COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORTS ADDRESSING THE LAST 12 MONTHS

COMMITTEE ON FINANCES

Chair: Gwen Kay

Members: Adam Apt, Fritz Davis, Gerardo Con Diaz, Wendy Fu, Karl Hall, Greg Macklem

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Review audit report (draft): **COMPLETED**
- Review modified FY22 budget: **COMPLETED**
- Discuss, create Capitalization Policy for HSS: **COMPLETED**

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

- Review FY23 budget with special attention to editors (Osiris), EO move, Isis editor search
- Discuss Development Committee goals, offer possible additional suggestions
- Modify, finalize Capitalization Policy if needed

MOTION: The Committee on Finance recommends that we establish a capitalization policy with $2,500 as our limit.

The FY22 budget was approved by EC and Council in June. At that time, I noted that a few correctives were coming, notably for a separation agreement with our previous executive director, and salaries and benefits for our yet-to-be-hired new executive director and office administrator. Those changes have all taken place, and the budget you are now asked to approve, reflects those changes. The other note of budget uncertainty in June regarded the annual meeting: whether it would be in-person, hybrid or virtual, and the number of attendees. Those changes will largely be reflected in the FY23 budget, when we see the budget v. actual figures for FY22.

The final item of significance is our audit. Last year, Council approved a financial review; this year, as per good business practices, we had a full audit, with a new firm. Charity CFO was, again, invaluable in this process and made answering many questions much easier. Because the audit was virtual, neither the executive director, office administrator, accountants, nor treasurer needed to travel to be “on site.” This was cost-savings for us, as we had built in Treasurer travel to our budget for this express purpose. One of the standard audit questions regards fraud, and the possibilities it can be perpetrated in an organization. I am happy to report that my access to all of our banking and credit card information, as well as seeing the monthly accounting and reconciliation is reassuring not only to us, but also to our auditors.
This was a busy year for the HSS Nominating Committee. We would like to draw attention to the following accomplishments and changes implemented in the 2021-22 election cycle:

Council:
- Monica Azzolini (University of Bologna)
- Rebekah Higgitt (National Museums Scotland)
- Terence Keel (University of California, Los Angeles)
- Vera Keller (University of Oregon)
- Harun Küçük (University of Pennsylvania)
- Don Opitz (DePaul University)
- Alisha Rankin (Tufts University)
- Tiago Saraiva (Drexel University)
- Laura Stark (Vanderbilt University)
- Courtney Thompson (Mississippi State University)

Nominating Committee:
- Sarah Naramore (Northwest Missouri State University)
- Victor Seow (Harvard University)
- Nukhet Varlik (Rutgers University-Newark and University of South Carolina)
- Jaipreet Virdi (University of Delaware)

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months
- Prepare a slate for 2022 election
- Continue work on increasing diversity and inclusion among candidates and in the process of selection.
- Promote transparency in the process and better transmission of experience from year to year

Summary of Activities
- Prepared a slate for the 2021 election, with particular attention to increasing diversity and inclusion: COMPLETED
- Petitioned Council and EC to run three VP candidates rather than 2: COMPLETED
- Created an online archive for future NomComs: COMPLETED

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Co-Chairs: Charlotte Biggs, Helen Anne Curry (2021-2022)

Members: Elaine Leong, Hannah Marcus, Charlotte Bigg, Marie Thébaud Sorger, Myrna Sheldon (2020-2021)

Myrna Sheldon, Jaipreet Virdi, Victor Seow (2021-2022)
When Elaine and Hannah began as co-chairs in 2020, they met with Karen Rader together and independently to discuss ITGR efforts and how NomCom should proceed during this review.

Following conversations with Karen and other members of HSS leadership, the Nominating Committee decided to make a few changes to the HSS nomination process:

- We petitioned Council and the Executive Committee for permission to run three candidates for VP rather than two. This was in response to feedback from several people indicating that the two-person race alienated senior scholars from subsequent volunteering with the society when their candidacy was not successful.
- The co-chairs convened the NomCom for a full meeting about process prior to soliciting or discussing individual names. This gave the Committee an opportunity to identify the leadership characteristics sought in candidates for different positions.
- NomCom solicited VP nominations not only from its members, but also from the chairs of committees and SIGs.
- When developing an initial list of candidates, NomCom discussed every name suggested through the NomCom members and society leadership.

- After acknowledging all suggestions, NomCom narrowed down the lists and then voted privately by dividing a certain number of voting “points” between candidates.
- After private voting NomCom reconvened to discuss the point distributions and to check that nominees represented a diversity of fields, identities, and personal experiences.

The NomCom member Myrna Perez Sheldon, also on the CDI, helped to frame the Committee’s discussion on diversity and inclusivity among the candidates.

Outgoing co-chairs Hannah Marcus and Elaine Leong worked to create an archive for the NomCom which makes the process more transparent, better documented, and replicable year to year. This has been shared with incoming co-chairs Charlotte Bigg and Helen Curry who will rely on it, and augment it, in the coming nomination and election cycle.
The Nominating Committee, drawing on its own knowledge and suggestions solicited from Committee, Special Interest Groups and Caucuses, prepares a slate of two to four candidates for the 2022 ballot. The vote for Early Career Representative is clearly signposted on the ballot as open only to graduate students and early career scholars (up to five years post PhD). If this can be achieved by electronically restricting votes by non-early career scholars, this should be pursued; if not, the honor system will suffice.

As you will know, the position of Early Career Representative on Council is not included in the HSS Bylaws or the more elaborated Procedures Manual. Therefore:

(1) We would like to request that Council vote to approve (or revise, if it sees fit) the procedure that we propose below, which reflects our understanding of the relevant Council decisions (as minuted by the HSS Secretary) and is informed by a discussion with current Early Career representative about that community’s hopes for the election/position.

**Proposed procedure**
- The Nominating Committee, drawing on its own knowledge and suggestions solicited from Committee, Special Interest Groups and Caucuses, prepares a slate of two to four candidates for the 2022 ballot.
- The vote for Early Career Representative is clearly signposted on the ballot as open only to graduate students and early career scholars (up to five years post PhD)
  - If this can be achieved by electronically restricting votes by non-early career scholars, this should be pursued; if not, the honor system will suffice.

(2) We also request that Council vote to include mention of the Early Career Representative and the expectations for the Committee in preparing a slate of candidates in the Procedures Manual, e.g., under Article VII, Nominating Committee Procedures:

H. For the Nominating Committee, the ballot shall contain the name of four members proposed by the Nominating Committee, together with the names of other candidates nominated by petitions signed by at least fifteen members of the Society.

I. For the Early Career Representative (a non-voting guest of Council), the ballot shall contain the name of two to four members proposed by the Nominating Committee, together with the names of other candidates nominated by petitions signed by at least fifteen members of the Society. Voting on this section of the ballot will be restricted to members who are graduate students or early career scholars (up to five years post PhD).

We hope this is relatively straightforward. Our hope is that this process can be regularized in some way before we start the nominations process in the weeks immediately after the HSS meeting. If you have any questions or recommendations for amending the request, these will be gratefully received and incorporated.
TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Kathleen Sheppard

Members: Benjamin Gross, Michael Robinson, Samantha Muka, Margaret Gaida, Sarah Qidwai, Sarah Naramore, Sarah Pickman

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Website redesign: PENDING
- Sponsor HSS 2021 Roundtable on digital humanities: PENDING

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

- HSS 2021 conference sponsorship of the roundtable on digital humanities
- Website redesign
- Brand architecture assessment

We have not met since 2019, due to the pandemic. Each year since I have been chair (2018) I have asked EC to consider working the committee’s expertise into the strategic plan, and I have made outlines for this.

The Technology and Communication Committee was started in 2015 to begin to achieve some of the goals in the HSS Strategic Plan. If you look through the plan, much of our purpose has to do with the digital side of HSS, but also with publications, standards, professional development and more. We propose the following Objectives 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.1 (step B), 6.1, 6.4.

The chair, Sheppard, has been on the programme committee for the last two years (2020 virtual forum, and 2021 hybrid meeting) which have both called for extensive use of technological expertise. Yet, none of the members of the TCC were called on for their own expertise, or our expertise as a whole. This has been disappointing, to say the least.
COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Chair: Aileen Fyfe
Secretary: Sigrid Schmalzer
Members: Alex Csiszar, Jenny Rampling, Dora Vargha

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Launch publisher search: PENDING
- Launch editor search: PENDING
- Mid-term review of current editors: PENDING

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

- Evaluate submission from publishers (due October 31, 2021)
- Launch editor search in November 2021; review expressions of interest March/April 2022; invite candidates to stage 2 of search with deadline of October 2022
- Brand architecture assessment

MOTION: CoP recommends that HSS launch a Call for Expressions of Interest from those interested in becoming the new Society Editor(s), with a deadline of 1 March, 2022. [The draft pitch and further particulars are attached for approval.]

Meetings: Since our last report, Committee on Publications has met (virtually) on 22 July and 1 October 2021, and exchanged many emails. It has been a busy period for us, with the ongoing question of how best to negotiate a new publishing contract, plus the upcoming need to launch an editor search.

1 Publishing Contract [for info]
The appointment of a new HSS Executive Director in July 2021 offered the opportunity for the Society to run a full tender process for publishing services without the need to hire the previously-agreed external consultant (the cost of whom was forcing us towards a limited process of negotiation with Chicago and perhaps one other publisher). CoP worked with the Executive Director to develop the ‘Request for Proposal’ which has now been circulated. Responses are due on 31 October, and CoP looks forward to seeing a variety of proposals which, we think, will be enlightening. We aim to make recommendations for Council’s spring meeting, with the aim of having a chosen provider in place in time for a transition at the end of December 2022.

2. Search for New HSS Editor(s) [for Council decision] Given that the current Editors have indicated that they do not propose to seek a second term, HSS needs a new Editor or Editors from July 2024. We are grateful to the current Editors for their willingness to serve an additional year if need be, but still feel that the Society should nonetheless move ahead with a Call for Expressions of Interest with immediate effect.

CoP requests approval from Council to launch a Call for a new Editor(s), with a deadline for expressions of interest of 1 March, 2022. Proposed documents are attached: one is a brief pitch, for email circulation (etc); the second contains ‘further particulars’ about the responsibilities of the HSS Editor(s), and explains the HSS’s publications; it should be placed on the HSS website and linked in the ‘pitch’ document.

We propose to follow the model used in past years of a two stage process, with expressions of interest followed by a full proposal; but we have purposefully simplified what is requested at Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest) to try to encourage wide interest and a diverse pool of potential applicants.
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Our proposed timescale is:

March 15, 2022 Stage 1: Expressions of interest due
October 1, 2022 Stage 2: Full applications due

November, 2022 Interviews with finalists

Winter and spring, 2023 Site visits to finalists’ institutions

May, 2023 CoP’s recommendation to the Executive Committee

June, 2023 Announcement by Executive Committee

July 2023 Shadowing period begins

July 2024 Editorial hand-over

3. Mid-term review of current Editors [for info]
   July 2021 marked the 2-yr point of the current HSS editorial team. This is the usual time for a review of the editorship, which is usually performed with a view to a second term. In the current situation, we plan a virtual meeting (in November 2021) at which we will encourage the current Editors to reflect on their term so far, and to discuss plans and needs for the remainder of their term.

4. Ex officio appointment from Exec for CoP? [Council action?]

CoP has benefitted from a close liaison with HSS Exec via the vice-president serving on CoP. Given the enormity of the tasks facing CoP in the coming months (publisher search, editor search), CoP feels it is important that a liaison with HSS Exec is restored as soon as possible.
Announcement of Search for New Editor(s) of the History of Science Society

The History of Science Society’s Committee on Publications invites expressions of interest from accomplished scholars seeking to become the next Editor (or Co-Editors) of the History of Science Society, for a five-year term to start in 2024. The Editor is responsible for our flagship journal, Isis, the preeminent journal in the history of science, and, as such, the role offers an unparalleled opportunity to steer the field. This is a particularly exciting time to take up the role of Editor, as we work to expand the diversity of our authors and readers; and to develop strategies for enabling more open and equitable access to our publications. The Editor also communicates with HSS editorial colleagues, including the editors of Osiris, Society Bibliographer, Executive Director, and Newsletter Editor to help guide the production of the Society’s other regular publications.

Until recently, the position of Editor had been held by a single individual, but Isis is currently very successfully co-edited by Professor Alexandra Hui and Professor Matthew Lavine (both of Mississippi State University), with Professor Projit Mukharji (University of Pennsylvania) serving as Book Review Editor. The CoP will be pleased to consider applications from individuals or from teams of two or more. HSS offers support to the Editor(s) and the Editorial Office. It is expected that candidates’ own institutions will offer further support, with the level and type of support open to negotiation.

The Editor search will be a two-stage process. We welcome questions from interested applicants ahead of the initial deadline. Queries may be addressed to the CoP Chair, Professor Aileen Fyfe at akf@st-andrews.ac.uk or to the CoP Secretary, Professor Sigrid Schmalzer at sigrid@history.umass.edu

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Please send expressions of interest to Professor Sigrid Schmalzer at sigrid@history.umass.edu. (Please include “HSS Editor Expression of Interest” in the subject line.) The EoI should take the form of a 2-3 page letter, setting out: 1) your vision for Isis under your leadership; 2) the experience, skills, and/or other resources that you (or your team) would bring to the position; and 3) how you envision accomplishing the work (in terms of division of labor among Editor(s), Book Review Editor, graduate assistants, and others; coordination across sites if relevant; institutional support if known and/or need for resources from HSS, etc.).

Stage 2: Full application (October, 2022, exact date t.b.c.)
The full application will be due in October, 2022, and will require more substantial statements outlining your editorial vision, letters of endorsement from the hosting institution(s), CVs, and a proposed budget. Detailed instructions will be announced after March, 2022.

For further particulars, see [[INSERT LINK TO WEB PAGE WITH FURTHER PARTICULARS DOCUMENT]].
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Further Particulars:

Note that for convenience, we employ the singular form Editor below. This should not be taken to imply a preference for an individual Editor over co-Editors.

Responsibilities of the Editor of the Society

The HSS Editor is an officer of the HSS and a member of the HSS Executive Committee and Council, and thus plays an important role in planning, policy-making, and financial management of the Society.
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The HSS Editor is generally “responsible for all of the Society’s publications, and provides oversight of the offices of the Osiris Editor and the Society Bibliographer” (HSS Procedures Manual). In practice, the HSS Editor has direct editorial responsibility for Isis, and communicates regularly with those responsible for the other publications, coordinating activities and offering guidance when needed.

The HSS Editor serves as the Editor of Isis. The Editor appoints and oversees the work and staff of the Isis Editorial Office. These include a Manuscript Editor (an off-site employee of HSS), a Book Review Editor, and a Managing Editor. The Editorial Office may also include graduate assistants, work-study students, and occasional freelancers hired by the Editor. The Editor is responsible for the intellectual and editorial content of Isis—with the help of an advisory board, nominated by the Editor and reviewed by the Committee on Publications—and for the timely production, within budget, of the number of pages specified by the publishing contract.

The HSS Editor oversees and coordinates the work of the Isis Associate Editors—i.e. the Osiris Editor(s) and the HSS Bibliographer (each of whom appoint their own staff) are chosen by the Editor and Committee on Publications following a national search. The HSS Editor coordinates work with the HSS Newsletter and website.

The HSS Editor submits reports and budgets to the Committee on Publications and, when appropriate, attends its meetings. These incorporate reports and statistical data from the Isis Managing Editor and Book Review Editor. The HSS Bibliographer and Osiris Editor also submit semi-annual reports and budgets to the HSS Editor and to the Committee on Publications and attend its meetings when appropriate.

The HSS Editor’s term is five years, subject to a mid-term review. The term may be extended by a further one to five years. The Committee on Publications conducts the search for the Editor and makes a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The present Editors’ term ends June 30, 2024. The next Editor will be appointed in mid-2023, to allow a handover period ahead of a term running from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028.
The HSS publications program

The History of Science Society currently produces a variety of publications:

1. The journal Isis. Edited by the HSS Editor out of the Isis Editorial Office. Published quarterly, currently by University of Chicago Press (UCP). 900 pages/year of scholarly articles, notes, news of the profession, letters, essay reviews, book/media reviews, index. An international editorial board of subject specialists advises the Editor. Since its inception in 1912, Isis has featured scholarship on the history of science, medicine, and technology and their cultural influences. Isis is the oldest English-language journal in the field.

2. The Isis Current Bibliography (CB). Edited by the HSS Bibliographer (who is by courtesy an Associate Editor of Isis) out of the CB Office, currently at University of Oklahoma. Published annually as the fifth issue of Isis by University of Chicago Press 350 pages/year of bibliographic entries, book review citations, and index. The CB is sent in electronic form to the Research Libraries Group (RLG) to be included in the History of Science, Technology and Medicine Database, which HSS members access through the HSS website. Current Bibliography Explore is HSS’s open access reference product.

3. The annually published journal Osiris. Edited by the Osiris Editor(s) at the Osiris office, currently at the Center for Black, Brown, and Queer Studies (Cambridge, Massachusetts). Each volume is proposed and edited by a guest volume editor chosen by the Osiris Editor(s), who are also by courtesy Associate Editors of Isis. One volume is published annually, currently by University of Chicago Press. 250-400 pages/year of thematic scholarly essays, index. Founded in 1936 by George Sarton, and relaunched by the History of Science Society in 1985, Osiris is an annual thematic journal that highlights research on significant themes in the history of science. Recent volumes have included Presenting Futures Past, Food Matters, and Therapeutic Properties: Global Medical Cultures, Knowledge, and Law.

4. The HSS Newsletter. Edited by the Newsletter Editor and published quarterly by the HSS Executive Office.

5. The HSS website (http://hssonline.org). Edited by the HSS Executive Director and updated frequently by the HSS Executive Office. Includes portal to on-line membership directory and HST database.

6. Occasional publications. The HSS Editors may choose to pursue such publications, but it is not an expectation of the position. Past occasional publications have included Isis Readers (thematic volumes of reprinted Isis articles, with an original introductory essay by the HSS Editor or an invited contributor); the 50th-anniversary volume of Isis (edited by the HSS Editor, published as an extra issue of Isis); and collections of syllabi in history of science (edited by a guest Editor and published as short-run editions out of the HSS Executive Office).
HSS statutes and bylaws
The statutes and bylaws, including those governing the publications program, are available at the HSS website: https://hssonline.org/about/governance/statutes-and-bylaws/

SEARCH SCHEDULE
The aim is to allow a full year for the transition before the new Editor begins the five-year term in 2024 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2028).

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COMMITTEE ON HONORS AND PRIZES

Chair: Elly Truitt

Members: Surekha Davies, Myles Jackson, Elaine Leong, Bob Richards, Bert Theunissen, Nasser Zakariya

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Determining a list of finalists for the Sarton Medal and forwarding this list to EC: COMPLETED
- Staffing, in ex officio capacity, the various prize subcommittees: COMPLETED
- Determining the finalist for the Distinguished Service Award and forwarding that name to EC: COMPLETED
- Determining a process for awarding the new Gerjuoy/Mitchell Award for independent scholars: COMPLETED
- Redrafting, in line with Council’s feedback, new language for eligibility for the Pauly Prize: COMPLETED

 Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

- Gerjuoy/Mitchell Award

Gerjuoy/Mitchell Award:
The committee was tasked with determining a process for this award, with the goal of making it a rigorous enough selection process to become an award, and also with the goal of establishing a workable process that will not overtask CoMP. After deliberations and recognizing that the original timing of the award is untenable, in that it either required CoMP to grant the award on the basis of abstract only, or would require CoMP to read nominated papers during HSS and come to a decision, CoHP decided on the following process: This award is to be decided *after* the year’s HSS meeting (no more than two months), and will be announced/included in the following year’s prize ceremony. It can be publicized and should be announced in the interim, but in order that the recipient get the glory, we think the recipient should be included in the following year’s prize ceremony. We propose that independent scholars submit their conference paper (and any accompanying slides) to CoMP for consideration by the official end of the meeting. However, given the large workload of going through 50 (or more) conference papers, the Program Co-Chairs will, on the basis of abstracts, prepare a long short list of a dozen papers, and then CoMP will read the papers on the long list and make its decision.

Pauly Prize:
Our committee was asked to consider a proposed change to the wording of the Pauly Prize (which had been proposed by Jay Malone and Gwen Kay), and CoHP concurred with the suggestion. CoHP’s initial suggestion for new language was deemed insufficiently clear.
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The current wording for the Pauly Prize reads: “The Philip Pauly Prize (formerly the Forum for the History of Science in America Prize) is awarded for the best first book on the history of science in the Americas (broadly defined to include North American science including Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the United States) and written in English.”

The proposed edit is to *delete* the phrase "to include North American science including Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the United States,” and replace it with “to include North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean” so that the entire, updated wording would read:

“The Philip Pauly Prize (formerly the Forum for the History of Science in America Prize) is awarded for the best first book on the history of science in the Americas (broadly defined to include North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean) and written in English”.

Further down on the same web page (https://hssonline.org/about/honors/philip-j-pauly-prize/), under “Eligibility,” the text reads “This annual prize will be awarded for a first book on American science, broadly construed.”

The proposed edit is to *delete* the phrase “American science, broadly construed,” and replace it with “the history of science in the Americas, broadly defined to include North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, and written in English.”

Policy on confidentiality and honorable mentions/runners-up:

In addition to the work undertaken by the committee this year and outlined above, CoHP wishes to correct an oversight and receive a vote from Council on a matter that was to have been brought before Council in 2020.

Background:

In the CoHP annual report from September 2020 (submitted by Dave Kaiser), this committee recommended against awarding or publicizing honorable mentions or shortlists or runners-up for any of the HSS prizes, and in the report from 2019 (also submitted by Dave Kaiser), the committee expressed the desire to see the informal policy that books not receive more than one HSS book prize formalized as Society policy. Unfortunately, neither of these policies were brought before Council for a vote. The reasoning for recommending against publication of honorable mentions/runners-up/finalists are as follows:

A. If we publicize honorable mentions or shortlists of runners up this year, there will likely be significant pressure to keep doing so in the future, pandemic or no pandemic. So whereas the Pauly Prize committee explicitly asked about doing so only for this year, the CoHP suspects that doing so would quickly become precedent or grounds for a "new normal."

B. We share the Pauly Prize committee’s very strong desire to support our colleagues (especially younger colleagues) and publishers during this very difficult time, but we were not convinced that publicizing a list of runners-up or honorable mentions would substantially aid in that goal.
C. For several of the Society’s prizes, items remain eligible for multiple years. There was concern that if an item were short-listed or given an honorable mention in one year, that would impact the same item’s chances to receive the full prize during the remainder of its eligibility.

D. For some Society prizes, the prize committees receive fairly few nominations. Awarding a “runner up” prize if the committee only received (say) 4 nominations is quite different than if the committee received 25 nominations. (Likewise for publicizing a shortlist — “short” compared to what?) The CoHP does not wish to see a new set of complicated requirements get imposed, such that (for example) a shortlist for a given prize could only include X items if the total number of nominations for that prize exceeded Y; but the CoHP remains concerned that without such additional context, any effort to publicize honorable mentions or runners-up or shortlists would not be sufficiently meaningful to warrant a break with Society conventions.

Regarding the informal policy that books may receive only one book prize from HSS, it was the desire of CoHP in 2019 and continues to be that this policy become formalized by Council. The report from 2019 states, “We also noted that HSS already follows an informal policy -- which members of CoHP would happily see elevated to a more formal Society policy -- that books should not receive more than one formal HSS book prize.”
COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Co-Chairs: Myrna Perez Sheldon & Don Opitz

Members: Anita Guerrini, Jaipreet Virdi, Maria Portuondo, Alex Cagle, Sarah Qidqai, Eric Gurevitch, Tina Gianquitto, Jenna Tonn, Zuoyue Wang, Stephanie Dick, Ahmed Ragab, Abagail Nieves Delgado, Charu Singh

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Draft proposal of demographic data collection: PENDING
- Draft of proposal for CoDI chair nomination and election: COMPLETED
- CoDI chair nominations: PENDING
- Representation of CoDI on CoMP+: COMPLETED
- CoDI participation in ITGR: PENDING
- CoDI input on Isis Open Conversation re. 2020 Virtual Forum: COMPLETED
- CoDI (Sheldon) coauthorship on response to letter to Isis re. gender reports: COMPLETED
- CoDI input on HSS newsletter article: COMPLETED
- CoDI input on question of 2021 meeting format: COMPLETED
- CoDI input on proposal of Ad-Hoc Committee to inquire how to use HSS funds to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Society: COMPLETED

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

- Election of new co-chair to replace outgoing co-chair Optiz
- Continued conversation on HSS demographic data collection
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Chair: Jean-François Gauvin
Members: Jaipreet Virdi, Peter Herring, Allison Marsh, Sarah Naramore, John Carson, Luis Campos, Pedro Raposo

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Hazen Education Prize Recipient: PENDING
- New website: PENDING

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

- National History Day website.

1. I have put together an evaluation committee for this year’s Hazen Education Prize. It consists of Pedro Raposo, John Carson and myself (as Chair). We should receive all the nominees by 15 October. I’ll send to the EC the name of the winner in early November.
   a. It is still difficult to receive nominations for this prize. I sincerely don’t know why. I also have a concern about the diversity of the winners, which is something I would like to work on for next year.

2. We had to cancel the engagement event Marissa Petrou and I wanted to organize for this year’s HSS meeting in NOLA. I have another idea for an engagement event that I will propose for the Spring. Karen Rader, former VP at HSS, will help me with it. I will ask Council for permission to use the funds that come with the CoEE for this. More after the online meeting...

3. As I mentioned in my last report, many hours have been put into designing a new website for the yearly National History Day competition. The goal is to create a useful site, which will grow on a yearly basis, to showcase the history of knowledge, focusing on STS and the material culture of science and technology, diversity and inclusion. The site is STILL being built right now. The delay is mostly on me, I have difficulty finding the time to put on this with regular work at Université Laval and the administrative work coming from my research Center. It looks great graphically. I will try to see if I can engage someone from the committee to help.
COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

Co-Chairs: Stephanie Dick and Zuoyue Wang

Members: Tamara Caulkins, Melissa Charenko, Neeraja Sankaran, Gabriela Soto Laveaga, Gwen Kay

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

• Poll HSS community on demography: PENDING
• Creating an online archival resource: PENDING

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

• Create a survey to gather data on demographics.

HSS online conference in Fall 2021, but will meet early in the new year.

Our ongoing initiatives and plans are listed below:

• We continue to believe that the next step for CoM is to poll the history of science community both to gather proper data about demography and growth, and to find out what people what from their professional organizations these days - this will guide our discussion about membership (as above) and our future initiatives in expanding our membership. The committee on Diversity and Inclusion is also eager to poll the membership for accurate demographic data. We believe the poll should be assembled collaboratively between these two committees and a professional with expertise about data-driven inclusivity work.

• We continue to be excited about aggregating online archival resources for history of science research on our webpage, but may need additional support to implement this

• We continue our commitment to growing our membership base institutionally and internationally especially among underrepresented geographies, backgrounds, and communities, and we have ongoing collaborations with the committee on Diversity and Inclusion in this regard

Neeraja Sankaren’s service on the Committee on Membership is coming to an end, as the October 2021 Newsletter was her last as editor. We are unanimously grateful for Neeraja’s work on the Newsletter and keeping the dialogue open with CoM. We will hope to have a similar relationship with whomever takes over the Newsletter, and it creates a vacancy on the committee.
FORUM/CAUCUS REPORTS

REPORTS ADDRESSING THE LAST 12 MONTHS

GRAD STUDENT & EARLY CAREER SCHOLAR CAUCUS

Co-Chairs: Mikey McGovern & Sarah Pickman

Members: Sara Ray, Tina Wei, Iris Clever, Gina Surita, Sarah Qidwai, Eric Gurevitch, Alex Cagle, Taylor Dysart, Julia Marino

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Planning for 2021 HSS annual meeting: activities include Tacit Knowledge panel, Women’s Mentorship Event, social event for grad students/early career scholars: **PENDING**
- Collaboration with HSS@Work caucus to plan online event for 2022: **PENDING**
- Continue to promote job opportunities, fellowships, CFPs, etc. through social media: **PENDING**
- Issued statement against U.S. Legislative Efforts to Restrict Education about Racism: **COMPLETED**
- Continue to liaise with other HSS committees and initiatives, including COMP+, CODI, etc.: **PENDING**

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

- Activities to be held during 2021 HSS annual meeting: activities include Tacit Knowledge panel, Women’s Mentorship Event, social event for grad students/early career scholars
- Collaboration with HSS@Work caucus to plan online event for 2022
- Development of GECC e-mail mailing list, possible website redesign

Motion:

GECC would like to request a permanent budget for the Caucus.

Up until this point, GECC has never had a standing budget. Previously, we have relied on earmarked funding (typically $2,000) per year to plan an in-person social event/mixer at each annual meeting. Occasionally we have also received additional funding as the result of an unexpected donation, as happened before the 2019 annual meeting in Utrecht. (We received $300 that had been donated to HSS by an anonymous donor, which the Executive Director made available to us; we used it to fund refreshments for our annual Women’s Mentorship Event.)

We would like to request an annual budget, starting at $1100, which will roll over and which we can use at our discretion. We envision using this funding primarily to:

1. Pay for (or guarantee waiving of) conference registration and offer honoraria to speakers at our annual Tacit Knowledge event (during the HSS annual meeting), if they are not HSS members or members of the academic history of science/technology/medicine community expected to regularly attend the HSS annual meeting, and we have invited them to share their expertise.
1. “Supporting International Colleagues in Pandemic Times,” and we invited legal experts and activists who would normally not attend the HSS annual meeting to share knowledge that was extremely timely and relevant for our community, on protecting international students and scholars working in the United States during the Trump administration. They generously gave their time and provided their knowledge, which we could not have sourced from among the HSS membership alone. We were able to work with the Executive Director to waive these speakers’ conference registration fees, but would have liked to offer them honoraria as well.

2. Assuming we are able to have registration fees waived (currently $330 per person), we would request enough to distribute honoraria of $200 each for up to four panelists.

3. Pay for refreshments for in-person events at the annual meeting in addition to the funds earmarked for the mixer.
   a. We would like to be able to consistently offer refreshments for our annual Women’s Mentorship Event, which takes place during the HSS annual meeting. Many years in the past, we were able to obtain funding for lunch for this event by working with the Executive Director, but for a number of years we had no funding for this event and had to structure it as a brown-bag lunch. In 2019, we were unexpectedly offered funding again by the Executive Director, which we used to pay for refreshments. We would like to be able to offer refreshments consistently for this event, especially as a thank you to the senior scholars who volunteer their time to lead the event.
   b. The last amount we received was $300 and sufficient to cover costs.
HSS Bi-Annual Report for the Graduate and Early Career Caucus

1. Describe completed, ongoing, and planned activities during the current academic year

For the 2020 Virtual Forum, GECC partnered with the HSS Women’s Caucus and the Committee on Diversity and In Future of the Profession? Challenges from COVID-19 and Beyond for Women and Early Career Scholars Through the Lens of Diversity.” This panel, chaired by GECC co-chair Sarah Pickman, featured two graduate students (Patrícia Martins Marcos and Ayah Nuriddin) and three established scholars, working both inside and outside of the academy (Elaine Leong, Alix Hui, and Matt Shindell). The panel was attended by over one hundred people - many actively joining the conversation via the Zoom chat - and the panelists engaged deeply with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and early career scholars through an intersectional lens. Panelists outlined the disproportionate burdens the pandemic has had on graduate students and precariously-employed scholars, women, people of color, and international students, an outlined ways to build solidarity and support in our scholarly communities, such as supporting graduate student unions and advocating against the adjunctification of colleges and universities. The Isis co editors invited the organizers and chairs of this and the other two panels in the “Futures” series to write summaries of/reflections on the important conversations that happened during the three “Futures” panels, and these written pieces will appear in the Fall 2021 issue of Isis.

Our “Tacit Knowledge” panel gathered five experts on immigration and academic freedom from a variety of settings—grassroots campaigns, legal advocacy groups, and university administration to name a few—to discuss the precarity of visa status in the wake of COVID-19 and a set of executive orders designed to further curb immigration. This was a novel panel, as typically only members of the History of Science Society present, but we felt that an outside perspective would help shed light on an issue confusing to many. One issue that arose in the planning process was that we had hoped to convert our budget into honoraria for the speakers, which was not possible under current Council rules. Going forward, this may be something to discuss if it becomes clear that there is real enthusiasm for this kind of programming. However, whether due to enthusiasm, marketing, or conflicts with other panels, attendance hovered around 20, which is lower than we had hoped for. Looking ahead, then, we might consider organizing similar panels around speakers who graduate students are more likely to recognize, since this tends to grab people’s attention.

We are currently working on hybrid, in-person, and online versions of our normal roster of conference events to accommodate what will most likely be a very transitional in-person conference. These events include another “Tacit Knowledge” roundtable, a Women’s mentorship roundtable, and a roundtable with HSS@work on staying involved with the scholarly community while working outside of the academy. We have also continued to use our website and social media channels to distribute important information to our constituents, including sharing job postings and funding opportunities, CFPs, and so on.
GRAD STUDENT & EARLY CAREER SCHOLAR CAUCUS

Additionally, we created a permanent page on our website to house the resources and FAQs from our “Tacit Knowledge” panel, so that anyone looking to support international colleagues can draw on these resources in the future. As we move on through the year we plan to revise our own caucus handbook and better define committee roles beyond the confines of the annual meeting, since our virtual move has led us to contemplate anew how best to serve the community beyond organizing events solely for the annual meeting.

2. Budget allocations and expenditures during the upcoming academic year (excluding the annual meeting). Rollover income is not permitted. If applicable. In previous years, we have had one main expenditure: organizing a social event for graduate students and early careerists during the annual meeting (this is usually held at a space near the conference hotel, and goes towards paying for food and drinks). We have typically received a budget of $2,000.00 for this event. At this point, given the situation with COVID-19 and the abbreviated in-person meeting taking place in New Orleans this fall, we are not sure that we will organize an in-person social event this year. We will revisit this potential event over the summer of 2021.

3. Committee’s or delegate’s planned activities for the future

Given the pause in our regular activities and the state of the current job market, GECC plans to expand our roster of activities beyond the in-person conference, as well as our resources for students interested in alt-ac careers. This will mean building a network of independent scholars and people who pursue history of science-related work in a variety of different jobs—networking that is already happening within our ranks. In considering what events we can organize outside of the conference, we may turn to HSS for financial or institutional support if we found, say, a specialist willing to conduct an online workshop on cover letters for different professions.

However, we are also committed to considering new ways we can help students interested in more traditional academic careers, as we believe this support is essential to the goal of diversifying the academy. To that end, the Isis book reviews editor has proposed a program that would allow us to help get grad student book reviewers comfortable publishing reviews within their subfield by offering mentorship and editorial assistance beyond what the process typically entails. We may also consider what having a kind of grad student colloquium attached to HSS might do to help build connections through academic work that the hectic backs-and-forths of a large conference do not allow. Other professional organizations, like the American Society for Legal History, have invested heavily in such programming, and we might consider whether HSS could benefit from a similar kind of program. Insofar as these efforts are tailored toward diversifying the profession, we may consider tasking our diversity officers with thinking through what we might propose to HSS.
Finally, we hope to spend some time revamping our website and the resources it contains, which will include publicizing some of our existing resources and updating them to be in sync with the bevy of phenomenal online resources for grad students—typically passed down by word-of-mouth rather than centralized. We will also try to think through how exactly the website’s format best serves our online presence, and perhaps try out some new tools for cross-platform publication in the process to expand our imprint.

4. List names of committee members, if applicable.

- 1. Indicate members whose terms are expiring by adding (E) after the name.
- 2. Indicate committee chair by adding (C) after the name.
- 3. Indicate any preferences for appointments (or reappointments) to the committee by adding (A) after the name. The Executive Committee makes committee assignments at its spring meeting and will take any recommendations under consideration.
HSS WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Co-Chairs: Anita Guerrini & Jaipreet Virdi

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Post member updates on the "Coffee Break" newsletter: ONGOING
- Seek replacement for Co-Chair, Jaipreet: PENDING
- Work on archiving Oral History Project from previous years: PENDING

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

Anita Guerrini joined as co-Chair of the Women’s Caucus in January 2021 during a turbulent period in which the majority of the caucus was overwhelmed by teaching and research in the middle of a devastating covid wave. The delta variant wave further hampered our work, but we have managed to keep the community momentum going. The newsletter, Coffee Break, was published and several issues included updates among Caucus members, to announce new publications, achievements, initiatives, and more. We are pleased that we now have an established platform for communicating with each other and the broader history of science community online.

As indicated in our 2020 report, following the meeting of the Women’s caucus, members raised concerns for implementing a new mentoring initiative for assisting graduate and early career scholars to address professional challenges exacerbated by the pandemic. We suggested an expanded mentorship program to follow two primary avenues:

1. Monthly Zoom Salons
These will be workshops hosted by the Women's Caucus, but available to all members of the History of Science Society, which will aim to provide assistance and guidance for all participants. We can host them on the Women's Caucus website and/or cross-post announcements about them on the HSS site. Topics can include: addressing and responding to a peer review report; putting together a syllabus; writing for public engagement; having past award winners share their insights.

2. Structured Mentorship Program
Not all mentees require the same form of mentorship. We propose a mentorship program that enables participants to indicate what kind of guidance they require (e.g. connection to scholar in their field; writing and editing; researching archives; addressing challenges of gender/race/disability). In the initial application, mentees and mentors will indicate their primary interests from the program, and the program facilitators will aim to match accordingly.

We have yet to organize the Monthly Zoom Salons but intend to take this up in the near future, and look forward to working with the Caucus and GECC members to develop the second initiative.

Prior to the announcement that HSS will be moving fully virtual, we were working with the GECC to co-sponsor a "women's mentoring event" composed of a panel discussion around the theme of "protecting your time/saying "no" as an early career scholar." The GECC secured four panelists and we were working to promote the event; we are currently reevaluating the panel for a virtual discussion. We are also in discussions to organize the Women's Caucus Breakfast, which was originally scheduled for New Orleans, but will now likely be moved online. Projects from previous years, including updating the syllabus on the Caucus website, the collection of oral histories from founding members of the Women's Caucus, are still ongoing.
FORUM ON HISTORY OF HUMAN SCIENCE

Co-Chairs: Dana Simmons & Debbie Weinstein

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- FHHS Article Prize: PENDING
- FHHS/JHBS John C. Burnham Early Career Award: PENDING
- Distinguished Lecture, Alexandra Hui: PENDING

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

- Elections for Vice-Chair, Representative, Graduate Representative and Treasurer (to be held at the Annual Meeting)

We are pleased to report on FHHS activities in this second pandemic year.

FHHS advertised our annual Call for submissions to our two Awards in Spring 2021. By our June deadline, FHHS received twenty submissions for the Article prize and eight submissions for the Early Career Award. Award committees deliberated over the summer and submitted the following results, which will be announced at the Annual Meeting:

FHHS Article Prize (awarded biennially for the best article published recently on some aspect of the history of the human sciences): Selection committee: Emily Merchant (Chair), Isaiah Wilner, and Erik Linstrum

Awardee: Carola Ossmer, "“Normal Development: The Photographic Dome and the Children of the Yale Psycho-Clinic" Isis, 111.3 (2020).

Citation: In "Normal Development: The Photographic Dome and the Children of the Yale Psycho-Clinic," Carola Ossmer demonstrates that an influential theory of child development was constructed through visual culture. In the 1920s, as psychologists turned their attention from the pathological to the normal, political reformers seized upon child development as the key to producing democratic citizens. Yet, as Ossmer convincingly demonstrates, the normal could be conceptualized in more ways than one: as the absence of disease, as the center of a probability distribution, or—as in the case of Arnold Gesell and the Yale Psycho-Clinic—as a set of predictable milestones unfolding in sequence. In this brilliant essay, Ossmer traces Gesell’s use of new media and new materials in an attempt to capture universal patterns, in the process developing a conception of the normal that allowed for individual variation. By attending to the technologies through which human scientists construct knowledge, Ossmer shows that the quest for liberal selfhood was literally captured on film.
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FHHS/JHBS John C. Burnham Early Career Award (given annually to an early career scholar for an unpublished manuscript)

Selection committee: Jaipreet Virdi (chair), Rosanna Dent, and Peter Collopy

Honorable mention: Brad Bolman, "Knowing Nervous Pointers: Anxiety, Panic, and Deafness."

FHHS Steering Committee and Awards Committees met in September 2021 to plan our Distinguished Lecture and Business Meeting. Alix Hui will deliver a pre-recorded lecture, "Functional music and affective spaces: 100 years of the human science of background music," to be distributed early in the conference week. This will be followed by a panel of Distinguished Commentators (early career scholars) and the FHHS Business Meeting on Thursday 11/18 at 3 or 3:30pm Central.

FHHS is in the process of sending out our Call for nominations to three elected positions in the Forum for 2021-2022: Vice-Elect, Representative and Graduate Representative. We have asked for nominations to be submitted by November 1 and will hold elections via Google form ballots during or adjacent to our Business meeting.

Finally, FHHS is collaborating with Isis, Journal for the History of the Behavioral Sciences and the Graduate and Early Career Council, to co-organize a session at the Annual meeting: "Redistribution and Reparation in the History of Science: an Open Listening Session." The session abstract follows: Where’s the money (and value and recognition)?

We invite you to join an open listening session on redistributing scholarly resources to support early-career and underrepresented scholars and scholarship. We invite scholars who hold forms of academic capital, and early career and underrepresented scholars to talk about how we, as a Society and as a field, allocate value and resources. Where is value situated at different stages of the career, and where should it shift? What are scholars’ needs at different stages, places and positions? How can we think about redistribution and reparation in the history of science?
FORUM ON HISTORY OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES

Chair: Evan Hepler-Smith
Officers: Joel Klein (program co-chair, 2017; program chair, 2018-20; committee membership extended through 2021 for committee continuity. Term expires in 2021) Agnieszka Rec (2019-) Alison McManus (graduate student member; 2020-) Simon Werrett (2020-) Megan Piorko (2021-)

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Meet to select papers and submit two HSS sessions: COMPLETED
- Meet with GECC to discuss article ms. workshop pilot project: COMPLETED
- HSS sessions: PENDING
- GECC article ms. workshop pilot project: PENDING

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

- HSS: 2 sessions, forum business meeting, & Zoom social event with session presenters and attendees
- Continue to foster “Chemical Humanities” conversations at various meetings and in separate Forum-sponsored events

1. Describe the interest group’s completed, ongoing, and planned activities during the current calendar year.

a) The FoHCS executive and programs committee met in January 2021 to brainstorm plans for the coming year. Topics of discussion included 1) current research interests of committee members, 2) a roundup of groups and fora supporting activities related to the history of chemistry (broadly construed),

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c) The Forum solicited submissions for HSS 2021 under the theme of “Chemical Humanities and History of Chemistry.” We received thirteen submissions in response to our call for papers. FoHCS met in April 2021 to select papers for HSS 2021 session submissions, at which point we elected to organize two sessions rather than just one. Both were accepted:

3) How FoHCS can better support and foster history of chemistry community at HSS meetings, as well as 4) what else / where else might FoHCS be without needless duplication of other efforts. 5) planning for HSS 2021.

After a stimulated meeting, the committees decided to begin meeting remotely on a semi-regular basis, devoting half of the meeting to discussion of the history of chemistry and half to a business meeting. At the moment, these meetings with involve the committee and invited guests, as we do not wish to compete with regular meetings open to the broader history of chemistry community run by other organizations we are involved with.

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d) In addition to these sessions and its business meeting, the Forum plans to organize a virtual continue-the-conversation Zoom social with presenters and attendees from the two Forum-organized sessions.

2. Please describe any long-term plans, goals and potential projects for the interest group, as well as any potential future concerns or issues you believe the interest group could face. FoHCS continues to foster relationships among historians of chemical sciences, and to promote deeper understanding of, and interest in, the history of chemical sciences from medieval to present day studies through sponsorship of panels, roundtables and submitted-paper sessions, including potential co-organized sessions with other interest groups.

We plan to continue to pursue conversations along the lines that inspired the forum’s two organized sessions for HSS 2021, per the motivation for these sessions articulated in the CFP:

Across a range of fields, scholars in the humanities and social sciences are increasingly looking to subject matter and methods involving chemical substances, chemical concepts, and chemical data. This session brings representative work spanning these “chemical humanities” into conversation with scholarship in the history of chemical sciences. We ask, first, how this emerging scholarship might expand the boundaries of the history of chemical sciences, second, how insights from the history of chemical sciences might contribute to such interdisciplinary scholarship, and third, whether and how historians and other “chemical humanists” might productively collaborate with researchers in the chemical sciences themselves.
AAAS SECTION L

Delegate: Melinda Gormley


Members: Judy Johns Schloegel, Robert T. Pennock, Carol E. Cleland

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Chose 2022 Sarton Lecturer, Audra Wolfe: COMPLETED
- Schedule business meeting: PENDING

Planned Activities or Projects for the next 12 months

The 2022 AAAS Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia, PA from February 17-20. It will be a hybrid meeting with in-person plenaries, topical lectures, and Sarton lecture and with most sessions convening online. The theme is Empower with Evidence. For more information, go to https://meetings.aaas.org/.

Section L for History and Philosophy of Science is pleased that HSS chose Audra Wolfe for the Sarton Lecture for 2022 AAAS Annual Meeting. Thank you for looking at the list of speakers that Section L generated.

Section L’s business meeting will be held online in the weeks before/after the annual meeting. It hasn’t been schedule yet.

AAAS launched a Governance Modernization Project in April 2020 to answer the question:

What governance culture, processes, structures, and documents will provide the best framework for successful achievement of the AAAS mission in the coming years and match the reality of the way in which the modern organization is run? The governance modernization process attempts to revise AAAS’ governance structure for the first time in 75 years. Goals are to bring AAAS into the 21st century and design a structure that will last for many decades to come.

See https://www.aaas.org/governance-modernization-project. In conjunction with the governance modernization project, AAAS will convene a strategic planning summit from October 20-22, 2021 in Los Angeles, CA.

Melinda Gormley and Betty Smocovitis of Section L are members of both work groups and have attended many hours of meetings over the past 1.5 years. Both are also members of HSS.

The outcomes of these processes are expected to be rolled out in 2022.