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Notes from the Chair

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This fall's meeting in Kansas City (October 21-25) will feature a special Forum-sponsored session called "Last Resort by Jack D. Pressman: Appraisal and Appreciation," with papers by Riki Kuklick, Jim Capshew, Caroline Acker, Hans Pols, and myself as chair. I'd like to thank Riki for organizing it on our behalf. The session will provide a variety of perspectives on Jack's posthumously published book on the history of psychosurgery.

As to other business, 1998 is again a year for our prize for best dissertation in the human sciences. Entries have been submitted to the prize committee. The winner will be announced at the fall meeting.

The annual Forum business meeting will be held during the HSS meeting. Anyone who's reading this and hasn't been to one of our meetings should come — we're too small an organization to have long, boring meetings! View it as a chance to meet other colleagues with interests in the human sciences and to shape the direction of the organization. Our purpose is to serve as a network for people with common interests and to ensure that good work in the history of human science is recognized and promoted. So make yourself known in October. We welcome newcomers!

Much has been said lately about the Science/Culture Wars, who the good guys and bad guys are. I've been asked by some to say something from my position as Chair of the Forum. I hesitated but then decided that I might have something to say because of my fairly unusual position as a trained historian in a science department (one of two historians of science in the Psychology Department at UNH, which offers a doctoral program in History and Theory of Psychology). What follows is a purely personal view.

My scholarship is sometimes critical of the direction psychological research has taken in the past. At the same time, I have to get along with scientists because I work with them and eat lunch with them on

a daily basis. I respect their work and their values just as I expect them to respect mine. My academic survival depends upon it. Luckily my particular collection of scientists is open-minded enough that they can hear criticism without feeling threatened by it. If we take what I've just described as a sort of allegory, I think it tells an important story. That is, the survival of all of us in academics depends on our mutual respect and on our not tearing each other to pieces while the wolves are at the door. These are times of limited resources for all intellectual work, and we have to find ways of working together rather than fighting over the scraps. "Mutual aid," Kropotkin would have called it.

What I mean is that the university is under attack in so many ways in modern society, with downsizing of faculties and "upsizing" of enrollments, with major cutbacks in federal funding (though that situation has eased a bit, we can't be complacent), with threats to tenure and increasing talk of "accountability" for how we spend our time. We may reach a point when we see C. P. Snow's *Two Cultures* as the halcyon days of yore. At least those two cultures were both intellectual, both devoted to research and the life of the mind. Scientists and humanists had better look about themselves and realize that there is a much larger and hungrier third culture out there, and it seems to be anti-intellectual to the core. Can we in academe find ways to respect each other's values and aid each other's efforts even while remaining critical in the best senses of the word? I think that in no small way the survival of higher education depends upon it.

After finishing this essay I read Nadine Weidman's editorial in the Spring/Summer *Cheiron Newsletter* and found that she, too, thinks the attacks on the academy from the outside are more worrisome than the battles within, though her conclusion is more pessimistic. She thinks the wars are over and we've all lost. I share her concerns about the exploitation of adjunct faculty, but I'm hoping that it's not too late to salvage academe. Also, judging from some recent reviews in the *New York Review of Books*, I don't think the wars are over yet, so my conclusions stand.

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Share your News

Please send news of publications, achievements, meetings, new employment, etc. to the editor for

publication in the fall edition of the *Newsletter*.

Notes from the Treasurer

This is to remind all members that annual dues of \$10 are still being collected (except from graduate students and those underemployed, who continue to have a one time \$10 membership fee). Please check your dues status by looking at your name on your mailing label. If you have paid dues for this year, your name should be italicized. If you have not yet paid, please send your ten dollar check (made out to FHHS) to: David Valone, FHHS Treasurer, 151 Spring Street, Cheshire, CT 06410. Please notify of changes of address, email, or other important information.

Samuel Hollander Festschrift at Univ. of Toronto, 27-28 September

There will be a festschrift gathering in honor of Samuel Hollander, retiring historian of economics at the University of Toronto, to be held this coming Sept. 27-28. For further information, contact Evelyn Forget at Economics Dept., University of Manitoba.

Psychoanalysis and History

Psychoanalysis and History is a new peer-reviewed journal that will be devoted both to the study of the history of psychoanalysis and also to the application of psychoanalytic ideas to historiography. Our interdisciplinary aim is to form a bridge between the academic study of history and psychoanalysis.

The First Issue, to appear in 1998, includes: Alain de Mijolla (Freud, Biography, Autobiography and his Biographers), Mark Solms (Freud and Luria), Patrick Mahony (Freud Overwhelmed), Harold Blum (Freud and Jung: Psychoanalysis and the IPA), Peter Homans (Mourning Freud) and Bob Hinshelwood (The Organisation of Psycho-Analysis in Britain).

International Associate Editors are Nellie L. Thompson (North America), Rotraud de Clerck (Germany), Marco Conci (Italy), Nicolas Gougoulis (France), Marialzilla Perestrello (Brazil) and Jorge Oragarray (Latin America). The new journal will appear in June this year - part 1 of volume 1, Part 2 of volume 1 will be in June 1999. Thereafter, from 2000, there will be two parts each year. If you would like to be informed of further developments, please send your address to: Artesian Books, 18 Artesian Road, London W2 5AR, UK; e-mail 101364@compuserve.com.

FHHS Members Participating at the Cheiron Society Meeting, San Diego, 18-21 June

Members participating at the Cheiron Meeting at the University of San Diego, June 18-21:

Lella Zenderland, California State University, Fullerton, program chair.

Stephen Gellb, University of California, San Diego, local arrangements chair and presenting "Late 19th Century Evolutionists' Use of Mental Retardation to Prove Human Origins."

Deborah Coon, University of New Hampshire, chair, session entitled *The Institution and the Individual*, including **Ian Lubek**, University of Guelph, et al, "Pssst! Pass this on about Social Psychology!": A Cross-gender and Cross-generational Comparison of Mentoring" and **Mary Brown Parlee**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "From Brain and Behavior to the Behavior of the Brain: The MIT Psychology Department and the Sloan Foundation's Program in Neuroscience, 1969-1976."

Hans Pols, Harvard University, chair, *Minds, Bodies, and Mental Illness*.

Allison Thurtle, University of Sydney, chair, *Exploring Multiple Methodologies*.

Michael Sokal, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, chair of symposium, *Assessing Historical Research*, including **Henrika Kuklick**, University of Pennsylvania, "Assessing Research in the History of Sociology and Anthropology."

David Leary, University of Richmond, chair, *Anthropologists, Empires, and Indigenous Peoples*.

Ben Harris and **John Zimny**, University of Wisconsin, Parkside, "Louis Wain's Cats and Textbook Portrayals of Schizophrenic Art."

Barbara Lee Stoffel and **Ben Harris**, University of Wisconsin, Parkside, "The Treatment of the Cyril Burt Scandal by Textbooks in Research Methods."

James Capshew, Indiana University, chairs symposium on teaching, *The Mad, the Bad, and the Sad, Hollywood Style: Teaching the History of Mental Illness Through Film*, including presentation by **Ben Harris**, University of Wisconsin, Parkside.

Theodore Porter, University of California, Los Angeles, keynote address, "The Grammar of Assent and the Grammar of Science: Positivism and Alienation in Karl Pearson's Philosophy of Science."

David K. Robinson, Truman State University, "History of Psychology in Russia, Then and Now"

John Mills, University of Saskatchewan, chairs *Exploring the "Social" and the "Self"*

Elizabeth Scarborough, Indiana University, South Bend, chair, *Conceptualizing Disciplines*.

Henry L. Minton, University of Windsor, "Claiming Subjective Voice: Thomas Painter (1905-1978) and the Path to Gay and Lesbian Studies."

John S. Gilkeson, Arizona State University West, "A. L. Kroeber and 'Style' in the Natural History of Civilizations."

Willow Roberts Powers, University of New Mexico, "Fields for Thought: Anthropology and History."

FHHS Members Participating at the APA Division 26 Meeting, San Francisco, 14-18 August

Wade Pickren, Southeastern Oklahoma University, program chair, will present a paper entitled "Comparative Psychopathology at Yale University in the 1930s."

Al Fuchs, Bowdoin College, "American Moral Philosophy Revisited, or, The Contributions of American Mental Philosophy to American Psychology."

Laurel Furumoto, Wellesley College "The Brief Career of Millicent Shinn, Accidental Psychologist"

Katherine S. Milar, Earlham College, is a discussant in the symposium *Professional Identity and Women's Lives: Three Twentieth Century*.

Cases," chaired by Elizabeth Scarborough.

Michael Sokal, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, chairs a symposium on **Lella Zenderland's** new book "Measuring Minds: Henry Herbert Goddard and the Origins of American Intelligence Testing." Other discussants are **Steven Gellb**, University of San Diego and **Richard von Mayrhauser**, independent scholar.

William McKinley Runyan, University of California, "How Important is the Personal Side of the History of Psychology?"

Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr., Texas A&M University, "Skinner and Psychotechnology: The Case of the Heir Conditioner."

Donald A. Dewsbury, University of Florida, presents the Division President's Address, "Karl Lashley and the Conduct of Science: The Yerkes Laboratories, 1942-1955."

News of the Membership

Tim Alborn has published *Conceiving Company: Joint-Stock Politics in Victorian England*, Routledge (1998) and has taken a new job in the Department of History, Lehman College, Bronx, NY.

John Brooks has published *The Eclectic Legacy: Academic Philosophy and the Human Sciences in Nineteenth-Century France* with University of Delaware Press. He has taken a position at Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC, beginning this fall.

Deborah Coon is working (with her graduate student, Heather Sprenger) on a paper on the historical links between the APA and the AAAS. She is completing her book manuscript on William James, and in her spare time is feeding and changing the diapers of her 9 month old son Liam.

Kurt Danziger has published "The historical formation of selves," in R. Ashmore & L. Jussim (Eds.), *Self and Identity: Fundamental Issues*, Oxford University Press, 1997; "The varieties of social construction," in *Theory and Psychology*, 1997, 7(3), 399-416; "The future of psychology's history is not its past: A reply to Rappard," *Theory and Psychology*, 1997, 7(1), 107-111; "The practice of psychological discourse," in C.F. Graumann & K.J. Gergen (Eds.), *Historical Dimensions of Psychological Discourse*, Cambridge University Press, 1996. Danziger and Paul Ballantyne, "Psychological experiments," in W.G. Bringham, H.M. Lueck, R. Miller, & C.E. Early (eds.), "Pictorial History of Psychology;" Quintessence Publishing, 1997. Danziger and Katalin Dzinaz, "How Psychology got its variables," *Canadian Psychology*, 1997, 38 (1), 43-48. Michael Wertheimer's review *Naming the Mind* (Sage 1997) is in press at the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*.

Gary Hatfield published "Wundt and Psychology as Science: Disciplinary Transformations" in *Perspectives on Science* 5 (1997), 349-82. He presented "Wundt and Voelkerpsychologie" at the biennial meeting of the Working Group for the History of the Philosophy of Science, South Bend, Indiana, in March of this year. His new address is in the Department of Philosophy, 433 Logan Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6304.

As of September 1, 1998, **Ellen Herman** will be in the Department of History, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1288. Her new e-mail address will

be eherman@darkwing.uoregon.edu. Herman has just completed a Fellowship at Radcliffe's Bunting Institute and also a Liberal Arts Fellowship in Law and History at Harvard Law School.

Yale University Press is scheduled to publish *The Uncertain Sciences* by **Bruce Mazlish** around the end of August. Yale's blurb says that "Mazlish considers the achievements, failings and possibilities of the human sciences -- a domain that he broadly defines to include the social sciences, literature, psychology, and hermeneutic studies. In a rich and original synthesis built upon the work of earlier philosophers and historians, Mazlish constructs a new view of the nature and meaning of the human sciences."

Mazlish's book and **Roger Smith's History of the Human Sciences** shall provide the basis for an extensive session at Boston University's Colloquium in the History and Philosophy of Sciences next December 7 (Fred Tauber, Chair). Mazlish, Smith, and three other speakers will make presentations.

Hans Pols finished his dissertation on the history of the American mental hygiene movement during the summer of 1997 and was connected as a postdoctoral fellow to the Dept. for the History of Science at Harvard University this last year. In October, he will take up a two year Walter Rathenau fellowship at the Max Planck Institute in Berlin. His coordinates there will be: Max Planck Institut for the History of Science; Wilhelmstr. 44; D-10117 Berlin, Germany; pols@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de.

Michael M. Sokal has been appointed to a two-year term (through the summer of 2000) as National Science Foundation Program Director for Science and Technology Studies. In this position, he will oversee all NSF grant-making in history, philosophy, and social studies of science and technology. During this term, he will be on leave from his professorship at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. With NSF and WPI support, he will, however, continue to edit *History and Psychology*, whose editorial offices will remain in Worcester, MA. For all matters related to the journal, please continue to use his WPI addresses: e-mail, msokal@wpi.edu; postal, Department of Humanities & Arts, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609.

Openings in Science and Technology at Cornell

The Department of Science and Technology Studies at Cornell University is seeking to fill two tenure-track/tenured professorial positions. The search is open to applicants at any rank, but at least one appointment is expected to be at the Assistant Professor level. Areas of specialization within Science and Technology Studies are open, but it is expected that one appointment will be made in Biology and Society. Other areas of interest include, but are not restricted to, historical and contemporary social relations of S&T, cross-national studies of S&T, gender studies, and law, science and technology. Applicants should have a strong record of research and publication in Science and Technology Studies. Successful applicants will be expected to teach undergraduate and graduate courses and to play an active role in the Department's graduate training program. Administrative experience and success in obtaining external research support will also be considered favorably.

Candidates should submit: (a) a letter of application explaining the relation of their research and teaching interests to these positions; (b) a curriculum vitae; (c) sample syllabi for undergraduate and graduate courses; (d) three letters of recommendation to be sent directly to the Department (senior candidates may, if they prefer, supply the names of three referees). Application materials should be submitted to Professor Peter Dear, Acting Chair, Department of Science & Technology Studies, 726 University Avenue, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850. Applications will be reviewed starting September 15, 1998. For further information, please contact the Department at 607-255-6234, or tl10@cornell.edu, or <http://www.sts.cornell.edu/CU-STS.html>. Cornell University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Mephistos Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota

The 17th Annual Graduate Student Meeting for the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science, Technology, Medicine, and related fields will be held on September 17-20, 1998 in Minneapolis, MN.

Mephistos is an annual forum for graduate students who wish to present papers, interact with colleagues, and discuss topics of concern across a variety of disciplines.

The Program Committee seeks proposals for individual papers related to the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science, Technology, and Medicine from the ancient period to the present. Please mail, email or fax a one-page abstract for a 15-20 minute paper and brief c.v. postmarked by July 1, 1998 to: Mark Largent; Program in History of Science and Technology; Tate Laboratory of Physics; 116 Church Street S.E.; Minneapolis, MN 55455; (612) 626-8722; fax: (612) 624-4578; e-mail: larg0007@tc.umn.edu.

A registration fee of \$20 is required by conference attendees. For more information on transportation or inexpensive lodging write to the above address or check out the Mephistos web site at: <http://home.at.net/~Olorin/mephistos/meph2.htm>.

University of Pittsburgh Meeting on Historiography of Science

The Division of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science and the University of Pittsburgh Center for the Philosophy of Science will sponsor an International Joint Conference of the Division of History of Science and the Division of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science. The subject is *Philosophical Problems in the Historiography of Science*. The meeting will be held Saturday-Sunday 14-15 November 1998 at the Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh.

Among the principal speakers will be Aristides Baltas, National Technical University, Athens; John Beatty, University of Minnesota; Philip Ehrlich, Ohio University; Daniel Garber, University of Chicago; Jean Gayon, University of Paris; Don Howard, University of Notre Dame; and Jane Maienschein, Arizona State University.

A primary goal of the conference will be to address problems of interest to both historians of science and philosophers of science.

For further information, please contact Wesley C. Salmon, Center for Philosophy of Science, 817 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, USA; fax: (412)-624-4489; e-mail: w.salmon+pitt.edu.

FHHS Members Participating at the Kansas City History of Science Society Meeting, 21-25 October

Timothy L. Alborn, Harvard University, will present "Wasted Work: Doctors and Bodies in Early Victorian Life Insurance" in the session entitled *Work and Waste: Historical and Historiographical Considerations*.

John Carson, University of Michigan, is chair, commentator, and organizer of *Classification and Demarcation in 19th and 20th Century Science*.

Deborah Coon, University of New Hampshire, is chair and commentator of the symposium *Last Resort by Jack D. Pressman: Appraisal and Appreciation*; **Henrika Kuklick**, University of Pennsylvania, organizer of the symposium, will present "Scope and Method," **James Capshew**, Indiana University, will present "The Historiographic Context" and **Johannes Pols**, Harvard University, will present "Biologizing Biology."

Donna Mehos, independent scholar, is chair of *Nature on Display: Science as Mass Entertainment and Education in Germany, 1880-1914*.

Theodore M. Porter, University of California, Los Angeles, will present "Social Mathematics" in *Mathematical Values: Social Mores and Mathematical Practices*.

Willow Powers, University of New Mexico, will present "The Harvard Study of Values: Mirror for Post-War Anthropology" in *Cold War American Anthropology*.

Nadine Weidman, Harvard University, will present "The Aggression Debate and the Ethics of Science Popularization" in *Psychology and Psychological Dimensions in Science*.



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