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Gleanings From Academic Gatherings

Ira Jacknis, in addition to his work as doctoral candidate in anthropology at the University of Chicago, is carrying on research on the role of museums in American anthropology.

Walter Jackson, doctoral candidate in history at Harvard University, is working on "Social Science and Black Americans: An Intellectual History, 1900-1945." The dissertation will focus particularly on the work of Melville Herskovits and the Carnegie project headed by Gunnar Myrdal.

Mary E. Janzen, doctoral candidate in history at the University of Chicago, is working on "The Sources and Influence of the Anthropological Thought of Johann Friedrich Blumenbach (1752-1840)" under the supervision of Donald Lach. Working mainly from published materials available in the United States, the dissertation will attempt a comparative analysis of three editions of Blumenbach's major anthropological treatise, De Generis Humani Varietate Nativa. (The Blumenbach manuscripts at Göttingen are being studied by Dr. L. Karolyi of the Göttingen anthropology faculty.)

Woodruff D. Smith, Associate Professor of History at the University of Texas, San Antonio, is working on the role played by political ideology in stimulating changes in German social science in the late 19th century, with emphasis on the connections between anthropology and politics in the context of German colonialism.

William Speth is preparing a paper titled "Berkeley Geography, 1923-43," depicting the development of Carl Sauer's environmentally-oriented culture-history in the institutional setting of the University of California.

GLEANINGS FROM ACADEMIC GATHERINGS

American Anthropological Association--Ray Fogelson reports that at the Houston meetings, November 29 to December 3, 1977, there was a symposium devoted to "Andean Research Three Decades after the Viru Valley Project." Papers included Junius B. Bird, "The Humanistic Aspects of Fieldwork in the 1946 Viru Valley Project"; Richard P. Schaedel, "The Evolution of Technique and Design in the Archeology of the Andes, 1946-1977"; Thomas C. Greaves, "Andean Ethnological and Ethnohistorical Research Strategies, 1947-1977: A Review"; and Paul Doughty, "Thirty Years of Andean Ethnology: From the Pension Morris to Institute and Foundation." A scattering of other papers dealing with the history of anthropology were presented in various other sessions. Some of these include: Walter Goldschmidt, "Notes on the Self-Image of Anthropology"; Joseph R. Llobera, "The Concept of Forces of Production in Karl Marx"; Virginia Kerns, "Third Generation Research on the Black Carib"; Thomas Winner, "The Evolution of Some Fundamental Concepts Leading to a Semiotics of Culture"; James Boon, "Frazer/Malinowski and the Semiotic

Paradox"; Bertha Quintana, "The Gypsy Legacy of Walter F. Starkie"; Raymond Fogelson, "Notes on the History, Status and Prospects of Psychological Anthropology"; Margaret Mead, "Phases in the Development of Psychocultural Theory as Predictors of Future Research Directions"; George Spindler, "The Making of Psychological Anthropology"; M. G. Trend, "Heredity, Environment and the Fixity of Human Form: The Racial Thought of Franz Boas"; Patrick Fleuret, "Morgan's Social Process"; Mario D. Zamora, "A New Frontier: A Philippine Founder's Career, or is the Native Father Legitimate?"

American Society for Ethnohistory--At the Chicago meetings, Oct. 13-15, 1977, Lawrence Kelly (North Texas State University), gave a paper on "Pioneer Applied Anthropologists" and Charles Hudson (University of Georgia) gave one on "James Adair as Anthropologist."

International Congress on the History of Linguistics--The First International Congress . . . will be held in Ottawa, August 28-31, 1978. Sessions devoted to non-IndoEuropean traditions are planned. Those interested should write to E. F. K. Koerner, Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1N 6N5.

International Congress for the History of Science--Ralph Dexter reports that at the Edinburgh Conference last August, the sessions on "History of the Sciences of Man" included a paper by Professor John Greene, University of Connecticut, on "The Beginnings of Archeology in the United States, 1780-1820" and one by J. P. Forrester (U.K.) on "The Early History of Psychoanalysis and Anthropology."

Northeastern Anthropological Association--At the Providence, R.I., meeting, March 24, 1977, there was Graebner Centennial Symposium organized by Jack Lucas, Central Connecticut State College, under the title "Cultural Historical Ethnology: Re-evaluation of Central European Contributions." Papers were given on various aspects of Graebner's work and influence by Paul Leser (University of Hartford); Karin Andriolo (S.U.N.Y., New Paltz); Michael Sozan (Slippery Rock State College); Irene Winner (Emmanuel College); Harold Fleming (Boston University); and Helmuth Fuchs (Royal Ontario Museum).