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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Douglas Raybeck

The Upcoming 32nd Conference of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research, Charleston, SC February 19th through the 23rd.

As most knowledgeable people are aware, this year's annual conference will be held in Charleston, South Carolina which, unlike United States youths, the members of SCCR can actually locate on a map. Pronounced "Chaalsten", the city is one of the more historic in the United States and has been the site of many notable events, the latest of which will be our conference.

Charleston's weather this time of year is normally sunny or - if you live in the Northeast - abnormally sunny, and averages a temperature in the mid-fifties. The city features a wide range of restaurants, handsome historic buildings, and world famous gardens. (For those of a nautical bent, it even has a historic submarine ... honest.) There are also seascapes to be absorbed, tours throughout the surrounding district to be enjoyed (a list of which will be posted shortly to the conference web page - <http://academics.hamilton.edu/anthropology/draybeck/SCCR/>) and birds to be watched. (That last is a thinly-veiled pitch to our inveterate avian observer who has yet to register.)

The Conference itself will feature a number of organized symposia, two of which honor our own Ron Rohner and his wife Nancy who have been mainstays of this Society and have contributed significantly to the study of parenting practices. (They also promise to reveal what PAR actually stands for, and rumors indicate that it involves neither golf nor betting.) Friday evening there will also be an alliterative Ron Roast ... bring marshmallows. Furthermore, there will be other well-planned symposia, some imaginatively constructed symposia (you can blame me later), and a series of very promising papers. In addition to the usual suspects, a goodly number of both international participants, and students will be attending. As will be past Presidents, current President, Judy Gibbons, and yours truly, lackey-in-waiting.

If the preceding has seemed rather like an extended advertisement for our approaching meetings, that - I assure you - was wholly intended. Once a year we have the opportunity to gather, to listen to and present papers related to our cross-cultural research interests, to meet with old friends, and to enjoy meeting new ones. February 19th through the 23rd provides one more fleeting opportunity for such a blend of professional and personal pleasure before we disperse to our varied locations. See you in Charleston.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Third Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology, will be held in Auckland, NZ, April 10-12, 2003.

More information is available at <http://ischp.massey.ac.nz>

Announcement & Call for Papers

Biennial Meeting: 25th Anniversary of the SPA!

April 10-13, 2003 in San Diego

www.aaanet.org/spa/biennial03.htm

"Reaching In: Conversations between Psychological and Cultural Anthropology."

The next biennial meeting of the Society for Psychological Anthropology is scheduled for April 10-13, 2003 at the Catamaran Hotel in San Diego. This is a beautiful location on Mission Bay just a block from the Pacific Ocean, affording some spectacular scenery and walks.

In addition to hosting scholarly sessions and special events, this meeting marks the 25th anniversary of the Society. We hope you will plan to participate in this special occasion.

A Presidential Forum will offer a keynote presentation by Sherry Ortner titled "Serious Games," with invited responses and commentary by Jean Briggs and Jean Lave.

Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to Walter Goldschmidt and Theodore Schwartz for their contributions to the origins of the Society for Psychological Anthropology and its journal *Ethos*.

Proposals for organized sessions, papers, and proposals are invited. The agenda allows space for ten 3-hour sessions of organized panels and volunteered papers as well as a poster session. Ideas for sessions that make creative use of meeting time to promote discussion are particularly welcome. Contributions from student members, and panels including student participants, are also encouraged.

Deadline for session, paper and poster proposals: December 2, 2002. Submit via email to: Geoffrey White, SPA President, at white@hawaii.edu. Abstracts should be no more than one page in length (session proposals should include abstracts for the session as well as for individual papers). Those who submit proposals will be notified by January 1, 2003.

Online registration. <https://secure.aaanet.org/spa/mtgreg.cfm>.

Hotel reservations: <http://www.catamaranresort.com/soc0410.html>.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last month, Dr. Paul Y. L. Ngo (St. Norbet College), Dr. Ed Chung (St. Norbert College), and Dr. David Wicks (St. Mary's University) presented a paper entitled, "Defining the Indefinite: A Theory-Based Measure of Ethnicity" at the 2002 British Academy of Management conference in London.

Herbert Barry, III participated in the Second International Conference on "Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations," in St. Petersburg, Russia, 4-7 July 2002. He presented a paper "Cultural Customs in 88 Communities Associated with Levels of Government Hierarchy." A report of the study, with the title "Community Customs Associated with Political Subordination," is scheduled for publication in Volume 2, Number 1 (March 2003) of a new Journal "Social Evolution & History." The Journal is published in Moscow, Russia and its articles are in English.

Alice Schlegel also attended the conference in St. Petersburg, where she gave an illustrated talk "Socializing for Community Participation." She gave a similar talk at a conference for lawyers, judges, and others involved in juvenile justice in Tucson in September. Her focus in both talks was on the need for adults other than parents and authority figures (like teachers and coaches) in the lives of adolescents.

Dr. Harriet P. Lefley, University of Miami School of Medicine presented a paper "Ethical aspects of serving culturally diverse populations" at the American Psychiatric Associations Institute on Psychiatric Services in Chicago, October 9-13, 2002.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (FORENSIC)--FACULTY POSITION-- The Department of Psychology at SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY offers a doctoral program in Forensic Clinical Psychology in collaboration with the College of Criminal Justice. We invite applications for two tenure-track positions in the Department of Psychology to begin Fall, 2003 at the assistant or associate level. The Department is committed to a culturally diverse faculty and student body and the University seeks to attract an active, culturally and academically diverse faculty of the highest caliber. Applicants should have specialty training/experience (research and/or clinical) in forensic psychology and have completed an APA-accredited program and internship in Clinical Psychology. They should also have a program of research in forensic psychology and be license-eligible in Texas. Area of expertise within forensic psychology is open, but we are particularly interested in one of the positions being filled by someone with a specialization in juvenile issues. Duties will include supervising research and clinical practica and teaching. Review of applications will begin November 15, 2002 and will continue until the positions are filled. Please send a letter of inquiry, vita, three letters of recommendation, and representative publications to John F. Edens, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX 77341-2447. Huntsville is in close proximity to the Houston metropolitan area, which has an ethnically and culturally diverse population of over 4 million. Sam Houston State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Plan Employer.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD: seeks applicants for two tenure-track faculty positions at the level of assistant or associate professor to begin in August 2003. Director of M.S. Program, Organizational Behavior: Qualifications include a Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology or Organizational Behavior (by the time of appointment). In addition to directing the department's new MSOB program, the successful candidate will have a strong interest in graduate and undergraduate teaching and will conduct research in his or her area. Teaching assignments may include graduate and undergraduate courses in industrial/organizational psychology, research methods, statistics, organizational behavior and/or personnel psychology, in addition to courses in a specialty area. Director of M.A. Program, Clinical Practices in Psychology: Qualifications include a doctorate from APA-accredited program, completion of an APA-accredited clinical internship, and being licensed or license-eligible in Connecticut. The successful candidate will have a strong interest in graduate and undergraduate teaching, will have a commitment to training and mentoring master's level clinicians, and will conduct research in her or his area. Teaching assignments may include courses in clinical psychology at the graduate and undergraduate level and courses in a specialty area. Applicants for both positions should send a curriculum vita, a statement of teaching philosophy and research interests, representative reprints or preprints, and have three letters of reference sent to the Chair of the Appropriate Search Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117. Review of applications will begin on January 24, 2003 and will continue until the position is filled. The Department of Psychology has an 11-member faculty (expanding to 12 in August 2003), approximately 180 undergraduate majors, and 80 graduate students in four graduate programs: Organizational Behavior, Clinical, School, and General Experimental. The University of Hartford is a private university located near downtown Hartford and convenient to a variety of cultural activities. For more information about the University, visit www.hartford.edu. EEO/AA/M/F/D/V

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL ECOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR. The Distinguished Professor title is the highest campus-level distinction, and it is reserved for senior faculty who have achieved the highest levels of scholarship over the course of their careers. The School of Social Ecology is an interdisciplinary academic unit whose scholarly research and instruction is informed by and contributes to knowledge in the social, behavioral, legal, environmental, and health sciences. The School encompasses four departments: Criminology, Law and Society; Environmental Analysis and Design; Psychology and Social Behavior; and Urban and Regional Planning. Successful candidates must have a strong record of research, enjoy national and international recognition for their scholarship, and demonstrate excellent teaching and strong commitment to departmental service. The candidate's substantive interests should complement and extend those of faculty in one or more departments in the School. Applicants should send a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, representative recent publications, and the names of five references to: Distinguished Professor Search, Dean's Office, Social Ecology I, University of California, Irvine, CA 92697-7050 by December 1, 2002. The University of California, Irvine has an active career partner program, is an equal opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity, and has a National Science Foundation ADVANCE Gender Equity Program.

BOOKS BY SCCR MEMBERS

Robert Kleiner(US), Tom Sorensen(Norway), Barnabas Okeke(US/Nigeria), and Odd Steffen Dalgard(Norway) are currently under contract to write a book on "Migration, Ethnic Identification, and Social Change." It is with Holmes and Meier of NY and London. A symposium is currently being submitted to SCCR for the Feb. meetings. The first three are members of SCCR. The fourth will probably be after the next meeting.

Mesoamerican Healers. Brad R. Huber and Alan R. Sandstrom (eds.) Austin, Texas: University of Texas Press, 2001. 6 x 9 in., 408 pp., 2 b&w photos, 1 line drawing, 2 figures, 3 maps, 31 tables. ISBN 0-292-73454-9. \$50.00, hardcover; ISBN 0-292-73456-5 \$24.95, paperback.

Mesoamerican Healers is a comprehensive, state-of-the-art, comparative survey of healers and medical practices in Mexico and Guatemala. The first two essays describe the work of prehispanic and colonial healers and show how their roles changed over time.

The remaining essays look at contemporary healers, including bonesetters, curers, midwives, nurses, physicians, social workers, and spiritualists. Using a variety of theoretical approaches, the authors examine such topics as the intersection of gender and curing, the recruitment of healers and their training, healers' compensation and workload, types of illnesses treated and recommended treatments, conceptual models used in diagnosis and treatment, and the relationships among healers and between indigenous healers and medical and political authorities.

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Volume 3, which is forthcoming and should be published in May 2003, deals with exemplary teacher education programs paying heed to the sociocultural complexity of schools internationally, and Volume 4, in preparation, will revisit key theories of Motivation from a sociocultural perspective.

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