Letter from the President: Recent Successes and Exciting New Challenges

The major report that accompanies this message presents exciting news about the National Endowment for the Humanities' recent Challenge Grant to the Society, funding that will help us provide a stable financial foundation for the Isis Current Bibliography. The grant and its challenge gives us all a wonderful opportunity to promote the practice and study of our discipline. I hope — with the Society's other officers and with the members of our elected Council — that all HSS members and friends will see fit to respond effectively to this challenge, especially as doing so would allow the Society and its discipline to build on the successes of the past few years.

Only two years ago, however, nobody would have barked about the Society's condition. To be sure, our primary journals, Isis (edited by Margaret W. Rossiter) and Osiris (edited by Kathryn M. Olesko) continued to publish many excellent articles that well represented our discipline's "research frontier." But at the fall 2001 HSS annual meeting in Denver, then-President Ronald L. Numbers closed the Society's banquet by striking a somber note. Just as the United States had suffered greatly in recent months, the year had not been a good one for our organization. The annual meeting had seen the lowest attendance at any such event in recent years, the Society's endowment (like those of most membership associations) had shrunk alarmingly, and, most disconcertingly, the Current Bibliography — perhaps the Society's most significant product — had not appeared in two years. Though Ron did not use the phrase, the words annus horribilis applied appropriately to the Society's preceding twelve months, and that we have recovered as well as we have testifies to the Society's fundamental strengths.

That is, since 2001, the History of Science Society has almost fully regained what it had lost, and its programs have achieved a series of noteworthy successes, largely due to the leadership of just-retired President John W. Most notably, the Current Bibliography is back on track, due to the intensive joint efforts of several members and their home institutions. Joy Harvey stepped into the position of Interim Bibliographer on short notice, and, with major support from senior administrators and the Department of the History of Science at the University of Oklahoma, prepared the CBs for 2000 and 2001. Historians of science everywhere owe her much for her almost miraculous achievement.

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HSS Receives $125,000 NEH Grant

On December 15, 2003, the National Endowment for the Humanities announced that the HSS had received one of the NEH's coveted challenge grants. The five panelists who reviewed our proposal to endow the bibliographer's position, all rated it excellent, the highest ranking possible. This grant for $125,000 requires a 4 to 1 match, meaning that we must raise $500,000 by the end of July 2007. This is a large sum, but with the NEH behind us, it is within our capabilities, particularly since the goal to endow the bibliographer's position is an objective that all members of the humanities community, not just historians of science, can support.

As many of you know, the Isis Current Bibliography was, for over three decades, the work of one man: John Neu. With the support of the University of Wisconsin — Madison, John volunteered his time to the HSS, and to the academic community at large, as he assembled tens of thousands of citations for the many volumes published under his tenure. When he retired after producing his last CB, the 1999 issue, he left a hole in volunteerism and bibliographic scholarship that has proven impossible to fill. No volunteer was willing or able to devote the amount of time and resources that were needed to continue this publication in the fine form that John had created. Therefore, the Society conducted an international search to hire a bibliographer who could carry forward this important tool for scholarship. After a bumpy transition, the CB is now being published regularly under the careful hand of Stephen Weldon and will soon reach the high standards set by John Neu.

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HSS 2004 Annual Meeting: Call for Papers  
18-21 November 2004, Austin, TX

The History of Science Society will hold its 2004 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, 18-21 November, 2004. Proposals for sessions and contributed papers must be submitted by 1 April 2004 to the History of Science Society's Executive Office, PO Box 117360, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-7360; phone: 352-392-1677; fax: 352-392-2795; email: meeting@hssonline.org.

Submissions on all topics are requested. All proposals must be submitted on the HSS Web site (http://www.hssonline.org) or on the annual meeting proposal forms that are available from the HSS Executive Office. We strongly encourage electronic submissions from the link provided on the HSS Web site. HSS members are asked to circulate this announcement to colleagues who are not members of the HSS but who may be interested in presenting a paper at the Annual Meeting. Particularly encouraged are session proposals that include: a mix of men and women; diversity of institutional affiliations; and/or a balance of professional ranks (e.g. mixing senior scholars with graduate students). Only one proposal per person may be submitted. For additional information concerning the 2004 meeting, contact the HSS Executive Office.

Before sending a proposal to the HSS Office, we ask that everyone read the Committee on Meetings and Programs' "Guidelines for Selecting Papers and Sessions" (on the HSS Web site); these will be used in determining the acceptability of session and paper proposals for the Austin meeting.

Isis Information

The Isis Editorial Office, under the editorship of Bernie Lightman, is now located at York University:

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Reminder: The Isis Bibliography from 1975 to the present is available online with the Research Libraries Group (RLG). Members of the Society may access the RLG Web site and the History of Science and Technology Database (HST) through the HSS homepage at http://hssonline.org. RLG has assigned us "Y6.G19" as a "User Name" and "HSSDEMO" as a "Password."

History of Science Society Newsletter 

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The History of Science Society Newsletter is published in January, April, July, and October, and sent to all individual members of the Society; those who reside outside of North America pay an additional $5 annually to cover a portion of airmail charges. The Newsletter is available to non-members and institutions for $25 a year.

The Newsletter is edited and desktop published in the Executive Office on an Apple system using Microsoft Word and Quark. The format and editorial policies are determined by the Executive Director in consultation with the Committee on Publications. All advertising copy must be submitted in electronic form. Advertisements are accepted on a space-available basis only, and the Society reserves the right not to accept a submission. The rates are as follows: Full page (9 x 7.5"), $400; Horizontal or Vertical Half page (4.5 x 7.5"), $220; Quarter page (3 x 5"), $110. The deadline for insertion orders and camera-ready copy is six weeks prior to the month of publication (e.g., 20 November for the January Newsletter) and should be sent to the attention of the HSS Executive Office at the above address. The deadline for news, announcements, and job/fellowship/prize listings is firm: The first of the month prior to the month of publication. Long items (feature stories) should be submitted six weeks prior to the month of publication as email file attachments or on a 3.5" disk (along with a hard copy). Please send all material to the attention of Michal Meyer at the HSS address above (email or disk appreciated).

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Library of Congress: Wilbur and Orville Wright Papers Online

The Library of Congress is pleased to announce the release of the online collection of the Wilbur and Orville Wright Papers available at the American Memory Web site http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wrighthtml/. The online presentation of the Wilbur and Orville Wright Papers at the Library of Congress, comprising about 10,121 library items or approximately 49,084 digital images, documents the lives of Wilbur and Orville Wright and highlights their pioneering work. Included in the collection are correspondence, diaries and notebooks, scrapbooks, drawings, printed matter, and other documents, as well as the Wrights’ collection of glass-plate photographic negatives. The Wright Brothers’ letters to aviation pioneer and mentor Octave Chanute, from the Octave Chanute Papers, were also selected for this online collection. The Wright Papers span the years 1881 to 1952 but largely cover 1900 to 1940.

National Academies Advisory: New Home Page

The National Academies announce the launch of a redesigned home page and revolutionary search tools that make it easier to keep up with the studies and activities of the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council. The new home page http://www.nationalacademies.org/presents the wide array of the Academies’ activities, including events, top news, newly published reports, and the latest issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Call for Nominations for Editor

The Society for the History of Psychology (Division 26 of the American Psychological Association) is seeking nominees for the editor of its quarterly journal, History of Psychology. First published in 1998, the journal features refereed articles addressing all aspects of psychology’s past and of its interrelationship with the many contexts within which it has emerged and been practiced. It also publishes scholarly work in closely related areas, such as historical psychology (the history of consciousness and behavior), psychohistorio-theory in psychology as it pertains to history, historiography, biography and autobiography, and the teaching of the history of psychology. Editorial candidates should thus have broad historical interests and outstanding editorial skills. The selected editor will begin receiving manuscripts in mid-2004 and will become the editor in January 2005. The Society welcomes nominations, including self-nominations, and especially encourages nominations of members of underrepresented groups. Further information is available from the Society’s current president, James L. Pate <jpate@gsu.edu>, to whom all nominations should be sent.

EAHMH membership opens up

Membership to the European Association for the History of Medicine and Health is now open to anyone interested in the history of medicine and health; those wishing to contribute to current work in the field are especially encouraged to become members. Residency in Europe is not a requirement, nor is a research subject oriented to the history of medicine and health in Europe. The Association organizes an academic meeting every other year (the next one to be held in Paris on 7-10 September 2005), offers a high-level interdisciplinary and international forum for studies in the history of medicine and health, and promotes and fosters research, teaching and international scientific cooperation between individuals as well as with related national and international societies. Further information and membership forms can be obtained from the Web site www.eahmh.org.

The HSS’s NEH Challenge Grant

Some of our readers will wish to donate $1,000 or more to help the Society match the NEH Challenge Grant (see story on page 1). The NEH requires a donor transmittal letter for such donations; a sample letter appears below. Please note that the letter addresses Marc Rothenberg, the HSS Treasurer and the authorizing official for the challenge grant.

(Date)

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Dear Dr. Rothenberg,

In support of your National Endowment for the Humanities challenge grant, I/we hereby give the sum of $______ to be used to match and to be expended for the approved purposes of this grant. Payment in the form of ___________ is enclosed.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

Name and address of donor

(See further payment instructions on page 20).

Newton Project Release

The Newton Project is proud to announce the most extensive publication of Newton’s personal and theological material that has ever taken place. The latest release, consisting of about two hundred thousand words of text and nearly a thousand images, brings together substantial amounts of previously unpublished Newton material from a number of major scholarly institutions in Europe and the US. With the Newton Project Release 3.02 full or partial transcriptions from six early notebooks are now available, including two items that Newton began to annotate in his adolescence. Please consult the Web site to view the transcriptions or for further information: http://www.newtonproject.ic.ac.uk/.
University of Pittsburgh Acquires Papers of Richard C. Jeffrey

The University of Pittsburgh Library System has acquired the personal and professional papers of the late Richard C. Jeffrey, professor of philosophy emeritus at Princeton University, who passed away on November 9th, 2002. Jeffrey was born in 1926 in Boston, Mass. He earned his M.A. in philosophy at the University of Chicago in 1952 and his Ph.D. at Princeton University in 1957. He is considered to be one of the most influential philosophers of decision-making in the 20th century. His papers will now join those of his teachers Rudolf Carnap and Carl Gustav Hempel and other important representatives of philosophy of science at the Archives of Scientific Philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh Library System. The papers were generously donated to the University by his wife Edith Jeffrey.

In Memoriam

Susan Abrams, long-time editor at University of Chicago Press, died June 29. Susan, known to many in the history and philosophy of science community, established a large and distinguished list of books in history and philosophy of science at Chicago. In her honor, the Press has established the Susan Elizabeth Abrams Prize, given yearly for the best manuscript submitted to the Press in the area of history and philosophy of science.

Proposal for an NSF STS Postdoctoral Fellowship

The American Institute of Biological Sciences seeks to partner with a postdoctoral fellow to apply for funding in February 2004 from the National Science Foundation’s Science and Technology Studies program. If funded, the grant will allow the creation by mid-2004 of a 2.5-year postdoctoral fellowship at AIBS headquarters in Washington, DC. The fellow will survey and document AIBS research materials and archives, develop means to make AIBS historical materials more accessible to staff and outside researchers, conduct primary research on the history of AIBS and its role in the development of modern biology, and publish the results of that research in the appropriate print and online venues. The fellow will assist AIBS in initiating a longer-term history and archives component to the Institute’s educational and administrative activities.

Journal invites manuscripts on history of science in the U.S.

The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era invites manuscripts from members of the HSS on any aspect of the history of science in the United States between roughly 1870 and 1920. Published by the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, this is the only journal specifically devoted to this obviously key period for the history of science in America, including advancements in scientific techniques, thought, and institutional and professional structure. For further information: http://www.jgape.org.

Leeds HPS Web site Relaunches

Colleagues may be interested to know that the Leeds HPS Web site has been relaunched at a new URL: http://www.hps.leeds.ac.uk/.

Washington Academy of Sciences to Include History of Science Research

The Washington Academy of Sciences (WAS) has begun including articles on history of science in its quarterly journal, and it is interested in receiving original papers on this subject. The Journal, the official organ of the Washington Academy of Sciences, publishes original scientific research, critical reviews, historical articles, proceedings of scholarly meetings of its affiliated societies, reports of the Academy, and other items of interest to Academy members. More information on the journal and instructions for contributors are available at http://www.washacadsci.org/journal.htm. Prospective authors can also email, Alain Touwaide, the chair of the WAS History Committee at atouwaide@hotmail.com.

History of Geology Field Excursion in Italy

Following the 32nd International Geological Congress in Florence (20–28 August, 2004), INHIGEO is organizing a field excursion (28 August–3 September), visiting field sites, academies, and museums important in the history of geology. It is open to all persons, whether or not they are Members of INHIGEO or are attending the International Geological Congress. While the trip is particularly designed for historians of geology and geologists interested in earth sciences history it will also be of general interest, contributing to knowledge of aspects of scientific and artistic cultural history. Further information: Professor Nicoletta Morello, Dipartimento di Storia Moderna e Contemporanea, Università di Genova, Via Balbi 6, 16126 Genova, Italy.

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The Certainty of Electronic Journals

By John Norton (Dept. of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh)

Daniel Goldstein ("The Uncertainty of Electronic Journals," HSS Newsletter, October 2003, p. 7) is surely correct to warn us of the risk inherent in electronic journals if adequate archival protections are not put in place. We should not, however, have any illusions over the desirability of the present system. In it, archival permanence is assured by requiring thousands of libraries and possibly also individuals to buy expensive printed versions of the journals, which then incur continuing storage costs. This policy has led to an ongoing crisis in university library budgets. Twenty years ago, when I was assigned to be our departmental library liaison, I was shocked to find that I could not order a new journal unless I was willing to nominate another that had to be dropped from the library's list. The outcome of the policy actually diminishes our local access to published materials. Electronic journals finally provide the solution to this problem.

I don't pretend to know how the archival problem is best solved for electronic journals. In principle, it could be solved by each library keeping its own archival, electronic copy. That would become quite conceivable if the economics of publishing journals were to change so that they cease to be profitable ventures for commercial interests, who then have to treat our historical scholarship as their valuable property to be guarded against theft by other scholars.

The major expense of a scholarly journal has little to do with its intellectual content. That content is contributed free by the author, as is the vital contribution of referees. The cost of editing is borne in major part by universities offering facilities and release time to faculty. All this contributes only a small portion to the final cost, which derives largely from the expense of printing and distributing many paper copies.

As far as I can see, the continuing distribution of paper copies of journals serves only to solve the archival problem. Over the last half century, bound copies of journals in libraries have come to function almost exclusively as master copies for photocopying. An electronic journal serves that function far better. We should also harbor no illusions that traditionally printed journals are synonymous with high quality scholarship of the type valued by a profession to which we belong.

A Return to the Uncertainty of Electronic Journals (A Reply)

Daniel Goldstein (University of California, Davis)

John Norton expresses concern over the publication, purchase and preservation of academic journals generally. Certainly, libraries have struggled with journal subscriptions for decades now. I had focused on only one aspect of this larger situation. In my view, electronic editions have exacerbated, not alleviated the crisis. Initially, librarians and others anticipated that journal costs would plummet with the rise of electronic publishing, but the opposite has proven to be the case. While digital publishing may offer the potential for vastly less expensive journals, commercial publishers have continued to raise their prices in order to profit from the relatively inelastic demand for their most prestigious titles.

Libraries are taking the lead in developing alternative publishing models that may prove to be more beneficial and less costly to the academic community than that which currently dominates the for-profit sector of academic publishing. But we've a long way to go. In the end, I reiterate the conclusion of my original article. Most of the discussion about the future of electronic journal production and pricing takes place between librarians and publishers. Historians and other scholars must become more active participants in these discussions on our campuses; with the editorial boards and publishers of the journals we write for and read; and within our professional associations in order to ensure that journals and the libraries that house them satisfy our immediate needs as well as the long-term interests of our craft.

Editor's Note: The HSS did explore the option of an electronic-only format for the Newsletter. We checked with other academic societies that tried this option and learned that they received so many requests for printed copies that any savings were negated.
Profiles

A Visit with Nancy Siraisi

By Michal Meyer

The winner of the 2005 George Sarton Medal is Nancy Siraisi, the author of numerous studies of medieval and Renaissance medicine. And although Siraisi says - with a straight face, even - that she retired in January of this year, her current activities show that the only difference between her pre-retired and post-retired phase is that she has swapped a pay check for a pension. Ten months into her retirement she has written an article, has taken part in a working group at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science at the invitation of Lorraine Daston, has given a conference talk, and is continuing to work on other papers and to teach graduate courses. When she wraps up her current commitments, Siraisi plans to get back to her book on the relation of the disciplines of medicine, rhetoric, and history in Renaissance culture.

The Sarton Medal, which Siraisi regards as an extraordinary honor, is not the first recognition she has received. Last year the University of Padua (on which she had written her Ph.D. thesis) awarded her an honorary degree during the celebrations of the four hundredth anniversary of William Harvey’s graduation from the university. The Renaissance Society of America also recognized her contributions to the field last year by giving a session in her honor at their annual meeting.

Her work has ranged from the medical learning of Albertus Magnus to the changing concepts of how medical knowledge was organized in Italian universities from the fourteenth to the sixteenth centuries. Though originally a medievalist, Dr. Siraisi has gradually inched forward into the early modern-period. The medicine of this period has been her main interest for a long time.

Born in England in 1932, Nancy Siraisi studied history at St. Hilda’s College, Oxford, graduating in 1953. Thereafter she worked for several years in London as an editorial assistant for various organizations. She describes those years as a time of “correcting proofs and being occasionally reproached.” For a while she even worked on a trade magazine for a British cement manufacturers’ association. In 1958 she went to Rome to teach English at a language school, an enjoyable experience that left her with a desire to return to Italy as often as possible.

In 1959 she immigrated to the US and has lived in New York ever since. A job as a secretary at the Museum of Modern Art was followed by a stint in the encyclopedia industry. The museum proved the more productive — she met her future husband there, an artist who has given her enormous amounts of encouragement throughout her career. After marriage and the birth of her eldest son, she moved into freelance editing.

In 1966, Nancy Siraisi returned to historical study, enrolling at the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York. There she studied with Pearl Kibre, an eminent medievalist whom she describes as a wonderful mentor, and someone who may have suffered from the lack of opportunities offered to women of her generation. Kibre, who was interested in science and medicine, had a distinguished career and was Lynn Thorndike’s collaborator, but never taught in a Ph.D. program until late in her life. By the time Siraisi launched her own career, things were changing.

“I was of a generation where everything was opening up for women. I had opportunities that people of Pearl Kibre’s genera-

tion didn’t have. I don’t feel I was ever held back.”

“I’ve been very lucky. I’ve had the freedom to follow my own professional career.”

In 1970, with her newly minted Ph.D. in hand, Siraisi began teaching at the City University’s Hunter College, also joining the doctoral faculty at the Graduate Center in 1976. She remained at Hunter College and the Graduate Center until her retirement.

Siraisi praises New York’s public education system for the opportunities it gave both to her students and herself. Its accessibility, flexibility, and relative cheapness made all the difference. And during her teaching career at Hunter College successive chairs of her department continued to do everything they could to encourage her and to foster her research.

Nancy Siraisi can trace her intellectual interests, before her work with Pearl Kibre, to her undergraduate teacher in medieval studies, Beryl Smalley. The combined influence of Paul Oskar Kristeller, the distinguished Renaissance specialist at Columbia University, and of Charles Schmitt’s work on Renaissance Aristotelianism were among the factors that pushed her into the Renaissance and early-modern period. Today she defines her area of interest as the history of medicine in its intellectual and philosophical contexts, with particular reference to Italian universities. Her time period stretches from 1300 to 1600.

Over time, Siraisi has seen some changes in her field. “As is true of history of science in general, there is much more attention to social and intellectual contexts. Social history of medicine is almost part of mainstream history now. At one time it seemed that the push toward social history was moving away from the texts, but I think now the balance is pretty much adjusted.”

“The role of medicine in the intellectual and scientific life and activity of the late medieval and early modern period is now receiving some of the attention I believe it deserves. What gives me most satisfaction is to see a number of scholars devoting themselves to this study.”

There have also been changes in the wider world of academia. Dr. Siraisi caught the tail end of the boom in higher education when she began her career. Now, after the expansion of the 1990s, she feels the situation is far more difficult for young scholars. Moreover, pre-modern European history has now generally a harder time.

What then would she advise new students? “My heart would say do what interests you, even though I’m not sure that’s really prudent advice.”

Looking to the future, Dr. Siraisi is waiting to get back to her book on medicine and the writing of history in the sixteenth century. Her first book still brings back memories. It was her revised thesis, and she says she wishes she had proof read it more carefully. Now her major concern is beginning the next book.

“The most difficult thing to do in writing is to start off. That first paragraph is extremely hard.”
When Kathy Olesko was appointed editor of Osiris in 1999, she made her conditions clear: “I didn’t want to do it without having a mission. I didn’t want to be only a caretaker,” says Olesko, who was reappointed to her position in 2002.

And she is clear on her mission. “There had to be more mediation between history and history of science. If you look at history textbooks, science and technology are covered in cordoned-off sections. We’ve seen gender integrated; we’ve seen issues of race integrated; given the extreme importance of science and technology in western civilization, to have them cordoned off rather than integrated did not do justice to the actual historical roles of science and technology.” She adds: “I felt that even in history departments, the history of science stands apart. Historians of science are regarded as exotic; we offer the ‘unusual’ elective course — and I felt that was unfortunate.”

The younger generation of historians of science is already leaning towards integration, she believes. “It’s the younger generation that has been most responsive to what has been happening with Osiris.”

Another motivation for Dr. Olesko was her surprise at why a book such as Alfred Crosby’s The Measure of Reality: Quantification and Western Society, 1250-1600 had little impact in history of science publications but had three essays written about it in the American Historical Review ([105 (2000): 485-508], only one of which was by a historian of science. It has a thesis — that Europe’s imperial success was due to the spread of quantitative techniques through several areas of life — that Dr. Olesko feels historians of science should have debated more widely. “Issues concerning the intersection of history and history of science needed a forum for addressing issues such as those raised by Crosby.”

Olesko’s Osiris tackles such issues, though she is quick to point out that the serial’s orientation had begun before she took up her post. Due to the delay between conception of an Osiris volume and its production, the first volume under Olesko’s stewardship came out in 2002. Reaction to the changes has been favorable, though she is aware that these innovations may not be appreciated by everyone. “Some people perceive the journal as no longer addressing the history of science. But there are so many other journals in the field of history of science. There were none dedicated to the mediation of history and history of science.” She wants to address a broader audience than just historians of science, and to do it in a different way. She recognizes that: “This is an experiment. Thus far, the reaction has been positive.”

In appealing to a wider audience, Olesko knows she will have to change historians’ conceptions of the history of science. “I’ve heard some historians say that historians of science dilute issues — that we take a small issue and expand it — rather than to integrate it into a larger historical context. In our own historiography we have spoken primarily to a small community, but one that has included scientists. It was time to include historians in the audience.” Olesko wants greater connections with historical scholarship. She is looking for mainstream historians and historians of science to keep the dialogue going in the pages of Osiris. The 2003 volume, titled “Science and the City” was adopted for courses before publication, but Olesko says it is still too early to talk about the adoption of Osiris by mainstream historians. The aim, though, is to produce volumes that can be used in general history classes.

The latest volume to be approved, number 22, will be out in 2007. “It will be on ‘The Self as a Political and Scientific Project,’” and will include articles by a number of mainstream historians. It addresses issues that are at the intersection of politics and the human sciences.”

It’s not only content that is changing in Osiris, but style as well. The cover design is entirely new. “We made the decision that it would be marketed not only as a journal, but as a book series. The name ‘Osiris’ is small and at the bottom of the cover. More attention is given instead to the volume title and the guest editors’ names in the cover design.” Certainly the overall result is more book than journal; the artwork is not boxed at the center of the cover but spread over its width, and color plays a more prominent role.

Olesko has spent an enormous amount of time and effort turning her concepts of Osiris into reality, but as long as everything is organized she says her work is not unduly stressful. One of the most difficult things is dealing with the consequences of efficiency. “I introduced electronic copy editing. The editing appears in red (like corrections on a test) and each change is accompanied by a bubble down the right column of the page. Some authors perceive electronic editing as more extensive than hand editing, but in reality, the two techniques are equivalent.” Olesko is helped out by the talents of her staff. “The Osiris copy editor has nearly 20 years experience in editing. And I have an excellent proofreader who knows four languages — French, German, Russian, and Latin. You need that kind of careful checking for a journal like ours.”

Organizing themes and volumes years ahead of publication imposes its own constraints on an editor. “I’m always on the lookout for new themes. I’m looking to the horizon — what will be important, and trying to stay ahead of the curve. It’s like a puzzle, figuring out where there might be dialogue between history and history of science. That is the intellectual challenge. Then I look around to see if there are enough people who can address a particular issue.”

What are the horizons for Dr. Olesko? “I’d love to have a volume on the historical context of science and technology in Africa. I would love to have another similar one on the modern Islamic world — from North Africa to Indonesia. And on the history of the senses, particularly on the sense of vision, which is an up-and-coming area of historical scholarship.”

Interestingly, Dr. Olesko says the greatest influence in her editorial work has been her teaching. She teaches a course on “Themes in European Civilization: Science and Technology in Daily Life” at Georgetown University that is one of the history department’s selection of required general education courses. The first semester of the course examines how authority and power, the concept of truth, gender constructions, economic development, and social hierarchies were related to new technologies and new ways of thinking about nature. “I get to discuss the traditional themes in European Civilization, and then take my examples from the history of science and technology. Teaching that course has changed my thinking remarkably. I get a lot of my themes for Osiris from thinking about the readings in my class.” Her course readings range from David Herlihy’s controversial The Black Death and the Transformation of the West to Davia Sobel’s Longitude, and include Roger Masters’ Fortune is a River.

Eventually, Olesko hopes the influences coming from the classroom will return to the classroom and spread out into the wider world of history, and then beyond. The publication of the volume 21 on science, technology, and international affairs (to appear 2006) will play a part in that. She hopes its readership will include diplomatic historians, political scientists, and policy makers in government. “You move by inches. Who knows what will happen in the future? Maybe Osiris will be an instrument in achieving the goal of integration. And that would make me happy.”
Awards, Honors, and Appointments

Warwick H. Anderson has been appointed Robert Turell Professor of Medical History and Population Health and Chair of the Department of Medical History and Bioethics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 2003, Basic Books published his book on the history of medicine and social thoughts in Australia, The Cultivation of Whiteness: Science, Health, and Racial Destiny in Australia. Currently he is completing a book on the history of tropical medicine and ideas of race in the colonial Philippines. His next project concerns the history of investigations of kuru in the highlands of New Guinea.

Peter J. Bowler has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which recognizes “efforts on behalf of the advancement of science or its applications [which are] scientifically or socially distinguished.” His significant contributions involve work in the history of recent biology, including evolutionary theory, genetics, paleontology, environmentalism and science and religion studies.

Gregory T. Cushman has been appointed Assistant Professor of International Environmental History at the University of Kansas. His other fields include Latin America and the history of science and technology. He is currently engaged in a project to trace the history of scientific understanding of the El Niño phenomenon.

Steven J. Dick has been appointed Director, History Office, and Chief Historian for NASA. Dick previously worked as an astronomer and historian of science at the U. S. Naval Observatory. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in astrophysics (1971), Master of Arts and Ph.D. (1977) in history and philosophy of science from Indiana University.

Kenneth M. Ludmerer of Washington University in St. Louis has received the 2003 Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education from the Association of American Medical Colleges. Ludmerer was recognized for his two books in the history of American medical education, Time to Heal and Learning to Heal.

Andrew Warwick (Imperial College) was awarded the first Susan Elizabeth Abrams Prize for his manuscript “Masters of Theory: Cambridge and the Rise of Mathematical Physics.” The prize is offered by the University of Chicago Press.

The HSS is Pleased to Announce its 2003 Prize Winners

Sarton Medal – for lifetime achievement in the history of science
Nancy Siraisi (emerita, Hunter College)

Pfizer Prize – for best scholarly book

Watson Davis and Helen Miles Davis Prize – for best book for a broad audience
Ken Alder (Northwestern University) The Measure of All Things: The Seven Year Odyssey and Hidden Error that Transformed the World (The Free Press)

Joseph H. Hazen Education Prize – for excellence in teaching
Paul L. Farber (Oregon State University)

History of Women in Science Prize (Henceforth to be known as the Margaret W. Rossiter History of Women in Science Prize)
Ellen Singer More (Institute for Medical Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston) Restoring the Balance: Women Physicians and the Profession of Medicine, 1850-1995 (Harvard University Press)

Derek Price/Rod Webster Prize – for best article to appear in Isis
Peter Neushul (University of California, Santa Barbara) and Zuoyue Wang (California State Polytechnic University) “Between the Devil and the Deep Sea: C.K. Tseng, Mariculture and the Politics of Science in Modern China.” Isis, v91, no. 1, March 2000

Henry and Ida Schuman Prize -- for best graduate student essay
Avner Ben-Zaken (UCLA) "Hebraist Motives, Pythagorean Itineraries and the Galilean Agendas of Naples: On the Margins of Text and Context.”

Front (from left): Avner Ben-Zaken (Schuman Prize), Ellen More (History of Women in Science Prize), Nancy Siraisi (Sarton Medal).
Back (from left): Zuoyue Wang (Price/Webster Prize), Peter Neushel (Price/Webster Prize), Mary Terrall (Pfizer Prize), Ken Alder (Davis Prize), Paul Farber (Hazen Prize).
More recently, the Society and the University have appointed Stephen P. Weldon to the joint position of HSS Bibliographer and Assistant Professor in the Department, and the 2002 CB he edited continues to illustrate just why we all find this resource indispensable in our teaching and research. The 2003 CB will appear on schedule, and may indeed reach members' mailboxes before this Newsletter issue.

The Society's endowment has also begun to recover, as Treasurer Marc Rotl1enberg and the members of his Finance Committee (with advice from investment professionals) carry out the proverbial delicate balancing act in achieving significant returns on the Society's investments without placing these assets at significant risk. Like almost all such funds, however, our endowment has yet to return to its pre-2000 levels. But we have every reason to be hopeful. And after a highly successful 2002 joint meeting (with the Philosophy of Science Association and the Society for Social Studies of Science) in Milwaukee, the 2003 HSS annual meeting brought together the largest attendance at any single-society gathering ever sponsored by the Society. Its success derived primarily from the intellectually and professionally exciting program created by Program Chairs Mary Terrall and Joan Richards and from the ways in which Local Arrangement Chair David Kaiser highlighted the attractions of Cambridge. The efforts of all of these members have been (to say the least) aided and abetted by the Society's most able Executive Director, Robert Jay Malone. In addition, the year 2002 saw Jay's completion and publication of the 9th edition of the Society's Guide to the History of Science, a comprehensive directory of resources in our field, including graduate programs, journals and other publications, museums, special collections, and individual scholars. Replacing the heavily-used, now decade-old 8th edition—which is falling to pieces on many members' shelves—this new Guide is available both in a 390-page printed format and (through the efforts of HSS Information Manager Roger Turner) on-line through the HSS Website, at http://www.hssonline.org. This online version will likely lengthen the shelf life of many printed copies.

The past twelve months have also seen the beginnings, at least, of two major transitions in the life of the Society. This past summer, for example, under Jay's leadership the HSS Executive Office moved from the University of Washington in Seattle to the University of Florida in Gainesville. Major financial and moral support from senior university administrators and the Florida Department of History have enabled Jay and his colleagues to establish their office on a solid footing. Meanwhile, in April 2003 the Society announced the appointment of Bernard V. Lightman of York University, Toronto, to succeed Margaret W. Rossiter of Cornell University as the Society's Editor, having direct charge of the editing of Isis, and with oversight of the Society's other publications. The Society's publications program—and especially Isis, of course—have thrived during Margaret's remarkable 10-year editorship. In recognition of her notable achievement as Editor and her unique contributions to our subject, the Society's Council voted in Cambridge to rename the History of Women in Science Prize as the Margaret W. Rossiter History of Women in Science Prize. It was enabled by a major fundraising effort that fully endowed the Rossiter Prize fund, coordinated by members of the Society's Women's Caucus, who solicited donations from many individual HSS members. As Margaret's term as Editor comes to a close, Bernie's will begin, and the success of this major transition—in active progress as I write—will be a tribute to the hard work of all involved, and a further sign of the Society's renewed health.

Time and space constraints prohibit much further attention here to other initiatives being pursued under the Society's auspices. One example is a proposal to establish—as part of the HSS Web site—a "portal" to other Web sites (which would all be vetted by members of the HSS Committee on Education) that historians of science could reliably use in their teaching and outreach activities. Another involves plans for a survey of the "state of the profession"—which would gather the kinds of demographic and employment data that grant makers and senior administrators and government policy analysts all find useful—being developed by members of the HSS Committee on Research and the Profession. Members of the others HSS committees are carrying out similarly interesting and potentially influential projects.

These and other exciting activities will be addressed in future Newsletter issues. But here I want to emphasize that they all involve dozens of HSS members, each of whom has volunteered his or her time and effort for the benefit of all of us, and our discipline. In past years knowledgeable reviewers of the Society's programs have always praised the voluntary commitment of its members to its activities, and many names could thus be added to those already mentioned.

One name that deserves special recognition is that of John Neu, who edited the Current Bibliography from 1968 through 1999, and who produced three successive editions (each covering ten years) of the Isis Cumulative Bibliography, and who oversaw the initial on-line posting of the contents of these bibliographies. After providing exceptional service to our field for so many years John is now enjoying his well-earned retirement, and, as noted, the Society has made other arrangements for the production of the CB. But his long-time commitment to the Society provides a model we could all embrace. We now have a new opportunity to emulate John Neu's commitment and, in doing so, to honor his immense contribution to our discipline. As the accompanying article makes clear, the National Endowment for the Humanities has presented a significant challenge, but one that would allow us to ensure the future of the Current Bibliography, the one resource upon which we all rely. In many ways, then, our current situation resembles that faced by Lawrence J. Henderson and others in 1924 when they founded the History of Science Society "to ensure the future of Isis." We can also cite other, more recent, ways in which HSS members responded most successfully to analogous challenges. This message has already noted how just this past year the HSS Women's Caucus raised the funds required to endow the Rossiter Prize fund. And within a week of NEH's announcement of its Challenge Grant, and only two weeks before his retirement as HSS President, John Servos created an "Officers' Challenge Fund," which calls for the Society's past and current officers to establish their own challenge to HSS members. This fund will match—on a one-to-one basis—all donations made by the membership at large, up to its full amount. As I write, this fund has been in existence for under a week. But it has already attracted pledges of nearly $10,000, and this immediate success bodes well for the future.

As this message indicates, the Society is in good health, and it has been presented with a rare opportunity to do even more. The Challenge Grant proposal that NEH funded sketched a strategy for seeking major grants from foundations and other major funding sources—indeed, NEH would not have funded the proposal without such a plan—and the Society's current officers have already begun to implement this strategy. But our ultimate success in matching NEH's challenge rests with the Society's membership. As John wrote in establishing the Officers' Challenge Fund, "the NEH has now put wind in our sails; we face the challenge of raising a half-million dollars to take full advantage of this unique opportunity." I hope that each HSS member who reads this message will join us in meeting this challenge.

— Michael M. Sokal, December 2003

(NEH Grant continued from page 1)
Science & Technology Studies at University College London is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified lecturer, with teaching and research interests in science and technology policy, social studies of science and/or science communication. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in an appropriate subject or be close to submitting their thesis. This full-time appointment carries a three-year probationary period and the successful applicant should be in a position to take up the position on August 1, 2004. For informal enquiries, please contact Prof. Steve Miller (Head of Department) by phone 44 20 7679 3490 or by email at s.miller@ucl.ac.uk. For an application pack please contact: Ms. Rebecca Hurst, Department of Science and Technology Studies, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT. Or email r.hurst@ucl.ac.uk. Applicants should submit the application form and a full CV by January 15, 2004.

The Warburg Institute is offering a three-year Lectureship in Neo-Latin cultural and intellectual history 1400-1700. Applications are invited from those with research and teaching interests in any aspect of Neo-Latin studies within this period, i.e. those whose research, whether in history, history of scholarship, philosophy, science, literature, law or religion, is centered on texts written in Latin. Appointment, from October 2004, will be to the Lecturer A/B scale, £22,191 to £33,679 p.a. plus £2,134 London Allowance. Pay award pending. Further details should be obtained from the Institute’s Web site http://www.sas.ac.uk/warburg/. Closing date: 16 January 2004.

The American Society for Environmental History and the Forest History Society are seeking a new editor for the journal, Environmental History. The current editor, Adam Rome, will be stepping down at the end of 2005, and his successor will be expected to begin taking on editorial responsibilities as editor-elect on January 1, 2005. As editor-elect, he or she will be responsible for evaluating new manuscript submissions, recruiting authors, and representing the journal at conferences. The editor-elect will assume the rest of the editor’s responsibilities on October 1, 2005, and become editor with the January 2006 issue. Duties will include all activities associated with the editorial content of the journal — soliciting and commissioning articles as appropriate, screening submissions, and determining the contents of each issue. Candidates should have a wide knowledge of and interest in the areas the journal covers and experience with academic editing. The successful applicant will demonstrate that he or she has the time and the institutional support to assume major responsibilities on January 1, 2005. For more information contact: Jeffrey Stine (head of the Search Committee), National Museum of American History. Tel: (202) 633-3920, stine@nmah.si.edu. Deadline February 20, 2004, by e-mail to stine@nmah.si.edu and stevena@duke.edu. Send five hardcopies of the application plus supporting materials to: Editor Search Committee, Forest History Society, 701 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27701.

The Lancaster University Department of History is advertising two professorial chairs and three lectureships. The field for the chairs is completely open and historians of science, technology and medicine are warmly welcome to apply. The field for the lectureships will be decided in light of the professorial appointments. Details are available from Paolo Palladino <PPalladino@lancaster.ac.uk>.

Princeton University Library seeks an accomplished, energetic, and service-oriented professional to fill the position of Librarian for History and History of Science. This professional will be responsible for building upon the strong and often unique collections in these areas that are already at Princeton and for developing outreach programs that serve undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty working in all areas of history. Qualifications required: Demonstrated academic strength in relevant subject areas, including advanced degree. MLS from accredited institution, or equivalent combination of education and professional experience. Minimum of three years successful experience in an academic research library. Knowledge of the book trade. Strong commitment to service. Demonstrated teaching ability. Demonstrated knowledge of bibliographic tools, including electronic resources, available for the use of historians. Excellent oral and written communication skills. Ability to work collaboratively and collegially with diverse groups. Comfortable with technology and open to learning new applications. Preferred: Reading knowledge of at least two European languages. Experience with developing web pages. Familiarity with digitization issues and standards.

Funding from the Mellon Foundation will provide a two-year post-doctoral fellowship at Cornell University for a candidate with an outstanding record in the area of science & technology studies. A Ph.D. in science & technology studies or a related field, such as the history, sociology, or anthropology of science, is required. We especially encourage applications from candidates who have conducted empirical research on central issues in S&TS and whose interests are relevant to normative questions. Eligibility: Applicants who received the Ph.D. degree after September 1998 or who will complete their work for the Ph.D. degree by June 30, 2004, are eligible to apply. To apply, send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, writing sample, and the names and addresses of three references to: Mellon Fellowship Search, Department of Science & Technology Studies, 306 Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853 USA. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.
Grants, Fellowships, and Prizes

The following announcements have been edited for space. For full descriptions and for the latest announcements, please visit our Web site (http://hsonline.org). The Society does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of any item, and potential applicants should verify all details, especially closing dates, with the organization or foundation of interest. Those who wish to publish a grant, fellowship, or prize announcement should send an electronic version of the posting to newsletter@hsonline.org.

The Victor and Joy Wouk Grant-in-Aid Program

California Institute of Technology Grants-in-Aid. The Victor and Joy Wouk Grant-in-Aid Program—new in 2003—offers research assistance of up to $2000 for work in the papers of Victor Wouk in the Caltech Archives. The Maurice A. Biot Archives Fund and other designated funds offer research assistance up to $1500 to use the collections of the Caltech Archives. For all funds, applications will be accepted from students—working towards a graduate degree or from established scholars. For further information on holdings and online resources, please consult the Archives’ Web page: http://archives.caltech.edu. Applications will be reviewed quarterly, on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year.

Marc-Auguste Pictet Prize

The Société de Physique et d’Histoire Naturelle (SPHN) de Genève invites applications for the Marc-Auguste Pictet Prize. This Prize, in principle intended for a young researcher, will reward a significant contribution to the history of science, which is as yet unpublished or has only recently appeared. Application is open to both Swiss and foreign candidates at the university level. Notification of candidacy should be sent by 29th February 2004 to the following address: Président de la SPHN, Musée d’Histoire Naturelle, Case postale 6434, CH-1211 GENEVE 6, Switzerland.

The Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine

The Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine provides a stipend of up to $5,000 to support travel, lodging, and incidental expenses for a flexible period between June 1, 2004 and May 31, 2005. The fellowship proposal should demonstrate that the Countway Library has resources central to the research topic. The proposal is due by January 31, 2004. The appointment will be announced by March 31, 2004. Applications should be sent to: Thomas A. Horrocks, Associate Director for Special Collections and Joseph Garland Librarian, Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine, 10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115.

Bakken Fellowships and Grants

Each year, the Bakken Library and Museum in Minneapolis offers Visiting Research Fellowships and Research Travel Grants for the purpose of facilitating research in its collections. The focus of the Bakken’s collections is the history of electricity and magnetism and their applications in the life sciences and medicine. The deadline for all 2004 applications is 16 February 2004. For more information, please contact: Elizabeth Ihrig, Librarian, The Bakken Library and Museum, 3537 Zenith Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN, 55416 U.S.A. Tel 612-926-3878 ext. 227; Fax (612) 927-7265; E-mail Ihrig@thebakken.org.

Andrew W. Mellon Travel Fellowship Program

The University of Oklahoma announces the Andrew W. Mellon Travel Fellowship Program for visitors to make use of the History of Science Collections. Proposals from scholars at both predoctoral and postdoctoral levels will be evaluated continuously upon receipt, and funds awarded shortly after the decision is made. For information, please contact: The University of Oklahoma, The Andrew W. Mellon Travel Fellowship Program, Bizzell Library, 401 West Brooks, Room 521, Norman, OK 73019-0528. E-mail: kmagnuder@ou.edu or mogibvie@ou.edu. Web site: libraries.ou.edu/etc/history/mellon.asp.

Lawrence Memorial Award

The Award Committee of the Lawrence Memorial Fund invites nominations for the 2004 Lawrence Memorial Award. The annual award of $2,000 is given to support travel for doctoral dissertation research in systematic botany or horticulture, or the history of the plant sciences, including literature and exploration. Major professors are urged to nominate outstanding doctoral students who have achieved official candidacy for their degrees and who will be conducting pertinent dissertation research that would benefit significantly from travel enabled by the Award. The Committee will not entertain direct applications. Letters of nomination and supporting materials, including secondary letters, should be received by the Committee not later than 1 May 2004 and should be directed to: Dr. R. W. Kiger, Hunt Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890, USA. Tel. (412) 268-2434.

The American Philosophical Society Library Fellowships

The American Philosophical Society Library offers short-term residential fellowships for conducting research in its collections. The fellowships are intended to encourage research in the Library's collections by scholars who reside beyond a 75-mile radius of Philadelphia. The fellowships are open to both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals who are holders of the Ph.D. or the equivalent, Ph.D. candidates who have passed their preliminary examinations, or independent scholars. Applicants in any relevant field of scholarship may apply. The stipend is $2,000 per month, and the term of the fellowship is a minimum of one month and a maximum of three, taken between June 1, 2004 and May 31, 2005. Applications should be postmarked no later than March 1. For additional information call 215-440-3443 or send an email inquiry to jjahern@amphilsoc.org.

Princeton University Library Short-Term Research Grants for 2004–2005

The Friends of the Princeton University Library anticipate awarding up to ten short-term research grants to promote scholarly use of the research collections. These grants, which have a value of up to $2,500 each, are meant to help defray expenses in traveling to and residing in Princeton during the tenure of the grant. The length of the grant will depend on the applicant's research proposal, but is

2004 Aviation/Space Writers Award

The National Air and Space Museum is offering a grant of $5,000 to be awarded in even-numbered years, to support research toward publication on aerospace topics. Funds may be used to support research travel and expenses, or the publication of research. Applicants for NASM or Smithsonian Fellowships are encouraged to apply for the Aviation/Space Writers Award, but recipients of the award need not be in residence at the National Air and Space Museum. The application cover sheet can be obtained at http://www.nasa.si.edu/et/getinvolved/internfellow.cfm. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2004. For more information, please contact Dr. Dominick A. Pisano at dom.pisano@nasm.si.edu.

Dibner Award

The Society for the History of Technology invites nominations for its Dibner Award, established in 1985 to recognize excellence in museums and museum exhibits that interpret the history of technology, industry, and engineering to the general public. The winners will be announced at the Society's Annual Meeting in Amsterdam, 7-10 October, 2004. The Award consists of a plaque and up to $1000 to cover expenses for a member of the design team to accept the award at the SHOT awards banquet. The Society especially encourages nominations from local and regional historical societies. Anyone, including the institution or individual responsible for its creation, may nominate an exhibit for the Dibner Award. This should be within two years of the exhibit’s opening. The deadline for nominations for the 2004 award is 1 February 2004. Nominations forms can be obtained from the SHOT Web site at http://shot.jhu.edu/awards/dibneeh.htm.

History of Medicine Prizes

The American Association for the History of Medicine seeks nominations for the Osler Medal Essay Contest, 2004. The William Osler Medal is awarded annually for the best unpublished essay on a medical historical topic written by a student enrolled in a school of medicine or osteopathy in the United States or Canada. The writer of the winning essay will be invited to attend the 2004 AAHM meeting, 29 April-2 May, in Madison, WI, where the medal will be conferred. Reasonable travel expenses will be provided, as well as a two-year complimentary membership in the AAMH. Essays may pertain to the historical development of a contemporary medical problem, or to a topic within the health sciences related to a discrete period of the past. Complete contest information may be viewed on the AAHM Web site http://www.histmed.org/Awards or obtained from the Osler Medal Committee chair: Alan M. Kraut, 6015 Sonoma Road, Bethesda, MD 20817 (e-mail: akraut@american.edu). Entries must be postmarked no later than 1 February 2004. Graduate students in the United States and Canada are invited to enter the Shryock Medal Essay Contest. The award is given for an outstanding, unpublished essay by a single author on any topic in the history of medicine. The essay (maximum 10,000 words, including endnotes) must be the result of original research. The winner will be invited to attend the 2004 meeting of the Association, 29 April-2 May, in Madison, WI, where the medal will be conferred. Reasonable travel expenses for the winner will be provided, as well as a two-year complimentary membership in the AAHM. Complete contest information may be viewed on the AAHM website or obtained from the Shryock Medal Committee chair: Kim Pelis, Ph.D., USU/MEH, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814 (e-mail: kpelis@usuhs.mil). Essays must be postmarked no later than 1 February 2004.

2004 Competition for the Annual Stannard Memorial Award

This award encourages research by young scholars in the pre-1700 fields of the history of materia medica, medicinal botany, pharmacy, folklore of drug therapy, and the bibliography of these areas. It recognizes the author of an outstanding published or unpublished scholarly study in those fields. The competition is open to graduate students and to recent recipients of a doctoral degree (the Ph.D. degree or an equivalent), conferred not more than five years before the competition deadline. Each manuscript must be accompanied by the following: (a) a one-page abstract of the paper in English; (b) a c.v. of the author; and (c) a letter of recommendation from an established scholar in the field. Entrants who are resident in the United States are also requested to indicate their home address and social security number. Entries must be received no later than 15 February 2004. The award will be announced on or about 15 May 2004. All manuscripts and correspondence should be addressed to: The Stannard Award Committee, ATTN: Professor Victor Bailey, Department of History - University of Kansas, Wescoe Hall, 1445 Jayhawk Blvd., Room 3001, Lawrence, KS 66045-7590 USA.

Franklin Research Grants

The American Philosophical Society invites applications for the Franklin Research Grant. Applicants are normally expected to have a doctorate, or to have published work of doctoral character and quality. Pre-doctoral students are not eligible, but the APS is especially interested in supporting the work of young scholars who have recently received the doctorate. The program does not accept proposals in journalistic writing; for the preparation of textbooks, or teaching aids; or the work of creative and performing artists. Maximum award: $6000. Deadlines: October 1, December 1. Decisions are reached in late January and in March. Questions concerning the eligibility of a project or the use of funds are accepted at (215) 440-3429, via email to erouch@amphilsoc.org, or in writing to Franklin Research Grants American Philosophical Society 104 South 5th Street Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Grants-In-Aid

The Friends of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries are pleased to announce that their Grants-In-Aid have increased to $1,500, with an extra $500 for those coming from outside North America. Despite this increase, this grant is intended as partial support to facilitate research and in most cases will require further funds to make it through the grant period. A description of the program along with contact and application information is available at http://giving.library.wisc.edu/friends/grant-in-aid.shtml.

Engineer-Historian Award Announcement

The ASME History and Heritage Committee recognizes outstanding published work by an engineer dealing with the history of mechanical engineering through its Engineer-Historian Award. Criteria include subject matter, depth of treatment, the technical level of the material, and the historical significance of the subject matter. Preference is given to those publications dealing with the art and science of mechanical engineering. Candidates must be or have been active in the practice of the art and science of engineering, including managers, teachers, and museum professionals directly concerned with mechanical engineering or with historical artifacts (provided they have been trained as and practiced as engineers). Deadline for submission is no later than April 1, 2004. Submit a letter of recommendation, short biography or
Abraham Pais Award for the History of Physics

The American Physical Society and the American Institute of Physics have established a major new award, the Abraham Pais Award for the History of Physics, which will recognize outstanding scholarly achievements in the history of physics. The award will be given annually and consists of $5000, a certificate citing the recipient's contributions to the history of physics, and funds to travel to an APS meeting to receive the award and deliver an invited talk on the history of physics. The award is the first to be established specifically for the history of physics. Nominations are due by May 1, 2004, and should be sent to Roger Stuewer. For further information, see the Web site of the APS Forum on History of Physics, http://www.aps.org/units/fhp/pais/index.html. The Pais Award will usually be given to a single person, but in any case to no more than three individuals and is open to scholars of all nationalities.

2005 DHS Prize For Young Scholars

The International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science, Division of History of Science (IUHPS/DHS) invites submissions for the first DHS Prize for Young Scholars to be presented in 2005. The DHS Prize is awarded by IUHPS/DHS every four years to four young historians of science for their successful doctoral dissertations, completed after July 1, 2001 for the Zous Prize, which represent significant contributions to the history of science. It is distributed as one prize in each of the following fields of focus: Western civilization, Islamic civilization, Far Eastern civilization, South Asian civilization, Islamic civilization, and Ancient civilizations (not included in the above categories). Each prize consists of a certificate and coverage of travel and accommodation expenditures for participation in the IUHPS/DHS Congress. The prizes will be presented to their winners during the IUHPS/DHS Congress to be held in July 2005. Submission deadline: 31 August 2004. Applicants must have a doctorate degree on the subject of history of science, awarded in or after July 2001. Applications must be submitted to the Office of the DHS President, to be received by 31 August 2004. For information, applications and submissions, please write to: IUHPS/DHS President's Office (Prof. Dr. E. Ihsanoglu), P. O. Box 24, Besiktas, 80692 Istanbul, Turkey; Fax: 90-212-258 45 65/ Tel: 90-212-260 07 17/ e-mail: ircica@superonline.com.

The Annals of Science Prize

Submissions are invited for the Annals of Science Prize for the 2004 competition. This prize is offered every two years to the author of an original unpublished essay in the history of science or technology, which is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. The prize, supported by Taylor and Francis, is intended for those who have been awarded their doctorate within the past four years, and for doctoral students. Essays should be submitted to the Editor in a form suitable for publication in Annals of Science (see the journal's style guide at http://www.tandf.co.uk/), and may be in English, French, or German. Essays should be between 6000 and 9000 words in length, including footnotes. The winning essay will be published in the journal, and its author will be awarded US$500. Papers should be submitted by 1 September 2004, and the winner will be notified by 31 December.

History of Chemistry 2004-2005 Fellowships

The Beckman Center is the historical unit of the Chemical Heritage Foundation (CHF). It supports independent research aimed at preserving and publishing the history of the chemical and molecular sciences and industries. Beckman Center Fellows have access to the Othmer Library of Chemical History, also located at CHF. To apply, applications must include a research proposal of no more than 1000 words describing the project and the relevance of CHF resources. The proposal should also explain why the project will advance historical scholarship and how the outcome might be published. Include a c.v. and arrange for two letters of reference to be sent directly to the Fellowship Coordinator. Send applications to: Fellowship Coordinator, Chemical Heritage Foundation, 315 Chestnut Street, PA 19106-2702. Fax: 215-925-1954. E-mail: fellowships@chemheritage.org.

Zhu Kezhen Awards

The International Society for the History of East Asian Science, Technology, and Medicine (ISH EASTM) announces the creation of the Zhu Kezhen Awards and would like to solicit nominations for the awards. It is the highest honor awarded by the ISHESTM for an essay of original scholarship in the history of science, technology, and medicine in East Asia. The two Zhu Kezhen Junior Awards are awarded for an essay written by a junior scholar in the history of science, technology, and medicine in East Asia. All three prizes are awarded once every three years at the plenary conference of the ISHESTM. The award Committee, appointed by the Board of the ISHESTM, will determine the essays to be considered by reviewing lists of recently published essays and by soliciting nominations from members of the ISHESTM. Members may nominate their own essays. Essays in English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Vietnamese published less than four years prior to the deadline for nomination will be considered. Essays in other Asian languages will be considered if they are accompanied by an English language translation. For the Zhu Kezhen Junior Award, the author should be a graduate student or a scholar who received his/her doctoral degree less than five years prior to the deadline for nomination. Nominations, accompanied by a copy of the nominated essay, should be submitted to the Zhu Kezhen Award Committee. To ensure fair evaluation, it is advised that all essays in East Asian languages should be accompanied by an English translation. The deadline for acceptance of submission is September 30, 2004. All nominations should be sent to the Zhu Kezhen Award Committee Secretary. Dr. Sun Xiaohuan, Institute for the History of Natural Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences, 137 Chao Nei Street, Beijing 100010, China. An electronic version is welcome and one hard copy of the offprint is required.

History of Home Economics and Human Nutrition Fellowship

The College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, is seeking applications for the year 2004 Dean's Fellowship in the History of Home Economics and Human Nutrition. Preference will be given to scholars in more advanced stages of a research project but younger scholars are encouraged to apply. One award of $4,000 is available for a summer or sabbatical residency of six continuous weeks to utilize the resources available from the College and the Cornell Library System in pursuit of scholarly research into the history of home economics and its impact on American society. The deadline is March 1. Please consult http://www.human.cornell.edu/history/ for details.
Future Meetings

The following announcements have been edited for space. For full descriptions and the latest announcements, please visit our Web site (http://www.bssonline.org). The Society does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of any item; interested persons should verify all details. Those who wish to publish a future meeting announcement should send an electronic version of the posting to newsletter@bssonline.org.

Calls for Papers

**British Society for the History of Science**’s 2004 annual meeting will be held at Liverpool Hope University College in Liverpool, 25-27 June 2004. Papers are invited on all areas of the history of science, technology and medicine. Suggestions for themed sessions are particularly welcome. BSHS subsidies are available for student members of the Society. Hope at Everton, a lively area of the city and home to Hope’s School of Creative and Performing Arts, will host BSHS 2004. En-suite accommodation is available on-site at Gerard Manley Hopkins Hal, a ten minutes’ walk from the Liverpool city center. Abstracts of papers (max 250 words) should be sent to Dr. Geof Bunn, BSHS Programme Secretary, Department of Psychology; Liverpool Hope University College, Hope Park; Liverpool, L16 9JD or bunn@g.hope.ac.uk. Deadline for submissions: 31 January 2004. Further details will be announced on the Society’s Web site at http://www.bshs.org.uk/conf/2004annual/.

**Women, Health and Welfare.** The regional Women’s History Network is celebrating its tenth annual conference at the University of the West of England, Bristol, on Saturday, June 26th 2004. Individual papers or panels are invited from academics, postgraduate students and independent scholars. Submissions on a wide range of topics related to women, health, and welfare in any place or period are encouraged. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be sent to Katherine Holden or Fiona Reid at the following address: Faculty of Humanities, Languages and Social Science, University of the West of England, Bristol, St Matthias campus, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2JP. Please e-mail abstracts to Katherine.Holden@uwe.ac.uk or Fiona.Reid@uwe.ac.uk. The deadline for abstracts is Friday, 12th March. When submitting your abstract, please provide your name, preferred mailing address, e-mail address and phone number.

The 9th annual meeting of the International Society for the History of the Neurosciences (ISHN) will be held 26-29 June, 2004, on the campus and in the vicinity of the University of Quebec at Montreal (http://www.uqam.ca/). The ISHN encourages contributions about all of the history of all the neurosciences, including basic and clinical specialties, ancient and non-Western topics, technical advances, and broad social and cultural aspects. The official language of the ISHN conference is English. Proposals must be submitted by 1 February 2004. The program will be finalized by late March 2004. Send abstracts by e-mail (preferred), surface mail, or air mail to the Chair of the Program Committee (and ISHN President): Edward Fine, PMB 162, Transit Road, Williamsville, New York 14221 USA. Email: efine@acsu.buffalo.edu. Tel: +1-716-862-3141. VM: +1-716-862-8913. Papers are expected to have at least one author who is a member of the ISHN.

**2004 IEEE Conference on the History of Electronics** will be held at Bletchley Park, United Kingdom, 28–30 June 2004. The intention of the IEEE conference is to help build a comprehensive view of electronics history through several dozen papers, each of which investigates some formative development in this 100-year-long history. The developments may include the opening of a new area of application, the invention of a major technique, or the gradual replacement of one dominant technique by another. An important feature of this conference is the participation of people with different backgrounds — engineers, historians, museum curators, avocationals historians — that should make discussions particularly fruitful. For session papers, please send the proposed title, an abstract, and a single-page c.v. to the Program Chair by email to f.nebecker@ieee.org or by regular mail to IEEE History Center, Rutgers University, 39 Union Street, New Brunswick New Jersey 08901 USA. The Program Committee is also interested in proposals for sessions. The deadline for paper proposals is 31 January 2004. For further information: http://www.ieee.org/organizations/history_center/.

**The AHRB Research Centre for Environmental History** will host a postgraduate/postdoctoral workshop looking at historical approaches to contemporary issues of waste and wastelands. This workshop aims to bring together researchers from a wide range of disciplines, including history, sociology, philosophy, economics, geography and environmental science. Part of the workshop remit will be to identify the potential of developing interdisciplinary approaches to waste-related research. Papers are welcomed that engage with contemporary issues surrounding waste and wastelands. In particular, the workshop will explore ways in which history might inform contemporary issues and policies. This two-day workshop will be held at St Andrews, Scotland 29–30 June 2004. Abstracts between 200–400 words should be sent to Julia Campbell or Nicola Jeffress by 15 February 2004. UK travel expenses and accommodation and meals will be covered for those participants presenting papers. Contact: Nicola Jeffress or Julia Campbell, AHRB Research Centre for Environmental History, University of Stirling, STIRLING, UK, FK9 4LA. Tel: +44 (0) 1786 466250; Fax: +44 (0) 1786 466251. E-mail: n.a.jeffres@stir.ac.uk, j.e.campbell@stir.ac.uk.

**The International Committee for the History of Technology** will hold its 31st Symposium at Bochum, Germany, 17-21 August, 2004, on (Re-)Designing Technological Landscapes. Two centuries have altered significantly our understanding of the term "landscape." Today it seems possible to perceive the world as one single technological landscape. In this sense, the technological landscapes to be examined at the 31st ICOHTEC Symposium can be regarded as subsystems. Although the main focus of ICOHTEC 2004 will be on “Re-designing technological landscapes” it is also possible to propose sessions and individual papers on other topics. Deadline for proposals is 1 February 2004. Please send all proposals to the Program Committee by Email: Barton Hacker, Chair of the Program Committee - Email: hackerb@sis.edu; Maria Paula Diogo - Email: mopa980@mail.telepac.pt; Sue Horning - Email: ssh@gwis.com; Wolfgang Koenig - Email: martin@kgw.tu-berlin.de. Proposals may be sent by fax to Dr. Hacker: 202-357-1855. Otherwise they may be sent via regular mail, postmarked by 1 February 2004, to: Barton Hacker, 150 12th Street N.E., Washington, DC 20002, USA. Please check the ICOHTEC Web site http://www.icohtec.org for continuing information, dates, and deadlines.
Alexander von Humboldt: From the Americas to the Cosmos. In commemoration of a visit from Alexander von Humboldt’s visit to the United States in 1804, the Graduate Center of the City University of New York will host an interdisciplinary conference devoted to Humboldt and his legacy on October 14-16, 2004. The principal focus will be Humboldt’s activity in, relationship to, and impact on the Americas, but all proposals will be considered. Areas of interest include Humboldt’s scientific work and publications, political ideas and advocacy of human rights, paintings, travel writing, friendships, as well as his fame, image and influence in various parts of the Americas. Proposals for papers should consist of: (a) a concise (300 words or less) abstract with title, and (b) a cover letter indicating the author’s professional affiliation(s) and contact information. Proposals may be sent to the Program Committee, Humboldt Conference by email to humboldt@gc.cuny.edu, by post c/o the Bildner Center, The Graduate Center/CUNY, 365 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5209; New York, NY 10016-4309, or by fax at (212) 817-1540. Deadline for receipt of proposals is February 1, 2004. Decisions will be made by April 1, 2004. For more information, please visit: www.humboldtconference.org.

The National Coalition of Independent Scholars will hold a conference in New York City, October 15-17, 2004. Papers are invited on a specific research interest in relation to the overall theme of how and why independent scholars do their work. For more details, visit http://www.ncis.org/. Send abstracts of up to 250 words plus a one page vita to jwlafler@ix.netcom.com (preferred) or mail to NCIS, P.O.Box 5743, Berkeley, CA 94705. The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2004.

Consuming Experiences: The Business and Technologies of Tourism: Tourism includes many practices in modern societies as it encompasses the sensual and the practical, the sublime as well as the prosaic. For a conference on November 12-13, 2004 the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society seeks proposals for papers that explore the practices, businesses, institutions, and technologies that have fabricated tourism as a means of creating “consuming experiences.” Proposals may consider any portion of the globe since the mid-18th century and tourism of any variety. We are interested in histories of travel agencies; railway, air, bus travel and steamship lines; resorts, spas and hotels; commercial photography and film; organized tours including eco-tourism; guides, guidebooks, and the training of tourism managers; and much else. Papers may come from any discipline but need to be historically grounded. Proposals are due by March 1, 2004 and should be sent in hard copy or as attachments to: Dr. Roger Horowitz, Hagley Museum and Library, PO Box 3630, Wilmington DE 19807; E-mail: rh@udel.edu; Fax: 302-655-3188.

2004 PSA Biennial Meeting The Philosophy of Science Association will hold its joint meeting with the HSS in Austin, Texas, November 18th-21st, 2004. The meeting will be held at the Austin Radisson, which is located just across the bridge from the Hyatt, site of the History of Science Society meeting. Web site: http://www.temple.edu/psa2004/.

HSS Annual Meeting The History of Science Society will convene in Austin, Texas for its 2004 meeting, 18-21 November, at the Hyatt Regency. Please see the Call for Papers on page 2 of this Newsletter. The deadline for submissions is 1 April 2004.

Heritage of Technology - Gdansk Outlook 4. An International Conference will be held at Gdansk, Poland, May 4-7, 2005. For more information, including a call for papers and other conference information, please consult the Web site: http://hotgo4.mech.pg.gda.pl.

The 20th International Congress of Historical Sciences will take place at the University of New South Wales on July 3-9, 2005. The deadline for submission of posters, papers and panels is May 31, 2004. Please contact cish2005@incompass.com.au if interested.

The Atomic Bomb and American Society. To mark the 60th anniversary of the detonation of the first atomic bomb, this three-day conference, to be held July 15-17, 2005, will assess how nuclear weapons’ development affected American society and culture. This conference will convene in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, a site which, together with Los Alamos, New Mexico and Hanford, Washington played a pivotal role in the development of the first atomic bomb detonated in Alamogordo, New Mexico on July 16, 1945. The Conference organizers, Professor G. Kurt Piehler and Captain Rosemary Mariner (U.S. Navy, Retired), seek proposals for papers that examine the political, economic, social, and cultural impact of nuclear weapons on American society. Scholarship examining the impact of public opinion on American nuclear weapons developments and strategy (i.e., SANE, the Nuclear Freeze Movement, etc.), public participation and opposition to civil defense measures, and the impact of nuclear weapons research on American science and education are all welcome. Organizers are especially interested in new scholarship examining the unique roles of Oak Ridge, Los Alamos, and Hanford in developing the atomic bomb and later generations of nuclear weapons. Scholars and advanced graduate students interested in participating in this conference should submit a cover letter, 2-3 page proposal and c.v. by April 1, 2004 to: Professor G. Kurt Piehler, Director, Center for the Study of War and Society, 220 Hoskins Library, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-0128. E-mail: gpiehler@utk.edu.

22nd International Congress of History of Science Conference will be held in Beijing from July 24 to 30, 2005. The Congress Website has now been restructured, and will be updated frequently in order to keep participants informed about important information concerning DHS activities and organization of the Congress. You are invited to visit it at: http://2005bj.ihns.ac.cn/. The first circular has already been put on this Web site. On-line registration is also accepted.

Upcoming Conferences


Sixth Annual Meeting of the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science (SAHMS), 27-28 February 2004, Augusta, Georgia.


History of Toxicology: “Orfila i la seva època” (Orfila and his times) meeting will be held in Mao (Minorca) on the 19-20 March, 2004. http://www.uv.es/~bertomeu/orfila/index.html.


Early Modern Scientific and Intellectual Biography Seminar, directed by Steven Shapin, Harvard University, will be held 2-3 April 2004. http://www.folger.edu/institute/.


The Society for Ancient Medicine and Pharmacy is planning a panel for the 2004 annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, 28 April-2 May, Madison, Wisconsin.


Scientific Knowledge and Cultural Diversity: The 8th PCST conference will be held 3-6 June 2004, Barcelona, Spain. http://www.pcstnetwork.org/.


The Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, 4-6 June, 2004, University of Manitoba.


HOPOS, the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science: Fifth International Congress, 24-27 June 2004, San Francisco, California.


The 10th International Conference on the History of Science in China will be held at Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) from 4 to 7 August 2004. Theme is Multiaspect Studies on the History of Science, Technology and Medicine in China.


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