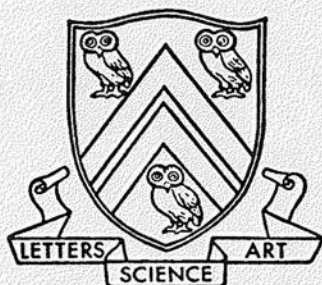


# RICE UNIVERSITY STUDIES



## PERSON AND COMMUNITY IN AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY

KONSTANTIN KOLENDA, Editor

JACQUELYN ANN K. KEGLEY

JOHN J. McDERMOTT

KONSTANTIN KOLENDA

DAVID L. NORTON

JOHN LACHS

ANDREW J. RECK

DARNELL RUCKER

# RICE UNIVERSITY STUDIES

published by

WILLIAM MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY

RICE UNIVERSITY STUDIES, successor to the RICE INSTITUTE PAMPHLET, is issued quarterly and contains writings in all scholarly disciplines by staff members and other persons associated with Rice University.

EDITOR: Katherine Fischer Drew

ASSOCIATE EDITOR: Kathleen Much

## RICE UNIVERSITY STUDIES REVIEW BOARD

Margret E. Eifler, Chairman, Philip W. Bell,  
Katherine F. Drew, Werner H. Kelber,  
Wesley A. Morris, David A. Schum,  
and R. O. Wells, Jr.

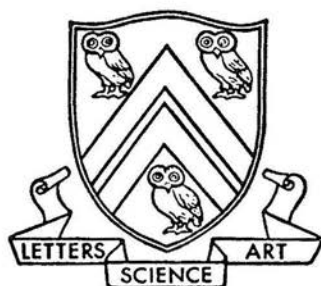
## INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

Manuscripts submitted for publication should be addressed to the Editor, RICE UNIVERSITY STUDIES, Houston, Texas. If accepted, manuscripts will be edited to conform to the style of the STUDIES. Notes and references will appear at the end of the manuscript.

Individual numbers of RICE UNIVERSITY STUDIES may be purchased from the Rice Campus Store, P. O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77001.

Second class postage paid at Houston, Texas. POSTMASTER: Send change of address notices to RICE UNIVERSITY STUDIES, Gifts and Exchanges, Fondren Library, Rice University, Houston, TX 77001.

# RICE UNIVERSITY STUDIES



## PERSON AND COMMUNITY IN AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY

KONSTANTIN KOLENDA, Editor

JACQUELYN ANN K. KEGLEY

JOHN J. McDERMOTT

KONSTANTIN KOLENDA

DAVID L. NORTON

JOHN LACHS

ANDREW J. RECK

DARNELL RUCKER

PUBLISHED BY  
WILLIAM MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Vol. 66, No. 4

Fall 1980

Copyright 1981 by Rice University

US-ISSN-0035-4996  
US-ISBN-0-89263-247-X

## PREFACE

In January 1980 the Departments of Philosophy at Rice University and at Texas A&M University sponsored a conference on Person and Community in American Philosophy. During the session at Texas A&M papers on Peirce, Royce, and Mead were presented and discussed. The participants of the conference then moved to Rice for the reading and discussion of the remaining papers printed in this collection. The papers appear in the order in which they were presented. Although that order was in part conditioned by local logistics, it nevertheless respects certain chronological and thematic considerations. As it turned out, the fortuitous (or, as Peirce would put it, tychistic) elements did not prevent some natural connections and continuities from arising. In more than one case the reader will be struck by the presence of connecting or contrasting links and themes in the independently written papers.

Perhaps this interconnectedness should not be surprising; in part it is due to the unifying functions of the common theme. The papers were written explicitly for this occasion. Each author has been working in this particular corner of philosophy for some time, and each was given a free hand in exploring the topic. That exploration called for an examination of the relevant conceptual territory, which is reflected in the use of diverse terms in the titles of the papers: person, self, psyche, individual, community, society. In most cases the authors also saw the need to move within a wider conceptual geography and to relate their key terms to issues in ethics, social science, law, esthetics, and religion. What is of special interest is that in all cases the authors found in the treatment of these topics by classic American philosophers important implications for the way this topic is treated in contemporary discussions.

Professor David Norton, whose contribution appears last in this collection, does not deal explicitly with any philosophical predecessor, but he was invited to participate in the conference because of his significant contribution to the topic under discussion in the recent book *Personal Destinies: A Philosophy of Ethical Individualism* (Princeton University Press, 1976). Norton is now preparing a sequel to this book, dealing with the social and political implications of his basic position, and his paper explores a part of that territory.

A word about the introductory essay by Professor McDermott is in order. In a way, the essay is a bonus, also due to some fortuitous developments. Barely six weeks after our conference, the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy held its annual meeting at Texas A&M University. While I listened to McDermott's Presidential address, it occurred to me that, dealing as it does with the question of the relevance of American philosophy to the contemporary world, it would provide a most fitting statement as to why the topic and the discussions of our conference are important. He graciously consented to our using his paper, with minor modifications, as an introductory essay for this volume.

In conclusion, I would like to take note of the numerous and unanimous expressions of satisfaction on the part of the participants with the vigorous discussions that followed the presentation of each paper. The authors and the audiences, both at Texas A&M and at Rice, found the occasion most stimulating and conducive to further reflections on this central yet difficult topic. Our special thanks go to Professor H. D. Aiken, of Brandeis University, whose eloquence, wit, and philosophical acumen have added sparkle and vitality to our formal and informal sessions.

The Philosophy Departments of both universities wish to express their appreciation to the Franklin J. Matchette Foundation for its support of the conference.

KONSTANTIN KOLENDA  
EDITOR

# RICE UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Vol. 66, No. 4

Fall 1980

## PERSON AND COMMUNITY IN AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY

PREFACE	
<i>by Konstantin Kolenda</i> .....	iii
INTRODUCTORY ESSAY: TRANSIENCY AND AMELIORATION—AN AMERICAN BEQUEST FOR THE NEW MILLENIUM	
<i>by John J. McDermott</i> .....	1
PEIRCE ON PERSON AND COMMUNITY	
<i>by Konstantin Kolenda</i> .....	15
JOSIAH ROYCE ON SELF AND COMMUNITY	
<i>by Jacquelyn Ann K. Kegley</i> .....	33
SOCIETY AND THE SELF IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF GEORGE HERBERT MEAD	
<i>by Andrew J. Reck</i> .....	55
A COMMUNITY OF PSYCHES: SANTAYANA ON SOCIETY	
<i>by John Lachs</i> .....	75
THE PROMETHEAN SELF AND COMMUNITY IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF WILLIAM JAMES	
<i>by John J. McDermott</i> .....	87
SELVES INTO PERSONS: ANOTHER LEGACY FROM JOHN DEWEY	
<i>by Darnell Rucker</i> .....	103
TOWARD THE COMMUNITY OF TRUE INDIVIDUALS	
<i>by David L. Norton</i> .....	119