Research in Progress


RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Peter Austin (Linguistics, La Trobe University) is writing a paper describing the card file which Radcliffe-Brown kept on 150 local groups from the Gascoyne-Ashburton region during his fieldwork in Western Australia in 1910-11 (cf. under Sources for the History of Anthropology).

Thomas Buckley (Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Harbor Campus) hopes to finish a book on A. L. Kroeber and "the moral context of anthropological understanding" during a sabbatical leave starting this fall.

James Clifford (History of Consciousness, University of California, Santa Cruz) is doing research on the history of collections, and on the alternate ways of displaying non-Western and American minority "art" and "culture."


Joan T. Mark (Cambridge, Mass) has received an individual award from the History and Philosophy of Science Program of the National Science Foundation for research on "anthropology in the field--the problems of ethnography."
Valerie Pinsky (Archaeology, Cambridge University) is completing a dissertation on the recent history of archaeology, entitled "Ethnography and the New Archaeology: A Critical Study of Disciplinary Change in American Archaeology."

Mark G. Plew (Boise State University) is researching the history of anthropological investigations in Guyana.


John Weeks (Tozzer Library, Harvard) is conducting research on the life of William E. Gates (1869-1940), an Ohio businessman who spent most of his life and fortune collecting manuscripts and early imprints relating to the history and linguistics of MesoAmerican Indians, including the reconstructive cataloguing of Gates' collection.

BIBLIOGRAPHICA ARCANA

I. Boletín de Historia de la Antropología

As a result of discussions at the 4th Congress of Anthropology in Alicante in April 1987, a group of Spanish anthropologists interested in the history of anthropology have published the first number of a Boletín de Historia de la Antropología. Patterned to some extent after HAN, the Boletín will include regular sections on "Sources for the History of Anthropology," "The State of Investigation in the History of Anthropology," "Bibliography," "Announcements," and reports on "Congresses, Courses, Seminars, and Meetings." The first number includes an account of the founding and structure of the Boletín, a brief account of the state of history of anthropology in Spain, a report on researches in progress, a list of ten recent doctoral dissertations, a fifteen page bibliography of work on the history of anthropology by Spanish authors since 1970, and a directory of thirty-one Spanish historians of anthropology. All correspondence regarding the Boletín should be directed to

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The Boletín seems a most promising development, and we wish it a long and successful career.

II. Recent Dissertations
(Ph. D. except where M.A. indicated)

Caffrey, Margaret Mary. "Stranger in this land: The life of Ruth Benedict" (University of Texas, Austin, 1986).