HSS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the History of Science Society will be held December 27-30, 1992, at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. Members of the HSS should have received information in the July HSS Newsletter. The history of the human sciences is well represented at this meeting. FHHS is sponsoring the following panels:

“Popular Rhetoric and Professional Science: The ‘New Psychology’ and its Audience, 1890-1920,” organized by FHHS members Paul Jerome Croce (Stetson University) and Leila Zenderland (Cal State Fullerton), with papers on “New Subjects for New Readers: The New Language of Psychology Textbooks,” by Jill Morawski (Wesleyan University); “Didactic Science and Public Persuasion: William James as Pop Psychologist,” by Paul Jerome Croce; and “A Sermon for New Science: The Kallikak Family as Eugenic Parable,” by Leila Zenderland. John Burnham (Ohio State University) is the chair, and Michael Sokal (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) is the commentator.

“Universities and Modernity: Science, Moral Education, and Social Relevance,” with papers by Steven Lestition (University of Chicago) on “Kantian Philosophy of Science in its German University Context,” John Brooks (Telikyo Loretto Heights University) on “Becoming Philosophy: The Transformation of the Academic Tradition in France, 1870-1914,” and Margot Browning (University of Chicago) on “Archaeology’s Transformation of British Education: Students in Academe and in the General Public, 1890-1930.” Richard Olson (Harvey Mudd/College) will chair and Phyllis Stock-Morton (Seton Hall University) will comment.

“Darwin and Freud in American Culture” includes papers by Ronald L. Numbers (University of Wisconsin, Madison) on “American Scientists and Organic Evolution, 1859-1900” and “Freudianism and American Christian Theology, 1910-1940.” James Turner (University of Michigan) is the chair and FHHS president Deborah Coon (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) the commentator.


CHEIRON ‘92

by Richard von Mayrhauser
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Cheiron, the International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences, held its twenty-fourth annual meeting at the University of Windsor on June 19-21. Forum members Nancy Innis and Henry Minton, who served as program chair and local arrangements chair, respectively, organized a very successful and delightful meeting. The program included an invited address by Dorothy Ross, three symposia, five paper sessions, and a poster session.

Ross (Johns Hopkins University) developed the thesis of her recent book, The Origins of American Social Science: cultural exceptionalism encouraged the turn toward scientism in the first professionally-trained generation of American political scientists, sociologists, and economists. While most Cheiron papers deal with the history of psychology, other human continued on page 8

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 members of HSS. Its primary purpose is to ensure the adequate representation of the history of the human sciences within 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 twice a year and is sent to all members. The editor welcomes information and suggestions for future newsletters. Items may be submitted either in hard copy or on a 3.5” floppy disk formatted in any major word processing program, Macintosh or IBM, and sent to John I. Brooks III, Division of Social Sciences, Telikyo Loretto Heights University, 3001 South Federal Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80236.
JOINT BRITISH-NORTH AMERICAN HISTORY OF SCIENCE SOCIETIES

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"History of Laboratories and Laboratory Sciences" was the theme of the second joint meeting of the British and North American history of science societies (BSHS-CSHPS-HSS), held at the University of Toronto on July 26-28. Human science areas represented included anthropology and geography ("Ethnocentrism in Laboratory Encounters," by Michael Bravo, Cambridge University), psychology and biography ("The Passions of the Scientist," by Thomas Söderquist, Stanford University; "The Psychologist as Biographer," by Raymond Fancher, York University), psychology and constructionism ("Serving Two Masters: Changing Language Communities in the History of Psychology," by Kurt Danziger, York University; "What Psychology Has Done to the Soul," by Ian Hacking, University of Toronto), social policy and constructionism ("The Extramural Laboratory Limited: German Arbeitswissenschaft versus Max Weber," by Robert Brain, UCLA; "Quantifying Qualities: How Social Knowledge Is Made Valid," by Theodore Porter, UCLA).

Bravo argued that laboratory studies must consider the ethnocentrism of scientists and the cultural concerns of laboratory assistants. Through his collection of Inuit oral histories and reading of British officers' journals, Bravo interpreted the 1822 British exploration of Nunavut (Winter Island) in terms of changing Inuit strategies of barter and resistance.

Critiquing cognitivist emphasis on the rational process of scientific research, Söderquist reviewed the tendencies of biographers and autobiographers to evade the problem of negative or seemingly irrelevant passions (anger, joy, etc.) or to integrate them with the predictable "passion for truth." Fancher described how the personality specialist may handle the early life materials left by biographical subjects, drawing from his research on the life of Galton. Due to the inevitable limitations of historical sources, Fancher recommended theoretical flexibility and eclecticism on the part of psychologically-trained biographers. Danziger described the origins of professional psychological discourse in the mediation of scientific and popular language communities. After the young profession made human individual differences its chief research object, psychologists developed meanings for the categories of "intelligence" and "personality" through consensual commitment to assessment methodologies, not through reference to research into the social factors underlying productivity, partly to enhance the influence of his Verein für Sozialpolitik.

Porter discussed how those who apply social science, such as testers, statisticians, and accountants, are more likely to create new entities for evaluating people than academic theorists.

Scientific Management was the topic of four papers this Forum member was unable to attend. The session "Scientific Management and Scientific Medicine in the 20th Century" included three papers:

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Brain recounted Weber’s critique of the movement to convert German schools and factories into laboratories that analyzed and measured the physical qualities of their students and workers. Weber argued for "Management’s Science: Silicosis and the Politics of Medical Knowledge," by David Rosner (CUNY), "Scientific Management and Scientific Medicine in the United States, 1900-1925," by Rosemary Stevens (University of Pennsylvania), and "Scientific Management and the Medical Revolution in Britain, 1900-1919," by Roger Cooter and Steve Sturdy (University of Manchester). A "Works in Progress" session included "Scientific Management: The Factory and the Home as Laboratories," Tom MacNamara, South Bank University).
NOTES FROM THE CHAIR
by Deborah J. Coon
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

The Forum will have an energetic presence at this year’s HSS/AHA meeting in Washington, D.C. We decided at last year’s business meeting that it was important for the Forum to sponsor at least one session at each annual HSS meeting. Margaret Schabas volunteered to put together a session for the 1992 meeting, and has given us “Psychology and Styles of Reasoning in Interwar Germany and America,” with Mitchell Ash, Kurt Danziger, and Anne Harrington presenting papers, and Gerd Gigerenzer chairing and commenting. Many thanks to Margaret for her work putting that together. Thanks also to Ted Porter, Forum member and one of this year’s two HSS program chairs, who filled me in on several sessions relevant to the Forum’s interests so that we could co-sponsor them as well. As a result, we are co-sponsoring seven sessions—see p. 1 for a full listing.

Anyone interested in proposing Forum-sponsored sessions at future HSS meetings or at annual meetings of other related organizations should contact me or any Forum officer listed on p.6. Perhaps the best way for us to make our presence known is to sponsor high-quality, stimulating sessions that will get people asking who we are and how they can join.

Many of you know that for the past couple of years, Jack Pressman, Tim Alborn, Barbara Rosenkrantz and I have been attempting to get funding for a national workshop on the topic, “Human Science and Social Power.” The latest update is, unfortunately, that the proposal was recently turned down by NEH. When we have the reviewers’ reports in hand, we will decide whether to resubmit to NEH or to consider new options. We should be able to make a report at this year’s business meeting.

At the end of this calendar year, I will step down as Chair, and Sarah Tracy will step down as Representative. Nominations are open to fill those positions, and elections will take place at the business meeting on Monday Dec. 28, at 6:15 p.m. Please nominate yourself or someone else who is interested. If you won’t be able to attend the meeting, let one of us know in advance so that we can put your suggestion on the ballot.

We need new input, new ideas, new members— we need your participation to keep the Forum vital. Also, we welcome and encourage anyone who would like to initiate special projects like conferences or edited book volumes (or . . . ?) on topics in the history of the human sciences. Get in touch with one of our officers or attend the business meeting to brainstorm about possibilities.

Finally, I’d like to thank John Brooks for revitalizing the Newsletter and doing a beautiful job of it!

OTHER RECENT EVENTS

A conference on the History and Epistemology of the Sciences of Management was held at the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris May 19-20. Sponsored by the Société Française pour l’Histoire des Sciences de l’Homme and the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris, it included papers on “Frederick Taylor, an Epistemological Reading: The Expert, the Theoretician, the Doctrinaire,” by Armand Hatchuel of the ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines; “Two Rereadings of Hawthorne Surveys: Historical and Epistemological Problems,” by Bernard-Pierre Lecuyer of the CNRS-GEMAS; and “Origins and Development of Business Schools in England and Germany,” by Jürgen Hoock of the University of Paderborn, to name just a few. For more information, contact J. P. Bouilloud or A. Delaroche, Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris, 79, av. de la République, 75543 Paris Cédex 11, France.

The 1992 University of Iowa Humanities Symposium was held April 2-5 on the topic Genes and Human Self-Knowledge: Historical and Philosophical Reflections on Modern Genetics. Speakers included James D. Watson, David Hull, and Michael Ruse, and panel topics included "Knowledge in Human Genetics: Epistemology, the Laboratory and the Clinic," “Species, Genders, and Races: How Different? How Similar?,” and “Ethical and Legal Implications of the Human Genome Initiative: What Next and at What Cost?” No contact person was indicated in the brochure I received, but FHHS member Mitchell Ash moderated one of the sessions and could possibly answer inquiries. He can be reached through the Dept. of History, University of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242.

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THE GREAT CONVERSATION-- INFORMATION AGE UPDATE

Ben Harris sent in the following bit:

From pbengel@UCSD.EDU

Subject: An invitation Cc: cogcomm@ucsd.edu Status: RO

Dear Colleagues,

This message is being sent to members of Division 26 of APA to invite you to join a discussion of the history of psychology among the social/behavioral sciences that has begun at the initiation of colleagues at the Institute of Psychology, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia.

The initiators are Vera Koltsova and Yuri Oleinik, members of that Institute’s Laboratory for the study of the history of psychology. The infrastructure for this discussion is being provided by Dr. Alexandra Belyaeva in Moscow and Michael Cole at the University of California, San Diego as part of ongoing research on the uses of computer-mediated telecommunications for joint research activity among psychologists.

If you would like to join this discussion, simply send a message to xhistory@ucsd.edu or xhistory@ucsd.bitnet. This address is a simple reflector mechanism which goes out to all participants. A list of participants as well as other discussion groups is available for the asking by writing to xfamily@ucsd.edu or .bitnet.

We welcome your participation.

Alexandra V. Belyaeva and Michael Cole

RECENT AND FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

The German journal Psychologie und Geschichte now prints articles in either English or German. All articles have an abstract in both languages. For further information about this journal, contact Dr. Rudolf Miller, Psychologie und Geschichte, Fernuniversität, Arbeitsbereich Psychologie, Postfach 940, 5800 Hagen, Germany.

A quarterly journal, History of Psychiatry, has been launched with Roy Porter and German Berrios as editors. Published by Alpha Academic (ISSN 0957-1558), it costs $76 per year (US $120 for institutions). Recent issues have included review articles on the historiography of psychiatry in Austria, Belgium, Britain, Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland and a general historiographical survey by Andrew Scull on “Psychiatry and Its Historians.” The journal is annotated for Historical Abstracts and the ABC-CLIO database by FHHS’s own Ben Harris.

In 1993, the University of Chicago Press will begin publishing a new quarterly journal entitled Perspectives on Science: Historical, Philosophical, Social and devoted to studies of the sciences that integrate historical, philosophical, and sociological perspectives. Its interdisciplinary approach is intended to foster a more comprehensive understanding of the sciences and the contexts in which they develop. Send manuscripts to Joseph C. Pitt, Editor, Dept. of Philosophy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA 24061-4564.
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Journalism and the Rise of the Expert," by Janet Steele (University of Virginia); "The Politics of Real Estate Research," by Marc Weiss (Columbia University); and "American Social Science Constructs the Woman Worker," by Helene Silverberg (Princeton University). W. Bernard Carlson (University of Virginia) chairs and Mark Rose (Florida Atlantic University) comments.

"Psychology and Styles of Reasoning in Interwar Germany and America": organized by FHHS member Margaret Schabas (York University), with papers by Kurt Danziger (York University) on "From Stimulation Response to Intervening Variables: The Emergence of a Disciplinary Language for Psychology," Mitchell Ash (University of Iowa) on "Emigré Psychologists after 1933: Change in Scientific and Professional Practices," and Anne Harrington (Harvard University) on "Negotiating with Modernism: Kurt Goldstein's Neurobiology of Heroic Wholeness." Gerd Gigerenzer (University of Chicago) will chair and comment.


Other panels and papers of interest include the following:

"Recapturing the Past: The Moral Sciences and a Liberal Education," by FHHS treasurer David Valone (University of Chicago), in the panel on "Science at the Margins in Victorian England"


"Disciplining the Subject: Three Case Studies": with papers on "Civilizing the Scientists' Subjectivity," by Morio Biagioli (UCLA); "Fictions, Medicine, Masturbation, and the Making of Sexuality in the Eighteenth Century," by Thomas Laqueur (Berkeley); and "The Subject of Suggestion," by Ruth Leys (Johns Hopkins); chair and comment by Evelyn Fox Keller (MIT).


Since one of the founding purposes of FHHS is to encourage the representation of the human sciences within the History of Science Society, this year's program indicates that we are succeeding by at least one measure. Indeed, the editor calculates that at this rate the Forum will have completely taken over HSS by the year 2005. Way to go, fellow fifth-columnists!
NEWS OF MEMBERS


*The Meaning of Evolution: The Morphological Construction and Ideological Reconstruction of Darwin’s Theory*, by Robert J. Richards (University of Chicago), has appeared with the University of Chicago Press.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Fall: "Memory and the Woman:" History of the Human Sciences Workshop, sponsored by the Fishbein Center for the History of Science and Medicine, University of Chicago. Papers by Lorraine Daston (University of Chicago) on "The Naturalized Female Intellect," James Moore (Harvard University) on "Going Ape Over Eve: Darwinism and Femininity," Michael Roth (Claremont Colleges) on "The Past that Wounds: Memory Disorders in Nineteenth-Century France," and Margot Browning (University of Chicago) on "The Aryan Question in Prehistory: Archaeology and National Genealogy in Late-Victorian Britain." For information, contact Robert Richards, Fishbein Center for the History of Science and Medicine, University of Chicago, 1126 E. 59th St., Chicago IL 60637.


Nov. 20-22: a multidisciplinary, international conference on "Academic Knowledge and Political Power" will be held at the University Of Maryland. For information, contact Richard Harvey Brown, Dept. of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

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Early 1993 (Date to be announced): "The Europe of Montesquieu," sponsored by the Société Montesquieu. For information contact B. Benrekkass, Secretary, Société Montesquieu, 43, rue Besout, 75014 Paris, France.

Jan. 25: Deadline, call for papers, for a conference on "The Culture of Technology: Science, Media, and the Arts," sponsored by the New England American Studies Association, to be held April 30-May 2. Contact Lois Rudnick, Director, American Studies Program, University of Massachusetts/Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston MA 02125.

Feb. 1: Deadline, call for papers, for the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology in

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Feb. 1: Deadline for submission of papers for the 1993 meeting of Cheiron, to be held at the University of New Hampshire June 10-13. Cheiron accepts proposals for programs, symposia, papers, or posters relating to any aspect of the history of the behavioral and social sciences. Travel awards are available for graduate students presenting papers or posters. Send proposals to Alfred H. Fuchs, Dept. of Psychology, Bowdoin College, Brunswick ME 04011.

Apr. 1: Deadline for paper proposals for the History of Science Society meeting to be held Nov. 11-14 in Santa Fe, N.M. Contact Paul Lawrence Farber, Dept. of History, Oregon State University, Corvallis OR 97331-5104; or Margaret Osler, Dept. of History, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada.

Apr. 30: Deadline for submission of paper proposals for a colloquium on “Psychology and its Frontiers, from the 19th Century to the Present,” to be held June 10-12 in Paris. This colloquium is sponsored by the Groupe d’Etudes Pluridisciplinaires d’Histoire de la Psychologie. It will explore the “autonomization” of psychology with respect to other disciplines, such as philosophy, pedagogy, physiology, medicine, etc. Send proposals to Jacqueline Carroy, UFR de Psychologie et des Sciences de l’Education, Université de Paris X—Nanterre, 200 av. de la République, 92001 Nanterre Cedex, or Françoise Parot, Histoire de la Psychologie, Centre Henri Piéron, 28 rue Serpente, 75006 Paris, France.

May 11-14: Annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine in Louisville, Kentucky. For information, contact Nancy Tomes, Dept. of History, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook NY 11794-4348.

Jul. 9-11: meeting of the Society for the Social History of Medicine in England. Call for Papers. Contact Bernard Haris, Dept. of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton SO9 5NH, England. Tel. 0703 592567. E-mail SS1044@UK.AC.SOTON.IBM.

Aug. 17-20: Triennial meeting of the European Association for the History of Psychiatry, in London. The call for papers was issued in July 1992 with a deadline of “as soon as possible.” The editor does not know if papers are still being accepted, but interested persons may contact Roy Porter, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BN (tel. 071-383-2454 ext. 55) for more information.

Sept. 1-5: “Coping with Sickness: Comparative Historical Approaches (Culture, Science, Professions, States).” First EAHMH Congress, Göttingen, Germany. For information, contact Pr. Ulrich Tröhler, Insttitut fur die Geschichte des Medizin, Universität Göttingen, Humboldtallee 11, D-3400 Göttingen, Germany.

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Apr. 5-11: “William Robertson Smith Congress.” Organized by the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. For information, contact Prof. William Johnstone, Dept. of Hebrew and Semitic Languages, Univ. of Aberdeen, King’s College, Old Aberdeen AB9 2UB, Scotland, UK.
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sciences found representation apart from Ross’s invited address. John Mill (University of Saskatchewan) described the influences of behaviorism on sociology, economics, and political science in the early 20th century, and David J. Staley (Ohio State University) discussed how the Rockefeller Foundation attempted to discourage German sociologists from their traditionally speculative and philosophical orientation after World War II.

Adrian Brock (York University) organized a symposium on “Psychology and Colonialism,” whose papers examined imperialist uses and indigenous developments throughout the eastern hemisphere. Katalin Dzinias (York University) organized a symposium on “Feminist Theory and the Historiography of the Social and Behavioral Sciences,” which included revisionist interpretations of Gordon Allport’s personality research and the social psychology of small groups. The paper of Laurel Furumoto (Wellesley College), in which the author recounted how recent feminist historiography had influenced her to move beyond “contributionism” was particularly inspiring. While Ross’s discussion of exceptionalism came to mind as this auditor considered the “woman’s way of history” under construction here, Furumoto’s critique of a male acquisitive (subject-object) style recalled Butterfield’s critique of those who would know the past by acquiring past objects to satisfy or certify present subjects. Ian Lubek organized the third symposium, “From Rhetoric to Investigative Practice: The Rise of Experimentation and Graduate Training in Social Psychology at Michigan After World War II.”

Among several provocative papers presented at Windsor, Adrian Brock untangled the meaning and exposed the numerous mistranslations of Wundt’s Völkerpsychologie. Explication of the historiographic battle over Cyril Burt by Franz Samuelson (Kansas State University, Emeritus) scintillated. Non-academic activities at the meeting included a fine dinner and cruise on the Detroit River and, following the banquet in the Windsor Faculty Club, the second Trivia Bowl. Some team won the Trivia Bowl; everyone had a good time.

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