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Claude Blanckaert (Muséum national d’histoire naturelle, Paris) has organized a research group on "Anthropological Institutions in France from 1820-1940" which will prepare an inventory of sources, a collection of prosopographic information, case studies, the articulation of theoretical models, international comparisons, etc.

Valerie Pinsky has been working in the National Anthropological Archives as a Smithsonian Postdoctoral Research Fellow, where she is researching the history of government/Smithsonian archaeology since the New Deal, and its relationships with university anthropology. This research includes a focus on the development of survey and salvage projects carried out under WPA archaeology and the River Basin Surveys, and their implications for interdisciplinary boundary-formation.

Willow Roberts Powers (Laboratory of Anthropology, Museum of New Mexico) has embarked on a history of the Harvard Five Cultures Values Study. In addition to research in the Harvard University Archives, she is interviewing as many of the project personnel as possible. She is also working in the field notes, a set of which are in the Laboratory of Anthropology/Museum of Indian Arts and Culture Archives, with the further hope of making them useful to future anthropologists. The research will form the basis for a dissertation in anthropology at the University of New Mexico, under the direction of Louise Lamphere.

Filippo Zerilli (University of Rome) is writing a dissertation entitled "'L’etnologia 'au sens large': elementi per una biografia intellettuale di P. Rivet, 1900-1928"

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