



Local Arrangements for Cheiron

Hosted by the Archives of the History of American Psychology
The University of Akron
June 17–20, 2004

Host:

The Archives of the History of American Psychology (AHAP) at The University of Akron is proud to host the thirty-sixth annual meeting of Cheiron (*The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences*) for the third time, previously hosted in 1970 and 1979. The AHAP was founded at The University of Akron and has grown into the largest archival collection of its kind in the world. The AHAP houses an extensive collection of manuscripts, instruments, artifacts, media, and rare books. In 2002 the AHAP became a member of the prestigious Smithsonian Institution Affiliates Program.

Tours:

The AHAP staff will be providing tours of the archives during the lunch hours on Friday and Saturday of the conference. There will be sign-up sheets at the registration table when you pick up your registration packets. Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate researcher visits during the meeting. Those wishing to arrive before the meeting or stay after the meeting will be accommodated as space permits.

Exhibit at the Hall of Fame:

AHAP is pleased to offer a special admission coupon for the exhibit entitled "Psychology: It's More Than You Think!" On display to the public through August 31st, 2004, this first-time collaboration between the Psychology Archives and The National Inventors Hall of Fame features an interactive exhibit on psychological science as well as an extensive display of historical artifacts and objects.

The coupon will allow visitors to purchase one admission ticket and get one free. So make plans to visit the exhibit with a friend. Coupons will be available in the registration packets at the registration desk. For more information regarding the exhibit, please visit the National Inventors Hall of Fame website at <http://www.invent.org/Exhibit/indexpsy.htm>.

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome everyone to The University of Akron and the Archives of the History of American Psychology. Please consult the AHAP website for registration information or contact us by phone at 330-972-7285 with any questions. We hope to see you in June.

Highlights of This Year's Meeting:

This year's keynote speaker is Professor William E. Cross, Jr., Coordinator of the Social-Personality Doctoral Program, at the City University of New York (CUNY). Dr. Cross received his doctorate in psychology from Princeton University in 1976. He is considered one of the leading experts on the study of African-American identity, and his text, *Shades of Black: Diversity in African-American Identity* (Temple University Press, 1991), is considered a classic. His model on African-American identity development has been the focus of countless essays and numerous empirical studies, and the distinction he makes between personal identity and group identity, in the dynamics of African-American identity, is the focus of scholarly debate within the fields of psychology and



African-American Studies. Although his work highlights the African American experience, his work has been extremely influential to scholars theorizing and researching Jewish Identity, Asian-American Identity, White ethnic-group identity, Latina and Latino identity, and Gay and Lesbian identity. Dr. Cross will speak on “Black Identity: Before and After *Brown*”.

This year’s program also features a memorial for Dr. Josef Brozek along with several posters highlighting his work. A special panel discussing the legacy of the Brown vs. Board of Education is also scheduled along with the various interesting sessions throughout the conference. Tours of the AHAP facility, a digital video workshop, an evening video session, posters and book signings are also highlights of this year’s conference.

The first Cheiron Book Prize will be presented to Prof. Jeffrey Sklansky of the Department of History, Oregon State University for “The Soul’s Economy: Market Society and Selfhood in American Society” (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002). Visit the University of North Carolina Press website for a description of the book and to view Chapter 1 online http://uncpress.unc.edu/chapters/sklansky_souls.html. Prof. Sklansky will receive the award and give a talk on Saturday afternoon at the Cheiron meeting. The Cheiron Book Prize was created in 2003 as a biennial award for the best monograph in the history of the behavioral and social sciences.

An optional night out at Canal Park for a baseball game is planned for Friday, June 18th, which is also Fireworks Night at the stadium. The Akron Aeros, the minor league affiliate of the Cleveland Indians and 2003 Eastern League AA champions, will be hosting the Harrisburg Senators, the minor league team of the Montreal Expos. Tickets will be \$16 per person and include price of admission, a souvenir mini baseball and \$8 in Stadium Bucks which can be used anywhere in the stadium for food, beverages or merchandise. The annual banquet will be held Saturday night in the Student Union Ballroom featuring an elegant buffet dinner.

Venue and Location:

Founded in 1870 as Buchtel College, The University of Akron is a public university serving a student population of 24,000 students representing 42 U.S. states and 84 foreign countries. They're a culturally diverse group and they come from a broad economic spectrum. The meeting will take place in the new state-of-the-art Student Union Building in the heart of The University of Akron campus. The Student Union features first-class meeting rooms, professional staff, and pre-function areas with large windows to enjoy the campus landscape. The lobby also features a sky-lit atrium and water sculpture.

The Student Union also offers several different dining choices for conference attendees, including Zee’s Convenience Store, the Sizzling Zone, and Subway. Snacks can also be purchased at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on the 1st level of the building. This year a ‘meal card’ will be issued for those who elect to purchase one. The meal card can be used in any of the dining facilities on campus, the UA bookstore, and vending machines all across campus. The ‘Zip Card’ is offered as a convenience for those who do not want to deal with cash during the meeting when purchasing breakfast and lunch. Food items purchased will be deducted on an à la carte basis, or per item basis. Please direct any questions to Dorothy Gruich at gruich@uakron.edu.



The city of Akron offers an abundance of activities. There are historical landmarks (John Brown House, Hower House, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens), sightseeing and outdoor activities (Akron Zoo, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad), and numerous dining and nightlife options (brochures available at registration desk).

Getting to Akron...

...by Air

UA is 13 miles from the Akron-Canton Regional Airport and 40 miles from the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, which both serve major airlines. Shuttle service between the airports and Akron is also available.

...by Bus

Greyhound Bus Service provides transportation to Akron from most major cities in the country. The Metro Regional Transit Authority provides bus transportation in the Greater Akron area.

...by Rail

Amtrak serves Akron with direct service to and from such cities as Youngstown, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York. Connecting service is offered to many other cities throughout Amtrak's nationwide system.

Driving Directions When Approaching Campus

The city is undergoing major changes to the highway systems in and around Akron, so please consult the university website regarding any possible closings to exits around campus at: <http://www.uakron.edu/resources/campusMap/drivingDirections.php>. The Polsky Building sits on an entire block between High Street and Main Street. Entrance to the building can only be made from the High Street level. The following directions have been adapted to direct visitors to the Polsky Building on The University of Akron campus.

From the North, Taking I-77

Follow I-77 southbound and exit onto Wolf Ledges/Grant Street. Turn left at the first light onto Wolf Ledges, or left at the second light onto Grant Street. Both roads lead to Exchange Street on the south edge of campus. Turn left on Exchange, then right onto Broadway. The Polsky Parking Deck will be on the left. Turn into the deck and park on any level if you have purchased a parking pass in advance.

From the North, Taking Route 8

Exit at Perkins Street. Turn right, travel through three lights and turn left at the fourth light (this should be High Street) and proceed past the Convention Center, the Akron Public Library and the Akron Police Station to the Polsky Building, which will be on the right side. The Polsky Parking Deck will be on the left once you pass the building.

From the South, Taking I-77

Take I-77 north to the South Main Street exit. Stay in the right lane of the exit and proceed onto S. Main Street. Stay on Main until it turns into Broadway. The Polsky Parking Deck will be on your left once you cross the Broadway and Exchange Street intersection.



From the West, Taking I-76

Follow I-76 eastbound and exit onto Wolf Ledges/Grant Street. Turn left at the first light onto Wolf Ledges, or left at the second light onto Grant Street. Both roads lead to Exchange Street on the south edge of campus. Turn left on Exchange, then right onto Broadway. The Polsky Parking Deck will be on the left. Turn into the deck and park on any level if you have purchased a parking pass in advance.

From the East, Taking I-76

From the East, Taking I-76 Follow I-76 west into Akron. Take I-77 north to the South Main Street exit. Stay in the right lane of the exit and proceed onto S. Main Street. Stay on Main until it turns into Broadway. The Polsky Parking Deck will be on your left once you cross the Broadway and Exchange Street intersection.

Local Arrangements:

Dr. David Baker is overseeing the planning of this year's Cheiron meeting. Any comments or questions can be directed to Dorothy Gruich who is handling the details and scheduling of events for the conference. Please contact her by email at gruich@uakron.edu, phone 330-972-7285 or fax 330-972-2093.

The meeting is supported by generous grants from The University of Akron Department of Psychology, the University Libraries, and the College of Arts and Sciences.