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# History of Anthropology in *The Handbook of North American Indians*

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#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Riva Berleant-Schiller (Anthropology, University of Connecticut at Torrington) is doing research on speculative or conjectural reconstructions of paleolithic prehistory from about 1897 to the present, as reflected in novels and short stories, with a view to discovering the social and political ideologies both hidden in and exhibited by these reconstructions.

Stephen Catlett (American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia), is doing research on the politics and funding of anthropological research during this century, focusing on the role of the American Philosophical Society in supporting studies on the American Indian.

Hamilton Cravens (History, Iowa State University) is working with the Committee on Preservation of Historical Materials of the Society for Research in Child Development, to effect the preservation of the papers of individuals and institutions important to the history of the child sciences and technologies in American science from roughly 1880 to World War II. One of their special "targets" is the physical anthropologist, Alés Hrdlička.

S. Fisker (Prinsessestien 7-9, 2800 Kongens Lyngby, Denmark) is seeking information for a film he is writing on the researches of Franz Blom, the Middle American archeologist.

Robert G. Franke (Dean, College of Sciences, University of Arkansas at Little Rock) is doing research on the anthropological career and popular writings of Loren Eiseley, and would welcome reminiscences by students and others who knew Eiseley.

William A. Koelsch (University Archives, Clark University) is planning to do research on the early development of the anthropology program at Clark.

Piero Matthey (Instituto di Ethnologia, Universita di Roma) is doing research on the middle-European background of Robert Lowie's ethnological thought.

Warren Shapiro (Anthropology, Rutgers University) is doing research on the work of Boas' earlier students (notably Kroeber and Goldenweiser) on the problem of human nature.

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The Handbook of North American Indians, currently being issued by the Smithsonian Institution with the writer as General Editor, will eventually consist of twenty large volumes containing an encyclopedic

summary of knowledge of the anthropology and history of North American Indians. In order to place this information into context it will include much material on the history of research. Some of this appears briefly in many chapters on other topics, especially in the short bibliographical essays appended to most chapters and in treatments of archeology and linquistic classification. Also included under many headings is a great deal of ethnohistory, historical ethnography, and social and other history. Most volumes contain separate chapters devoted specifically to the history of research--and therefore to the history of anthropology-written by areal specialists. The purpose of these is to aid users in evaluating the nature and state of present knowledge, and to assist them in the interpretations of older sources. Thus these chapters tend to be presentistic, rather than being sophisticated analyses of the history of anthropology as such. The authors do vary, of course, in their willingness and ability to discuss the larger contexts of past research, including its institutional aspects and its relation to then-current general theoretical concerns. Yet the most historically-oriented authors share with others severe restrictions on the length of their chapters.

The chapters that are especially relevant to the history of anthropology in volumes already published are:

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  "History of Research," by Robert F. Heizer, pp. 6-15.
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  "History of Research," by Elizabeth Tooker, pp. 4-13.
- Vol. 9, Southwest (Alfonso Ortiz, vol. ed.), 1979:
   "History of Archeological Research," by Alfred H. Schroeder,
   pp. 5-13.

"History of Ethnological Research," by Keith H. Basso, pp. 14-21.

Vol. 6, <u>Subarctic</u> (June Helm, vol. ed.), 1981:

"History of Ethnological Research in the Subarctic Shield and Mackenzie Borderlands," by Edward S. Rogers, pp. 19-29.

"History of Archeological Research in the Subarctic Shield and Mackenzie Valley," by Jacques Cinq-Mars and Charles A. Martijn, pp. 30-34.

"History of Research in the Subarctic Cordillera," by Catherine McClellan, pp. 35-43.

"History of Research in Subarctic Alaska, by Nancy Yaw Davis, pp. 43-48.

Vol. 10, Southwest (covering the non-Pueblo groups) is now at the at the printers and will appear in early 1983; it has no chapter on this topic. Now entering the final editorial process is vol. 5, Arctic (David Damas, vol. ed.). This contains chapters on the history of research

before 1945 by Henry B. Collins, on the history of archeology after 1945 by Elmer Harp, and on the history of ethnology after 1945 by Charles C. Hughes. The other area volumes will include comparable treatments. Vol. 1, Introduction, will include chapters on the nature and methods—and thus the history—of various fields of North Americanist anthropology, as well as some special chapters on the history of research and a reflexive piece on the history of the Handbook. Vol. 2, Indians in Contemporary Society, will include chapters on Indian scholars and on Indian studies programs. Vol. 3, Environment, Origins, and Populations, will include chapters on the history of Paleo—Indian studies and on the history of North Americanist physical anthropology. For Vol. 4, History of Indian—White Relations, there is a chapter on the relations between Indians and anthropologists. Vol. 17, Languages, will carry chapters on the history of linguistic research, including linguistic classification.

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