

# The Cheiron Newsletter

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## *APA Division 26 calls for nominations*

The Society for the History of Psychology (Division 26 of the American Psychological Association) is seeking nominees and applications for editor of its quarterly journal, *History of Psychology*, which began publication in 1998. The journal publishes refereed articles about all aspects of psychology's past and of its relation with the many contexts within which psychology has emerged and has been practiced. It also publishes scholarly research in closely related areas such as historical psychology (the history of consciousness and behavior), psychohistory, theory in psychology as it pertains to history, historiography, biography and autobiography, and the teaching of the history of psychology. Candidates for editor should have broad historical interests and outstanding editorial skills. The selected editor will begin receiving manuscripts in mid-2004 and will become the editor in January 2005. The Society welcomes APA

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## *from Andrew Winston, Cheiron Executive Officer:*

I would like to hear from our members on what steps, if any, we should take regarding our relationship to the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences. In particular, should we consider a joint meeting? Are other forms of cooperation desirable, such as joint prizes or publications? Should we develop more explicit ties and greater

## Akron's AHAP prepares for Cheiron XXXVI in June

The Archives of the History of American Psychology is excited to host the 36th annual meeting of Cheiron for the third time, having previously done so in 1970 and 1979. Please plan on joining us in Akron June 17-20, 2004. The meeting will be held at The University of Akron in the newly built, state of the art, Student Union building. Meeting rooms have been reserved and plans are underway for evening activities. Accommodations are available on-campus, and for those who

prefer, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Crowne Plaza at Quaker Square.

## Cheiron goes to Berkeley in 2005

Cheiron XXXVII is set for the University of California at Berkeley, June 23-26, 2005, with Richard Von Mayrhauser hosting. Richard hosted Cheiron XXIII at Slippery Rock University, in 1991. The Office for the History of Science and Technology at the University of California, Berkeley, has agreed to assist us and has reserved space for Cheiron at the Clark Kerr Conference Center. For information about Cheiron XXXVII arrangements, contact Richard via [richard@vonmayrhauser.net](mailto:richard@vonmayrhauser.net).

An optional night out at Canal Park for a baseball game is planned for Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, which is also Fireworks Night at the stadium. The Akron Aeros, the minor league affiliate of the Cleveland Indians and 2003 Eastern League AA champions, will be hosting the Harrisburg Senators, the minor league team of the Montreal Expos. Tickets will be \$16 per person and include price of admission and an all-you-can-eat buffet style meal.

The Program Chair for this year's meeting is David K. Robinson of Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. If you have any program-related questions, Dr. Robinson can be reached by email at [drobinso@truman.edu](mailto:drobinso@truman.edu).

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome everyone to the University of Akron and the Archives of the History of American Psychology. Please consult the Cheiron or AHAP website for registration information or contact us by phone at 330-972-7285 with any questions. We hope to see you in June.



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### **Division 26 seeks editor**

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sent.

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## *Minutes of the Business Meeting: June 21, 2003*

### *35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Cheiron, University of New Hampshire*

Chairing the meeting was Fran Cherry of Carleton University. Presiding at the meeting was Andrew Winston, Cheiron Executive Officer.

- 1) Approval of the minutes from the 2002 Cheiron business meeting was proposed by Elizabeth Scarborough and seconded by Kathy Milar.
- 2) Ben Harris gave the local host's report. He reported that registration for this year's meeting stood at 89 – 78 regular registrants, 9 student registrants, and two others. There were also several UNH faculty and undergraduate students invited to the meeting. UNH gave a \$4000 subsidy to help run the meeting. Thanks to Ben for all of his work as local host was proposed by David Robinson and seconded by Alan Tjeltveit. It was suggested that Andrew send a letter of thanks to UNH for their support.
- 3) Tony Stavely gave the Program Chair's report. He reported that 48 submissions were received, 46 were accepted, and 2 papers and 2 posters were withdrawn. The large number of papers were accommodated by having 25-minute sessions, and shorter lunch hours. Tony used largely email communication, which cut down on some costs. He worked to keep the standardized format of previous program books. Tony thanked the Program Committee for their work, as well as thanking Mike Sokal and Ben Harris for their support. He also thanked Gordon Livesay at UNH for his support in producing the program book. Thanks to Tony for his work at local host was

proposed by Kathy Milar and seconded by Alan Tjeltveit. David Robinson proposed that Andrew write letters to both Keene College and UNH for their support. Ben Harris thanked Bill Woodward, Mike Cofrin, and UNH students for all of their hard work.

- 4) Kathy Milar gave the Treasurer's report and Membership report. She reported that the organization is in good shape financially. This was Kathy's last report as Treasurer. Thanks to Kathy for all her work was proposed by Richard Von Mayrhauser and seconded by Nancy Innis.
- 5) The Executive Officer gave his report. He commented that the review committee had been very helpful to him during the year, and he would like to thank Kathy Milar for her service. He suggested raising the level of student subsidies, to attract more students to the meeting, and remarked on the healthy financial status of the organization. He brought up the issue of the outdated by-laws of the organization and reported that he had asked Elizabeth Scarborough and Kathy Milar to review the by-laws over the next year, and make recommendations for changes at next year's meeting.
- 6) Tony Stavely gave the Newsletter Editor's report. He sent out one newsletter this year (down from two in previous years) because of his dual role as editor and program chair. The next newsletter should be out in August. He asked the membership to please send their news to him to be included in the newsletter.
- 7) Chris Green gave the website and listserv report/ He

said that both were doing well. Andrew Winston reported that he will be sending a letter of commendation of Chris' work to the chair of the York psychology program.

- 8) The election of two new members to the Review Committee was undertaken (Fran Cherry and Elizabeth Scarborough have completed their terms). Nominees included Ingrid Farreras, Shank Gilkeson, Sam Parkovnick, and Miki Takasuna.
- 9) Review Committee items were then presented. These included the confirmation of David Devonis as Cheiron's new treasurer. The name of the Student Travel Fund was changed to the Alvin Smith Memorial Fund. David Robinson made a plea on behalf of Alvin's widow Patsy for all those members who had at one time received support from this fund to donate the equivalent of this support back to the fund to support future student participation. Nadine Weidman was named Recording Secretary for the organization. The Annual Book Prize proposal was circulated and discussed. Suggested amendments included a sentence to reflect date changes in the period of eligibility for the award as the prize cycles forward. There was a query from James Capsheaw about the rationale behind excluding edited books – this was clarified by Andrew Winston. Ellen Herman queried the stipulation that members of the Book Prize Committee and Review Committee be excluded from consideration for the prize. An amendment to the wording so

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that members of the Review Committee would not be excluded was suggested by Andrew and seconded by Al Fuchs. Don Dewsbury suggested that the wording be changed so that people with books being considered for the prize not be on the Book Prize Committee. A motion to this effect was proposed by Mike Sokal and seconded by Alan Tjeltveit. John Carson was thanked for his work preparing the proposal.

- 10) Andrew Winston announced that the 2004 meeting would be held at the University of Akron, with David Baker serving as local host and David Robinson serving as Program Chair. Dates are set at June 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. David Robinson asked members to be ready to review submissions, and reminded members to voluntarily report any conflicts of interest that may arise when reviewing.
- 11) The results of the Review Committee election were announced – two new members are Ingrid Farreras and Miki Takasuna.
- 12) New Business: Mike Sokal distributed brochures for History of Psychology and encouraged submissions.

David Robinson reminded members of the upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Leipzig. Ellen Herman suggested that one way to effectively use some of Cheiron's money was to increase the amount paid to keynote speakers. On behalf of next

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year's Div. 26 program chair, Deborah Pate, Kathy Milar encouraged submissions to the program. Elizabeth Scarborough thanked Fran Cherry on behalf of the membership for her work on the Review Committee, and Elizabeth's ongoing contributions were recognized.

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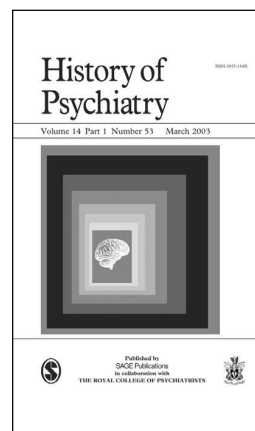
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*Looking Back: At the editor's request, two alert Cheironians, Bernadine Barr and Geoffrey Blowers, offer their response to the Society's 2003 conference.*

## Cheiron 2003, a view from the seats

by Bernadine Barr

This year at Cheiron I took a mental tour through the curious terrain where "the rubber hits the road," where social science theory meets culture and serves commerce. Trudy Dehue's keynote address on a randomized clinical trial in the real world brought this border-crossing topic to mind. Edwin Boring's television program to bring ivory tower psychology "down" to the people brought the topic painfully to mind.

Others explored the terrain where social science theory serves commerce. Of course, Patrick Drumm's IQ Zoo pops up in my memory. I found Hans Pols' ongoing exploration of colonial psychiatry in the former Dutch East Indies a rich topic for exploration of how social science theory played out in psychiatric practices in a diverse and racially-layered, Colonial society. Ellen Herman's talk and a breakfast conversation with Peter Hegarty brought to mind how often scientific theory and instruments were used to establish the distinction between normal and "disturbed" individuals. He and Rebecca Davis separately discussed uses of scientific instruments in the fearful service of promoting a sexually normative culture in the United States in mid twentieth century. Users of these "scientific" instruments believed they were protecting unsuspecting citizens from mistaken choices of mate, military career, or child to adopt.

I focused on investigators who

## Cheiron 2003 at the University of New Hampshire

by Geoffrey Blowers

The 2003 meeting returned to Durham, the site of the summer institute run by Robert Watson and Joseph Brozek in the summer of 1968 out of which Cheiron was born. It was heartening to see several of those who attended the meeting 35 years ago still on hand this past June. As with previous meetings I had attended (this being my sixth) this one began with a theme designed to appeal to many (and hence to arrive ahead of the official registration period), of looking at psychology at the turn of the twentieth century. I arrived as Nancy Innis was delivering her very interesting paper on the psychology of William McDougall showing his strong affinity for physiology and neurology as much as for philosophy. Nancy indicated her preliminary investigations might turn into a full scale biography, after her long-awaited biography of Edwin Tolman eventually appears.

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traversed places where scientific ideas are applied to further ideological, moral, and commercial ends. Where science meets culture and commerce, that is, where "the rubber hits the road," from the old advertisement for automobile tires, odd things happen to social science theory and instruments. I am reminded of giving a working camera to a five year old girl. She used it as a storage container for marbles. These historians recognize that exchanges on the outer margins of science are rich sources for insights into both science and culture.

This was followed by a session on humanistic psychology focussing on interesting connections not previously much explored. Robert Kugelman spoke of an episode involving a group of nuns who became in 1970 "the largest single group of religious women in the history of the American Catholic church [to be] released from their vows", after Carl Rogers had been called in to lead a workshop on change and communications skills. Kugelman examined the various accounts of this episode; some saw it as detrimental to religious order, others as having a positive, transformational effect. Among the controversies surrounding religion vs. psychology has to do with the shifting meanings of terms, and Alan Tjeltveit's follow on paper on the historical development of the term "values" was a timely and relevant reminder. The session closed out with a neat re-examination by Kenneth Feigenbaum of the neglected influence of Spinoza's thought on that of Abraham Maslow, reminding us that some fields of psychology have histories longer than previously suspected.

Next came an equally interesting session on behaviourism. Cheiron regular Donald Dewsbury gave us another chapter on the Yerkes laboratory, this time covering the lives of its directors. Don, too, promises to deliver an interesting book on this lab and its central importance to the development of behaviouristic ideas in America. Too many of us may be conditioned to think of animal studies

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## Geoff Blowers' view: Cheiron 2003 at the University of New Hampshire

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in psychology as being dominated by the laboratory. Patrick Drumm's wonderfully researched paper, very entertainingly presented, reminded us of how from the 1940s on, the Brelands's Animal Behavior Enterprises not only provided some wonderful applied demonstrations of theoretical concepts within the animal learning and ethology fields, but was made possible by the growing need for roadside attractions as the US highway system developed after WWII.

The first evening gave us the now-familiar poster session, which, along with drinks and snacks, provided a congenial way for everyone to renew old acquaintances or make fresh ones. Future program organisers might consider extending this session and having more posters; it certainly attracted an interesting array of topics by Cheiron regulars (notably the small contingent of scholars from Japan, led by Yasuo Nishikawa and Miki Takasuna) and newcomers alike.

With musical accompaniment in the hallway, and Ian Nicholson and Tom Dalton on hand to sign copies of their new books on Gordon Allport and John Dewey respectively, we segued into a first day closing with the presentation of some historic films from the Akron archives, courtesy of David Baker, Eugene Taylor and Wade Pickren. The showing of films is a relatively recent addition to Cheiron programming. Initially scheduled for light entertainment, the films shown this year were remarkable for the insights they gave us into pioneers of American psychology, many of us having only glimpsed them previously in faded photographs amidst dusty tomes. Of note was the PBS TV

film from the 1950s showing Edwin Boring delivering a none-too-clear lecture (one of thirty in the original series) on the causes of language and thought.

Over the next two days we were offered eleven sessions covering a wide variety of concerns in anthropology, child study, social work, communications and race, personality and sexuality. Some of these sessions were presented in parallel — an unfortunate development in recent years, which has been made necessary by the increasing number of papers submitted. Given the clashes of interest such sessions inevitably entail, I would hope that those charged with future scheduling could address this problem. Forced choice aside, I can only highlight a few of the papers that interested me most.

Trudy Dehue's invited address "When History-Writing Becomes Part of Politics" described how she became involved in a government-sponsored drug rehabilitation program in which addicts were offered free heroin for participating and for which methadone would be given as a substitute. The program involved interplay between the various parties: the addict population (about which certain untested presumptions had been made), the social scientists who designed the project, and the politicians on both sides of the opposition/support divide. The results, unsurprisingly, were equivocal. Many addicts dropped out or did not fully participate for reasons having a lot to do with the failure of the social scientists and the politicians to understand their heterodox social milieu. This was a timely reminder of the long history of politicians' prepared-

ness to adjust the results of social science research to suit their own agendas rather than advance the cause of understanding.

A similar theme prevailed in the session devoted to personality and sexuality. Peter Hegarty gave us a history of the Rorschach test at mid-twentieth century, focussing on its use to identify gay men for segregationist reasons. The complex interplay of factors here — the use of statistical vs. clinical inference, the use of lab-based knowledge for making judgments beyond the confines of the laboratory, drew the whole notion of objectivity into question. Peter's was a heady presentation, weaving together many theoretical strands from sociology as much as from experimental and theoretical psychology.

As usual, every presenter had their favourite topic and Cheiron in recent years has grown broader in its coverage of subject matter. This is fine for drawing a more diverse group to its meetings, but one would hope for more integrative exchanges. A workshop which promised this — on race science, racism and historiography — was pitifully too short but nonetheless raised issues about the ethnic point of view of researcher when dealing with scientific issues of race, though this sparked some debate especially from those who thought race irrelevant to, amongst other areas, experimental psychology. All in all it was a good meeting. I would hope that the parallel sessions could be avoided in future and also that more serious attention be given to the ideas of presenting of films for historical enquiry apart from their entertainment value. I hope to be back in Akron next year.

## Forum for History of Human Science offers 2004 dissertation prize

The Forum for History of Human Science (an interest group affiliated with the History of Science Society) invites submissions for its Dissertation Prize, which is awarded every other year for best recent dissertation on some aspect of the history of the human sciences. The prize, to which a US \$100 monetary award is attached, alternates annually in rotation with the Forum's prize for the best published article. The winner of the 2004 Dissertation Prize will be announced at the 2004 History of Science Society meeting, which will be held 18-21 November 2004 in Austin, Texas. Winners are publicized in the FHHS Newsletter and in newsletters and journals of several other organizations (among them, HSS and Cheiron).

Entries are encouraged from authors in any discipline, as long as the work is related to the history of the human sciences, broadly construed. To be eligible, the dissertation must have been

## Green plans web conference discussions

York University's Christopher Green recently posted this message to the Cheiron email discussion list.

Dear Fellow Cheironians,

Many of you will recall that a few months ago I brought up the possibility of running a "Web Conference" starting this coming fall. The format I suggested was (following a web conference on Interdisciplinarity in which I was then participating) to have one invited "target paper" per month for an predetermined number of months, each followed by a

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filed within the three years previous to the year of the award (that is during the years 2001-2003, inclusive, for the prize awarded in autumn 2004). Three copies of entries must be received by June 1, 2004. Send them to:

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month of discussion by other participants (along with rejoinders by the author of the "target paper"). We also had an inconclusive discussion about what the topic of such a conference might be. (I suggested "Has Psychology Failed?" to somewhat mixed reaction.)

I would like to have face-to-face discussions at the Akron Cheiron about the format and topic such a web conference with anyone who is interested. This meeting will be "off-program." Given the wonderful and packed program David Robinson has arranged for us, the best time for an off-program meeting appears to be Saturday during lunch.

(Please note, David Baker will be running tours of the Archives during lunch both Friday and Saturday, so if you'd like to participate in this discussion *and* have a tour of the Archive, you will need to sign up for the Friday tour.)

I will find a location for the meeting when I arrive at the conference and I will see to it that an announcement goes out early in the conference. It would be nice at that time to get a show of hands of the people would like to be involved.

If you would like to participate in these discussions but will not be attending Cheiron this year, you will have another opportunity at the APA conference in Honolulu. I will be leading an "on-program" conversation hour there on the same topic: Sat. 31 July, 9:00- 9:50 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa in Honolulu Suite I.

Best regards,  
Christopher D. Green

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## Member News

The International Biographical Center of Cambridge, UK, has chosen **Lawrence Friedman** as 2004 International Writer of the Year.

**Christopher D. Green** and Philip R. Groff's *Early Psychological Thought: Ancient Accounts of Mind and Soul* has been published by Praeger.

*Defining Difference: Race and Racism in the History of Psychology* edited by **Andrew Winston** is now out from APA Books. In addition to Andrew, the book includes chapters by **Fredric Weizmann**,

**Raymond Fancher, Thomas Teo, and John P. Jackson, Jr.**

**David Baker** has edited *Thick Description and Fine Texture: Studies in the History of Psychology*, published by the University of Akron Press, a collection of papers honoring **John A. Popplestone** and **Marlon White McPherson**. In addition to the honorees, contributors include **Michael M. Sokal, John C. Burnham, Ludy T. Benjamin Jr., C. James Goodwin, Leila Zenderland, Hendrika Vande Kemp, Ryan D. Tweney, Donald A. Dewsbury, and Ray Fancher.**

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