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Symposium on the History of Physical Anthropology—
At the Toronto meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, April 12-14, 1978, Frank Spencer of the University of Michigan chaired a symposium on the history of physical anthropology. The participants and their topics were: M. Goodman (Wayne State University) on the development of molecular anthropology; T. D. Stewart (Smithsonian Institution) and F. Spencer (University of Michigan) on Aleš Hrdlička's vision of American physical anthropology; C. Loring Brace (University of Michigan) on "Neanderthal Tales"; C. G. Turner (Arizona State University) on the history of dental anthropology, with special reference to the contributions of Hrdlička; R. D. Singh (University of Windsor) on physical anthropology in independent India; K. A. R. Kennedy (Cornell) on South Asian interpretations of physical anthropology during and after the British colonial period; Regna Darnell (University of Alberta) on the place of physical anthropology in the Boasian paradigm; J. S. Haller (Indiana University) on physical anthropology and the sciences of man; J. W. Gruber (Temple University) on the history of the craniological bias; Sherwood Washburn (University of California, Berkeley) on the development of studies of primate behavior; and Paul Erickson (St. Mary's University) on the anthropology of Charles Caldwell, M.D. (1772-1853).

History of the Central States Anthropological Society—At the plenary session of the annual meeting, University of Notre Dame, March 24, 1978, Barry L. Isaac and Mark C. Pheanis of the Department of Anthropology, University of Cincinnati, presented a paper on "CSAS History: The First Decade, 1921 through 1930."

Anthropology at Cheiron, 1978 and 1979—As usual, the annual Cheiron meeting at Wellesley College, June 2-4, was overwhelmingly psychological in focus. Papers of particular interest to historians of anthropology included Joan T. Mark (Harvard University) on "The Early Impact of Freud on Anthropology and Sociology in the United States: W. F. Ogburn, Alfred Kroeber, and Edward Sapir"; and Donald C. Bellomy (Harvard University) on "Relativism and Modernism in Sumner's Folkways." The 11th Annual meeting of Cheiron will be held at the University of Akron, June 8-10, 1979. The program chairman will be Dr. Robert G. Weyant, Department of Psychology, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.