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NORTH CENTRAL MEETS THIS WEEK IN CINCINNATI

The 1973 meetings of the north Central Sociological Association will be held on May 10-12 at the Netherlands Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. A substantial number of the departmental staff and graduate students are involved in the program. Participants include: Marilyn Bell, Don Bouma, Dave Chaplin, Edsel Erickson, Paul Friday, Jerry Manis, Cora Marrett, Bob Mendelsohn, John Peters, Ellen Robin, and Jim Schellenberg.

ROSENBERG TO START SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY SERIES THIS THURSDAY

Milton J. Rosenberg, Professor of Psychology at the University of Chicago, will open Western's spring seminar series on social psychology Thursday, May 10, with a talk on systematic bias in experiments. A leading attitude theorist, Professor Rosenberg is particularly known for his ingenious experimental designs--including changing feelings by hypnosis in order to measure effects upon beliefs and special techniques designed to reduce systematic distortions in results.

The afternoon seminar presentation will be at 2 p. m. in Room 2207, Sangren Hall. The title for Dr. Rosenberg's presentation is "Evaluation Apprehension and Systematic Bias in Psychological Experiments."

During the last five years Professor Rosenberg has turned his attention especially to the analysis of foreign policy attitudes. He is co-author or editor of Vietnam and The Silent Majority (1970) and Beyond Conflict and Containment (1972). At 8 p. m. Thursday, in Room 2303, Sangren Hall, he will present a public lecture titled "Beyond the Cold War: Change in American Public Opinion on Foreign Policy." This lecture will be co-sponsored by the Departments of Sociology and Political Science and by the College of General Studies.

Two other leading social psychologists will be on campus later in the spring. Richard Mann will be here on May 24 and Martin Fishbein on June 7.

Professor Mann, of the University of Michigan a specialist in group dynamics, will present "Reflections on the Identity of a Group Researcher." He is author or co-author of Interpersonal Styles and Group Development (1967) and The College Classroom: Conflict, Change and Learning (1970).

Dr. Fishbein, a specialist in the study of attitudes, is author or editor of Current Studies in Social Psychology (1965) and Readings in Attitude, Theory and Measurement (1967). His topic will be "Toward an Understanding of Attitudes."

NEW ZEALAND TURNS GREEN

Paul Green has accepted an appointment as Senior Lecturer at Massey University, Palmerston, New Zealand. Paul will lecture in sociological theory and also conduct tutorials in other areas of sociology.

The appointment, initially agreed for a three-year term, will begin right after Paul finishes teaching in Western's summer session.

UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS

Martin Ross is now fully recovered from his recent surgery and back in sociological action.

Dave Chaplin was a panelist on the plenary session of Peru at the recent Latin American Studies Association meeting in Madison. He will also be chairing a luncheon roundtable at the A.S. A. meeting in New York on "The Military Corporatist Welfare State and Development."

Paul Green received this year's outstanding teacher award from the graduate students of the department. The award is given annually to a faculty member of the department considered by graduate students to be particularly effective as a teacher.

Chet Hunt and Luis Lacar have had an article accepted by Sociology and Social Research on "Social Distance and American Policy in the Philippines."

"Notes of a Novice Ombudsman" by Milt Braver was published in the February issue of the Journal of Higher Education.

Charles Keely was a workshop resource speaker at the annual meeting of Zero Population Growth last month in Boston. The workshop was on the topic: "How Ought U. S. Immigration Policy be Affected by Concerns for Population Stability?"

Paul Friday was recently appointed consultant for awarding grants and fellowships of the American Scandinavian Foundation. He also will chair a section on Sociology and social problems in Scandinavia at this month's meeting in Minneapolis of the Society For the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies.

Cora Marrett has received a proposal development grant from Russell Sage to do background work leading to research on "Bureaucratization in Women's Organizations." The issue the research is to investigate: are women's organizations characterized by high degrees of bureaucratization? The research assistant on the project will be Cesar King.

Jerry Markle will be presenting a paper entitled "Sexism and the sex ratio at birth" at the 1973 ASA meetings in the session on "Education under Popular Governments."

William Bennett gave a paper "Educational Communication at the Higher Education in Yugoslavia: How Much Popular Control?" at the national meeting of Comparative and International Education Society meeting, March 27, in San Antonio. This was part of a special section on "Education under Popular Governments."

MARRETT WINS NAS HONOR

Cora Marrett has been awarded a fellowship in the newly-established Resident Fellowship Program of the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D. C.

Designed to provide mid-career scientists with the opportunity to investigate inter-relationships between science and public policy issues, the program involves them in the activities of the Academy complex. The complex is composed of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council.

NAS Resident Fellows, depending upon their interests and qualifications, will take part in discussions and planning of an NAS Commission, Board or Committee, carry out a specific project within the context of its work, and study its relationship with sponsoring agencies. At the same time, the Fellows will have time to attend scientific meetings and Congressional hearings, become acquainted with those in Washington who have responsible roles in policy-making, and to widen their professional contacts.

Cora will be one of seven scientists from various institutions participating in the program, which starts in September.

She has been appointed also to a committee of the National Research Council of the NAS. It was established at the request of the National Science Foundation and is concerned with linking social science knowledge and skills to practical problems faced by governmental decision makers.

PROMOTIONS AND TENURE

Recent promotions announced by the University include the following sociologists:

WILLIAM S. BENNETT to Professor;

CHARLES B. KEELY to Associate Professor

Tenure has been officially granted to LLOYD BRAITHWAITE (Associate Professor of Sociology and Social Work)

THIS AND THAT

Shock probation was the subject of papers recently read by Paul Friday at meetings of the Southern Sociological Society and the Southern Correctional Association. He also wrote a paper on the subject published in the April Georgia Journal of Corrections.

Another article by Paul was recently published in translation by the Quadeini di Criminologica Clinica is on "Applicability of Differential Association and Differential Opportunity Theory in Sweden."

The study by Jim Bosco and Charles Keely on the aesthetic beliefs of art teachers reported on at a faculty seminar was further discussed at the annual meeting of the Art Education Research in San Diego last month. Plans are now in motion for the data collection phase of the study.

"Sociology and Ideology in Pakistan" was the title of a paper given by Arshad Rizvi at the meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society. This summer Arshad will be returning to Pakistan to conduct a study on factors related to consistency of self conceptualizations, a study jointly planned with Bob Wait, Jim Schellenberg, and Greg Blevins.

MORE THIS AND THAT

"Feeling Good and Helping: How Quickly Does the Smile of Dame Fortune Fade?" is the title of an article recently accepted by Psychological Reports. The article, written by Jim Schellenberg and Greg Blevins, reports on a field study carried out by last semester's experimental social psychology class. Their general finding was that giving--or not giving--persons a certificate for a free hamburger (Courtesy of Burger King) seemed to make no difference so far as affecting the likelihood of giving subsequent help to another person.

Ellen Robin has been appointed Co-chairperson and Chairperson-Elect, Section on Youth and Aging, SSSP, 1972-73; Chairperson, Section on Youth and Aging, SSSP, 1973-74 and Member: Publications Committee, North Central Sociological Ass'n, 1973-74.