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## 1978 Meeting of the Hume Society

The Hume Society will hold its 1978 meeting in Canada, September 15-18. This year's meeting, which is the seventh of the annual Hume Conferences, is sponsored by the Department of Philosophy at the University of Calgary. The site of the Conference is the Banff Center, located in the Canadian Rockies and the Banff National Park. (Information about Banff may be secured from: Conference Division, Banff Center, Box 1020, Banff, Alberta T0L 0C0 Canada.)

The Society is issuing a general call for papers. Three copies should be sent to: Professor James King, Department of Philosophy, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill. 60115. Papers may deal with any aspect of Hume's work, and should be of such a length as to be read in a period of approximately twenty-five minutes. The Society subscribes to the principle of blind refereeing, and authors are encouraged to delete self-references from their papers. To assure consideration by the 1978 Program Committee, papers should be submitted before the end of June.

The Program Committee for the Seventh Hume Conference comprises: Ronald Glossop, Donald Gotterbarn and Terence Penelhum. Persons interested in serving as commentators or in chairing a session are asked to convey that information to Professor King (at the address furnished above).

Conference participants will be housed at the Banff Center. Rates for accommodations, including the cost of meals, are: \$33 per day for a single room and \$26 per person per day in a double room. Calgary is serviced by Air Canada, Canadian Pacific, Western and Hughes Airways. Bus transportation to and from the Banff Center is available at a cost of \$10 one way door-to-door. The program will be scheduled in such a way as to afford participants free time to explore the scenic surroundings.

Inquiries and advance reservations should be sent directly to: Professor Terence Penelhum, Calgary Institute for the Humanities, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4 Canada.

## Report of the 1977 Meeting

Over sixty persons attended the Sixth Hume Conference, which was held in the Rotunda at the University of Virginia at Charlotte. Terence Penelhum retired from the Executive Committee of the Society; in the annual election Jude Doherty (Catholic University) was elected to take his place, and James King (Northern Illinois University) and Nicholas Capaldi (Queens College) were re-elected to the Executive Committee. At its initial meeting the new Executive Committee designated Professor Capaldi its new chairman, asked Professor King to continue in the office of Secretary-Treasurer, and appointed John Wilson (University of Toronto) to the expired term of Peter Jones (Edinburgh University).

## Tentative Plans for the 1979 Meeting

Writing from Florence, Professor Donald Livingston advises that the domestic situation in Italy is sufficiently unsettled that firm plans for a 1979 meeting in Bologna must be postponed for the present time. Inasmuch as the latest *Newsletter* of the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies makes no reference to a new site for the International Meeting scheduled to be held in Pisa in August of 1979, however, it may be the case that the Hume society will still be able to go ahead with its plans for a European location for the Eighth Hume Conference.

Professor Livingston aptly notes that the considerable ferment of Hume scholarship in Italy is scarcely noticed in American and British circles, which is particularly to be regretted in that continental scholars have a somewhat different focus on Hume than do those who have worked in the British tradition. In view of the unique advantages of a conference at which these strands of research might come into close contact, Professor Livingston is continuing his efforts to achieve firm agreements that would assure the success of a conference to be held in Italy in August or September of next year.

## Hume Volume Goes to a Second Printing

Fordham University Press has announced a second printing of *Hume: A Re-evaluation* (New York, 1976), the volume of essays which grew out of the early Hume Conferences. The book is dedicated to the members of the Hume Society, and Donald Livingston and James King, the co-editors, have arranged that the stipends proceeding from the sale of the volume be contributed to the Hume Society.

In his Introduction, Professor Livingston writes "...it seems fitting to present, on the bicentennial of Hume's death, a volume of essays by established and new Hume scholars which might help to focus and encourage the study of Hume's thought. All but four of the nineteen essays were written or reworked especially for the volume and have not previously been published. Some of the essays are close studies of the text; others deal with the philosophical issues Hume raises, either by criticizing his doctrines or by developing his insights further." The Contents reads as follows.

### Introduction

DONALD W. LIVINGSTON

1. David Hume: Naturalist and Meta-sceptic  
WADE L. ROBISON
2. Why Should Probability Be the Guide of Life?  
D.C. STOVE
3. Hume's Problem of Induction: An Appraisal  
FARHANG ZABEEH
4. Some Implications of the Virtue of Reasonableness in Hume's *Treatise*  
PALL S. ARDAL
5. Hume on Religious Belief  
KEITH E. YANDELL
6. The Existence and Nature of God in Hume's Theism  
GEORGE J. NATHAN
7. The Location, Extension, Shape, and Size of Hume's Perceptions  
ROBERT F. ANDERSON
8. Hume's Theory of the Passions  
NICHOLAS CAPALDI
9. Strains in Hume and Wittgenstein  
PETER JONES
10. Hume's Historical Theory of Meaning  
DONALD W. LIVINGSTON
11. Hume and Conservatism  
SHELDON S. WOLIN
12. Infinite Divisibility in Hume's *Treatise*  
ANTONY FLEW
13. Remembering and Imagining the Past  
JAMES NOXON
14. Economics and the Mechanism of Historical Progress in Hume's *History*  
CONSTANT NOBLE STOCKTON
15. Cause, Reason, and Objectivity in Hume's Aesthetics  
PETER JONES
16. The Place of the Language of Morals in Hume's *Second Enquiry*  
JAMES T. KING
17. Hume, Stevenson, and Hare on Moral Language  
RONALD J. GLOSSOP
18. Hume and Jefferson on the Uses of History  
CRAIG WALTON
19. "That Politics May Be Reduced to a Science":  
David Hume, James Madison, and the Tenth *Federalist*  
The Late DOUGLASS ADAIR

## Other Publications of Note

G.P. Morice has edited a volume of papers from the Bicentenary Hume Conference at Edinburgh. It is available from the Edinburgh University Press.

Routledge and Kegan Paul has published an original study entitled *Hume* and authored by Barry Stroud. The advertisement states, "The central theme is the author's assessment of Hume as providing the basis of contemporary positivism."

Also of interest is a study by Thomas J. Schlereth, *The Cosmopolitan Ideal in Enlightenment Thought: Its Form and Function in the Ideas of Franklin, Hume, and Voltaire, 1694-1790*. This volume is available from the University of Notre Dame Press.

*Scetticismo e Senso Comune: La Filosofia Scozzese da Hume a Reid*, by Franco Restaino, is available from Laterza Publishers (Rome, 1974). The jacket describes this book as "the first comprehensive reconstruction of the Scottish philosophical renaissance."

A more ambitious study is Italo Valent's *Verita e Prassi in David Hume*. In the Foreword Professor E. Severino writes as follows. "Valent's study sets out to confirm the Hegelian insight that an epistemological approach to knowledge acquires, in Hume's philosophy, a structure of an Aristotelian type—consciousness of the differentiation of empiricism from the [universal and necessary] determination of thought is taken up into consciousness of the differentiation of *doxa* and *episteme*." He later continues, "...the central part of Valent's study is devoted to Hume's ontology. The contrast between the Aristotelian ontology and the Humean ontology appears most clearly in Hume's critique of the Aristotelian principle, *ex nihil nihil*, as developed by Clarke. But still the fundamental principle of Hume's ontology—whatever is may not be—is maintained, in the most radical and consequential sense, within the Aristotelian sense of being, that is, within the conviction that the being of any thing is separate from that thing." This book is available from Vannini Press (Brescia, 1974).

Professor Roseann Runte of Dalhousie University, editor of *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*, has forwarded the following brief notice of the purpose of that scholarly undertaking. "*Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture* is an annual publication which prints what are considered to be among the best papers presented at national and regional conferences of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies." Professor Runte's address is: Department of French, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 4H8 Canada.

The latest issue of *Hume Studies*, edited by John W. Davis, contains articles by: John Immerwahr, Richard P. Hiskes and Roland Hall. Members of the Society who have not already done so are encouraged to support the journal by subscribing. The subscription rate for individuals is \$3.50 per year. *Hume Studies* is published at the University of Western Ontario.

Beginning in 1979 *Studies in Burke and His Time* will be published under the title *The Eighteenth Century: A Journal of Theory and Interpretation*. The journal will continue to be published at Texas Tech University (Lubbock TX 79409).

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## Call for Papers

# Hume Society

### Seventh Hume Conference

September 15-18, 1978  
Banff Center  
University of Calgary

The Philosophy Department of the University of Calgary will host the 1978 meeting of the Hume Society. The meetings will be held at the Banff Center located in the Canadian Rockies, one hour to the west of the campus. Bus service from the Calgary Airport should be reserved in advance.

Papers should run approximately twenty-five minutes. Three copies should be sent to James King, Secretary-Treasurer, Hume Society, Department of Philosophy, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 60115. Only papers received by July 1 can be assured consideration.

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## McGill Volume Announced

At the 1977 meeting of the Society David Fate Norton announced that *McGill Hume Studies* would be published in Spring 1978 by the Austin Hill Press. The following notice was made available to those who were at the University of Virginia sessions. "To commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the death of David Hume, some two hundred scholars gathered at McGill University to discuss his work. Under the auspices of the Hume Society, seventeen of the papers presented at this highly successful congress, as well as essays by each of the three editors, will shortly be published as *McGill Hume Studies*. the breadth of Hume's interest—philosophy, history, politics, the arts—is well represented in these essays, and his contributions are dealt with both historically and conceptually, as Hume himself would have wanted. Notwithstanding the broad range of topics covered, the contributions are—as Professor Capaldi demonstrates in the Introduction—unified by their underlying concern to clarify the relationship between the seemingly disparate elements in Hume's thought, which they have succeeded remarkably in doing." Nicholas Capaldi and Wade Robinson collaborated with Professor Norton in editing this volume.

## Diminished Supply of Hume Portraits

After all back orders for color reproductions of the Louis Carrogis de Carmontelle portrait of David Hume have been filled, a limited supply remains available. The portrait is a water color painted ca. 1765, measuring 7.75 x 13 inches. Hume is seated at a writing desk before a large open window in a rococo setting. Requests for the portrait should be sent to the Secretary with a check for \$5.00 payable to the Hume Society.

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## Other News

Tom Beauchamp and David Fate Norton met with the Executive Committee of the Society during the 1977 meetings to discuss plans for the *Collected Works* project. In correspondence lately received Professor Beauchamp states that at present he has no official announcement about the project but he anticipates that there will be definite information available in the Fall number of this *Bulletin*.

The American Society of Eighteenth Century Studies will meet in Chicago, April 20-22, 1978. The 1979 meeting will be in Atlanta, April 19-21.

The Department of Philosophy of Trent University announces an International Congress on the Philosophy of Jean-Jacques Rousseau. The Congress will be held from June 22 to June 25, 1978 at the University. Correspondence may be addressed to the Organizing Committee; Trent University is located in Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7B8 Canada.

Plans are advancing for the Hobbes Tercentenary Congress sponsored jointly by the Society for the History of Philosophy, the University of Colorado and the American Philosophical Society. The meetings will be held in Boulder, August 6-11, 1979.

## Dues Notice

Continuing members of the Society who have not yet paid dues for the current biennium are encouraged to send a check for \$10.00 to James King, Secretary-Treasurer of the Society. Persons wishing to join the Society should send pertinent information, including mailing address, and a check for \$10.00 to cover biennial dues, to the Secretary-Treasurer.

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