evaluated in the Age of Human Subjects Regulation" (Princeton University, 2006).

Stark's dissertation is an ambitious historical and ethnographic study of the development of ethical standards in contemporary American psychological and medical research. Using a novel mix of archival sources, interviews, and participant observation, Stark shows how human subjects panels have operated less on the basis of a set of deductive rules, than by relying on a collection of locally negotiated, case-based practices. Her combination of historical and sociological methods allows her to effectively historicize both scientific practice and ethical judgment, revealing that the human sciences have served not only as a tool of public policy, but also as a resource for identifying moral ends in contemporary society.

2008 FHHS Dissertation Award Committee:

Greg Eghigian (chair), Jamie Cohen-Cole, David Valone

Upcoming Awards Competitions

In 2009 FHHS will offer the **John C. Burnham Early Career Award** and the **Article Award**. Deadlines for both are likely to be **June 15, 2009** (subject to change). A formal announcement will appear in the Spring issue of this *Newsletter*.

Also of interest is the **Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Career Development Award** (\$1,000 to support a projected book on 20th-century medical science, deadline **December 31, 2008**). For details, see http://www.histmed.org/pressman_award.htm

HHS at HSS

A Conference-goer's Guide

Although by rule FHHS officially sponsors only one session, this year's HSS meeting sports a surfeit of papers on human science with contributions from many friendly names.

Beginning Friday morning, **Laura Stark** chairs a session (*Friday, 9-11:45am, Fox Chapel*) on methods, ethics, and identity in mid-20th century psychology, with **Jill Morawski** (Wesleyan) addressing coercion in experimental psychology, **Mark Solovey** (Toronto) on Harry Alpert's vision of social science, **Rebecca Lemov** (Harvard) on the science of subjectivity, and **Michael Pettit** (York) on bisexual rats. **Sarah Igo** (Vanderbilt) will comment.

Friday afternoon (*Fri., 3:30-5:30pm, 17th-floor Sky Room*) **James Capshew** (Indiana) presides over papers by **Christopher Green** (York), **Janet Martin-Nielsen** (Toronto), and **Alexandra Rutherford** (York) on early Chicago psychology, Chomskian linguistics, and 20th-century sites of behavior modification.

Saturday morning offers a choice of two sessions. **Uljana Feest** (TU-Berlin) has organized a session (*Sat., 9-11:45am, parlor D*) on the supposed early 20th-century European "crisis" in psychology with papers by **Thomas Sturm** and **Annette Mülberger** (Barcelona) on Bühler and Popper, **Gary Hatfield** (Penn) on Koehler and Koffka, Feest on Husserl, and **John Carson** (Michigan) on cries of "crisis" across the border in France. **Francesca Bordogna** (Northwestern) comments. Session-hopping is made easy, as just next door (*Sat., 9-11:45am, parlors E & F*) **John Jackson** (Colorado) chairs and comments on a session exploring the human sciences and empire with papers by **Cornelia Lambert** and **Kathleen**

Sheppard (both of Oklahoma) on Robert Owen and women archaeologists, plus two talks on the Pacific: American agriculture in the Philippines by **Theresa Ventura** (Columbia); and Chinese-Hawaiian race crossing in the 1920s and 1930s by **Christine Manganaro** (Minnesota).

The conference next moves down to the Mezzanine for the FHHS annual meeting and Distinguished Lecture (*Sat., noon-1:15pm, Lawrence Welk Room*). The meeting will feature reports on improving relations with the HSS (the evolution of rules for the sponsorship of sessions), the digitization of the Forum (website, email lists), prize announcements, and election of officers (Chair, Representative One, International Representative). Anyone willing to assume Newsletter or webmaster duties is encouraged to speak up! **Henrika Kuklick's** (Penn) Distinguished Lecture will begin at 12:30pm.

With everyone assembled and no human science on the docket until 3:30, a post-meeting/Lecture lunch might be appropriate. Do be certain to get the tab to the table by 3:00 and the bill divided up in time to make it to FHHS's one officially-sponsored session (*Sat., 3:30-5:30pm, Fox Chapel*). Former FHHS Chair **Hamilton Cravens** (Iowa State) will preside over and comment on papers addressing a century of scientific research on children. **Kathleen Jones** (independent) will discuss child suicide in the 19th century, **Ellen Herman** (Oregon) the category of "at risk," and **Marga Vicedo** (Toronto) children's emotions in London, Baltimore, and Uganda. Booked opposite is a session (*Sat., 3:30-5:30, parlors E & F*) on evolutionary gender traits with **Nadine Weidman** (Harvard) speaking on 1960s portrayals of gender and animal aggression.