Gleanings From Academic Gatherings

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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.

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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 Skreija on Poland.
Finally, the "Tribute to A. I. Hallowell" included papers by Joan D. Koss (UCSF), "Hallowell's Contributions to Psychiatric and Medical Anthropology"; Leonard Glick (Hampshire), "Cultural Spectacles: Natural History and the Origin of Psychological Anthropology", and Regina Darnell (Alberta), "From Trait Distribution to Cultural Integration: Contributions of A. I. Hallowell."

American Anthropological Association 1974—Belatedly, we call attention to the symposium organized by Andrew Lyons and Dorothy Hammond on "Racial Myths in the Science of Man", which included papers by Lydia Black on race in Soviet anthropology; by K. A. R. Kennedy on changing views of race in human biology; by Alta Jablow and Dorothy Hammond on "Racial Images in British African Studies"; by Andrew Lyons on "Racial Myths and Diffusionist Anthropology"; by Harriet Lyons on "The Image of the Jew in Early Anthropology"; and by Olaf Prüfer on the role of the S. S. in the direction of anthropological studies in the Universities of Nazi Germany.

History of Science Society 1975—The meetings in Atlanta included two papers of interest: K. E. O. Rupperman (Cambridge University), "English Anthropology and America, 1583-1640"; and Paul Erickson (Saint Mary's University), "Phrenology and Physical Anthropology: The George Combe Connection".

IVth International Congress on the Enlightenment—The meetings in 1975 at Yale included three workshops with relevant papers:

"The Image of North America in the Enlightenment", organized by René Pomeau (Université de Paris-Sorbonne), included papers on "L'exotisme américain sur la scène française au XVIIIe siècle" by Pierre Peyronet (Collège d'Enseignement secondaire, Paris); "The Changing Images of America Among European Reading Audiences in the 18th Century" by Peter Boerner (Indiana University); "Les Lettres édifiantes et curieuses et l'état de guerre en Amérique" by Jean Roussel (Université d'Angers); "Discours ethnologique et discours historique: le texte de Lafitau" by Michèle Duchet (École Normale Supérieure de Fontenay).

"The Exotic: Myths of the Other", organized by Béatrice Didier (Université de Paris VIII), included papers on "L'exotisme et la mise en question du système familial dans le roman français à la fin du XVIIIe siècle" by Béatrice Didier; "Image de l'autre et de soi-même dans le discours ethnologique au XVIIIe siècle" by Roger Mercier (Université de Lille III); "Le Comte de Caylus et l'Orient, ou la littérature aux prises avec le Même et l'Autre" by Raymond Robert (Université de Nancy II).

"Linguistics and Anthropology", organized by Robert Wokler (Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge), included papers on "Condillac's Speechless Statue" by Hans Aarsleff (Princeton University); "La Communication impossible: Le Même, l'étrange et l'autre dans les "Nouveaux Voyages" de La Fontan" by Claude Rigault (Université Laval); "Tyson and Buffon on the orang-utan" by Robert Wokler.