

Rice, NSF hosts for a symposium on 'Personality'

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Rice will be host next month to a symposium entitled "The Study of Personality: An Interdisciplinary Appraisal."

Sponsored jointly by Rice and the National Science Foundation, the symposium will bring together noted scholars in the fields of anthropology, psychology and sociology. The goals of the symposium are a summary and appraisal of the research done on the subject of personality and the widening of public understanding of these three social sciences.

The symposium to be held on November 4 and 5, will be open to the public and plans have been made to publish the collected papers of the participants in book form for probable release in 1967.

The symposium is the result of 1½ years of work by Dr. Edward Norbeck, Rice Professor of Anthropology and Sociology, and will bring together contributors from across the United States. Their papers will consider the components of personality from the viewpoints of biology, psychoanalysis, culture and society, followed by addresses dealing with some of the specific problems in these general areas.

Those from Rice presenting papers will be Dr. Mary Ellen Goodman, "Influences of Childhood and Adolescence"; Dr. William McCord, "The Personality of Social Deviants"; and Dr. Douglas Price-Williams, "The Philosophy of Science and the Study of Personality."

The closing address, turning special attention to the future course of the study of personality, will be presented by Margaret Mead of the American Museum of National History.