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Notes from the Chair

Dear members and supporters of FHHS,

Shortly before our meeting with the History of Science Society in Phoenix, 19-22 November 2009, we decided to try something different: a newsletter by web rather than by post. The plan is to email members with updates and links to the draft newsletter as needed (draft 1, draft 2, etc.), before archiving it at the end of each calendar year; for example, this one is Volume 21 (2009). Once an annual newsletter is finished, we simply mail a few copies out to members who prefer the printed copy to the online source. The ease in communication and the massive savings in postage and printing should benefit the Forum and its work.

The newsletter editors will, from time to time, report on conferences and meetings of interest, news about members, publications, etc. The Forum's main tasks are likely to remain as before: news of members and preparations for our annual meeting, held in the fall during HSS. For the latter we must prepare the FHHS sponsored session, our FHHS Distinguished Lecture, and our annual business meeting, where we award our prizes and elect our officers.

Always feel free to contact the Chair or newsletter editors by email, if you would be willing to serve as one of our officers, if you would like to nominate someone to do so, if you would like to serve on one of our prize committees, if you have corrections or additions to material anywhere on our website, etc.

David K. Robinson, chair of FHHS

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Agenda, 2009 FHHS business meeting, Phoenix, Saturday, 21 November, at noon:

1. Minutes of 2008 meeting [see below]
2. Reports of officers (chair, secretary-treasurer, etc.)
3. Discussion of old business (newsletter, etc.)
4. Awarding the 2009 prizes [see below]
 - 4a. Article Award to Kasper Risbjerg Eskildsen; citation read by Susan Lanzoni
 - 4b. Burnham Early-Career Award to Stéphanie Dupouy; citation read by Michael Pettit
5. Election of officers whose terms end (current holder in parentheses):
 - Vice-Chair (John Carson)
 - Treasurer - Corresponding Secretary (Nadine Weidman)
 - Recording Secretary (Ellen Herman)
 - Representative Two (Laura Stark)
6. New business.

At 12:30 Ham Cravens delivers our Distinguished Lecture

FHHS highlights of HSS meeting, 19-21 November 2009

Friday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Techniques of the Subject in the Human Sciences

Sponsored by the Forum for the History of the Human Sciences

Commentator: Henrika Kuklick, University of Pennsylvania

“Subjects of Delusion: Early Twentieth Century Psychopathological Methods,” Susan Lanzoni, MIT (session organizer)

“Seeing the Heart: Feeling Emotions,” Otniel E. Dror, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

“The Multiple Psychologies of Subjectivity: Accountings of Experiments in mid-Century America,” Jill Morawski and Nicholas Alt, Wesleyan University

Saturday, 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Forum for the History of Human Sciences Business Meeting

Saturday, 12:00-1:15 p.m.

Forum for the History of Human Sciences Distinguished Lecture

Hamilton Cravens (Iowa State University), “Imagining the Good Society: The Social Sciences in the American Past and Present”

Other sessions of interest to Forum members:

Friday, 9:00-11:45 a.m.

The Psychological Society: Origins, Boundaries, Limits

Commentator/chair: Greg Eghigian, Pennsylvania State University

“The Utilitarian Self: The Neurosciences and Political Reform in Nineteenth-century Britain,” Cathy Gere, University of California, San Diego

On Hans, Rolf, and Others: Wonder Animals in French Psychological Research and Early Psychology,” Sofie Lachapelle, University of Guelph

“Deception, the ‘Law of Economy,’ and the Making of Psychological Americans,” Michael Pettit, York University (session organizer)

“Escaping the ‘Alien Framework’: Indigenizing Psychology in India,” Wade Pickren, Ryerson University

Saturday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Listening, Attention: Performance and Perception in German Concert Culture, 1865-1965

Commentator: TBA

“The Aesthetics of Attention: Ernst Mach’s Accommodation Experiments, His Musical Aesthetics, and His Friendship with Eduard Kulke,” Alexandra Hui, Mississippi State University (session organizer)

“Listening to Emotions. Musical Hermeneutics and the Concert Hall in the Culture of the Fin de Siècle,” Hansjakob Ziemer, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science

“Listening to Noise: The Global Village as Concert Hall,” Ute Holl, Bauhaus Universität Weimar

There are many sessions on Darwin, eugenics, etc. (since this is a Darwin Year)

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Awards given at 2009 meeting (Phoenix)

Winner of 2009 FHHS Article Award (awarded in odd-numbered years)

Kasper Risbjerg Eskildsen, “Leopold Ranke's Archival Turn: Location and Evidence in Modern Historiography,” *Modern Intellectual History* 5 (2008): 425-453.

Kasper Risbjerg Eskildsen’s “Leopold Ranke’s Archival Turn” offers a brilliant interpretation of the emergence of the archive as the most important site in the production of historical knowledge. In a wonderfully symmetrical and reflexive fashion, he examines

how the archive came to serve as the privileged site for history's production of truth, analogous to the laboratory, clinic, or field-site in other disciplines. By attending to the spaces of historical research, he offers a novel perspective on the character of "scientific history." Furthermore, he does an excellent job of illustrating how the reorganization of the structure of the European state made Ranke's investigative practices possible, thereby artfully connecting changes in political culture with those within the human sciences. He also brilliantly illuminates the interplay between the political and the professional dimensions of Ranke's vision. With great care, Eskildsen connects Ranke's personal career ambitions and his conservative politics to his conception of history and the role of the archive. The committee also commends Eskildsen for the high quality of his prose, which made his article a particularly engaging read.

Kasper Eskildsen is Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Science Studies, Roskilde University, Denmark

2009 Article Award committee: Michael Pettit (chair), Kathy Cooke, Hunter Heyck

Winner of 2009 John C. Burnham Early Career Award

Stéphanie Dupouy, "Darwin, Observer of Expressions."

The 2009 John C. Burnham Award Committee is delighted to award this year's prize to Stéphanie Dupouy for her essay "Darwin, Observer of Expressions." In her persuasive, original, and clearly argued essay she presents a nuanced picture of Darwin's strategy in his 1872 *The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals*, challenging the received wisdom that Darwin's book constitutes an evolutionary 'break' in the study of emotional expression. Dupouy notes that this conventional interpretation is not only complicated by Darwin's lack of discussion of natural selection, but more pointedly argues that Darwin's originality lies in his rejection of a sentimentalist account of expression. This sentimentalist view, common to much nineteenth century scientific writing on the emotions, understood expression as the privileged and uniquely human manifestation of the interior or intimate self. For Darwin, however, sublime or elevated human emotions were either not conveyed in expressive gestures, or were, as Dupouy puts it, "ironic remnants of our animal origins." Dupouy also sees Darwin's treatise as marking a methodological break from his forebears in his reliance on particular observations for study, his use of photographic evidence, and his rejection of imagination, memory, and sympathy for the scientific study of emotions. Dupouy reads Darwin's private notebooks in concert with the published text of the *Expression of the Emotions*, and places Darwin's work within the rich context of early nineteenth century scientific and aesthetic writings

on the expression of the emotions, including the work of anatomists Louis-Jacques Moreau de la Sarthe, Charles Bell, and Louis-Pierre Gratiolet. Dupouy's close reading, comprehensive engagement with the historiography, and compelling presentation of her analysis made this essay a pleasure to read.

Stéphanie Dupouy is Instructor, Department of Philosophy, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

2009 Burnham committee: Susan Lanzoni (chair), Daniela Barberis, Mark Solovey

FHHS Business Meeting, November 8, 2008, Pittsburgh, PA Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by FHHS Chair, David Robinson

1. Chair's Report (David Robinson)
 - 1.1. David reported that there are a number of projects and plans in the works for the next year, including:
 - 1.1.1. dues increase (See section on New Business)
 - 1.1.2. improvements to our ability to handle dues and memberships electronically
 - 1.1.3. plans for a 20th anniversary retrospective
2. Vacant Appointed Offices (David Robinson)
 - 2.1. Ted Porter and Liz Lunbeck have been our appointed representatives to the JHBS board for the past several years and we gratefully acknowledge their contributions as we relieve them of these duties. In their places, Ham Cravens and Ben Harris will be appointed to serve three-year terms as our JHBS representatives, effective immediately.
3. Elective Offices
 - 3.1. David Robinson was re-elected for a second 2-year term as Chair.
 - 3.2. Hans Pols was re-elected for another 3-year term as our International Representative.
 - 3.3. Michael Pettit was nominated and elected to serve as Representative One for 3 years. We gratefully acknowledge the service of Ted Porter, who is rotating out of that office.
4. Prizes

- 4.1. The 2008 Dissertation Award was announced and the citation was read by Greg Eghigian, chair of the Dissertation Award Committee. The 2008 winner is Laura Stark for "Morality in Science: How Research is Evaluated in the Age of Human Subjects Regulation," Princeton University, 2006. The citation has been posted on the FHHS website.
 - 4.2. The 2008 Burnham Early Career Award was announced and the citation was read by Michael Pettit, chair of the Burnham Early Career Award Committee. The 2008 winner is Perrin Selcer for "The View from Everywhere: Disciplining Diversity in post-WWII International Social Science." The citation has been posted on the FHHS website.
5. New Business
- 5.1. A motion was introduced and seconded to increase annual dues from \$10 to \$15. It passed.
 - 5.2. A suggestion was made to produce the newsletter solely in electronic form and it was agreed that we would move toward doing this in the next year. PDF versions of nearly all past issues of the newsletter are already posted on our website. It was suggested that we could send notification of new issues via email, with either a PDF attachment, a link to the website, or both. It was also suggested that any mailing to the membership inquiring about newsletter format preferences should make the electronic version (rather than hard copy) the default choice.
 - 5.3. David Robinson reported that our relations with HSS central command are good. The one issue that was of some concern this year was the ability of FHHS (and all interest groups) to formally sponsor only one session on the meeting program. It was suggested that work with other HSS interests groups to lobby HSS for the ability to sponsor more than one in the future. In the meantime, we will continue to notify our membership of all sessions related to the history of human science on the program in advance of the HSS meeting.
 - 5.4. Ellen Herman, webmaster, reminded members to send her information about new books in the field so that covers and descriptions can be posted on our website.
 - 5.5. The book review editor of *Science*, Sherman J. Suter, requested that authors of new books ask their publishers to send him review copies.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm. This year's Distinguished Lecturer in the Human Sciences was Henrika Kuklick (Professor of History and Sociology of Science, U. Pennsylvania). Her talk, "Personal Equations: Reflections on the History of Fieldwork, with Special Reference to British Anthropology" began promptly at 12:30.

--Recording Secretary, Ellen Herman