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(Wisconsin, Madison) on his relation to Darwinism, by Roger Sanjek (Queens) on his ethnography, by Aldona Jonaitis (Alaska Fairbanks) on the Mowachaht whalers’ shrine, and by Abraham Rosman and Paula Rubel (Barnard) on Primitive Art, commentary was offered by George W. Stocking, Jr. and Walter Goldschmidt.

The session on “The Intersection of Politics and Anthropology” included papers by Dorothea de Wet (Florida) on “Pocket Book Ethnology: Anthropology for War”, by A Lauria-Perricelli (New School) on research in Puerto Rico, by G. Colby and C. Dennett on the impact of corporate funding on counter-insurgency research, by David Price (St. Martin’s) on anthropologists and McCarthyism, and by William Peace on the impact of the Palmer raids.


American Society for Ethnohistory—The November 1997 meetings in Mexico City included a number of papers relevant to the history of anthropology. Among them were those by Thomas Buckley (Umass, Boston) on Kroeber’s style in Native Californian ethnography, by Alice Bullard (Georgia Institute of Technology) on the French idea of subjectivity and the Kanak of New Caledonia, by Regina Darnell (Western Ontario) on E.C. Parsons’ “American Indian Lives”, by Albert Hurtado (Arizona State) on Herbert Bolton’s views of the Mexican people, by Ann McMullen (Milwaukee Public Museum) on Frank Speck and the impact of anthropology on native culture, by H. B. Nicholson (UCLA) on the illustrations in Sahagún, by Lisa Patt (CUNY) on Sahagún and the parts of the body, and by P. S. Raibmon (Duke) on Kwakwa ka’wakw at the Chicago World’s Fair of 1893.

Cheiron—At the June 1997 meeting at the University of Richmond, there was a session devoted to “Anthropology and Linguistics in Historical Perspective,” with papers by Miriam Meijer (on Buffon), Tara Tayyabkhan (on Benjamin Lee Whorf), Philip Cho (on the Tower of Babel), and Willow Roberts Powers (on the rapprochement of anthropology and the social sciences). The June 1998 meeting will be held at the University of San Diego; proposals for papers or sessions must be submitted by February 2, 1998, to Prof. Leila Zenderland, American Studies, California State University, Fullerton (lzenderland@fullerton.edu; 714-278-3800).

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Douglas Cole, of the Department of History, Simon Fraser University, whose important contributions to the history of anthropology on the Northwest Coast include Captured Heritage: The Scramble for Northwest Coast Artifacts (University of Washington Press, 1985), died early this fall, leaving behind the manuscript for the first volume of his planned two volume biography of Franz Boas, which was to have been published by the University of Washington Press.

Wilcomb Washburn, of the Smithsonian Institution, distinguished historian of the U.S. colonial period, with emphasis on Native American-EuroAmerican relations, and long-time subscriber to HAN, died last February at the age of 72, having seen to press the book noted above: Against the Anthropological Grain.