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Local Arrangements for Cheiron XLI

Local host: Greg Eghigian, Pennsylvania State University

Program Chair: Sarah Igo, Vanderbilt University

The conference will take place on the University Park campus of Penn State University. Joan Landes, Ferree Professor of Early Modern History and Women's Studies at Penn State, will deliver the keynote address.

Those attending the conference will have their choice of housing in the historic Nittany Lion Inn or in one of the university dormitories. Run by the Hospitality Services Department of Penn State and located right on campus, the Nittany Lion Inn (<http://www.pshs.psu.edu/NittanyLionInn/nlhome.asp>) features luxurious smoke-free accommodations, restaurants, and complimentary high-speed Internet access.

The conference itself will be held on campus in the Hetzel Union Building (HUB) and Paul Robeson Center (<http://www.sa.psu.edu/usa/hub/>). The Science, Technology, and Society Program at Penn State will host a reception the evening Thursday, June 25th at the Nittany Lion Inn. A barbecue is planned for dinner on Friday, the 26th at the Hintz Family Alumni Center, with the conference Banquet taking place Saturday, the 27th.

Both the conference site and housing are only a short walk (ca. 5 minutes) from downtown State College, where you will find everything from art galleries and coffee shops (Webster's Bookstore Cafe, Saint's Cafe) to bars (Zeno's Pub, the Allen Street Grill) and opportunities for fine dining (Zola's Bistro, Spats Cafe). A host of other recreational possibilities take only a short trip to reach, including entertainment for attendees (golf courses, local wineries, Otto's Pub and Brewery) and the entire family (DelGrosso's Amusement Park, Tussey Mountain Family Fun Center, the Pennsylvania Military Museum).

Please send your news

Direct news and information of interest to Cheironians for publication in The Cheiron Newsletter to the editor. Email barberis.1@osu.edu. Postal mail Daniela S. Barberis, Ohio State University, Department of Comparative Studies, 468 Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Road, Columbus, OH, 43210 USA. Phone: 614 688 5634.

Letter from the New Executive Officer

Dear Cheiron Members,

I am delighted and honored to be succeeding Andrew Winston as Executive Officer. He is going to be a very hard act to follow. He has been a wonderful steward for the past six years. Cheiron is in good shape; our treasury is healthy. For those of you not in attendance, the 40th Annual Meeting of Cheiron was held June 26-29, 2008 at Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario. Local host Wade Pickren and Program Chair Ingrid Farreras, Hood College, collaborated to produce a meeting with excellent papers and plenty of opportunity for interchange both within

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Business Minutes of the 40th Cheiron Meeting

Saturday July 1, 2008

1) Approval of the Agenda for this Business Meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda: Chris Green. Second: Ben Harris.

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Send an email to cheiron-subscribe@stu.ca with the word "subscribe" in the subject line and nothing in the main body of the text. Alternately, you can send an e-mail to the new Web and Listserv Manager, Ian Nicholson (nicholson@stu.ca) at St. Thomas University. Anyone may post messages to the email discussion list by addressing them to cheiron@stu.ca.

Cheiron 2009 Call For Papers

CALL FOR PAPERS: 41st Cheiron Meeting, June 25-28, 2009 • Penn State University, University Park, PA.

Papers, posters, symposia, or workshops may deal with any aspect of the history of the behavioral and social sciences or related historiographical and methodological issues. All submissions must conform to the length limitations listed below (references, tables, etc. may be appended). To facilitate blind review, please include a cover sheet indicating: a) title; b) author's name and affiliation; c) author's address and phone number; and d) audio/visual needs.

All submissions must be received by 5pm EST on **January 12, 2009**. Authors are strongly encouraged to send submissions electronically as attachments (.doc or .rtf), although three printed copies of a submission may be sent by post to the address below.

Papers: Submit a completed paper (7-8 double-spaced pages plus a short abstract), or a 700-800 word abstract plus short bibliography. Papers should be original, i.e., not previously presented at other conferences.

Posters: Submit a 300-400 word abstract.

Symposia: Submit a 250-300 word abstract describing the

symposium as a whole, and a 500-700 word abstract plus short bibliography from each of the participants. A cover letter should include the names and institutional affiliations of each of the participants, which should not be revealed in the abstracts.

Workshops: Contact the program chair (sarah.igo@vanderbilt.edu).

Student Travel Awards: Available to help defray travel expenses of students who present papers and posters. Please indicate if you are a student and wish to be considered for an award.

Program submissions should be sent to: Sarah Igo at sarah.igo@vanderbilt.edu.

If necessary, they may be sent by regular mail to Sarah Igo at:

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Stetten Fellowship at N.I.H

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The Stetten Fellowship seeks to encourage historical research and publication about biomedical sciences and technology or medicine that has been funded by NIH since 1945.

Fellowships carry a stipend in the range of \$45,000 per year and include health insurance, work space, computer, and telephone in the Office of NIH History. (Fellowships may be renewable to a maximum of 24 months, subject to satisfactory progress). Stetten Fellows have access to the resources of the Office of NIH History, the collections of the Stetten Museum, the National Library of Medicine, NIH Library, and historical materials in the NIH Institutes relevant to their research projects.

The Fellow will conduct research on the topics of their choice under the supervision of senior staff in the Office of NIH History and assisted by contacts in the relevant Institute(s). The Fellow will be expected to participate in historical activities on campus, including presentation of one or more seminars and lectures.

For more information on the Stetten Fellowship, please see <http://www.history.nih.gov/01Docs/grants/4005form.htm>

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and outside of paper sessions. Some highlights of the meeting included a presentation by former Cheiron Executive Officer Raymond Fancher, York University. Keynote speaker, Gerald Grob, Rutgers University, described his recent work on "Morbidity and mortality in 20th century America: The enigma of explanation," and Kurt Danziger, York University, delivered an invited address, "Long past, short history: The case of memory." On Sunday, the Cheiron Book Award was presented by committee chair Alexandra Rutherford to Sarah Igo for her book, *The Averaged American: Surveys, Citizens, and the Making of a Mass Public* (Harvard University Press, 2007). Newcomer Kersten J. Biehn, Sam Houston State University, was awarded the Cheiron Young Scholar Award with Honorable Mention to Cornelia Lambert, University of Oklahoma.

We anticipate another wonderful meeting this year at Penn State University, June 25-28, 2009. Details about arrangements by local host Greg Eghigian are given elsewhere in this newsletter. Sarah Igo, Vanderbilt University, is serving as Program Chair. We do not as yet have a local host or program chair for 2010. Please volunteer if you are interested. I am always interested to hear your input about Cheiron, what

we are doing well and what we could do better. Please contact me with questions, suggestions or concerns.

I hope to see you at Penn State in June.

Kathy

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Young Scholar Awards

The Cheiron Young Scholar Award for 2008 has been made to Kersten Biehn, Sam Houston State University, for her paper, "Monkeys, babies, idiots and primitives: Nature-nurture debates and philanthropic support for anthropology, 1901-1941."

Cornelia Lambert, University of Oklahoma, has received Honorable Mention for the paper, "'Living machines': Dance Education at Robert Owen's New Lanark School, 1816-1828."

The Committee had a tough time deciding among a number of very strong papers.

Please congratulate these young scholars and encourage them to return to Cheiron often!

-- Kathy Milar

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2) Approval of the minutes of the 2007 Meeting, Dublin, Ireland.

Motion to approve the minutes: Fred Weizmann. Second: Mike Pettit.

3) Nominations for the Review Committee (2 needed, 3 year term).

Current committee consists of: Chris Green, Elizabeth Johnson, Ellen Herman, Bob Kugelman, Cathy Faye, Dave Devonis, Kathy Milar.

Nominated: Ann Johnson, Larry Stern, Russ Kosits, Kate Harper.

Motion to close nomination: Ian Lubek. Second: Vincent

Voted to new committee: Ann Johnson, Russ Kosits, and Kate Harper.

4) Nominations for Executive Officer.

Kathy Milar nominated.

Motion: Andrew Winston. Second John Carson

No other nominations, Kathy Milar elected by acclamation

5) Reports:

a. Local Host Wade Pickren: 101 were registered for 2008 conference. A \$6000 subsidy was given by Ryerson University for the conference. Motion to thank Wade for all his work: David Leary. Second: Fran Cherry

b. Program Chair: Ingrid Ferreras: Cheiron 2008 meeting.

Report on submissions: 7 symposia accepted, 23 papers accepted, 2 papers rejected, 7 posters accepted, 3 round table discussions accepted, 2 invited speakers and 1 keynote address.

Motion to thank Ingrid for all her hard work in chairing the 2008 program by Andrew Winston. Second: Chris Green.

c. Book Prize Committee. Chair: Alexandra Rutherford.

There were 30 book submissions, 24 considered for the award, Sara Igo was this year's winner.

Motion to thank Alexandra and the committee by Andrew Winston. Second, Chris Green.

d. Cheiron Electronic Communications: Ian Nicholson – sent message through Andrew that there will be some website changes for 2009.

e. Newsletter: Daniela Barberis asked members to discuss the idea of having just an electronic newsletter to save on expenses, but for now we will be having both an electronic version and a hard copy of the newsletter available.

f. Archivist: Ben Harris – nothing to report

g. Treasurer: David Devonis – gave the treasurer's report and Debra Roe prepared the power point presentation.

David has this report and can make it available to anyone who requests it.

Motion to accept treasurer's report: Ian Lubek. Second: Gerry Sullivan.

Thanks to Debra and David for their work in putting the report together.

6) Cheiron 2009 meeting at Penn State University. Report by Andrew Winston.

Andrew discussed feasibility of hiring outside company to assist with conference vs. doing it "in house" on our own. Paying someone else to prepare things like badges, conference folders/materials and collecting the conference fees. For Cheiron 2008, this was all done in house

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by Cheiron members.

Greg Eghigian will be hosting the 2009 Penn State Cheiron and he is investigating these costs. He is also investigating whether the science and technology program will be able to assist us with some funding for rooms, AV equipment.

The 2009 Cheiron conference will be held June 25-28th. Dorm rooms as well as hotels will be available for accommodations. Conference fees for 2009 may be \$150 and there will be subsidies for graduate students.

Andrew discussed the need for a venue for the 2010 Cheiron and the 2011 Joint European (ESHHS) Conference. There was no resolution to this.

7) Election results: Ann Johnson, Russ Kosits, and Kate Harper elected to review committee.

8) and 9) New Business and Announcements:

a. The editorship of JHBS has been passed on from Chris Green to Ian Nicholson. Thanks to Chris Green for his past editorship was acknowledged.

b. Congratulations went out to Wade Pickren for his recent

election as President of Divison 26 of APA – Society for the History of Psychology.

c. Nicole Barenbaum thanked Alex Rutherford for her amazing work on the Local Guide for Cheiron 2008.

d. Jim Capshew reported on the *History of Psychology* journal, noting that things were going well and that he is set to retire from the editorship in 1.5 years.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting: Elizabeth Scarborough. Second: Sara Igo.

Cheiron now officially a tax-exempt organization

Cheiron is now officially recognized as a tax-exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Cheiron may receive donations under section 170 of the Code, as well as tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers, and gifts under sections 2055, 2106, or 2522 of the Code.

Thanks are due to David Devonis for all his work to make this happen for Cheiron.

JHBS CHEIRON MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

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Treasurer’s Report for Cheiron 2008

Cheiron Financial Condition June 12, 2008

Total Assets: \$63,646 (2006-07 = \$53,792)

CD #1 \$ 22,548 2.47% matures 9/20/08
CD #2 \$ 16,806 2.47% matures 5/10/09
Cash: Money market checking \$ 24,292

Summary of activity, 2007-08 (through June 12, 2008)

Income		Expenses	
Dues	\$4145*	08 Conference prepay	\$785
Al Smith	\$1046	PayPal fees	\$250
Interest	\$1871**	Grad Stipends 08	\$3500
(projected)			
AHAP contribs.	\$615	AHAP (2 yrs)	\$1115
From 07 Meeting	\$3083	Book Prize	\$500
		Newsletter (2 yrs)	\$1200
		(projected)	
		Miscellaneous	\$70

	\$ 10,760		\$ 7,820

* 06-07 = \$3770 **06-07 \$1702

2008-09 (Projected)

Income		Expenses	
Dues	\$ 3800	Newsletter 09	\$ 600
Al Smith	\$ 1500	PayPal fees	\$ 300
Interest	\$ 800	Honoraria etc.	\$ 1000
AHAP cont.	\$ 500	AHAP	\$ 500
Stipends	\$ 3600		

	\$ 6,600		\$ 6,000

Descriptions and Deadlines for FHHS Awards

2009 FHHS/JHBS John C. Burnham Early Career Award

The Forum for History of Human Science invites submissions for the John C. Burnham Early Career Award for 2009. This award is intended for scholars, including graduate students, who do not hold a tenured position and are not more than seven years past the Ph.D. Unpublished manuscripts dealing with any aspect of the history of the human sciences are welcome. The winning article will be announced at the annual History of Science Society meeting, 18-22 November 2009, in Phoenix, and will be submitted to the Journal for the History of the Behavioral Sciences with FHHS endorsement, to undergo the regular review process; when the article is accepted for publication, the publisher of JHBS will announce the award and issue a US \$500 honorarium. Email manuscript and curriculum vitae (PDF format) by **June 15, 2009**, to weidman@fas.harvard.edu

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2009 FHHS Article Award

The Forum for History of Human Science awards a prize (a non-monetary honor) for the best recent article on some aspect of the history of the human sciences. The winner will be announced at the annual History of Science Society meeting, 18-22 November 2009, in Phoenix, and will be publicized in the FHHS Newsletter and in publications of several other organizations (e.g., HSS, Cheiron). Eligible articles must have an imprint date from 2006 to 2008 inclusively, and entries are encouraged from authors in any discipline as long as the publication is related to the history of the human sciences. Deadline: **June 15, 2009**. If possible, email PDF version of the article to weidman@fas.harvard.edu; or mail three copies to Nadine Weidman, Secretary of FHHS, 138 Woburn St., Medford MA 02155

People and Places

University of New Hampshire graduate student **Stephen Underwood** has been granted a Clarke Chambers Travel Fellowship, awarded by the Archives and Special Collections Department of the University of Minnesota libraries. It will

allow him to conduct archival research at U. Minn. for his dissertation research on psychology and radio. Stephen will examine the papers of the Child Study Association of America and the Junior Leagues of America, plus other collections

The 8th Annual Lipsitt-Duchin Lecture in Child Behavior and Development was held at Brown University November 6, 2008. Featured speaker was **Dr. Stephen Buka**, a Brown University undergraduate Psychology Honors student who received his doctorate in public health at Harvard, stayed on as a professor at Harvard, then was brought back to Brown as Professor of Community Health and Head of the Epidemiology Section of the Brown Medical School. He lectured on “Fifty years of developmental research at Brown Uuniversity.”

Neil Bartlett, psychologist and long time Cheiron member died at the age of 91 in Tucson. Neil always held the annual Cheiron meetings very dear, and made an effort to attend them until this became too difficult. His son, also a psychologist, writes that he used to love hearing about the history of the field when accompanying his dad on his morning walks. (Neil began walking an hour a day in his early forties and continued

an effort at these walks with his walker up until weeks ago, when a mild heart attach set in process his decline.)

Here is the link to his obituary and what will become a memorial page for those who knew him: <http://www.legacy.com/Tucson/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=120343668>

David Schmit (College of St. Catherine) received a 2008-9 NSF Scholar’s Award in support of his project: “American Mesmerism; The Manipulation of Mental States in the Mid-Nineteenth Century.” He is currentlty a visiting professor in the University of Minnesota’s History of Science, Technology and Medicine program.

John Mill’s most recent publication is: John A. Mills and Erika Dyck, “Trust Amply Recompensed: Psychological Research at Weyburn, Saskatchewan, 1957 - 1961.” *Journal of the History of the Behavioural Sciences*, 44 (2008): 199 - 218.

Ellen Herman, professor of history at the University of Oregon, has a new book out: *Kinship by Design: A History of Adoption in the Modern United States*, University of Chicago Press, 2008.

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