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of the sociology and history of science can be transferred to the analysis of the human sciences.

Virginia Olesen, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of California, San Francisco, is working with Professor George Foster, University of California, Berkeley, on the history of medical anthropology and medical sociology, and would welcome information.

Ross Parmenter, Oaxaca, Mexico, author of Linguist, Explorer and Ethnologist (Los Angeles: Southwest Museum, 1966), a study of Alphonse Pinart, is now writing a full-length biography of Zelia Nuttall, whose correspondence with Franz Boas he presented in June Helm, ed., Pioneers of American Anthropology (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1966).

Richard Popkin, Professor of Philosophy at the City University of New York, is carrying out research on the philosophical origins of anthropology, especially in the seventeenth century.

Milton Singer, Professor of Anthropology, University of Chicago, has been involved in research on theories on culture change (Kroeber, Spicer, and Redfield), on the influence of Bertrand Russell and A. N. Whitehead's philosophical conceptions of structure on the work of Radcliffe-Brown, and on the development of the thought of Robert Redfield. These three essays, along with several others in progress and revised versions of several previously published, are to be included in a volume to be entitled "Man's Glassy Essence."

John F. Szwed, Center for Urban Ethnography, University of Pennsylvania, who is publishing with Roger Abrahams an "Annotated Bibliography of Afro-American Folk Culture" (Austin: University of Texas Press), is also working on "pop" anthropologists, among whom he includes Lafcadio Hearn, G. K. Chesterton, Jack London, Jaime de Angulo, Henry Mayhew, and Charles Dickens.

Alan R. Tippett (cf. Bibliographica Arcana, this issue) has for twenty years been collecting materials on Lorimer Fison and is currently working on a catalogue of Fison manuscripts and their location.

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Roger Bertrand, Institute d'histoire et de sociopolitique des sciences, Université de Montréal, is working on "L'Étude zoologique de l'espèce humaine en France au dix-neuvième siècle."

Susan Dwyer-Shick, now at Pennsylvania State University, offers an updated title for her dissertation in the Department of Folklore and Folklife, University of Pennsylvania: "The Anthropological School of Folklore Research in the United States." (cf. HAN I:2)

John H. Eddy, Jr., History of Science, University of Oklahoma, is working on "Late Eighteenth-Early Nineteenth-Century Theories of the Effect of Environmental Factors on the Formation of Human Races."

Ian Langham, History and Philosophy of Science, University of Sydney, Australia, has been working on the role of W.H.R. Rivers and his disciples in bringing kinship studies to the forefront of British Social Anthropology, in the Program in the History of Science, Princeton University.

John Mack, Institute of Social Anthropology, Oxford, is also doing a doctoral dissertation on W.H.R. Rivers.

Robert McMillan, Department of Philosophy, York University, is writing a dissertation with the tentative title: "The Development of Anthropological Theory at the University of Chicago and Columbia University, 1931-1937."

In addition to these doctoral dissertations, we note that Robert Poor is doing an M.A. thesis on Washington Matthews (University of Nevada).

Oral History Projects We have received no response to our request (HAN I:2) for information regarding oral history projects containing materials relevant to the history of anthropology. We would still appreciate any information readers can provide.