Committee on Diversity & Inclusion

Chair: Abigail Nieves Delgado

Members: Abigail Nieves Delgado (Member-at Large, Residing Outside of the US, co-chair), Jules Skotnes-Brown (Member-at Large, Residing Outside of the US), Sam Muka (Co-Chair of Women's Caucus (ex-officio)), Anita Guerrini (Co-Chair of Women's Caucus (ex-officio)), Maria Portuondo (Council Member at Large (ex-officio)), Elizabeth Hunter (GECC Diversity Co-Chair (ex-officio)), Dalena Ngo (GECC Diversity Co-Chair (ex-officio)), Eric Gurevitch (GECC Diversity Co-Chair (ex-officio)), Tina Gianquitto (HSS Ombudsperson (ex-officio)), Jenna Tonn (HSS Ombudsperson (ex-officio)), Rosanna Dent (Member-at-Large), Gabriela Soto Laveaga (Membership Committee (ex-officio)), Elly Truitt (Honors and Prizes)

Summary of Activities:

- To develop a set of guidelines for demographic data collection. An outline for such guidelines had been drafted and submitted with the last CoDI report to Council. Portuondo reported that Council endorsed the implementation of a system for collecting and reporting on demographics, particularly in view of NSF’s travel grant requirements (which HSS failed to meet last year, costing HSS that funding opportunity). The form will include a preamble and opt-out options.

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:

- The committee identified two initiatives to carry forward:
  1. drafting a statement on diversity that would offer a definition that captures categories like race/ethnicity, gender, age, disability status, first generation status, independent scholar status, and so on; and
  2. a statement on the differential impact of COVID on scholars, for consideration by institutions with respect to promotion and tenure reviews, annual reviews, etc.
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

Chair: Sarah Naramore

Members: Luis Campos (HSS secretary), John Carson, Pedro Raposo (connection to CALM), Eric Gurevitch (connect to GECC, needs to be formally added to the online group), Jaipreet Virdi

Summary of Activities:

- **Hazen Prize**
  - The committee wishes to award this year’s Hazen Prize to Alex Wellerstein (Stevens Institute of Technology) in recognition of his achievements in bringing the history of science to a broad public audience. Wallerstein’s use of digital tools is exemplified by his interactive digital projects NUKEMAP https://nuclearsecrecy.com/nukemap/ and MISSILEMAP https://nuclearsecrecy.com/missilemap/. Both allow visitors and students to simulate the effects of current and Cold War era weapons and have been used extensively by educators. We are fortunate that these are only simulations. Visitors to NUKEMAP have “detonated” well over 200 million nuclear bombs since its launch. By creating and maintaining the sites, Wellerstein demonstrates how academic expertise in the history of science can be successfully leveraged for broader educational engagement. In addition to his work with the maps, Wellerstein has shown a strong commitment to classroom teaching and public speaking in his areas of expertise. Letters in support of his nomination explicitly attest to his generosity as a scholar both in person and online. He has spoken in college classrooms as well as museums and public settings on nuclear history and collaborated with colleagues at other education institutions including Air & Space Museum and acted as historical consultant for the documentary series Manhattan. His blog “Restricted Data” https://blog.nuclearsecrecy.com/ presents well-written and research history of science to a broad audience and received over five million views since its launch in 2011. For all these reasons we believe he exemplifies the kind of work and dedication the Hazen Prize celebrates.

- **Elizabeth Paris Public Engagement Event**
  - This year the Elizabeth Paris Public Engagement event will occur in partnership with the Adler Planetarium on Wednesday, November 16th. This date allows us to support additional presentations and information to the general public in conjunction with the Chicago Night Sky exhibit on an evening that admission is free for Illinois residents. Putting our event on the “free” night means that we will be able to reach a more diverse group of visitors (in terms of race, age, and socioeconomic status) than other possible dates. We are also able to provide admission for any HSS attendees in hopes that anyone arriving in Chicago early will be able to attend if they so wish. JP Gutierrez has indicated that we can add an RSVP to the HSS website to help facilitate this. Publicity for the event and final details are still being discussed.
- We expect a short description of the actual content of the event from Andrew Johnston at the Adler shortly. If the weather agrees with us the event can also include a visit to the Adler’s observatory.
- At the meeting itself we plan to have an in-person meeting of CoEE members. We also have plans for setting up a long-term virtual discussion using HSS social media. We plan to set up an easel with poster board where members can share frequently asked questions they get about the history of science from students and the general public. We plan to collect those questions and share them on social media about twice a month for the next year and invite members to answer them. Some support from the technology committee would be helpful, we can provide the text and hashtags we just need someone to post them.

**HSS Engagement/Meeting**

**Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:**
- Paris Public Engagement Event 2022
- Planning for the Paris Lecture in 2023
- Continuing work on the National History Day website
COMMITTEE ON FINANCES

Chair: Gwen Kay

Members: Adam Apt, Fritz Davis, Jia-Chen Fu, Karl Hall, Greg Macklem

Summary of Activities:
- Examined and approved financial review; completed
- Began discussion about Vanguard (endowment funds); pending.
- Approved managing FHHS funds, with appropriate overhead (15%), consistent with overhead for prizes. This model is not specific to FHHS but could be used for other fora or interest groups; completed.

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:
- Create, get approved budget for FY 2024.
- Research, make recommendation about our funds at Vanguard.
COMMITTEE ON HONORS & PRIZES

Chair: Elly Truitt

Members: Elly R. Truitt, chair, Surekha Davies, Myles Jackson, Elaine Leong, Matt Stanley, Bert Theunissen, Nasser Zakariya

Summary of Activities:
The committee’s work this year consisted of the following:
- Determining a list of four finalists for the Sarton Medal and forwarding this list to EC (end of April)
- Nominating a large roster of possible candidates to approach about staffing prize subcommittees (December-February)
- Staffing, in ex officio capacity, the various prize subcommittees (March-September)

CoHP was relatively quiet this year, with no changes to any codified or customary policies proposed. All prize subcommittees deliberated and came to their decisions in timely and equitable fashion. The biggest change noted is that it has become progressively and significantly more difficult to find people willing to serve on prize committees. The reasons for this are multiple and likely intersectional, but pandemic-related burnout and a general sense of too many responsibilities and not enough time seem at the top of the list. While understandable—and a situation that committee members all identify with—the fact is that recognizing the outstanding work of our community members is one of the most gratifying tasks that we can participate in. We hope that EC and Council can help drum up interest in serving among their networks. The workloads are variable, but largely take place over the summer. Among the rewards are feeling inspired and excited by the intellectual vitality and breadth of our discipline.
**Pfizer Award [Sub]Committee**
Alan Rocke, Chair 2020-2022  
Tiago Saraiva, 2021-2023  
Deborah Coen, (2022-2024)  
Myles Jackson, (ex officio, non-voting)

**Derek Price/Rod Webster Award [Sub]Committee**
Bernie Lightman, Chair 2020-2022  
Suman Seth, 2021-2023  
Sophia Roosth, 2022-2024  
Elly Truitt (ex officio, non voting)

**Ronald Rainger Prize [Sub]Committee, est. 2017**
Anya Zilberstein, Chair 2020-2022  
Richard Staley, 2021-2023  
Chris Young, 2022-2024  
Matt Stanley (ex officio, non voting)

**Nathan Reingold Prize [Sub]Committee (Formerly the Schuman Prize)**
Adrian Johns, Chair 2020-2022  
Geert Somsen, 2021-2023  
Henry Cowles, 2022-2024  
Surekha Davies, (ex officio, non voting)

**Margaret W. Rossiter History of Women in Science Prize [Sub]Committee**
Florence Hsia, Chair 2020-2022  
Leah DeVun, 2021-2023  
Banu Subramaniam, 2022-2024  
Elaine Leong, (ex officio, non voting)
COMMITTEE ON MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Chair: Irina Podgorny and Prakash Kumar

Members: Prakash Kumar, Irina Podgorny, Hugh Cable, Shellen Wu, Don Opitz, Jaipreet Virdi

Summary of Activities:
- Reviewed submissions for Gerjuoy/Michell Prize 2022 and chose winner
- Reviewed 2020 CoMP report on annual meetings and made recommendations
- Reviewed and made recommendations for HSS in Asia proposal
- Made suggestions to Executive Manager for annual meetings

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:
- Preparing for the centennial meeting in Mexico
Committee on Membership

Chair: Gabriela Soto Laveaga

Members: Tamara Caulkins, Melissa Charenko, Minakshi Menon, Gwen Kay.

Summary of Activities:

- Tiered Membership – Discussion completed, has moved on to Council
  - We discussed what a tiered membership for HSS might look like. We agreed that tiers based on geography are not ideal but rather we propose tiers based on self-reporting salary. We looked at other models, such as LASA which is implementing a trial to try to address disparities among its global members and we feel that salary range may best capture the equity we are trying to achieve.

- Future Hybrid Component at all meetings for membership - Discussion ongoing
  - A hybrid option at all future meetings going forward to help build membership across the world and acknowledge that not all members have the freedom to move (i.e., visa, disabilities, financial or family constraints). The hybrid option does not have to include the entire programming but potentially a smattering of select panels, presidential addresses, etc.

- We voted that Caucus members should belong to the HSS. - Completed
  - Currently Caucus members are not required to belong to HSS. We discussed this and agreed that they should belong to HSS.

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:

- More on-line professionalization opportunities for Members.
- Create a checklist and revamp Sponsor a Scholar Program (SAS)

Motion

- The membership committee proposes to have a limited time Lifetime Membership available to celebrate the Society’s centennial. The so-called “Centennial Lifetime Membership” would grant Society members the one-time opportunity to become Lifetime members. The Lifetime membership rate (to be discussed by the Finance Committee but we were thinking $2500-$2750) would bring funds to the Society before the Merida meeting. We strongly recommended that a multi-payments plan be made available for scholars who may not be able to afford a one-time payment and if there are concern about this number, these multi-payment options could be capped at ”x” available memberships.

- We could also have a raffle of one (1) Lifetime Membership of $10 each raffle ticket with a total of 500 tickets (for $5000 total funds).
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Jaipreet Virdi and Victor Seow

Members: Kristine Palmieri, David Sepkoski, Rebekah Higgitt (Council Rep)

Summary of Activities:
- NomCom met in June 2022 to introduce the newly elected members to the group and outline responsibilities and obligations of the committee. We warmly congratulated Kristine Palmieri and David Sepkoski for their election to NomCom and Rebekah Higgitt to the position of Council representative and thanked outgoing Council representative Myrna Sheldon, and NomCom co-chairs Helen Anne Curry and Charlotte Bigg for their remarkable work preparing the election.
- Jaipreet Virdi and Victor Seow accepted the role of NomCom co-Chairs for 2022-23 and expressed their enthusiasm for working together. In early October, Jai and Victor met to discuss the schedule for NomCom to gather candidate suggestions for the next election cycle.

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:
- NomCom will be meeting at the end of October to discuss the procedures and candidates for the next election cycle. NomCom will be seeking members to add to the ballots for: 1 VP, 5 Council Members, 1 Council Delegate, 2 NomComm.
- NomCom plans to have a final list of candidates for EC submitted by mid-December at the latest.
COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Chair: Sigrid Schmalzer

Members: Aileen Fyfe (Past Chair), Jenny Rampling, Dora Vargha, Evelynn Hammonds (VP, Ex Officio)

Summary of Activities:

- HSS Editors’ Search:
  - Review of Expressions of Interest from prospective HSS Editors (completed)
  - Effort to recruit more applicants for HSS Editor position (completed)
  - Review of full applications from prospective HSS Editors (completed)
  - Zoom interview with prospective HSS Editors (pending, Nov. 3)
- Annual meeting with current Editors (pending, Oct. 24)
- Discussion and approval of new collaboration between IsisCB and Penn Annenberg (completed)

This continues to be an exceptionally busy year for CoP. The top agenda item since our last report has been the search for new Society Editors (to replace our outgoing editors on July 1, 2024). The initial deadline for Expressions of Interest was March 15. With the hope of expanding the pool of applicants, we extended that deadline to May 31. We then communicated with the viable applicants and encouraged them to submit a full application by October 1. We have now reviewed the materials and will be interviewing them by Zoom in early November. Assuming that we continue to find them viable after that interview, we will plan to conduct site visits in early 2023, collect any necessary supplementary materials, and then make our recommendation to the Executive Committee by May, 2023 so that Executive Committee can make the final decision and notify the applicants by June, 2023. We note that the current Editors expressed their willingness to stay on an extra year if we do not identify viable successors. We are optimistic that we will not have to ask them to make good on that offer, but are grateful to have it as a fall-back position. We will be meeting with the current Editors next week (10/24) to learn what they see as the greatest current and future challenges for Isis and other HSS publications; this discussion will inform us as we interview the candidates in November. In other news, we spent some time discussing two possibilities included in our new contract with U of Chicago Press. One is a book series. We agreed that it would be problematic to have a series defined around any particular subfield within the history of science. We debated the various pros and cons of having a series that encouraged books for general audiences, books by independent scholars, or books by scholars from the Global South. After considerable discussion, we decided we would like to know more about what the Press envisions before we go further. The second is a book proposal prize. The idea is that HSS would review submitted book proposals and select one as a prize-winner: that author would also receive a Letter of Intent to Publish from U of Chicago Press. After much discussion, we decided we would like to explore the possibility of a “Book Proposal Mentorship Program.”
whereby a newly formed committee would solicit draft book proposals, choose six (or another number) finalists who would be mentored by committee members, and then review revised proposals and choose one to award the prize and Letter of Intent to Publish. We will pick up both of these projects once the more pressing work of the Society Editor(s) search is complete. * Note that we have now completed our transition to a new structure: as in the past, each member serves a five-year term, but members now rise to the position of Secretary in their third year, Chair in the fourth year, and Past Chair in their fifth year. (Previously, members rose to the position of Secretary in their fourth year and Chair in their fifth year; there was no Past Chair position.)

**Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:**
- HSS Editors search:
  - We will complete the interviews with prospective HSS Editors in early November;
  - We will conduct site visits of the finalists’ institutions in early 2023;
  - Evaluation of applications and completion of recommendation to Executive Committee (May, 2023)
TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Kathleen Sheppard


We have tried to figure out our charge, but realized that our committee may not be needed at this moment. I met with JP and we talked about sunsetting the TCC. Our original charge was THATCamp, and now that we don't do that anymore (for various reasons you may know from my previous reports), we haven't been given a continuing charge by the EC.
Chair: Mackenzie Cooley

Members: Patricia Martins Marcos (Co-Chair)

Summary of Activities:
- Over the last six months, the former chairs of ESF have transferred the reins to Patricia and myself. In April and May, Hannah Marcus and Anne-Laurence Caudano generously onboarded us with guidance concerning what is expected in this role.
- During those months, we also determined a theme for a panel on “Boundless Precedents, Early Science” for the HSS conference. Patricia and I developed this roundtable with a broad array of panelists with backgrounds in antiquity through the Enlightenment, Asia to the Caribbean, and many different personal backgrounds. We hope they will help launch a conversation about the relationship between temporal fields and thematic fields.
- Outside of the panel, we have planned a business meeting for HSS. During this meeting, we will speak about new and major themes of research in our field. We will ask those who come to reflect on one moment in which their research has been driven by a paradigm shift and another moment where they have focused on continuities. Through this prompt, we hope to initiate a conversation about what future we see for the category of “Early Sciences.” Finally, we will host an informal meal during the conference.

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:
- Over the next 12 months, we will plan on turning first to this HSS and then toward the next HSS. We will hope to determine a new, exciting theme for next year’s panel. In addition, we will transform our listserv into an active platform for news about opportunities in the early sciences in and beyond academia.
- We are particularly interested in developing an essay prize in order to increase engagement. We would hope to organize 6-8 scholars to read papers and develop a relationship with a journal to publish the winning paper. We will discuss how to implement this idea in the year to come.
EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES FORUM

Chair: Jeremy Vetter

Members: Geoff Bil, Anna Graber, Gustave Lester, Victor Monnin, Tiffany Nichols

Summary of Activities:

- In the past few years, due to the SARS-CoV2 pandemic, we have not been having our typical in-person meetings or gatherings at the History of Science Society and American Society for Environmental History. While the pandemic remains ongoing, we will soon be returning to in-person meetings. In consultation with the coordinating committee, we have identified two committee members who will be attending HSS this fall in Chicago, and they will be coordinating a gathering for us. By that time, one of them will be confirmed as chair for this year, and the other as acting secretary in my absence. Except for essential business, such as election of new coordinating committee members, our annual gatherings tend to be focused mainly on introductions and informal socializing, in order to reconnect with one another and welcome new members into the community of historians of the earth and environmental sciences. We also have been exploring ways to recognize the Rainger prize winner each year, and perhaps feature or discuss that scholar's work, since that prize originated from the Forum and features early career work in the history of earth and environmental sciences.

- Our other major activity, especially since the pandemic began, is through our alignment with the Earth and Environmental Sciences working group of the Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, which has an identical topical purview as our Forum, a heavily overlapping membership, and a co-convener (me) who is also secretary of the Forum. Thus we have not only conducted some minor Forum business at the monthly meetings of the working group during the past few years, but this group has been a vital meeting place for our scholarly community, and will likely remain so, even as we also begin experimenting with in person activities once again.

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:

- As noted above, we are planning for a gathering/meeting at the History of Science Society meeting in Chicago, to be led by two members of the coordinating committee who are attending in person. This will be our first in-person meeting since the start of the pandemic. We will likely also restart informal gatherings (usually lunchtime) at the American Society for Environmental History, which next spring will be meeting in Boston. We will also continue meeting as a community through the CHSTM monthly working group, on an ongoing basis.
FORUM FOR THE HISTORY OF HEALTH, MEDICINE, & THE LIFE SCIENCES

Chair: Andrew Hogan

Members: Gina Surita, Elizabeth Neswald, Robin Scheffler, Udodiri Okwandu, Mary Kate Wolken

Summary of Activities:
- Organization of graduate student essay prize, successfully completed
- Election of new steering committee members, successfully completed
- Election of new steering committee chair, successfully completed
- Planning for outreach activities for 2022/23, ongoing
- Planning for HSS meeting business meeting and keynote co-organization, pending
FORUM FOR THE HISTORY OF HUMAN SCIENCE

Chair: Dana Simmons and Debbie Weinstein

Members: Debbie Weinstein and Dana Simmons (Co-chairs), Jamie Cohen-Cole (Vice Chair), Emily Merchant (Treasurer), Jeremy Blatter (Recording Secretary), Ayah Nurridin, Myrna Perez Sheldon, Emily Kern (Representatives), Simon Torracinta (Graduate Representative), Annette Mühlberger (International Representative), Ellen Herman (Website editor), Sarah Igo and Mark Solovey (Representatives to JHBS)

Summary of Activities:

- FHHS convened committees to select two prizes (Burnham Early Career Prize and Dissertation Prize). The committees reviewed submissions and selected a winner and honorable mention for each prize.
- We invited Pablo F Gómez to give the FHHS Distinguished lecture, which will be hosted jointly with the FHHML, during the Forum's session at the annual meeting.
- We compiled a set of proposed action items based on the discussion and feedback from the 2021 Open Listening Session (a collaboration with the Graduate and Early Career Committee, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Isis Editor Alexandra Hui and JHBS Editor Alex Rutherford). We met with members of the EC to discuss these proposed action items and EC's plans for a follow-up listening session at the 2022 annual meeting.
- FHHS continues to collaborate with the Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences, sending regular activity and member updates for publication in the Journal.
- We submitted a motion for Fiscal Sponsorship by HSS with our Spring 2022 report. It is still outstanding.
- After the meeting in Chicago, we will begin planning for the Distinguished Lecture and prize committees for 2023.

Motion:

The Forum for History of Human Science (FHHS) seeks administrative support from the History of Science Society (HSS). We request that HSS collect dues for FHHS by allowing people the option to add membership in FHHS when joining or renewing membership in HSS. If this proposal is approved, we will close FHHS accounts and turn all funds over to HSS. The FHHS treasurer (elected every two years) will coordinate with HSS to disburse funds for FHHS's modest expenses. In consideration of HSS's agreement to act as a pass through for FHHS, and to cover HSS's expenses in connection with FHHS as outlined above, we are willing to cover overhead if desired by HSS. This proposal was written by FHHS Treasurer Emily Merchant in consultation with FHHS Co-Chairs Debbie Weinstein and Dana Simmons with input from Executive Director J.P. Gutierrez. The proposal was reviewed and approved by the FHHS Steering Committee in April 2022.
FORUM FOR THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE IN ASIA (FHSASIA)

Chair: Jia-Chen Fu

Members: Charu Singh (Co-Chair), Advisory Board: Sigrid Schmalzer, Minakshi Menon, Fa-ti Fan, Yulia Frumer, Lisa Onaga, Dagmar Schäfer, Martina Siebert, Zuoyue Wang, Somaditya Banerjee, Paul Callomon, Lijing Jiang, Shenglan Li, Kenji Ito, Hiromi Mizuno, Ying Jia Tan, Shellen Wu, Marta Hanson, Shigehisa Kuriyama, Projit Mukharji, Bill Summers

Summary of Activities:

- **FHSAsia Sponsorship for 2022 (completed)**
  - The Co-Chairs announced to the FHSAsia membership of that FHSAsia would sponsor one panel for the 2022 HSS meeting in Chicago. We received applications by the 11 April 2022 deadline and made our selection. Our goal has been to encourage proposals from early career scholars and graduate students and invite members to address topics and regions otherwise under-represented in the history of science in Asia. The sponsored panel will be “Vernacular Sciences in Asia” organized by Eric Moses Gurevich (University of Chicago) and Hyeok Hweon Kang (Washington University in St. Louis). This panel brings together five scholars working on how civilizational sciences travel and translate across borders.

- **HSS 2022 Annual Meeting in Chicago (in progress)**
  - For our business meeting, Dr. Elise Burton will be making a short presentation on “A Lexicon of Science in Asia,” an online multilingual database project that seeks to facilitate and enable transregional and comparative research in the history and sociology of science. A proposal for FHSAsia to be listed as a supporter of the project will be put before the members for a vote.

- **Collaboration with other SIGS (ongoing)**
  - We have been working with Karin Rosemblatt and Gabriela Soto Laveaga to organize a special SARA session (tentatively scheduled for January 2023) that will bring scholars working on the histories of science in Asia and Latin America together. Our goal is to establish a common forum within which scholars of the two regions can meet, become familiar with respective research agendas, and identify common concerns or questions. Ideally, this SARA meeting will help promote future collaborations between scholars in, on, and between the two regions.

- **HSS-in-Asia 2023 Planning (ongoing)**
  - With the support of the HSS executive committee, we have begun planning a small HSS-in-Asia meeting for June 2023 in Taipei, Taiwan. The proposed program will consist of two public lectures, a 2-day workshop on transregional approaches in histories of science, and an editors’ session for the journals Isis and East Asian Science, Technology, and Society. The meeting will be sponsored by the Institute of Modern History and the Institute of History and Philology at Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan.
FORUM FOR THE HISTORY OF THE CHEMICAL SCIENCES

Chair: Evan Hepler-Smith

Members: Simon Werrett; Agnieszka Rec; Megan Piorko; Alison McManus (graduate student rep); Charlotte Abney Salomon; Evan Hepler-Smith

Summary of Activities:

- FoHCS/GECC article ms. mentorship pilot program. (Partnering early-career scholars with manuscripts in preparation for submission and senior scholars with editorial experience. Feedback to be specifically oriented toward ms. as a prospective journal article. Pilot of program which GECC may wish to expand. Simon Werrett and Karoliina Pulkkinen leading this effort on FoHCS side.) Recruited three interested early career researchers, teamed up with mentors. Awaiting report-back on experience. In progress.

- HSS 2022 organized session -- preliminary roundtable discussion and planning session. Completed July 2022.


- Sharing information about upcoming events and publications in history of chemistry with Forum, HSS, and related scholarly communities. Ongoing

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:

- HSS 2022 organized session. (see above)

- FoHCS/GECC article ms. mentorship pilot program
FORUM FOR THE HISTORY OF THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Chair: Brittany Shields

Members:

Summary of Activities:
- The Forum for the History of the Mathematical Sciences (FoHoMS) organized a session for the HSS meeting that will take place in November in Chicago: "Transmissions and Traditions of Mathematics."

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:
- FoHoMS will continue:
  - To organize sessions on the history of the mathematical sciences for the annual HSS meetings, ensuring that the history of the mathematical sciences remains a robust part of the history of science;
  - To maintain and distribute its directory of Historians of the Mathematical Sciences; and
  - To send out announcements of interest to historians of the mathematical sciences.
**HSS AT WORK CAUCUS**

**Chair:** Matthew Shindell  

**Members:** Matthew Shindell, Jamie Brannon (Co-Chair), Mohandas Towne

**Summary of Activities:**
- HSS@Work is a caucus for those in history of science careers outside of academia, wherever they may find themselves. We provide advice to students and early career scholars looking to work in alt- or non-academic settings, as well as independent scholars. We want to provide a voice for these practitioners inside of the HSS, to find ways of better integrating them into the fabric of the Society and the profession, and to explore the many previously untracked ways in which history of science and its methods can be applied in new environments. The members of HSS@Work are available to consult with individuals or departments who want to think more broadly about where the history of science is practiced, to collaborate with other caucuses and committees on programs related to career paths, and to advise on issues that relate to our membership and participation in the Society and the annual meeting. We seek members who are looking for support in their work outside of the Academy, as well as those willing to provide this support to others.
- Because of the pandemic, opportunities have been limited over the past six months. Matt Shindell and Jamie Brannon participates in the annual meeting virtually and represented HSS@Work at the meeting's virtual events. Matt Shindell met remotely with graduate students at UC San Diego and Harvard about pursuing research careers outside of the tenure track.

**Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:**
- We will continue to seek out new members and collaborators to help us achieve our stated goals. Our current members will remain available to consult with anyone interested in pursuing a career outside of academia, or thinking about ways to understand the impact of history of science outside of academia, or considering ways of representing non-academic history of science in the Society and the Annual Meeting.
Chair: Benjamin Gross

Co-Chairs: Catarina Madruga, Pedro Raposo

Summary of Activities:
- During the last 6 months, CALM co-chairs prepared the internal organization and structure in order to have a new co-chair elected in the upcoming business meeting to happen during the HSS conference in November.
- We have also started thinking about how to use the new HSS website platform for the communication with the caucus members.
- Pedro Raposo represented the caucus in the Local Arrangements Committee meetings in preparation for HSS 2022; and prepared the HSS 2022 “Outing”. The focus of the outing was shifted from the Adler Planetarium to the Field Museum, so that we could organize a larger group for a specialized “behind the scenes” tour. This CALM activity will take place during the HSS conference, and will be dedicated to caucus members.
- Together with Adrianna Link (CHSTM), Catarina Madruga organized and submitted a roundtable for the HSS Chicago 2022 conference on the topic “Digitizing and Decolonizing Collections, Archives, Libraries and Museums. Challenges and Experiences” which is this year’s CALM sponsored event in the scientific program. The roundtable was accepted and included in the program as part of the “Futures Roundtables” series.
- Ben Gross represented the CALM caucus in the Centennial Committee Celebration (2024).

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:
- For the upcoming months, CALM co-chairs hope to engage more with the new HSS online platform and explore its opportunities, although we foresee keeping the mailing list in use (using calmcaucus@gmail.com) in order to also reach out our non-HSS members.
- For each HSS conference, the CALM caucus plans to organize 3 events: (1) the internal annual business meeting, where we look towards expanding the membership and discussing future directions; (2) a roundtable/panel for the scientific program, organized and/or sponsored by CALM; and (3) organize an in-person outing to a local institution to visit a collection, an archive, a library, or a museum in the city where the HSS conference takes place.
- For the 2023 conference, we will plan an outing with colleagues from Portland, Oregon. In November, we will gather proposals for HSS 2023 in this year’s business meeting. Further cooperation with other committees, as well as with the CHSTM, is also under consideration.
GRADUATE AND EARLY CAREER CAUCUS (GECC)

Chair: Michael McGovern

Members: Iris Clever, Eleanor Louson, Gina Surita, Eric Moses Gurevitch, E. A. Hunter, Dalena Ngo, Müzeyyen Güner

Summary of Activities:
- In the past few months, GECC has focused its efforts in two primary areas: publicizing and analyzing our membership survey, completed in June, and planning events for the in-person HSS meeting in Chicago.
  - Survey: To support our survey, we created a database of History of Science programs to complement the one hosted through HSS to target outreach beyond the narrow band of social media users. We will continue to build upon this list in collaboration with the executive office, and make use of it for significant promotion in the future. A discussion of the results can be found in the July HSS newsletter.
  - 2022 Meeting: For this year’s meeting, we have a full roster of programming, and will experiment with book giveaways (made possible by our discretionary budget) to boost attendance. We plan to print posters with a QR code linking to our website for those interested in more information. In addition, we will continue to solicit feedback on how to better implement one-on-one mentoring.
  - Welcome Room: Throughout the conference, GECC members will staff a welcome room for Grad/EC scholars seeking a quieter or communal space in the midst of things. We cannot provide additional refreshments due to the venue constraints but will try to make available leftovers from coffees and other events.
  - Graduate Student Mixer: On Friday night of the conference, we will host an off-site mixer for Grad/EC scholars at Headquarters Beercade, with free drinks and food. Participants will be asked to comply with all HSS meeting policies.
  - Tacit Knowledge Panel (Iris Clever): This year’s “tacit knowledge” panel focuses on writing practices, and features editors and scholars in conversation about the process of going from dissertation to book.
  - Women’s Mentorship Chat (Eleanor Louson): We will host an informal conversation on the theme of “Navigating the Institution” where grad students/early career scholars and more established scholars can discuss the challenges faced by women in academic careers, building on discussions from the Women’s breakfast. All women-identifying attendees are welcome.
  - CV Review (Gina Surita): For the duration of one session on the program, we are offering 15-minute consultations with four advanced scholars from different backgrounds. Participants will be asked to sign up in advance and at the conference.
  - Co-Chair “Office Hours”: In place of an in-person business meeting, the Co-Chairs will be available in the Welcome Room on Sunday morning to discuss GECC with anyone interested in joining, and we will plan to hold elections and a new inaugural meeting in the new calendar year.
Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:

- In the next year, we plan to build on our activities in three distinct areas: multidimensional equity, cultivating mentorship, and coordinating internal/external communication. On all of these initiatives, but particularly the first two, we hope to work more closely with the new EC representative, and applaud the work of the current representative on the summer school, which will no doubt contribute to this aim.
  - Multidimensional Equity: How can GECC better advocate for Grad/EC scholars not served by existing HSS programming and funding structures? What can be done to address the often-rough transition between graduate school and post-PhD life? In the coming year, we will discuss how to approach these issues based on recommendations in the ‘Redistribution and Reparations in the History of Science’ action items, and work on expanding GECC’s officers and reach to include folks who wish to bring more issues to the table.
  - Cultivating Mentorship: How can GECC better support durable mentoring relationships that help make the annual meeting more accessible and valuable? We will reconsider our existing programming and figure out how to reintroduce this emphasis on relationship building in meetings to come.
  - Coordinating (Internal/External) Communication: As GECC continues to refine its internal organization, we will conduct an audit of existing documentation in order to establish a more robust institutional memory and identify areas in need of further development. We will also consider whether and how to make better use of HSS’s internal platform. This will dovetail with a website overhaul and a focus on refining our communications strategy to reach more of our constituency.
WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Chair: Anita Guerrini

Co-Chair: Samantha Muka

Summary of Activities:
The Women's committee has been involved in several major events over the last 6 months.

- Forming a reading group for the Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine. Our working group was accepted.
- Hosting a Wikithon. Initially, the wikithon was planned for September. However, we felt like the timing was bad and decided to wait until after the annual meeting to explain the project to the Caucus in person and to drum up more interest in the project.
- Populating a post-Dobbs roundtable for the Chicago meeting. After the Dobbs Supreme Court Decision came down in the summer, the President of HSS asked if we would populate a roundtable to discuss the issues surrounding this decision. We chose, instead of focusing completely on birth control and abortion, to focus the panel on social advocacy by historians. The panel contains 5 highly diverse participants with issues ranging from anti-vaxx to abortion.

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:
- We will get the CHSTM reading group off the ground
- We will host the most amazing Wikithon pretty ever hosted
- We will work to plan more advocacy events if this event at HSS proves popular.
Chair: Melinda Gormley

Members: The list of AAAS’ Section L - History and Philosophy of Science members can be found at https://www.aaas.org/sections/history-and-philosophy-science-l.

Robert Pennock (Chair, *2022, Michigan State University), Jonathan C. Coopersmith (Retiring Chair, 2023, Texas A&M University), Melinda Gormley (Secretary, 2024), Kevin C. Elliott (Member-at-Large, *2022, Michigan State University), Donald L. Opitz (Member-at-Large, *2022, DePaul University), Carol E. Cleland (Member-at-Large, 2024, University of Colorado Boulder), Nancy Nersessian (Council Delegate, *2022, Georgia Institute of Technology), Kristine C. Harper (Electorate Nominating Committee, 2023, Florida State University), Susan D. Jones (Electorate Nominating Committee, 2023, University of Minnesota)

Note: Terms end on the last day of the Annual Meeting held in the year given in parentheses. * Term ends December 31, 2022

Summary of Activities:

- The AAAS Sections are responsible for nominating AAAS Fellows and coordinating the submission of a session at the annual meeting. These tasks were completed in April-June 2022 for the 2023 year.
- While this is not an activity of Section L, it is an important development in AAAS that should be known at HSS. Jane Maienschein has been elected by the members of AAAS to serve on the AAAS Board of Directors from 2022 to 2026. It is wonderful and uncommon to have HPS represented in AAAS at such a high level in governance. AAAS is undergoing some changes over the next couple of years as they implement their new governance structure. Having HPS represented and by someone so capable and knowledgeable as Jane is a huge boon for our disciplines.

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:

- AAAS voted to modernize its governance structure and the new structure for steering groups, such as Section L for HPS, will begin on January 1, 2023. Four of the steering group’s current members will continue to serve on Section L and five new members will join.
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (IUHPST)

Chair: Jahnavi Phalkey

Summary of Activities:

- The IUHPST is a scientific union and a member of the International Science Council (ISC), the world’s largest non-governmental organization promoting and advocating for science. Its history is entwined with that of UNESCO and more largely the internationalism and science movement. Several of the other scientific unions in the ISC are interested in and supportive of the history of their disciplines and in promoting gender and racial inclusivity. Fees paid by HSS (and other members of the U.S. Consortium led by HSS) support IUHPST’s membership in the ISC. Funds collected from HSS and the 40+ other national members of the IUHPST/Division of History of Science and Technology are returned to members via competitive annual grants supporting DHST sanctioned activities (e.g. DHST’s International Commission on the History of Meteorology).

- The Council published a Statement on the war on Ukraine. We have, in consultation, rewritten and pursued the implementation of a Respectful Behavior Policy in the Commissions under the IUPHST/DHST.

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:

- The Council is in the middle of preparing for an in-between conference -- a 24 hours rolling festival across the globe to think together as an international community about: the Future of History of Science and Technology / History of Science and Technology for the Future.

- We are also preparing for the ICHST conference in New-Zealand in three years time.
ACLs

Chair: Lynn Nyhart

Members:

Introduction: About the ACLS

As an institution, the ACLS is considerably more than the sum of its members. HSS members probably know it best as a major supplier of grants and fellowships to individuals and institutions. (Significantly, it works almost exclusively as a re-granter from philanthropic institutions such as the Mellon Foundation). But it also works closely with other institutional communities: the ACLS Research University Consortium, consisting of 40 prominent research universities; the Associate Member institutions, consisting of over 200 individual colleges, universities, research libraries and institutes (including the members of the Research University Consortium); and its group of Affiliate Members, made up of consortia and other umbrella organizations that foster essential aspects of the humanities such as research libraries, university presses, and public humanities organizations. Although the annual meeting is directed at the learned society delegates, the overall action agenda of the ACLS is set with these broader communities in mind. (For a list of membership in these different communities, go to: https://www.acls.org/our-communities/.)

Summary of Activities:

In the past 6 months, the ACLS has continued to carry out actions connected to their 2020-2024 strategic plan, which focuses on addressing the current crises in the humanities and “interpretive social sciences” by strengthening and diversifying the humanities with respect to its demographics, methods, and careers, as well as promoting public engagement. Among the eighteen ongoing fellowship and grant programs they currently administer, several recent ones are oriented in these directions, including:

- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Innovation Fellowships, a new program announced in April 2022, “designed to support emerging scholars as they advance bold and innovative research in the humanities and interpretive social sciences. The fellowships are designed to intervene at the formative stage of dissertation development, before writing is advanced, and provide time and support for emerging scholars’ innovative approaches to dissertation research – practical, trans- or interdisciplinary, collaborative, critical, or methodological. The program seeks to expand the range of research methodologies, formats, and areas of inquiry traditionally considered suitable for the dissertation, with a particular focus on supporting scholars who can build a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable academy.” This program replaces the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships, which ran from 2006 to 2021.
- **ACLS Sustaining Public Engagement Grants** (24 grantees awarded via institutions beginning in 2022, funded by the NEH as part of the American Rescue Plan responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. “The program supports humanities projects and programs that engage with issues of urgent public interest in one or more of six key areas: racial equity; climate change; US-global relations; public health and pandemic recovery; strengthening democracy; and exploring America's diverse history.)

- **ACLS Digital Justice Grants**, funded by the Mellon Foundation, were created in 2021 “to support digital projects focused on racial and social justice;” the first cohort was announced this summer.

- **The ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship program** (funded by the Mellon Foundation) supports “recent PhDs in the humanities and interpretive social sciences as they work with social justice organizations in communities across the United States.” This program, which succeeds the Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows Program (2010-2020), was highlighted in the July 2022 Community Message, and a call for proposals from social justice organizations went out early this fall for hosting fellows for 2023.

- The longstanding **ACLS Fellowship program** continues its recent focus on early career, untenured scholars, restricting eligibility for the ACLS Fellowship to scholars who earned their PhDs within 8 years of the application deadline and who do not hold a tenured faculty position.

- **ACLS Emerging Voices Fellowship** (begun in 2020 to support early career scholars during the pandemic) wrapped up this summer; the 2021-22 competition was its last.

- **The Mellon/ACLS Community College Faculty Fellows** (30 recipients announced in April 2022) awarded its last class of fellows this year at the end of this 4-year initiative.

Beyond these awards, several programs designed to “accelerate change” in the academy are centered at the ACLS itself:

- The **Intention Foundry**, funded by the Mellon Foundation, seeks to mobilize “its convening power to build bridges among three elements of the ACLS ecosystem – scholars, societies, and college/university administrators – with the goal of advancing equity and inclusion by drawing on the resources of professional academic societies.” (2021-2023)

- The **Design Workshop for a New Academy**, funded by the Henry Luce Foundation, began in 2021.

- The **Commission on Fostering and Sustaining Diverse Digital Scholarship** (funded by the Mellon Foundation and the NEH), begun in fall 2021, is tasked with analyzing “the current challenges in providing equitable access to the creation and sustainability of digital resources and projects related to social and racial justice.”

- The **Leadership Institute for a New Academy** (LINA) has been funded by the Mellon Foundation for AY 2022-23. “Starting this winter, LINA will convene more than sixty scholars in the humanities who occupy offices like associate dean, dean, and vice provost. Our hope is to define the curriculum for a multi-year project through which LINA would prepare promising but reluctant faculty – should they choose to do so – to take on administrative roles where they can work effectively to move our fields forward.” (from the Community Message for August 2022).

Last but not least, the September 2022 ACLS Community News highlighted efforts in public humanities, including several of the above programs. In her message, ACLS President Joy Connelly discussed the Summer 2022 issue of Daedalus on “The Humanities in American Life: Transforming the Relationship with the Public,” guest edited by Carin Berkowitz, Norman Bradburn, and Robert B. Townsend. Veterans of HSS will know Carin Berkowitz as an historian of science and medicine, a longtime active member of HSS and co-founder of the “HSS at Work” caucus. She is currently the Executive Director of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.
CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Kathleen Sheppard (Missouri S&T)

Members: Babak Ashrafi (CHSTM), Ben Gross (Linda Hall Library), Sarah Pickman (Yale University), Sarah Qidwai (University of Regensburg), Matthew Stanley (NYU), Matthew Shindell (Smithsonian Institution)

Summary of Activities: Recently formed and met.

Planned Activities or Projects for the Next 12 Months:
- We are putting together a call for proposals to send to the existing caucuses, forums, and committees. We will ask them to propose events, activities, and more based on asking and answering the 3 questions posed above. We will send this call for proposals to the chairs of these groups.
- We will also send out a call for proposals for the podcast episodes. Babak has offered CHSTM to do the producing of the 10-20 minute episodes. We need people to do them.
- We would like to have a newly designed logo for the HSS at 100 committee and events. We hope to ask Dr. Anna Reser, historian, artist, and graphic designer to do this, but we need this to be a budget item.
- We are working on our general timeline for the events, culminating in the 2024 HSS annual meeting in Merida. Some key dates so far:
  - November 16-19, 2022 (at the Chicago meeting, and in emails then): Call for activity proposals goes out to committee, caucus, and forum chairs.
  - November 16-19, 2022 (at the Chicago meeting, and in emails then): Call for podcast episode proposals
  - January 20, 2023: due date for final proposals
  - February 24, 2023: notification to chairs of acceptance or revision of activities/podcasts
  - End of March, early April 2023: start the podcast episode recordings
  - 2023 annual meeting, NOLA: have a StoryCorps type of set up at a table, staffed by volunteers, so attendees can record their thoughts, reflections, answers to our three guiding questions

The HSS Centennial Committee moves to have a budget approved for $1000 so we can negotiate the creation of a logo for the centennial celebration and pay a graphic designer a competitive price for their services.