Dissertations in Progress

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Poor, Robert M. (M.A., anthropology, University of Nevada, Reno, 1975)
"Washington Matthews: An Intellectual Biography."

Quade, Lawrence G. (Ph.D., University of Kansas, 1971)
"American Physical Anthropology: A Historical Perspective."

Schoettler, Gail Sinton (Ph.D., history, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1975)
"The Changing Dimensions of African Historiography"—including treatments of Blyden, Dubois, Johnston, Kingsley, Delafosse, Coupland, Deschamps, Fage, Oliver, Davidson, Ajayi, Dike, Vansina, Ogot, Diop, Suret-Canale, Rodney, and Ranger.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

I. RESEARCH NOTES

Simon Messing, Southern Connecticut State College, is working on
"The 'Kulturkreis' Theory of the Effects of Migration on Cultural Development."

Arnold R. Pilling, Wayne State University, is compiling a listing of portraits of anthropologists.

Robert E. Bieder, Center for the History of the American Indian, the Newberry Library, is at work on a study of the American Indian in the development of American anthropology (ethnology), from 1780 to 1880. The study will focus on the works of T. Jefferson, B. S. Barton, A. Gallatin, S. G. Morton, E. G. Squier, H. R. Schoolcraft, and L. H. Morgan.

II. DISSERTATIONS IN PROGRESS

Edwin Lyon, Department of History, L. S. U., is working on a doctoral dissertation "WPA Archeology in the Southeast," based on the papers of Frank Setzler, W. D. Strong, and Matthew Stirling, as well as archival materials in the National Archives, the National Anthropological Archives, and the National Research Council.

Joseph C. Porter, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin, is doing a doctoral dissertation on the career of Captain John G. Bourke, soldier and ethnologist in the American Southwest, including Bourke's relations with Powell, Putnam, Dorsey, Cushing and Bandelier, and his role in the American Folklore Society, which he served as president.

Frank Spencer, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, is doing a doctoral dissertation on the role of Aleš Hrdlička (1869-1943) in the theoretical and institutional development of American physical anthropology.
Rebecca Hancock Welch, George Washington University, is doing a doctoral dissertation on "Alice Cunningham Fletcher, 1838-1923: Anthropologist and Social Reformer", drawing on the Fletcher papers in the National Anthropological Archives and various other archival sources.

III. QUERIES

A comprehensive edition of the letters of Charles Darwin is being planned with the sponsorship of the A.C.L.S. and with support from the N.E.H. and the N.S.F. The edition will be arranged chronologically and will include letters to Darwin as well as those from him. It is hoped that librarians, collectors, scholars, antiquarian booksellers, and others with knowledge of Darwiniana will feel disposed to contribute their help to this project. Please direct all correspondence to Frederick Burkhardt, R.F.D. 1, Bennington, VT. 05201, or to Sydney Smith, St. Catherine’s Coll., Cambridge CB2 1RL, England.

Phillip Mattson, of the Wilhelm von Humboldt Correspondence Archive, wishes to know of scholars who are presently engaged in research on early American philologists, particularly of Indian languages. Since Humboldt’s correspondence on linguistic questions was worldwide, Mattson believes that the papers of such philologists could contain letters from Humboldt. Mattson also wishes to know of scholars working on Mexican (Aztec, etc.) or South American Indian tongues. Mattson’s address is Wilhelm von Humboldt-Briefarchiv, D-69 Heidelberg, Postfach 10 57 60, West Germany.

GLEANINGS FROM ACADEMIC GATHERINGS

American Anthropological Association 1975—The meetings in San Francisco included four panels of interest to our readers:

"Cultural Anthropology: History and Theory" (#212) included papers by Ed Ottonello (UCD), "From Particularism to Cultural Materialism"; Charles Kaut (Virginia), "Revisiting and Rethinking Radcliffe-Brown"; Timothy Thoresen (UCB), "The Territorial Imperative: Social Process in the Ethnology of California, 1899-1917".


"National Styles in the Development and Profession of Anthropology" (#816) organized by Charles Frantz (SUNY, Buffalo), included papers by Brian Du Toit on the Netherlands, Michael Kenny on Great Britain, Peter Carstens on South Africa, Charles Frantz on the United States, Mario Zamora on the Philippines, Hiroshi Wagatsuma on Japan, David Maybury-Lewis on Brazil, James Patterson on Romania, Stephen Dunn on the Soviet Union, and Andris Skreijs on Poland.