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SOURCES FOR THE HISTORY OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Field Museum Conservation Program—The Department of Anthropology at The Field Museum has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the prestigious Save America's Treasures program to help conserve the North American Ethnographic and Archaeological Collection. This collection, with its associated archives and documentary photographs, constitutes one of the world's great resources for studying the intellectual and cultural heritage and diversity of the United States. Among the activities planned is the production of finding aids to the supporting documentation that provides the intellectual and cultural context for the priceless collection. We are particularly interested in learning what History of Anthropology Newsletter readers might find useful with regard to Department of Anthropology archives. If you have research interests that we might consider in the course of this work, please do not hesitate to contact Nash. Inquiries should be directed to Steve Nash, Head of Collections (e-mail: nash@fieldmuseum.org)

Council for the Preservation of Anthropological Records—The latest number of Current Anthropology (44 #1, February 2003) will include a report entitled "Preserving the Anthropological Record: A Decade of CoPAR Initiatives" by Nancy J. Parezo, Don D. Fowler, and Sydel Silverman, recounting the history of the council and giving information on its various activities, with a bibliography of relevant material.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Carlos A. Barragan (Instituto Colombiano de Antropología e Historia) is carrying on doctoral research on the origin of the Indigenista movement and applied anthropology in Colombia.

Steven Conn (History Department, Ohio State University) has been doing research on "Native Americans in the nineteenth century imagination" with support from the American Council of Learned Societies.

Anne Fabian (American Studies, Rutgers U.) is doing research on the collection and display of human remains in the U.S. during the 19th century.

David Ludden (History, University of Pennsylvania) is doing research on the history of knowledge about South Asian economies from 1770 to 1930.

Bruce Nelson (History, Dartmouth College) is doing research on race and nation in Ireland and the Irish diaspora.

Robert Proctor (History of Science, Pennsylvania State U.) is doing research on the history of Acheulean 'handaxes' and their relevance for debates over human origins.

Sigrid Schmalzer (History, University of California, San Diego) has been doing research in China for a dissertation on "constructions of human origins in the People's Republic of China" with support from the American Council of Learned Societies.

Martin Thomas (Postdoctoral fellow, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, mthomas@nla.gov.au) is doing research on the career of Robert Hamilton Mathews, Australian surveyor and anthropologist in the late 19th and early 20th century.