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FHHS ANNUAL MEETING

The Forum had its annual business meeting on Nov. 1, 1991, at the History of Science Society meeting in Madison. About twenty people attended, and Deborah Coon presided. The major business was the election of new members of the Steering Committee to replace Jim Capshew, Margaret Schabas, Ben Harris, and John Brooks. The new members are Richard von Mayrhauser, Corresponding Secretary (two-year term); Paul Croce, Recording Secretary (one-year term), David Valone, Treasurer (two-year term), and Mitchell Ash, Representative (three-year term). The Forum extended its thanks to outgoing officers.

In other business, John Brooks became editor of the newsletter, replacing Tim Alborn. The chair reported that the Forum is still seeking funding for its proposed conference on Human Science/Social Power. Jack Pressman, Tim Alborn, and she are putting together a grant proposal for the National Endowment for the Humanities. The members present also voted to mail a membership list to all members of the society. To make the list more useful, it was decided to solicit areas of interest from members before sending

out the list. A form for that purpose is included in the present Newsletter. The Forum also decided to form an ad hoc program committee to ensure the representation of the human sciences at the next HSS meeting. Margaret Schabas, Ben Harris, and David Van Keuren agreed to serve on that committee. Further information may be found in the upcoming events section of the Newsletter.

OTHER RECENT EVENTS

1991 HSS Meeting

The annual meeting of the History of Science Society was held Oct. 30-Nov. 3 in Madison, Wisconsin. In addition to the FHHS business meeting, several of the panels were directly related to the history of the human sciences. Among the sessions of the Critical Problems Conference were discussions of The Cognitive Sciences and the History of Science (paper by Nancy Nersessian of Princeton, comment by Anne Harrington of Harvard); The Social Sciences and the History of Science (paper by Steven Shapin of UC San Diego, comment by John L. Heilbron of UC Berkeley); Gender in Science and Technol-

ogy (chaired by Robert A. Nye of the University of Oklahoma, with papers by Judy Wajcman of the University of New South Wales on "Feminism Confronts Technology," Evelyn Fox Keller of UC Berkeley on "Gender and Science: A Case Study of Disciplinary and Political Divergences," and Carroll Pursell of Case Western Reserve on "The Cultural Construction of Mascul-

The Forum for History of Human Science (FHHS) is an interest group affiliated with the History of Science Society (HSS); although its membership is not restricted to the HSS. Its primary purpose is to ensure the adequate representation of the history of the human sciences within the HSS by organizing events for the annual meetings such as panels, speakers, etc. FHHS also seeks to foster communication among historians of the various human sciences, defined inclusively, and to foster debate over issues of general interest to all historians of these disciplines. Those interested can join FHHS by sending \$10 to Richard von Mayrhauser, FHHS Corresponding Secretary, Department of History, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania 16057.

The FHHS Newsletter appears at least once a year and is sent to members of the Forum for History of Human Science. The editor welcomes information and suggestions for future newsletters. Items should be submitted to John I. Brooks III, Editor, Division of Social Sciences, Teikyo Loreto Heights University, 3001 South Federal Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80236.

linity in Technology”); and Women in Technology and Science (chaired by Rima D. Apple of the University of Wisconsin, with papers by Sally Gregory Kohlstedt of the University of Minnesota and Kathleen Ochs of the Colorado School of Mines and comment by Margaret W. Rossiter of Cornell).

Steve Fuller of Virginia Polytechnic Institute chaired a Symposium on the Historical Lessons of Methodological Struggles in the Social Sciences. Papers included “Making Counterfactuals Safe for the History of Sciences: Applying the Lessons of the New Economic History,” by Steve Fuller and William Lynch (of Cornell); “The Importance of Studying Failures in the History of Sciences: The Case of Interdisciplinary Social Research in the Post-World War II Era,” by Mark Solovey of Wisconsin; “The Conservative Reaction to Malthus and Bentham in Early 19th-Century Cambridge: The Political Import of an Integrated Scientific Method,” by David Valone of the University of Chicago; “Stabilizing the Place of Economics in the Scientific Hierarchy of 19th-Century Britain,” by James Henderson of Valparaiso University; and “Mosca, Gramsci, and the Elitist Paradigm in Social Science,” by Maurice A. Finocchiaro of UNLV.

Doris T. Zallen of Virginia Polytechnic Institute chaired a Works in Progress session on The Mind, Body, and Society. It included papers on “The Nature and Evolution of the Chinese

Medical Gaze,” by Shigehisa Kuriyama of Emory University; “The Reproduction of Degenerates: The Inheritance of Acquired Characters and Hereditary Defect in American Medicine, 1830-1860,” by Mary Bogin of Cornell; “Challenging the Search for General Laws: Pragmatist Psychologists During the Great Depression,” by Katherine Ann Pandora of UC San Diego; “Cultural Determinants of Biological Determinism: The Reception of Sociobiology in the West and the East,” by Ullica Segerstrale of the Illinois Institute of Technology; “‘The Mother’ versus ‘The Machine’: Medical Conceptions of Women in 17th-Century England,” by Robert L. Martensen of UC San Diego; “Intellectual Evolution Versus Social Evolution: Opinions Among American Biologists in the Early 20th Century,” by Kathy J. Cooke of the University of Chicago; and “Karl Lashley and Holism,” by Nadine Weidman of Cornell.

Finally, FHHS sponsored with the Forum for the History of American Science a panel discussion of Carl Degler’s new book *In Search of Human Nature*. Elazar Barkan (Claremont Graduate School), Henrika Kuklick (University of Pennsylvania), and Robert J. Richards (University of Chicago) offered comment and criticism. The discussion was very well attended, despite its inauspicious scheduling at 8:30 Friday evening, and extremely lively.

Foucault Conference

The University of Chicago

sponsored a conference on Foucault and the Writing of History Today, which was held Oct. 24-26. Organized by Jan Goldstein, the conference included sessions on Foucault and the Life Sciences, The Constitution of the Subject, and Modern Sexuality, among others. Speakers and papers included Robert Nye, “Love and Reproductive Biology in Fin-de-Siècle France: A Foucauldian Lacuna”; John Toews, “Foucault and the Freudian Subject”; Thomas Laqueur, “Onanism, Sociability, and the Imagination”; Roy Porter, “Is Foucault Helpful for Understanding 18th- and 19th-Century Sexuality?”; Giovanna Procacci, “Governing Poverty: The Social Question in France, 1789-1848”; and Pasquale Pasquino, “The Political Theory of War and Peace.” Plans are being made to publish the papers.

Society for the Social Studies of Science

The Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) held its annual meeting Nov. 14-17 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Papers of interest to FHHS members included “Social Science or Rhetoric? The Investigative Tradition in France, 1800-1850,” by Ann F. La Berge of Virginia Polytechnic; “Research Groups and Progress in Dutch Sociology since 1945,” by Jos de Haan of Utrecht State University; “Creating Self-Managing Saleswomen: Lillian Moller Gilbreth at Macy’s, 1925-1930,” by Laurel Graham of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; “Otto Neurath—

Social Technology and the Paradox of Sociology of Knowledge," by Lennartt Olausson; "The Fueling of a Folk Science: 'Blood Group Psychology' in Contemporary Japan," by Ullica Segerstale of the Illinois Institute of Technology; and an "Author Meets Critics" session on Donald Campbell's methodology and epistemology for social science. For further information on 4S, contact Steve Fuller, Science Studies Center, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0247, phone (703) 231-7687, fax (703) 231-7826, e-mail FULLER@VTVM2.cc.vt.edu.

THE STATE OF THE DISCIPLINE: THE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Editor's Note: This is the first of what I hope will become a series of reports on the status of the history of the human sciences at institutions of higher learning.

This year the University of Chicago celebrates its one hundredth anniversary. Since its inception in 1892, the University has been a leader in research in the social sciences. One has only to think of Albion Small and Robert E. Park in sociology, Thorstein Veblen and Milton Friedman in economics, John Dewey in education, Robert Redfield and Marshall Sahlins in anthropology, and John Watson and Bruno Bettelheim in psychology—to name just a few—to appreciate the contribution of the University of Chicago to the

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human sciences.

Given this heritage, it is perhaps not surprising that scholarship in the history of the human sciences has also flourished at the University. That interest was first formalized in the 1970s with the creation of the Chicago Group in the History of the Human Sciences, which brought together faculty from many disciplines to discuss papers and issues in the history of the human sciences.

In the early 1980s, this group was joined and to some extent succeeded by another, the Fishbein Workshop in the History of the Human Sciences. At that time, the University began to encourage the formation of

workshops in which faculty and advanced graduate students would meet regularly to discuss works in progress around selected topics. The Fishbein Workshop was one of the first to be formed, in 1983, under the auspices of the Fishbein Center for the History of Science and Medicine and under the direction of George W. Stocking, Jr., the noted historian of anthropology. (Professor Stocking also edits the *History of Anthropology Newsletter* and the History of Anthropology Series published by the University of Wisconsin Press). Other faculty associated with the workshop have included Jan Goldstein, Robert Richards, Peter Novick, Keith Baker, and Arnold

Davidson. In addition to providing leadership and continuity to the Workshop, they have also presented draft chapters of articles and books on which they were working.

A number of graduate students have also attended with the workshop, often for several years throughout the process of choosing a topic for, researching, and writing a dissertation. An informal count came up with at least 20 dissertations in the history of the human sciences either in progress or completed since 1983 by students associated with the workshop. Most of these students presented chapters at the workshop, and for many this was their first initiation into the trial by fire that is presenting a paper. As one associated with the workshop for at least five years, the editor can attest to the Workshop's invaluable role in his professional training.

Finally, the University and the Fishbein Center have provided funds to allow the Workshop to bring in outside speakers. Past speakers have included Henrika Kuklick, James Clifford, Donna Haraway, Peter Gay, Robert Nye, Barry Barnes, and Martin Miller. In all cases, papers were distributed in advance, which greatly enhanced the quality of the discussion, and many of the speakers have communicated their gratitude for the feedback received.

The Workshop has generally met once every two weeks during the academic year, and papers have usually been organized around themes, such as feminism, discipline formation,

literature and the human sciences, etc. The organizers have traditionally attempted to consider one such theme each quarter, and for the Winter Quarter, 1992, the theme is "The Human Sciences and the Human Sensorium." It includes papers by Michael Camille, "From Touch to Sight: The Reorganization of the Sensorium in the 13th Century"; Priscilla Ferguson, "Cuisine and Codes: Talking About Taste"; and Martin Jay, "Lyotard and the Denigration of Vision in 20th-Century French Thought."

The focus, continuity, and collegiality of the Workshop have made it a productive force in the emerging discipline of the history of the human sciences. The partial list below of books and dissertations written by members of the Workshop is intended to indicate the range and number of works generated. Published articles are not included, but most of the papers presented have since appeared in major scholarly journals. Works in parentheses and without date are dissertations in progress, and as such the titles are indicative rather than definitive. An asterisk indicates a dissertation that has since been accepted for publication.

Arne, Robert. "The Legacy of Herbert Spencer: Evolutionary Capitalism and Professional Social Thought in the Anglo-American World, 1880-1940."

Brooks, John I., III. "Academic Philosophy and the Human Sciences in Nineteenth-Century France." 1990.

Browning, Margaret E. "Theories, Fact, and Artifacts: R. G. Collingwood and the Baconian Revolution in Romano-British Studies." 1989.

Burnside, Carol. "W. Robertson Smith and Louis Dumont: 'Fundamental Institutions' and 'Ideologies.'" 1987.

Cmiel, Kenneth. "Democratic Eloquence: Language, Education, and Authority in 19th-Century America." 1986.*

Eder, Milton. "Pluralizing Orientalism: A Century of Bhagavadgita Translations in Historical Perspective." 1990.

Eghigian, Greg. "Bureaucracies and Illness: The Politics of Compulsory Health Insurance in Germany, 1911-1924."

Estes, Leland L. "The Role of Medicine and Medical Theories in the Rise and Fall of Witch Hunts in England." 1985.

Gabel, Steve. "Moral Judgment and Medical Discourse: Anthony Trollope and Victorian Psychiatry." 1987.

Goldstein, Jan. *Console and Classify: The French Psychiatric Profession in the Nineteenth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987 (Winner of the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize of the AHA, 1988).

Henking, Susan. "American Protestantism and the Rise of American Sociology." 1988.

Koester, David. "Historical Consciousness in Iceland." 1990.

Knoll, Elizabeth. "Mental Evolution and the Science of Language: Darwin, Müller, and Romanes on the Development of the Human Mind." 1987.

Lestition, Steven. "Kant's Philosophical Anthropology." 1985.

Marchand, Sue. "Archaeology and Cultural Politics in Germany, 1800-1936: The Decline of Hellenism." 1991.

Novick, Peter. *That Noble Dream: The Objectivity Question and the American Historical Profession*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988 (too well known to require comment).

Pedersen, Jean. "Depopulation and Feminism: French Republicans Analyze the Family, 1870-1920."

Richards, Robert. *Darwin and the Emergence of Evolutionary Theories of Mind and Behavior*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987 (Winner of the Pfizer Prize of the HSS, 1988).

Stocking, George. *Victorian Anthropology*. New York: The Free Press, 1987.

Valone, David. "The Dark and Tangled Recesses of Knowledge: Reason, Theology, and the Moral Sciences at Cambridge, 1812-1834."

Whitman, James. "Rule of Roman Law in Romantic Germany, 1790-1860." 1988.*

NEWS OF FHHS MEMBERS

Deborah J. Coon has a fellowship at the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History of Harvard University to pursue her work on William James.

Ben Harris has been appointed an advisory editor of *Contemporary Psychology*, the American Psychological Association's monthly journal of book reviews. As advisory editor, Ben will help arrange for reviews of books in the history of psychology. For more than a decade *Contemporary Psychology* has been one of the APA journals criticized for its reluctance to consult reviewers with historical training and expertise (see Michael M. Sokal, "APA Publications and the History of Psychology," *American Psychologist* 40 (1985): 241-42). Until now, *Contemporary Psychology* has lacked an advisory editor with history as a primary responsibility.

Paul Croce has an article appearing in the forthcoming issue of the *Intellectual History Newsletter*, entitled "From History of Science to Intellectual History: The Probabilistic Revolution and the Chance-Filled Universe of William James."

Richard von Mayrhauser has an article, "The Practical Language of American Intellect," in

the fall issue of *History of the Human Sciences* (4, no. 3) and will have an article in the forthcoming special edition of the *American Psychologist* devoted to the history of psychology.

Steven Lestition and **Margot Browning** are organizing and participating in a panel on "Liberal Traditions or Professional Disciplines? Rethinking Modern Education's Past," to be held Feb. 10, 1992 as part of a symposium on "The Fate of Liberal Education" at the University of Chicago. Other panel members include William McNeill, Marty Burke, and William Heyck. The symposium itself is part of the centennial celebration of the University of Chicago. Steve Lestition, whose dissertation was on Kant's anthropology, has an article on "Kant and the End of the Enlightenment in Prussia" forthcoming in the *Journal of Modern History*.

Mitchell G. Ash has an article, "Gestalt Psychology in Weimar Culture," in the fall issue of *History of the Human Sciences* (4, no. 3). He is also one of the general editors of the Cambridge Studies in the History of Psychology.

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Lacking a formal advisory board, the editor has depended on the kindness of strangers and friends for the information contained in this Newsletter. Thanks to Tim Alborn, Jim Capshew, Deb Coon, Paul Croce, Ben Harris, Steve Lestition, George W. Stocking, Jr., and David Valone.

RECENT AND FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Clark A. Elliot and Margaret W. Rossiter have edited a collection on *Science at Harvard University: Historical Perspectives* (LeHigh University Press, forthcoming). It includes essays on "The Museum Origins of Harvard Anthropology, 1866-1915," by Curtis M. Hinsely, "The Establishment of Sociology at Harvard: A Case of Organizational Ambivalence and Scientific Vulnerability," by Lawrence T. Nichols, and "Harvard Psychology, the Psychological Clinic, and Henry A. Murray: A Case Study in the Establishment of Disciplinary Boundaries," by Rodney G. Triplett. The volume also includes a bibliography by Clark A. Elliot.

The University Press of Virginia has announced a new series entitled *Knowledge: Disciplinarity and Beyond*, edited by Ellen Messer-Davidow, David R. Shumway, and David J. Sylvan. The series will include several kinds of work: disciplinary histories; "institutional topographies," which "would examine the rhetorics and rituals of disciplinary activities as well as the characteristic spaces in which institutional practices occur" (from the publisher's announcement); and extra-disciplinary reports that "would look at knowledges which lie beyond disciplines," such as feminism, Marxism, and comic books. Proposals (approx. 10 pages) for monographs and edited collections should be sent

to the editors at The University Press of Virginia, Box 3608 University Station, Charlottesville, VA 22903).

The University of Wisconsin Press publishes a series entitled *Rhetoric of the Human Sciences*. General Editors are John Lyne, Donald N. McCloskey, and John S. Nelson. "This series is devoted to the analysis of various disciplines, as 'rhetorics'—that is, as systems of belief and practice, each of which has its own characteristic form and structure. Although the authors write from a variety of perspectives, they share a common interest in understanding and criticizing the intellectual, linguistic, and cultural methods of these disciplines. The volumes not only enhance understanding of the individual fields from which they are written, but—taken together—promise to form a new critical force, leading to reinterpretations of all the human sciences" (from the publisher's order form). Several volumes have already appeared, including *The Rhetoric of the Human Sciences: Language and Argument in Scholarship and Public Affairs* (1987), edited by John S. Nelson, Allan Megill, and Donald N. McCloskey, and *The Rhetoric of Economics*, by Donald McCloskey, and several more are proposed. For more information, contact the editors through University of Wisconsin Press, 114 N. Murray Street, Madison, WI 53715.

The American Psychological Association will be publishing a

special centennial issue of the *American Psychologist* in February 1992. Edited by Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr., it will contain more than 20 articles concerning the history of psychology in America, including pieces by several FHHS members.

The Cambridge Studies in the History of Psychology is a new series published by Cambridge University Press under the editorship of William R. Woodward (University of New Hampshire) and Mitchell G. Ash (University of Iowa). Published thus far are: David E. Leary, ed., *Metaphors in the history of Psychology* (1990), and Kurt Danziger, *Constructing the Subject: Historical Origins of Psychological Research* (1990). Forthcoming volumes include: U. Geuter on German psychology under National Socialism; T. Dehue on methodology in Dutch psychology; and J. Van Binneken on the history of crowd psychology.

Colonial Situations: Essays on the Contextualization of Anthropological Knowledge, volume 7 of the History of Anthropology series edited by George W. Stocking, Jr., has just appeared. Professor Stocking reports that volume 8 will be on the 1890s, with an international focus, and he hopes it will go to press in the near future.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

ASAP: Deadline for submission of abstracts and proposals of papers for a conferences on "Max Nordau: Parisian Writer, German Philosopher, Zionist Activist." To be held July 9-10, 1992, in Paris, France. Full papers due by April. Contact Delphine Bechtel, Université de Paris III, Institut d'Allemand, 94 Av. des Grésillons, 92600 Asnières, France.

February 1, 1992: Deadline for submission of papers for the 1992 meeting of CHEIRON, the International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences, to be held June 18-21 at the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario. Program submissions (symposia papers, and posters) may deal with any aspect of the history of the behavioral and social sciences or with related historiographical or methodological issues. Travel awards will be

available to help defray expenses for graduate students presenting papers or posters. Contact Dr. Nancy K. Innis, Cheiron Program Chair, Dept. of Psychology, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada N6A 5C2. E-mail: innis@vaxr.sscl.uwo.ca.

March 15, 1992: Deadline for submission of papers and panels for the 1992 meeting of the History of Science Society, to be held in conjunction with the

American Historical Association annual meeting December 27-29 in Washington, D.C. Contact Karl Hufbauer, Dept. of History, UC Irvine, Irvine CA 92717, home phone (714) 756-8277, office phone (714) 856-6317, fax (714) 725-2865; or Theodore M. Porter, Dept. of History, UCLA, Los Angeles CA 90024-1473, home phone (714) 854-6419, office (213) 825-4601.

March 15, 1992: Deadline for submission of one-page paper proposals for the joint meeting of the History of Education Society (U.S.) and International Standing conference for the History of Education, to be held Oct. 22-25, 1992 at Cambridge, Mass. Contact Lynn D. Gordon, Program Chair, 428 Lattimore Hall, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627.

March 23-25 1992: International colloquium on "Questionnaires and surveys in the human sciences: objects, objectifications, objectivities (1750-1950)."

Organized by the Société Française pour l'Histoire des Sciences de l'Homme, under the patronage of the Centre Alexandre Koyré, with the cooperation of the CNRS. To be held at the Centre Malher, 9 rue Malher, 75004 Paris, France.

is "History of Laboratories and of Laboratory Science." For information contact Polly Winsor, Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Victoria College, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1K7.

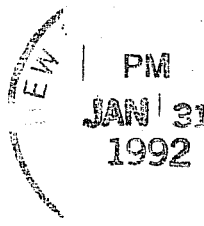
June 30, 1992: Deadline for receipt of manuscripts for a special issue of the *Journal of the History of Sexuality* on gay and lesbian history to be published in July 1993. Articles should be between thirty and thirty-five pages, double-spaced, including endnotes. All submissions should be received by June 30, 1992. Contact John C. Fout, Editor, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504.

July 26-28 1992: Anglo/North-American Joint Meeting of the History of Science Society, British Society for the History of Science, and Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science. In Toronto. The theme

colloquium on "Franco-British Relations in the Human Sciences, Historical Aspects (18th-20th centuries)." Organized by the Société Française pour l'Histoire des Sciences de l'Homme.

Early 1993 (exact date to be announced): "The Europe of Montesquieu" sponsored by the Société Montesquieu. Contact B. Benrekassa, Secretary, Société Montesquieu, 43 rue Bésout, 75014 Paris, France.

August 13-23, 1992: Colloquium on "Ferdinand de Saussure," to be held at Derisy-la-Salle, France. Contact Michel Arrivé, BP 2, 78330 Fontenay-le-Fleury or Claudine Normand, 25, rue de Franklin, 92600 Asnières.



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