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Local Arrangements for Cheiron XXXVII

The 37th Annual Meeting of Cheiron will be hosted by Richard von Mayrhauser and the Office for the History of Science and Technology (OHST) at the University of California, Berkeley, on June 23-26, 2005. The program co-chairs are Alexandra Rutherford and Wade Pickren.

Host

The Office for History of Science and Technology, founded in 1973, promotes research and discussion in the history of science and technology through international exchanges, conferences, colloquia, research facilities, and administrative assistance. It produces Historical studies in the physical and biological sciences, a leading journal in the field, and other publications, including the Berkeley papers monograph series. OHST serves as a home for graduate students in history of science and related fields in other programs as well as postdoctoral fellows and other visiting scholars from around the world.

Venue and Location of This Year's Meeting

Clark Kerr, the former Chancellor of Berkeley once said: "If you are bored with Berkeley, you are bored with life." Berkeley is the oldest of the UC campuses and serves as the flagship of California's public university system. Rich in traditions, such as a commitment to civil rights and liberties, the campus's history continues to be written as new generations of students pass through its gates.

Berkeley's acclaimed faculty (7 Nobel laureates, 17 MacArthur fellows, 119 members of the National Academy of Sciences, 70 Fulbright scholars, and 3 Pulitzer Prize winners) and talented students represent a wide range of disciplines, ideologies, ethnicities, cultures, interests, and perspectives. The 33,000 students at Berkeley come from all over the world, and their richly diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds give the campus a unique vitality and spirit. U.S. News and World Report listed Berkeley as the number one public national university in its 2005 Best College issue.

The meeting will take place at the Clark Kerr Campus at UC Berkeley. This Spanish-style complex is characterized by unique architectural features, beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens, and quiet courtyards.

Please send your news

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First Cheiron Book Prize Awarded at Akron Meeting

Prof. Jeffrey Sklansky of the Department of History, Oregon State University, is the first winner of the Cheiron Book Prize for: *The Soul's Economy: Market Society and Selfhood in American Society* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002).

Prof. Sklansky received the prize and gave a talk at the last meeting of Cheiron at the University of Akron, June 17-20.

The Cheiron Book Prize was created in 2003 as a biennial award for the best monograph in the history of behavioral and social sciences. The Cheiron Book Prize Committee was formed by John Carson (Chair), Sarah Igo, Emily Cahan, and Kathleen Jones. John Carson read the prize citation,
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Business Minutes of the 36th Cheiron Meeting

June 19, 2004. The meeting was co-chaired by Nadine Weidman, Chair of the Cheiron Review Committee and Andrew S. Winston, Cheiron Executive Officer. Minutes of the 2003 Cheiron Business meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter, moved by Sam Parkovnik and seconded by David Robinson.

Reports: Local Host in Akron, David Baker, reported that we had 87 participants, and a list would

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Connecting with Cheiron

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Join cyber-conversations about the history of the social and behavioral sciences and related matters by subscribing to Cheiron's email discussion list. Here is what to do:

Send an email to cheiron-subscribe@stthomasu.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@stthomasu.ca) at St. Thomas University. Anyone may post messages to the email discussion list by addressing them to cheiron@stthomasu.ca.

Cheiron 2005 Call For Papers

CALL FOR PAPERS: 37th Annual Meeting, June 23rd-26th at the University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California, USA.

Wade Pickren and Alexandra Rutherford, Cheiron Program Co-Chairs.

Papers, posters, symposia, or workshops may deal with any aspect of the history of the behavioral and social sciences or with 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) the author's name and affiliation; c) the author's address and phone number; and d) audio/visual needs.

All submissions must be received by January 7th, 2005. 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 an abstract.

Symposia: Submit a 250-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 co-chairs (wpickren@apa.org or alexr@yorku.ca).

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: Alexandra Rutherford at alexr@yorku.ca, or by regular mail to Alexandra Rutherford, Department of Psychology, York University, 4700 Keele St., Toronto, ON, Canada, M3J 1P3. Phone: 416-736-5115 x33230; Fax: 416-736-5814.

History of Science Society calls for nominations

Karin Wetmore, who's been appointed to the HSS Committee on Honors and Prizes, would like to encourage Cheiron members to forward nominations for HSS prizes to the respective subcommittees. This can be done at <http://www.hssonline.org/profession/support/grants.html> "Learn about prizes awarded by HSS." Also, if there are historians of the human sciences who should be nominated for the Society's highest honor, the Sarton Medal, Karin would be pleased to forward their names to the committee. Her e-mail is: kwetmore@post.harvard.edu.

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reproduced below, at the award ceremony: “This year marks the inaugural awarding of the Cheiron Book Prize, to be given biennially to an outstanding monograph published in the history of the social/behavioral/human sciences for the previous three years. The committee—consisting of Emily Cahan, John Carson, Kathleen Jones, and Sarah Igo—is pleased to announce that its unanimous selection is Jeffrey Sklansky of Oregon State University, for his wonderful book, *The Soul’s Economy: Market Society and Selfhood in American Thought, 1820-1920*, published in 2002 by the University of North Carolina Press.

The Soul’s Economy is impressive both in its evidence and ambition. It elegantly connects the history of many different social scientific fields (economics, sociology, social psychology, moral philosophy) to larger social, economic, and intellectual transformations across the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Weaving together social history, intellectual biographies, and disciplinary developments, Sklansky shows us just how much the social and human sciences matter for the larger canvas of American history. In particular, by tracing an intellectual shift from political economy to social psychology and from “economic man” to the “social self,” Sklansky makes a persuasive case for the centrality of theories of society to the societies they describe. As he shows, social thinkers were key figures in explaining, rationalizing, and supporting a move away from

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Just above the campus is a quarter mile running track with breathtaking views of the Bay Area. Local weather in June is variable (55° - 95°). Evenings can be chilly. Plan to dress in layers. Two meal and lodging packages are offered for conference participants.

*****The Resident Package** includes three nights of lodging at Clark Kerr, plus breakfasts and lunches on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and an evening reception on Thursday (check in on Thursday, check out on Sunday). All conference participants who wish to stay at Clark Kerr must purchase this package, there will be no reductions for late arrivals, early departures, or missed meals. The Resident Package is \$222 per person, double occupancy; \$282 per person, single occupancy (plus credit card fee). For additional information: http://ohst7.berkeley.edu/cheiron/local_arrangements.html

*****The Commuter Package** is available for those who do not require accommodations. The Commuter Package includes breakfasts and lunches on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and an evening reception on Thursday. There will be no reductions for fewer meals. The Commuter Package is \$87 per person.

Conference registration fees: \$100 (\$75 for students) pre-May 1; \$125 (\$95) after May 1, Saturday night banquet \$25 (\$20 student), parking \$10 per day, and additional nights housing are separate.

Tours

On Friday, June 24, OHST will

provide a cruise and tour of Alcatraz Island, the infamous former federal penitentiary—home to Al Capone, George “Machine Gun” Kelley, and Robert “The Birdman” Stroud. The National Park presents a guided walk, exhibits, and recountings of notorious and tragic escape attempts. To reach the Cell House and guided tour, you must walk up a steep hill—motorized transport is available with prior notice. In addition to the famous prison, the ferry ride and tour features spectacular views of San Francisco and the Golden Gate.

Tickets are \$60 and include the cost of shuttle bus to the ferry, ferry ride to Alcatraz with narrative introductory talk, and a specially catered sandwich dinner. Tour tickets are limited to bus seating capacity. Please reserve by March 1, 2005 through the Office for History of Science and Technology.

Getting to Berkeley

By Air

The Bay Area has two local airports, Oakland (OAK) and San Francisco (SFO). Transportation to and from both airports is easy and reasonably priced using either BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) or a shuttle service. Oakland has a shuttle to BART; San Francisco has a BART station at the airport (<http://www.bart.gov/>). For shuttle service, we suggest BayPorter; you may make a reservation at <http://www.bayporter.com>, though you may also just pick up a ride without a reservation upon your arrival at the airport.

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By Bus

Greyhound Bus Service provides transportation to Oakland and San Francisco from most major cities in the country. For schedules and fares: <http://www.greyhound.com/>

By Rail

The Amtrak station closest to Berkeley is located in Emeryville, five miles from UC campus. Amtrak has service from such cities as Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Las Vegas. For detailed fare and schedule information: <http://www.amtrak.com>

Driving Directions to UC Berkeley Clark Kerr Campus

From Oakland International Airport

From the airport follow signs to I-880 North. Follow I-880 approximately 12 miles to I-80 East toward Berkeley. Exit right onto Ashby Avenue. Turn left onto Telegraph Avenue. Turn right onto Dwight Way. At the second stoplight, turn right onto Warring Street (left is Piedmont Ave). Clark Kerr Campus is located on the left at 2601 Warring Street. Continue past the main horseshoe shaped driveway to the next entrance for parking in the Southwest Parking Lot.

From San Francisco International Airport

From the airport, follow signs to 101 North. After approximately 10 miles, take I-80 East/Bay Bridge. Go over Bay Bridge (no toll), get into left lane and take I-80 East. Exit right onto Ashby Avenue. Turn left onto Telegraph Avenue. Turn right onto Dwight Way. At the second stoplight, turn right

onto Warring Street (left is Piedmont Ave). Clark Kerr Campus is located on the left at 2601 Warring Street. Continue past the main horseshoe shaped driveway to the next entrance for parking in the Southwest Parking Lot.

From Westbound Interstate 80.

Exit right onto University Avenue. Follow University Avenue east for approximately 2 miles to Oxford Street. Turn right onto Oxford Street, which becomes Fulton Street. Turn left onto Dwight Way and proceed east for approximately 1 mile. Turn right onto Warring Street (left is Piedmont Avenue). Clark Kerr Campus is located on the left at 2601 Warring Street. Continue past the main horseshoe shaped driveway to the next entrance for parking in the Southwest Parking Lot.

From Interstate 580

Exit to Highway 24 East, Walnut Creek / Berkeley. Exit at 51st Street and Telegraph Avenue. Turn right and proceed east on 51st street for two blocks. Turn left onto Telegraph Avenue for approximately 1 1/2 miles. Turn right onto Dwight Way. At the second stoplight, turn right onto Warring Street (left is Piedmont Ave). Clark Kerr Campus is located on the left at 2601 Warring Street. Continue past the main horseshoe shaped driveway to the next entrance for parking in the Southwest Parking Lot.

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be distributed before the end of the meeting. David noted that he was pleased to host Cheiron and to provide a unique opportunity for members to visit the Archives for the History of American Psychology. A vote of thanks to David Baker was approved. Program Chair Dave Robinson reported that he received 46 submissions (34 papers, 10 posters, 1 symposium, and 1 workshop). As the result of review process, 2 papers were rejected, 2 posters were withdrawn, and 2 papers were withdrawn. This year there were no paper-to-poster conversions. Additions to the program were 4 posters for the Josef Brozek memorial and 2 films. The final program consisted of: 30 papers, 12 posters, 2 films, 1 symposium (on archives), 1 workshop, the Book Prize presentation, and the Keynote Address with associated panel on Brown v. Board of Education. David Robinson thanked Fran Cherry for arranging keynote address; John Jackson for arranging the panel on Brown v. Board of Education; Tony Stavely for his assistance; reviewers of the submissions; Dave Baker and Dorothy Gruich of the Archives, and Andrew Winston. A motion of thanks to David Robinson was approved.

Cheiron Treasurer David Devonis gave financial and membership reports and projected budget for 2004 – 2005.

Total funds on deposit 6/1/04,
\$44,603.91.

Income:

Dues 2003-04	3,375.00
(3225.00 from regular members)	
Payment from Sage (advertising)	
	100.00
Newsletter contributions.	150.00

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Royalty contribution	28.75
Interest	750.55
Al Smith fund contributions.	2,750.31
Total:	7,164.61

Expenses:

Grad student stipends	2,500.00
Newsletter expenses	280.00
Supplies and misc.	100.00
Program 2004	850.00
Book Prize	500.00
(once per two years)	
Honorarium, keynote speaker	500.00
Travel expenses, book prize winner	300.00
Total:	5,030.00

Membership report 2003-04

Starting on roll 9/03	317	Regular Members	208	65%
Ending on roll 6/04	323	Dues Exempt	55	17%
New regular members	7	Student	56	17%
New student members	3	Life	4	1%
New life members	1			
Removed from roll	5			

A motion to thank Dave Devonis for his fine work as Treasurer was approved.

Andrew Winston, in his Executive Officer's report, thanked the members of the Review Committee and David Devonis for their assistance over the past year. The three major issues addressed in the report were the revision of the bylaws, changes in Cheiron Officers, and the relationship between Cheiron and other organizations (discussed under New Business). The bylaws were not consistent with our practices over the past 10 years, and needed to be updated from the original procedures created when Cheiron was founded. The process of revision was: a full review and suggested revisions were made by both Elizabeth Scarborough and Andrew Winston, and these revisions were combined. Comments were sought from former Executive Officers Ben Harris and Ray Fancher, and the subsequent version was submitted to the current Cheiron Review Committee. After their suggestions were incorporated and the approval of the Review Committee was given, the Proposed Revised Bylaws were circulated on the Cheiron Listserv and distributed at the meeting. David Robinson moved to accept the revised bylaws. Nicole Barenbaum moved a friendly amendment to the description of the Review Committee to read that: "the terms of office for the Review Committee will be staggered and two new members are elected each year." This motion was accepted and the revision incorporated in Article XI. Christopher Green questioned whether it was wise to remove the provision for "special meetings" in the bylaws. Andrew Winston noted that the new bylaws did not preclude the calling of a special meeting. Mike Sokal provided editorial corrections regarding the relevant Internal Revenue Service Act numbers. John Carson asked whether a lawyer

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republican ideas of self-ownership and toward more social and psychological understandings of the self—a move that could and did undermine class-based claims to property and economic justice.

Among the many strengths of *The Soul's Economy* three stand out. First, the sheer breadth of the book and its willingness to tackle big and tangled questions such as the relations between political economy and cultural notions of the self must be applauded. Less a tightly focused monograph than a wide-ranging reinterpretation of nineteenth-century American social thought and political contest, *The Soul's Economy* throws new light on a variety of questions central to American history, including not only the old chestnut of why twentieth-century Americans proved so loathe to use the language of class to describe their social world, but also why a nation that so assiduously celebrates individualism could also generate so many different mechanisms—both intellectual and economic—that undercut that individualism, and how almost fanatical commitment to equality at the birth of the republic could be replaced by devotion to self-fulfillment and material prosperity by the early 1900s.

Second, Sklansky's book demonstrates vividly the centrality of conceptions of human nature to the development of both the sciences of the self and of the market. From the late eighteenth century to the early twentieth century, Sklansky makes clear, political, economic, and social thinkers all considered an accurate

understanding of human nature to be critical to their projects of underwriting, or contesting, the economic and social transformations sweeping America. Questions about the self loomed large because the answers would help determine, most believed, not only what could be done, but perhaps more importantly what should be done. Although few of the writers Sklansky's surveys eschewed commitment to objective fact, in virtually all the normative dimension also loomed large, suggesting that the development of the social/behavioral/human sciences relied not on embracing the fact/value split, but at least implicitly rejecting it.

And third, Sklansky's methodological decision to use juxtaposition of mostly canonical intellectual figures to anchor his analysis is truly extraordinary. By putting together the northern economic visionary Henry Carey and the southern pro-slavery apologist George Fitzhugh, or the industrial critic Henry George with the seeming archdefender of capitalism, William Graham Sumner, or even the Progressive-era economist celebrating consumer society, Simon Patten, with one of consumerism's sharpest opponents, Thorstein Veblen, Sklansky reveals often previously unrecognized similarities among disparate characters. In so doing, he demonstrates forcefully his central contention that the shift from belief in the autonomous to social self in America was pervasive, sweeping along figures at all positions of the ideological spectrum.

The Soul's Economy is an important contribution to both American intellectual history and our understanding of the ideological roots of the modern social sciences. Deeply researched, imaginatively structured, and superbly argued, Sklansky's book is noteworthy for the timeliness of its subject matter but even more so for the sensitive and innovative way it intertwines the history of the social/behavioral/human sciences with cultural, political, and labor history. This makes *The Soul's Economy* not just a worthy, but an especially apt, choice for the first Cheiron prize.

People and Places

An award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology will be conferred upon **Eugene Taylor**, PhD (Saybrook Graduate School and Harvard University) by the New England Psychological Association at their annual meeting in Rhode Island in October, 2004, a which time he will deliver an address entitled “‘The only psychology worthy of the name’: William James and American Functionalism.” In November, 2004, Taylor will then deliver a keynote speech at the centenary of James's 1904 article “Does consciousness exist?” at the Sorbonne in Paris, co-sponsored by the Seminar on Pragmatism at the Sorbonne and the European William James Project. The address there will be on “Radical Empiricism as a new epistemology for experimental science: James's unfinished arch.” Taylor is currently working on a textbook for Kulver/Plenum of a history of dynamic theories of personality.

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Alexandra Rutherford is the new coordinator of York University's History and Theory of Psychology Graduate Programme. Inquiries about the programme, including admission inquiries, can be directed to her at alexr@yorku.ca. Information about the programme can be found at <http://www.psych.yorku.ca/grad/ht/>

Christopher Green was promoted to full professor at York University in July 2004. He received a major grant from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada to produce a series of video documentaries on the development of American Functionalist psychology. He has been appointed Editor-designate of the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Science*, to take effect January, 2006.

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should see the revisions. Andrew Winston noted that this would be unnecessary, given that basic mission and structure of the organization was unchanged. A motion to approve the bylaws was seconded and the motion carried. A motion to thank Andrew, Elizabeth, Ben, and Ray for their work on the bylaws was approved.

Andrew Winston reiterated his previous announcement that Christopher Green was stepping down as Electronic Communications Coordinator after ten years of extraordinary dedication. Kathy Milar moved to thank Chris Green for his service, and the motion was approved. With the approval of the Review Committee, Ian Nicholson began serving as the new Coordinator, and made a full

revision of the web pages. Motion to approve Ian Nicholson as new web coordinator was passed. Tony Stavelly stepped down as Newsletter Editor after four years of service. He gave a brief report of his activities, and a vote of thanks for his work was approved. The appointment of Daniela Barberis as the new Newsletter Editor was approved.

New Business:

The continuing members of the Cheiron Review Committee are Miki Takasuna and David Robinson (for two more years), Ingrid Farreras and Sarah Igo (for one more year). Elections for two new Review Committee members were held. Emily Cahan, Russell Kosits, Sam Parkovnick, and Ed Morris were nominated. Emily Cahan and Sam Parkovnick were elected to serve for three year terms. A motion to thank Nadine Weidman and Alexandra Rutherford for their service on the Review Committee was approved.

Annette Mülberger President of the European Society for the History of the Human Sciences (ESHHS) invited Cheiron members to consider possibilities for a closer connection between the two societies. She asked whether Cheiron members would be interested in joint meetings (with possible reductions in conference fees for members of one society who attend a meeting of the other) and/or a joint listserv. She encouraged Cheiron members to consider attending the ESHHS meeting in July in Salzburg and/or the meeting the following September in Moscow. She also suggested London as a possible location for a joint meeting. Mike Sokal moved to actively explore possibilities for cooperating with ESHHS. Dave

Robinson suggested considering other groups as well; Bob Rieber suggested ISTEP. Kathy Milar seconded Mike Sokal's motion; motion passed.

Elizabeth Scarborough proposed a motion to make a yearly contribution to the Archives for the History of American Psychology (AHAP), starting with \$500 this year, to support AHAP's processing of archival material for Cheiron. There was extended discussion of this motion, including issues of budget concerns (Andrew Winston and Chris Green), obligations to AHAP from organizations that use their services (Ludy Benjamin and Kathleen Jones), and suggestions for an item on the dues form for members to designate a portion of their dues to AHAP or an extra contribution to AHAP. After some discussion, the motion was reworded to propose a \$500 contribution to AHAP this year, to be followed by consideration of a yearly contribution. Andrew Winston stated that the motion is for a \$500 contribution this year, in recognition of services rendered by AHAP, and that the Review Committee would consider the question of a regular contribution. The motion was passed.

Richard Von Mayrhauser announced that next year Cheiron will meet June 23-26 at UC Berkeley, sponsored by the History of Science department. The meeting will be held at the Clark Kerr Conference Center, 10 minutes from campus. Alexandra Rutherford and Wade Pickren will be Program Chairs and Richard Von Mayrhauser will be local host. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Nicole B. Barenbaum, edited by Andrew S. Winston.

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