



Cheiron Program 2026

Thursday June 25, 2026

All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT, UTC-4).

British Summer Time (BST) is EDT+5.

Central European Summer Time (CEST) is EDT+6.

Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) is EDT-3.

9:15am-9:30am Welcome

9:30am-10:30am Histories of Human Variability

Chair: Jennifer Bazar (University of Akron)

Marjorie Lorch (Birkbeck, University of London), “Evolutionary Ideas about Human Psychological Variation: Grant Allen’s 1878 Investigation of Congenital Amusia”

Annette Mülberger (Groningen University), “Young Geniuses and their Personal Characteristics: A Contextualization of Catherine Cox’s Thesis (1926)”

10:30am-11am Coffee

11am-12pm: Mapping the Social Sciences in South America

Chair: Michael Pettit (York University)

Guilherme Santos de Souza (Universidade Católica Dom Bosco, Brazil), Giovanna Figueiredo Barzotto (Universidade Católica Dom Bosco, Brazil), Josiane Sueli Béria (Universidad Nacional de San Luis, Argentina), Fernando Andrés Polanco (Universidad Nacional de San Luis, Argentina), Fernando Tavares Saraiva (Universidade Católica Dom Bosco, Brazil), Rodrigo Lopes Miranda (Universidade Católica Dom Bosco/Universidade do Estado de Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil), “Maps of a Field in Formation: Thematic Analysis of Pioneering Psychology Journals in Brazil”

Sergio Infante (Yale University), “The Economist with the Conquistador’s Name: Hernando de Soto and Peruvian Antipoverty Policy, 1979–1992”

12pm-1pm Lunch

1pm-2pm Mind as Matter

Chair: David Berman (York University)

Erica Lilleleht (Seattle University), "A Bumpy Ride to the Ballot: Phrenology and the Nineteenth Amendment"

Sam Parkovnick (Dawson College), "Human Genetics and Eugenics in the United States: From Marriage to Divorce, 1910-1932"

2pm-2:30pm Coffee

2:30pm-3:30pm Open Forum on Future Meetings and Society Activities

Chairs: Ann Johnson (University of Saint Thomas) and Michael Pettit (York University)

3:30pm-4:30pm Remembering the Life and Work of Michael Sokal

Chair: Nadine Weidman (Harvard University)

Speakers: Raymond Fancher (York University), Leila Zenderland (California State University, Fullerton), Nadine Weidman (Harvard University), and James Capshew (Indiana University)

7pm Cheiron Trivia Quiz

Friday June 26, 2026

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9am-10am Expanded Minds and Altered States

Chair: Jamie Gibson (York University)

Christine Varghese and Cathy Faye (University of Akron), “‘A Mental Microscope’: Edmund Delabarre and the Study of Cannabis”

Andrew Jones (University of Toronto), “The Macaque with Kaleidoscope Eyes: Hallucinogens, Primates, and Accessing Inner Experience in 1970s Behavioral Pharmacology”

10-10:30am Coffee

10:30am-12pm The 2026 Elizabeth Scarborough Lecture

Chair: Michael Pettit (York University)

Peter Hegarty (Open University) “Psychology has Never Been Endosex: How do We Recognize Intersex Now?”

12pm-1pm Lunch

1pm-2:00pm Book Prize Address

Chair: Heather Murray (University of Ottawa)

Nana Osei Quarshie, *African Pharmakon: The Asylum as Shrine from Slavery to the Return* (University of Chicago Press, 2025)

2pm-3pm Business Meeting

3:00pm-3:30pm Coffee Break

3:30-5:30pm Symposium: Circulation, Suspicion, and Resistance: Behavior Analysis in Dictatorship-Era Brazil (1964–1985)

Organizer: Roberta Garcia Alves (Universidade Federal do Acre (UFAC))

Lourenço Luciano Carneiro Filho (Universidade Federal do Paraná / Centro Universitário da Fundação Educacional de Brusque) and Bruno Angelo Strapsson (Universidade Federal do Paraná), “Between Soft Power and Stigma: Controversial Images of Behavior Analysis in Brazil in Its Early Decades”

Rodrigo Lopes Miranda (Universidade Católica Dom Bosco / Universidade Estadual de Mato Grosso do Sul), Rodolfo Leite Batista (Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora), and Juberto Antônio Massud de Souza (Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro), “Psychology and Political Repression in Brazil: The Behaviorist Discourse During the Military Dictatorship (1964-1985)”

Roberta Garcia Alves (Universidade Federal do Acre) and Rodrigo Lopes Miranda (Universidade Católica Dom Bosco / Universidade Estadual de Mato Grosso do Sul), “Radical Behaviorism in the Struggle Against the Brazilian Corporate–Military Dictatorship: The Case of Celso Pereira de Sá”

Saturday June 27, 2026

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10am-11:30am Revisiting the History of Talk as Cure

Chair: David Devonis (Graceland University)

Miriam Bergen (Groningen University), “Beyond *The Psychology of Women*: Helene Deutsch and the Institutional Life of Psychoanalysis”

Christopher Rudeen (Virginia Commonwealth University), “Putting Relationships to the Test: The Working Alliance Inventory and the Future of Talk Therapy”

Elissa Rodkey (York University), “On the Road to Salvation: John Gasson and Magda Arnold’s Mid-Century Catholic Approach to Psychotherapy”

11:30am-1pm Round Table: Reflecting on our Histories of the Social and Behavioral Sciences in Times of Crisis

Chair: Ann Johnson (University of Saint Thomas)

Speakers: Sarah Igo (Vanderbilt University), Jill Morawski (Wesleyan University), Alexandra Rutherford (York University), Marga Vicedo (University of Toronto), Andrew Winston (University of Guelph)

1-2pm Lunch

2pm-3:30pm Social Science and the Politics of In/Exclusion in the United States

Chair: Hannie Smolyanitsky (York University)

Heather Murray (University of Ottawa), “Mean Girls: Cruelty, Aggression, and Postwar American Girlhood”

Alexandra Rutherford (York University), Cathy Faye (University of Akron), Jennifer Bazar (University of Akron), “‘Off the Couches, into the Streets’: Psychology and Social Change in the Long 1960s”

James Walkup (Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey), “Legitimizing Gay Exclusion: An Example when Government Demands Seeded an Expert's Doubts, then Buried Them”

3:30pm-4pm Coffee

4pm-5pm: Comparing Comparative Psychologies

Chair: Ian Davidson (Concordia University of Edmonton)

Benjamin Swogger (University of West Georgia), “Emergentism or Dual-Aspect Monism? The Philosophy of Instinct in Jung’s Reception of Lloyd Morgan”

Arlie Belliveau (York University), “Editing Intelligence: Camera as Theory in Early Comparative Psychology”