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*American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 19-23, 2003*--Among a total of c. 680 "events" listed in the advance program, there were a number of sessions and papers with history of anthropology relevance:

The session sponsored by the Association of Senior Anthropologists ("Breaking New Ground: Anthropologists in the Construction of Post War World Order") and chaired by Alice Kehoe (Wisconsin-Milwaukee) included papers by Kehoe ("CRM: Programming the patrimony into the economy"), John Landgraff ("The Ramah Navaho area 1941: An early venture in Human ecology"), Henry Dobyns ("The anthropologist as expert witness"), Harry Wolcott ("Anthropology and education"), Dwight Heath ("Anthropology and alcohol: A similar evolution, both parallel and linked"), Willis Sibley ("Involvement with technology, environment and society"), Mary Elmendorf ("Relief and reconstruction to development: CARE de México pilot program"), Paul Doughty ("Back to the future, again: Community study to community development"), Robert Textor ("An anthropologist helps to create the Peace Corps in darkest Washington").

A session on "Sex and Temperament Revisted: Margaret Mead, Reo Fortune, Gregory Bateson and Ruth Benedict" organized by Ira Bashkow (University of Virginia) included papers by Sharon Tiffany ("Revisiting the contested ‘truths’ of Sex and temperament in three primitive societies"), by Lois Banner ("Biographical and historical boundaries: Benedict, Mead, Bateson, and Geoffrey Gorer"), by Ira Bashkow ("The great arc of human possibilities and the small circle of friends: The social microcosm of Mead’s Sex and Temperament"), Lise Dobrin ("Arapesh
warfare: Mead and Fortune’s clash of ethnographic temperament”), Patricia Francis (“Rediscovering a lost voice: Reo Fortune and the early history of culture and personality theory”). Gerald Sullivan (“Passivity, narcissism, freedom from load and fear, or the character of Mead’s Balinese”).


A session on “Anthropology at the dawn of the Cold War” organized by Dustin Wax (New School of Social Research) included papers by Herbert Lewis (“Anthropology, the Cold War and intellectual history”), Susan Trencher (“American anthropology and anthropologists as Americans: Positioned objectivity and politicized science”), George Stocking (“Unfinished Business: Robert Gelston Armstrong, the FBI and the history of anthropology at Chicago and in Nigeria”), Eric Ross (“Peasants on our minds” Creating the myth of peasant conservativism during the Cold War”), Dustin Wax (Organizing anthropology: Sol Tax and the professionalization of anthropology), Frank Salamone (In the name of science: The direction of anthropological research in Africa), and David Price (Paul Radin: Dodging McCarthyism one step ahead of Hoover).