

Human Ethology Newsletter No. 17*

Human Ethology Abstracts: There has been a substantial response to the call for papers for the Human Ethology Abstracts; your cooperation is appreciated. However, there was some confusion over my first announcements, so I am extending the deadline for submission to May 31. Papers should be submitted with abstracts; I would like to have the complete paper (unless it is an exceptionally long monograph) so that I can revise or clarify your abstracts where necessary. Please clearly identify the paper as an unpublished manuscript, a paper presented at a meeting, or a published paper, giving appropriate particulars with respect to meetings or journals. If the paper is a chapter in a book please give a reference for the entire book; I cannot include a paper unless I have the full reference. Also be sure to include your current mailing address so that those who wish to receive copies or reprints of the paper can write to you directly.

Employment

If your department or institute intends to advertise for a position which calls for the skills or general theoretical orientation of an ethologist, please send along an announcement to the Human Ethology Newsletter. HEN does not charge.

Research Interests

The following announcements are included to promote additional correspondence and exchange of papers and ideas between human ethologists. If you want a similar announcement concerning your own research interests please send a short statement to C. Travis (see address on page 2).

** Human Communication: Shelia White (Research Department, Lexington School for the Deaf, 30th Ave. and 75th Street, Jackson Heights, N.Y. 11370) is using ethological methodology to explore the development of human communication, including language acquisition, with particular concentration on deaf infants and their mothers.

** Biological & Cultural Evolution: Jerry Barkow (Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., Canada) is pursuing an interest in the relationship between biological and cultural evolution. This will constitute one aspect of an ongoing research project which will be intensified during May and June while he is in Nigeria. His interests include both theory and actual microevolution of behavioral tendencies. He would welcome ideas and papers dealing with this difficult and dangerous topic. He also regrets not having been able to supply copies of his paper "Human Ethology and Intra-Individual Systems" to all who requested it; the article has now been published in the April issue of "Social Science of Information."

Books

V. Geist. Mountain Sheep and Man in the Northern Wilds, Cornell Univ Press., 1975. This book sketches an alternative to presently popular views about human evolution. According to the author, the final stages of human evolution are not primarily an African phenomenon, but rather are very much a phenomenon of cold climates. Ecological and phylogenetic factors which shaped adaptive syndromes necessary for maximal reproductive fitness are emphasized. Human evolution is described so as to fit into the pattern of evolution of ice-age mammals in the cold and periglacial regions. Homo sapiens is not a produce of warm climates but of northern ones.

Future Newsletters

Newsletter no. 18 will be issued sometime in May by Don Omark (Children's Research Center, 51 Gerty Drive, Champaign, Illinois, 61820). Newsletter no. 19, and all future newsletters, will be issued by Cheryl Travis (see address at bottom). Please send along information on new books, new journals, your own research interests, your comments about theory and/or methods in human ethology, and employment opportunities.

Journals

Beginning in 1977, a new journal will be published, to be entitled INFANT BEHAVIOR AND DEVELOPMENT.

It is believed that such a journal, international in its distribution and interdisciplinary in its editorship and contributorship, is needed. No journal presently exists which is devoted exclusively to the better understanding of infancy.

Any person, regardless of professional training or discipline, engaged in empirical research on any aspect of infant development and behavior (including its origins and consequences) is welcome to submit work to this journal. We expect that the journal will attract research papers from and readership among psychologists, psychiatrists, pediatricians, developmental biologists, nutritionists, anthropometrists, sociologists, anthropologists, and others interested in child development. Although it is anticipated that most contributions will be about human infancy, relevant animal investigations will also be welcome. It is intended that short book reviews will also appear in the journal, all of these relating to infant behavior and development.

The journal will be published quarterly by ABLEX, a firm founded by Walter Johnson, former owner of Academic Press, and Larry Erlbaum of Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Manuscripts are now invited. The first issue of the journal will probably appear in the Spring of 1977. The editorial office for the journal will be in the Child Study Center offices at Brown University, Box 1836, Providence, R. I. 02912.

The publishing manual of the American Psychological Association will serve as the guide for preparation of manuscripts for the journal.

The Editor of INFANT BEHAVIOR AND DEVELOPMENT will be Lewis P. Lipsitt, Professor of Psychology and Medical Science, Brown University.

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