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# Anarchy Brown's School Days: Cambridge Anthropology in 1904

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Professor Peter Slater's proposed study, "Franz Boas and the American Physical Character" (cf. HAN, II:1) has been reformulated along broader lines so as to take account of interest in this subject from the late eighteenth century to the early twentieth century. The revised working title is "New Bodies for a New World: The Search for the American Physical Type." Professor Slater's Children in the New England Mind: In Death and In Life, a work in family history, will be published this Fall by The Shoe String Press (Archon Books).

Professor George Stocking, University of Chicago, is preparing a history of the Chicago Department of Anthropology for the occasion of its golden jubilee, February 18, 1979.

Professor Ivan Strenski, of the Department of Religious Studies, Connecticut College, is doing research on theories of myth in social anthropology.

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ANARCHY BROWN'S SCHOOL DAYS: CAMBRIDGE ANTHROPOLOGY IN 1904.

Later in life, A. R. Radcliffe-Brown recalled that he had begun the study of anthropology in 1904 under Rivers, having previously studied psychology with him for three years as an undergraduate. Although other evidence (the published results of Tripos exams) would suggest that Radcliffe-Brown's memory was off by one year, it is nonetheless interesting to consider just what sort of anthropological education Cambridge offered in the years when the young man known to his classmates as "Anarchy" Brown was turning from psychology to anthropology.

The following announcement, reproduced from the Cambridge University Reporter of October 8, 1904, lists the "Lectures Proposed by the Board for Anthropology, 1904-1905" -- the first year following its establishment (see next page). (G.W.S.)

## LECTURES PROPOSED BY THE BOARD FOR ANTHROPOLOGY, 1904-1905

Michaelmas Term, 1904	Lent Term, 1905	Easter Term, 1905
<p>Prof. Ridgeway. (Arch. Mus.) Greek and Roman Religion M. 10, F. 11:15</p> <p>Ancient Ethnology of Central and Southern Europe</p>	<p>The Ethnology of Europe</p>	
<p>Dr. Haddon. (Arch Mus.) Anthropogeography. M. 10, W. 10. The Ethnology of Africa. M. 2:30 Practical Ethnology. Tu. 2:30</p>	<p>Same continued Social Evolution in Oceania. M.2:30 Same continued</p>	<p>The Decorative Art of Primitive Peoples. M.2:30*</p>
<p>Mr. Duckworth. (The Anat. Sch.) Elementary Physical Anthropology. T.Th. 5. Oct. 18. £1. 1s.</p>	<p>Elementary Physical Anthropology. T.Th. 5. Jan. 18. £1. 1s.</p>	<p>Elementary Physical Anthro- pology continued. T. Th. 5 (or 6 p.m.). Ap. 22. £1. 1s.</p>
<p>Mr. Rivers. (16 Mill Lane.) Ethnological Work in Experimental Psychology. F. 2:30. Oct. 14</p>		
<p>Dr. Myers.</p>		<p>The Treatment of Anthropo- metric Data. Tu. 2:30</p>
<p>Baron A. von Hugel</p>	<p>Ethnology: The Melanesian and Polynesian. (Illustrated by the Museum Collections) (Days and hours to be fixed subsequently.)</p>	
<p>Mr. Johns. The Geography of Western Asia from Inscriptions. F. 8:30 Oct. 14 Elementary Assyriology. W. F. 12. Oct. 12</p>	<p>Social Customs of Babylonia</p> <p>Same continued</p>	<p>Same continued</p> <p>Same continued</p>
<p>Mr. Chadwick. The English People in Prehistoric Times. Th. 3</p>	<p>Anglo-Saxon Sociology. Th. 3 Ethnology of Northern Europe.</p>	<p>Same continued Same continued</p>
<p>Mr. Green. Egyptology.</p>		
<p>Mr. Minns. Ancient Ethnology of Eastern Europe. W. 2:30</p>	<p>*This course will be illustrated by lantern slides and speci- mens. No fee.</p>	