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GLEANINGS FROM ACADEMIC GATHERINGS

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 Landgraaf ("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 Revisited: 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 "The role of biography in the history of anthropology." organized by William Peace and Virginia Kerns (College of William and Mary), included papers by Gary Dunham ("Publishing the biographies of our intellectual ancestors), Virginia Kerns (Biography and theory in anthropology"), Judith Modell ("Ruth Benedict as biographer"), Sally Cole ("Gendered works and lives: Intersections of life and theory in the ethnography of Ruth Landes and Maggie Wilson"), and Susan Rigdon ("Lessons from a maverick: What the discipline can learn from the work of Oscar Lewis").

A session on "Indigenous peoples and materialist anthropology: Representations in the works of Julian Steward and his students," organized by Robert Hancock (University of Victoria) included papers by Marc Pinkowski ("The two-fold attack on aboriginal peoples"), Michael Asch ("Making the Indians pre-social: The representation of indigenous peoples in 'Concept and method in cultural ecology'"), Neil Vallance ("Materialist representations of indigenous peoples by Eric Wolf in his last book, 'Envisioning Power'"), Robert Hancock ("Cultural materialism goes to war: Anthropological critiques of American involvement in Southeast Asia").

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 conservatism 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).

Papers at other sessions included Robert Trotter (Northern Arizona) "Actions speak louder than words: Internal and external retrospective on practice and the AAA," Kath Weston (Harvard) "Tracking offshore incarceration in the Andamanese after 1857." David Price (St. Mary's College), "The dangers of promoting peace during times of (cold) war: Gene Weltfish, the FBI, and the 1949 Waldorf Conference for World Peace." William Beeman (Brown) "War and peace and Margaret Mead: Anthropology's 20th century contributions to the reduction of international violence." and Matti Bunzl (University of Illinois) "From the margins to the center and back: 'Europe' in the anthropological imagination."