German Historical Institute  
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC

Workshop  
Human Breeding – Proto-Eugenic Thinking before Galton

September 25 – 27, 2008

Conveners:  
Maren Lorenz (Universität Hamburg / GHI) and Christoph Irmscher (Indiana University)

Program

Thursday, September 25

6:30 – 8:00 pm  Reception for Participants at the GHI

Friday, September 26

8:30 – 9:15 am  Breakfast at the GHI

9:15 am  Welcome  
Maren Lorenz and Christoph Irmscher

9:30 am – 12:00 noon  Panel I: The Genealogy of Eugenic Thought

Chair: Maren Lorenz (Universität Hamburg / GHI Washington)

Sabine Kalff  (Humboldt University Berlin)  
*Human Breeding Sciences in Early Modern Utopia*

John C. Waller  (Michigan State University)  
*Bred in the Bone: Genealogical Obsessions in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe*

11:00 – 11:15 am  Coffee Break

11:15 am  Sander Giboff  (Indiana University)  
*The Meanings of Vervollkommnung: Improvement, Progress, and Perfection in German Biology from Meckel to Haeckel*
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm  
**Lunch Break**

1:30 – 3:45 pm  
**Panel II: Debating the Hybrid**

Chair: **Richard Wetzell** (GHI)

**Sara Eigen Figal** (Vanderbilt University)  
*The Caucasian Slave Race: Racial Improvement by Racial Mixing*

**Christoph Irmscher** (Indiana University)  
*A Pint of Ink Diffused in a Lake: Racial Mixing and Proto-Eugenics in the Works of Louis Agassiz and Samuel Gridley Howe*

**Brad Hume** (University of Dayton)  
*The Blood of Peoples: Racial Mixing and Progress in the Works of Lewis Henry Morgan*

3:45 – 4:00 pm  
**Coffee Break**

4:00 – 6:30 pm  
**Panel III: Intercultural Perspectives on Proto-Eugenics**

Chair: **Christoph Irmscher** (Indiana University)

**Frank Stahnisch** (Hotchkiss Brain Institute, Calgary)  
*Proto-Eugenic Thought and the Emergence of Professional Psychiatry: Conceptual Transfers and Personal Relations in the German-American Context*

**Graham Baker** (University of Oxford)  
*Eugenic Roots in Christian Missionary Agencies, London and New York, ca. 1865-1940*

**Pavla Vesela** (Univerzita Karlova v Praze)  
*Eugenics and Utopia, East and West*

7:00 pm  
**Conference Dinner**

Iron Gate Restaurant  
1734 N Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036
Saturday, September 27

8:30 – 9:15 am  Breakfast at the GHI

9:15 am – 12:00 noon  Panel IV: “Nation-Building”: New Endeavors
Chair: Jessica Berman (University of Maryland, BC)

  Maren Lorenz (GHI Washington)
  From Medical Police to Phrenology and Intermarriage: Fighting against Degeneracy by Policing Matrimony in Germany and the USA

  Sean M. Quinlan (University of Idaho)
  Human Breeding, Sex Manuals, and Family Politics in Post-Revolutionary France, ca. 1799-1815

11:00 – 11:15 am  Coffee Break

11:15 am  Bernhard Dietz (GHI London / Roehampton University)
  Degeneration and National Decline: Racial and National Hereditarianism and Eugenic Thought in Mid-Victorian Britain

  Kyla Schuller (University of California, San Diego)
  Orphan Training: Better Breeding and the Origins of U.S. Foster Care

12:45 pm  Final Discussion
Chair: Maren Lorenz, Christoph Irmscher

1:30 pm  End of Workshop