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even try to join the historical society?

Dear Forum members:

The September issue of the Newsletter features an article on the history of human science. The article explores the evolution of the field, from its origins in the 19th century to the present day. It highlights key figures and events that have shaped the discipline and examines the ways in which it has evolved over time. The article also considers the challenges and opportunities facing the field today and offers suggestions for how it can continue to thrive in the future.

In other news, the Forum will be hosting a special event on October 10th. Details will be announced in a future issue of the Newsletter.

We hope you will enjoy this issue of the Newsletter and look forward to hearing your feedback.

Best regards,

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Deborah J. Conner

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Richard Weikart

Dissertation Award 1997

The award is given to the best dissertation in the history of the history of science.

Notes from the Chair

Formerly a leading expert in the history of psychology, Dr. Richard Weikart is a new scholar joining the field. His dissertation award is a testament to his contributions to the field of psychological history.

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News of Forum Members

Members Vote for Annual Dues Renewal

$10.00 Dues Renewal

Dues for members are due by June 15.

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Members of the Forum are encouraged to renew their annual dues promptly to ensure continued membership and access to Forum events and resources.

Decisions of the Atlanta Business Meeting

Forum members should vote on important decisions at the Atlanta Business Meeting.
Summaries of Two Forum-related Sessions at the Atlanta History of Science Society Meeting

At the 1996 Atlanta History of Science Society Meeting, a relatively large audience heard the session entitled FUNDING AT WORK: THE CASE OF ROBERT M. YERKES AND BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH. The three insightful and well-documented papers dealt with different aspects of Yerkes’s career as psychologist and psychological “philanthropoid” and had much to say about the impact of his work. WADE PICKREN spoke on “Robert M. Yerkes and the Development of Comparative Psychopathology, 1906-1921.” His paper addressed Yerkes’s work with psychiatrist Gilbert Hamilton in treating the wealthy and demented Stanley McCormick, and devoted much attention to the interplay of these therapeutic efforts with Yerkes’s more traditional studies of other organisms. NADINE WEIDMAN gave a paper entitled “The Science of Aggression at the Institute of Human Relations,” which traced the impact of Yerkes’ fund-raising successes in building the IHR at Yale on the social-psychological studies of John Dollard and his collaborators. DONALD A. DEWSBURY spoke on “The Impact of Changing Funding Patterns on Research: The Yerkes Laboratories of Primate Biology as a Case Study.” His presentation demonstrated how (what might be called) “Funding Fashion” helped determine the direction in which mid-20th century primate biology evolved.

As the words “impact” and “interplay” in the papers’ titles and in this abstract suggest, the papers all argued effectively that scientific practice was embedded in the context in which it was performed. Although all speakers would probably strongly eschew the label “Social Constructionist,” all would probably also argue that scientific ideas (narrowly conceived) were only one of many factors that helped shape the day-to-day scientific work and impact that their papers analyzed.

THE OBJECTIVE BODY: EXPERTISE AND APPARATUS was a superb session, with clear unifying themes, high-quality papers, and a large and lively audience. In “The Honest Body: Lie Detectors and the Dream of Scientific Justice,” KEN ALDER presented a fascinating story about the development of lie detectors, various controversies concerning their validity, and the arenas of their legitimate application. His effort to explain why these supposedly objective indicators of truth-telling enjoyed greater U.S. acceptance in police departments than in the courts revealed the importance of context, interests, and power relations in determining what counted as valid science. TED PORTER’s “Instrumental Knowledge, or, Trusting No One, Life Insurers Resort to Measurement,” argued that even though American life insurance companies in the early twentieth century held that instrumental readings, such as blood pressure, were less valuable than an honest, informed medical assessment of one’s health, they resorted to such readings as an imperfect solution to a problem of trust. As it was, personal physicians of applicants had no reason to report anything more than specific, diagnosed diseases. Even medical examiners of insurance companies could not be trusted -- applicants had no reason to be forthcoming and insurance agents often schemed to get favorable opinions out of these examiners in order to preserve commissions. Sketching some of the ground of her new book-project, ELLEN HERMAN began “Putting Kinship to the Test: Normalizing Technologies in Child Adoption, 1915-1955” by drawing attention to the value of studying the development and impact of applied social science. In the specific case of child adoption in the U.S., she suggested that beginning in the second decade of the 20th century, social science experts gained increasing authority to determine the selection process. Using various technologies (intelligence measures, developmental scales, systematic home studies) experts helped identify qualified parents and define “normal” families. This history, Herman proposed, can teach us much about the ways in which social science has influenced understandings of personal identity and group belonging. JOHN CARSON, in “Managing Anomalies: Big Minds, Little Heads: Or What to do with Broca’s Brain,” looked at the Anthropological Society of Paris as a cultural space of calculation. Carson explained the emergence of a set of quantifications and interpretations peculiar to the Anthropological Society setting. This set resulted from opposition to Second Empire culture, moralization of forms of behavior (stress- ing hard work and self-disciplining practices of standard- ization), and commitment to an imperial vision. The anthropological mind that resulted -- fully materialized, quantitatively expressable, and reduced to a single signifi- cant characteristic, intelligence -- was thus a situated one, produced by a particular center of calculation located within a particular cultural moment.

The papers in this session shared a concern with the ways in which human sciences have helped construct the body and other very personal dimensions of our lives, such as health and family life. The extent to which their views acquired a measure of social authority evidently depended in large part on their use of (purportedly) value neutral, objective, and quantitative techniques and instrumentation. Such important issues deserve the sort of careful attention that the members of this session are devoting to them.
The current year’s Issue of Scholastic is headlined with the story of how the newest book, John Caron’s ‘Dying to Know: Mark Monroe and the Discovery of a New Frontier’, has left the readers wanting more. The editors would like to thank Allen Brox for his contributions to this issue, and also appreciate the contributions of other authors. In the next two issues, there will be a focus on summarizing the latest research in the field.

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Psychological Association of the American Historical Association

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History of Psychology
APSA and SRA Luncheon

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Meetings: The Richmond Chapter of the American Psychological Association will hold its annual meeting on May 2-4, 1997, at the University of Richmond. The conference will focus on the intersection of science and technology studies with the history of science and technology. The call for papers is open until April 15, 1997. The organizers will meet at the Cornell University Press, 1108 East State Street, Ithaca, New York 14850.

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The issue of the registration was made as early as 1966 and several votes had already occurred in the interests of many members. The history of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences was established in 1982, but the two organizations were already working closely when the need for a new name was recognized. It was therefore decided to reject the name "European Society for the History of the Human Sciences" and to use the term "EHSN" instead.

Concerning the question of registration, the following was discussed:

1. To use the name in parentheses after the new name: "European Society for the History of the Human Sciences (EHSN)."
2. To drop the name completely and to use in accordance with the name "European Society for the History of the Human Sciences (EHSN)." The final decision was taken at the meeting in Paris, 1989.

The name "EHSN" was adopted as the new name for the organization, effective immediately, and was published in the newsletter for the first time in 1989.

The European Society for the History of the Human Sciences (EHSN) was formed in 1989, and its aim was to create a new name for the organization that would better reflect its activities and focus on the history of the human sciences.

The newsletter for the organization was published from 1990 onwards, with the new name "EHSN Newsletter."
Fellowships of Interest

Leo P. Chall Dissertation Fellowship in the History of Sociology

The Leo P. Chall Dissertation Fellowship is open to Ph.D. candidates who are writing a dissertation that is intended as a contribution to the history of sociology. This $5,000 fellowship will be awarded in November 1997. Applicants are requested to submit the following information (in English):

1. A limited précis (3 pages, single-spaced) of the dissertation proposal, which includes:
   A. A description of the project.
   B. An explanation of how the research will contribute to the field.
   C. A description of the work completed to date.
2. Plans for completing the dissertation.
3. Two letters of recommendation.
4. A complete academic c.v., including exam results and grade transcripts where available.
5. A listing of current or previous awards or fellowships and publications.

The deadline is 15 August 1997. Address your submission to:

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This Fellowship, offered to promote research in the history of psychology, is supported by the sale of books published by the Principia Press and distributed by the Archives. Proposals that draw on any of the resources of the Archives are invited, but since this award is in honor of Dr. Kantor, preference may be given to projects that are relevant to a behavioral viewpoint.

The Fellowship will be offered annually in the amount of $750.00. It is intended to assist the recipient in meeting travel and living expenses while procuring archival data.

A fact sheet describing the Fellowship and giving deadlines may be obtained from the Archives, write or call:

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