

XIV. SOCIOLOGY

A. SOCIAL THEORY

Inasmuch as homosexual behavior by definition involves the interaction of two or more persons, it would seem to be a prime case for social science investigation. Yet the founders of modern sociology, both in Europe and in North America, tended to ignore homosexuality, and it is only in recent years that social theory has attempted to come to grips with it. This new seriousness is linked to the fact that an increasing number of trained scholars are openly homosexual, and can combine experiential with theoretical perspectives. Current bibliography may be monitored in **Social Sciences Index** (1974-) and **Sociological Abstracts** (1952-).

2849. ADAM, BARRY D. "Inferiorization and 'Self-Esteem,'" **Sociometry**, 41 (1978), 47-53.

Critique of the social-psychological tendency to conflate the consequences of discrimination with the internal formation of self-images.

2850. ADAM, BARRY D. "Structural Foundations of the Gay World," **Comparative Studies of Society and History**, 27 (1985), 658-71.

Following in part a Marxist-feminist approach, "puts forth some structural linkages which set homosexuality within the context of the larger histories of gender, family, and production." Argues that Western industrial capitalism has given birth to the new configuration of the gay world, i.e. modern homosexuality as we know it.

2851. ADAM, BARRY D. **The Survival of Domination: Inferiorization and Everyday Life**. New York: Elsevier, 1978. 179 pp.

Comparative study of the social psychology of oppression, presenting Jews, blacks, and gay people as salient instances in our society. Using a neo-Marxist methodology, Adam examines the process whereby such groups are inferiorized, the countertactics evolved to cope with inferiorization, and how such responses coalesce with structures of domination.

2852. ASHWORTH, A. E., and W. M. WALKER. "Social Structure and Homosexuality: A Theoretical Appraisal," **British Journal of Sociology**, 23 (1972), 146-58.

Emphasizes situations in which social structure restricts access by members of one sex to the other, as in unisex communities (boarding schools and prisons) and in certain

occupational and ethnic groups. In these circumstances homosexuality may be functional.

2853. BACH, GERARD. **Homosexualités: Expression/repression.** Paris: Le Sycomore, 1982. 120 pp.
Social-psychological study based on present-day conditions in France, offering linguistic and historical background as well as future vistas. On a factual plane, see Jean Cavailles, Pierre Dutrey, and Gérard Bach-Ignasse, **Rapport gai: enquête sur les modes de vie homosexuels** (Paris: Persona, 1984; 275 pp.).
2854. BELL, ALAN P., and MARTIN S. WEINBERG. **Homosexualities: A Study of Diversity among Men and Women.** New York: Simon and Schuster, 1978. 505 pp.
Sets forth conclusions derived from in-depth interviews of 979 San Francisco Bay area residents, conducted under the auspices of the Kinsey Institute of Indiana University, mainly in 1969. Offers a five-fold typology of homosexuals: close-coupled, open-coupled, functional, dysfunctional, and asexual. This typology has been criticized as not strictly following from the data (as claimed), and as serving to bolster the book's underlying message--its ideology, so to speak--that is to say, the integrationist notion that in terms of sociosexual adjustment homosexuals are much like everyone else. Compare M. S. Weinberg and C. J. Williams, below--to which this book is to some extent a sequel.
2855. DANK, BARRY M. "The Social Construction and Destruction of the Homosexual," **Humanity and Society**, 4 (1980), 133-47.
Social science has often acted to transform persons into objects and things. Through acceptance of the dehumanized concept of a homosexual problem, social science allows itself to be transformed into a means of social control.
2856. DANNECKER, MARTIN. **Theories of Homosexuality.** Translated by David Fernbach. London: Gay Men's Press, 1981. 123 pp.
Concise observations--sometimes shrewd, sometimes truisitic--on current sociological and psychiatric approaches. See also his: "Towards a Theory of Homosexuality: Socio-Historical Perspectives," **JH**, 9:4 (Summer 1984), 1-8.
2857. DANNECKER, MARTIN, and REIMUT REICHE. **Der gewöhnliche Homosexuelle: eine soziologische Untersuchung über männliche Homosexuelle in der Bundesrepublik.** Frankfurt am Main: Fischer, 1974. 430 pp.
Using questionnaires and interviews (summarized in statistical tables), attempts a full-scale description of the individual and social development of male homosexuals in West Germany. Deals with coming out, friendship, sexuality, employment, the homosexual subculture, and psychological maladjustment. For an English summary of some of the findings, see: Reimut Reiche and Martin Dannecker,

"Male Homosexuality in West Germany: A Sociological Investigation," **Journal of Sex Research**, 13 (1977), 35-53.

2858. DAVIES, CHRISTIE. "Sexual Taboos and Social Boundaries," **American Journal of Sociology**, 87 (1982), 1032-63.

Argues that historically certain closely knit groups (e.g., Old Testament Israelites, Parsees, and modern armies) have sought to maintain a strong sense of social boundaries, using such deviations as homosexuality, bisexuality, and transvestism as markers of exclusion from the group. This approach was anticipated by Fritz Wittels, "Collective Defense Mechanisms against Homosexuality," **Psychoanalytic Review**, 31 (1944), 19-33.

2859. DUYVES, MATTIAS. "Bij de meerderjarigheid van homostudies: Nederlandse sociologen over homoseksualiteit 1965-1985," **Sociologische Gids**, 32 (1985), 332-351.

Until the end of the 1970s Dutch sociological investigation of homosexuality was concerned with the interplay of social discrimination and individual deviance. In the 1980s departments of gay studies were established in some Dutch universities (Amsterdam, Utrecht), while research approaches came under the influence of the "constructionist" trend.

2860. FITZGERALD, THOMAS K. "A Theoretical Typology of Homosexuality in the U. S.," **Corrective Psychiatry and Social Therapy**, 9 (1963), 28-35.

Classification of homosexual types according to the degree that they have internalized the values of the environing society.

2861. GAGNON, JOHN H. and WILLIAM SIMON. **Sexual Conduct: The Social Sources of Human Sexuality**. Chicago: Aldine, 1973. 316 pp.

In keeping with symbolic interactionism, holds that sexual behavior is learned through social scripts which vary cross-culturally and historically. Sets forth a model of psychosexual development, articulated into various phases of the life cycle. See pp. 129-216, 235-59.

2862. GOFFMAN, ERVING. **Stigma: Notes on the Management of Spoiled Identity**. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1963. 147 pp.

Not concerned primarily with homosexuality, this influential work deals in part with "passing" and the problems that arise from the creation of the self under the constraints that require such a strategem.

2863. GUÉRIN, DANIEL. **Shakespeare et Gide en correctionnel: essais**. Paris: Scorpion, 1959. 127 pp.

A French anarcho-socialist thinker's observations on the social and cultural determination of the situation of homosexuals.

2864. HARRY, JOSEPH, and MAN SINGH DAS. **Homosexuality in International Perspective.** New Delhi: Vikas, 1980. 134 pp.

Nine essays of high quality on such topics as occupational choice, employment discrimination, leisure, religion, public opinion, male prostitution, and schools. This book is a reissue of a special number of **International Review of Modern Sociology**, 9:2 (1979).

2865. HART, JOHN, and DIANE RICHARDSON. **The Theory and Practice of Homosexuality.** Boston: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1981. 206 pp.

Collection of twelve papers written from a social construction viewpoint, stressing divergent processes of socialization within present constraints of gender identity. The writers tend to regard homosexuality as something that is chosen and maintained, rather than constitutionally or biologically given. They also emphasize everyday problems, which theory must confront.

2866. HAUSER, RICHARD. **The Homosexual Society.** London: The Bodley Head, 1962. 167 pp.

Discerns a number of types in the English homosexual community: the bisexual, the married man, the self-isolated homosexual, the "fully sublimated" homosexual, prostitutes (with five subtypes), "sugar daddies," prison "queers," pub and club types, pedophiles, psychopaths, voyeurs, and transvestites.

2867. HOCQUENGHEM, GUY. **Homosexual Desire.** Translated by Dangoor Daniella. New York: Schocken, 1980. 144 pp.

A somewhat opaque French New Left essay, which grounds the social fear of homosexuality in the replication of the Oedipal family under capitalist conditions and finds the transgressive essence of the homosexual challenge in anality.

2868. HOFFMAN, MARTIN. **The Gay World: Male Homosexuality and the Social Construction of Evil.** New York: Basic Books, 1968. 212 pp.

A pioneering ethnographic account of gay life in San Francisco, written by a then-closeted gay psychiatrist (1935-1981). Now somewhat dated and judgmental.

2869. HOOKER, EVELYN. "Male Homosexuals and Their 'Worlds,'" in: Judd Marmor (ed.), **Sexual Inversion: The Multiple Roots of Homosexuality.** New York: Basic Books, 1965, 83-107.

Based on Los Angeles observations, describes homosexual public meeting places; patterns of public encounter and interaction; and communication and socialization. Stresses the gay bar as a key institution. Dr. Hooker was perhaps the first important American social scientist to adopt the working hypothesis that homosexuals were not per se neurotic or maladjusted, an idea one can see

emerging in her early paper, "A Preliminary Analysis of Group Behavior of Homosexuals," *Journal of Psychology*, 42 (1956), 217-25.

2870. HUMPHREYS, LAUD. **Out of the Closets: The Sociology of Homosexual Liberation.** Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1972. 176 pp.

Attempts, perhaps prematurely, a typological placement of gay liberation as a social movement. Characterizes the reality of the oppression of homosexuals, which is conceived as having three facets: legal-physical, occupational, and ego-destructive. See also his: "Exodus and Identity: The Emerging Gay Culture," in: Martin Levine (ed.), **Gay Men: The Sociology of Male Homosexuality.** New York: Harper and Row, 1979, pp. 134-47.

2871. KING, DAVE. "Condition, Orientation, Role or False Consciousness? Models of Homosexuality and Transsexualism," *Sociological Review*, 32 (1984), 38-56.

Posits four models, two regarding the deviant behavior as acceptable (orientation; role) and two as unacceptable (condition; false consciousness).

2872. LAUTMANN, RÜDIGER (ed.). **Seminar: Gesellschaft und Homosexualität.** Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp, 1977. 570 pp.

In this group endeavor, coordinated and largely written by Professor Lautmann, the chief emphasis is on the many facets of discrimination against homosexuals (law, medicine, church, media, etc.). There is also a major section on the response and resistance on the part of homosexuals themselves.

2873. LEVINE, MARTIN P. "The Sociology of Male Homosexuality and Lesbianism: An Introductory Bibliography," *JH*, 5 (1980), 249-75.

An exemplary annotated bibliography, the items included being chosen for their impact in terms of being widely read, cited, or discussed. Contains about 140 entries, grouped into three general sections: theoretical perspectives, methodological assessments, and social world.

2874. LEVINE, MARTIN P. (ed.). **Gay Men: The Sociology of Male Homosexuality.** New York: Harper and Row, 1979. 346 pp.

Organized around a minority-group framework, this collection of 21 papers (many of them reprints) describes many aspects of gay men's place in society. There are two main sections: Oppression (negative public opinion; legal sanctions; therapeutic abuse); and Social World (identity formation; lifestyles; gathering places; political movements).

2875. LINDNER, ROBERT. **Must You Conform?** New York: Rinehart, 1956. 210 pp.

Psychoanalytic approach to the problem of conformity, which was much discussed in the Eisenhower years. Perceives homosexuality as a response of nonconformity or rebellion; since the conformance pressure in society is becoming more intense, so is homosexuality.

2876. MARMOR, JUDD (ed.). **Homosexual Behavior: A Modern Reappraisal**. New York: Basic Books, 1980. 416 pp. Collection of twenty-three essays, a few retained from the Marmor-edited **Sexual Inversion: The Multiple Roots of Homosexuality** (New York: Basic Books, 1965; 358 pp.). (A comparison of what has been retained and what omitted offers an interesting commentary on changing fashions in social science.) While some of the essays, particularly in the biological and general social science areas, are useful surveys of current knowledge, others are trivial and inadequate.

2877. MILESKI, MAUREEN, and DONALD J. BLACK. "The Social Organization of Homosexuality," **Urban Life and Culture**, 1 (1972), 187-202. Employing participant-observation data, attempts to deal with social mechanisms that facilitate homosexual behavior.

2878. MURRAY, STEPHEN. **Social Theory, Homosexual Reality**. New York: Scholarship Committee, Gay Academic Union, 1984. 83 pp. (Gai Saber Monographs, 3) Concise but searching review of leading theories--Movement, symbolic interactionist, functionalist, psychoanalytic--as they bear on sociology and anthropology. This pithy and challenging monograph is an essential guide to the strengths and weaknesses of the social theory of same-sex behavior.

2879. PAUL, WILLIAM, et al (eds.). **Homosexuality: Social, Psychological and Biological Issues**. Beverly Hills, CA: Sage, 1982. 416 pp. A collective work, conceived under the sponsorship of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, with the aim of providing a fair, comprehensive, and positive synthesis of the achievements of the social and biological sciences. Unfortunately, the individual essays--which are often valuable in themselves--are not organized into a coherent whole.

2880. PLUMMER, KENNETH. **Sexual Stigma: An Interactionist Account**. Boston: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1975. 258 pp. Applying symbolic interactionism, Plummer concentrates on such questions as stigma, career construction, subcultural development, and interactional problems--with special emphasis on homosexuality. Although it ranks as an important contribution, this book originated as a doctoral dissertation, and is not exempt from the **longueurs** that afflict the species.

2881. PLUMMER, KENNETH (ed). **The Making of the Modern Homosexual.** Totowa, NJ: Barnes and Noble, 1981. 280 pp.

A collection of eight essays, some new and others reprinted, by English academics who are generally adherents of the social construction approach. Influenced by Michel Foucault, they hold that, although same-sex behavior may have existed throughout human history, the concept of the "homosexual" is a particularly modern idea which has structured recent patterns of experience. Culture, rather than nature, is the decisive shaping force.

2882. SAGHIR, MARCEL T., and ELI ROBBINS. **Male and Female Homosexuality: A Comprehensive Investigation.** Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins, 1973. 341 pp.

Interpreting interviews with 89 gay men and 57 lesbians in Chicago and San Francisco, seeks to determine developmental attributes, sexual behavior, romantic attachments, psychopathology, family background, and demographic characteristics.

2883. SCHOFIELD, MICHAEL GEORGE. **Sociological Aspects of Homosexuality: A Comparative Study of Three Types of Homosexuals.** Boston: Little, Brown, 1965. 244 pp.

In this British study, 150 male homosexuals were considered in three groups of 50: those in prison, those currently under treatment, and those who had never been in prison or under treatment. These were matched with several control groups. Concludes that male homosexuals differ from male heterosexuals mainly in the choice of sex object. See also his previous monograph, published under the name of "Gordon Westwood," **A Minority: A Report on the Life of the Male Homosexual in Great Britain** (London: Longmans, Green, 1960).

2884. WARREN, CAROL A. **Identity and Community in the Gay World.** New York: John Wiley, 1974. 191 pp.

Explores ways in which members of an upper-class gay community relate to each other and to the environing straight world. Discusses the gay concepts of space and time; rituals, interactions, and relationships; vocabulary, literature, and ideology; and secrecy, stigma, and existential identity.

2885. WEEKS, JEFFREY. **Sexuality and Its Discontents: Meanings, Myths and Modern Sexuality.** London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1985. 324 pp.

Oscillating between present concerns and 19th and 20th century foundations, Weeks attempts to unravel the web of historical, theoretical, and political forces that have produced the contemporary "crisis of sexual meanings and values." Includes discussion of the New Right, the pornography conflict, Freud, and the sexological tradition (which the author holds has ascribed an inflated impor-

tance to sexuality). See also his: "The Development of Sexual Theory and Sexual Politics," in: Mike Brake (ed.), **Human Sexual Relations: Towards a Redefinition of Sexual Politics** (New York: Penguin, 1982), 293-309.

2886. WEINBERG, MARTIN S., and COLIN J. WILLIAMS. **Male Homosexuals: Their Problems and Adaptations**. New York: Oxford University Press, 1974. 316 pp. Working under the auspices of the Kinsey Institute (compare A. Bell and M. Weinberg, above), the authors collected data on ca. 2400 homosexuals in the United States, the Netherlands, and Denmark. The book attempts a comparative ethnographic sketch of gay life in each of the three countries, and provides data on passing, self-esteem, social skills, social isolation, employment, and problems of adjustment.

B. METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

The clandestinity in which the majority of homosexuals continue to exist poses problems of sampling, inasmuch as a truly random sample is usually impossible to attain. Despite every precaution, there remains the possibility that data are skewed toward the more overt, easily accessible types. This danger is particularly evident in the so-called "convenience sample," whereby responses are collected from self-selected volunteers. Conversely, publication of some which have been obtained by surreptitious means may violate "closet rights."

2887. BEAUCHAMP, TOM L., et al (eds.). **Ethical Issues in Social Science Research**. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1982.

For the controversy centering on Laud Humphreys' monograph **Tearoom Trade**, see pp. 11-16, 22, 24, 28, 32, 34, 35, 60, 61, 85, 105, 106, 108, 110, 118, 154, 168, 169, 211, 212, 241, 250, 251, 258, 259. See also: Myron Glazer, **The Research Adventure: Promise and Problems of Field Work** (New York: Random House, 1972), pp. 107-24.

2888. BELL, ALAN P. "Research in Homosexuality: Back to the Drawing Board," **Archives of Sexual Behavior**, 4 (1975), 421-31.

Calls for more sophisticated methodology, permitting the disclosure of the multifariousness of ways in which individuals are homosexual, and for awareness of the propensity of theoretical bias to cloud our comprehension of the quality of real experience.

2889. BULLOUGH, VERN. "Challenges to Societal Attitudes toward Homosexuality in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries," **Social Science**