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Dear Friend:

With the arrival of summer comes much in the way of exciting and important news from the Archives of the History of American Psychology (AHAP). I am pleased to be able to share this with you in the summer newsletter.

During the spring it seemed as though there was a major event each week. In February the Council of Representatives of the American Psychological Association voted to provide an annual gift of \$60,000 to the AHAP. This has allowed us to hire a full-time archivist, Rhonda Rinehart, who started work on June 1. In March, the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation provided a \$30,000 grant that has allowed us to bring on two graduate assistants, Tim Rogers and Nadia Hasan.

In a short span of time we have been able to significantly increase our ability to process and describe our manuscript collections. Just last week we were able to hire a graduate student in computer science who will help get our finding aids and other materials on the web. In fact, if you go to our home page (www.uakron.edu/ahap) you will see that much more material is online and searchable.

Perhaps the most significant news of the spring and summer was the announcement that Roadway Express will donate a 50,000 square foot building on the edge of campus to The University of Akron. We are hopeful that the building will serve as the future home of the Archives of the History of American Psychology. I have included a picture of the current building and a rendering of what it could look like when renovated. Our vision is the creation of the Center for the History of Psychology to include the archives, a museum of psychology, space for visiting scholars and postdoctoral students, and facilities to accommodate conferences and summer teaching institutes in the history of psychology.



Obviously this is a tremendous undertaking that will require substantial funding from private sources. I hope to announce a major fund raising campaign in the fall. In the meantime, if you are interested in getting in on the start of this exciting campaign please feel free to contact me directly.

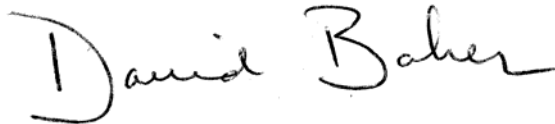
I will be in Washington, DC for the annual meeting of the APA from August 16-21. I invite you to attend an update on archival activities scheduled for Thursday, August 18, from 7:00pm-7:50pm in room 102A of the Washington Convention Center. I will report on activities at the Archives of the History of American Psychology and will be joined by APA Archives director, Wade Pickren, Ph.D.

The annual meeting of the APA provides an ideal opportunity for me to meet individually with existing donors, and those interested in becoming donors. Please feel free to contact me at any time to arrange a meeting.

In the fall you will receive the annual Friends newsletter that provides detailed information about the year's events at the AHAP. It is also the time when we ask for your annual pledge of support. If you have not had a chance to reply to our last mailing, or care to make an additional gift, please use the enclosed gift card and envelope.

Wishing all of you the very best for a satisfying summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Baker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

David B. Baker
Director