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George Elliott Howard was a distinguished historian and social scientist, a member of the first graduating class at the University of Nebraska, a nationally-recognized historian, later Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Nebraska, and President of the American Sociological Society.

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Introduction

The first nine volumes of Émile Durkheim’s *L’année sociologique*, published from 1896 to 1905, contain three-hundred-nineteen substantive reviews, in French, of scholarly works published in English (books, monographs, and scholarly articles). A further two-hundred-eighty brief comments or short notices of English language materials were also published in Durkheim’s journal. Typically, the longer reviews were signed, whereas the shorter notices were not. Of the three-hundred-nine signed reviews, most were written by Mauss (108), Hubert (63), Simiand (33), Durkheim (32), and Bouglé (15).

The reviews written by Durkheim of English language materials are of particular interest to students of the history of sociology. About half (14) were reviews of full-length books, whereas the remaining reviews (18) were comments on relatively shorter journal articles (predominantly from the *American Journal of Sociology*). Durkheim reviewed a total of twenty English language items that were published in the United States, and of these items, only three were books. That is to say, in terms of the impact of scholarly American books on Durkheim, only three works garnered Durkheim’s major consideration during the opening era of *L’année sociologique*:


Surprisingly, Durkheim’s review of G.E. Howard’s *magnum opus* is not well known, and was omitted from Nandan’s (1980) compendium of English translations of Durkheim’s contributions to *L’année Sociologique*.

Howard, an early president of the American Sociological Society (now the American Sociological Association) pioneered the institutional approach to history (Howard 1988). If it is interesting to ponder the present-day lack of attention to Durkheim’s sociological theories of the family (Lamanna 2002), it is even more puzzling that American sociologists today have so long ignored Howard’s institutional analyses of marriage and the family and the fundamental role his analyses played in framing debates about divorce law reform in the progressive era (American Sociological Society 1909; Ball 1988; *Daily Nebraskan* 1906; Howard 1904, 1906, 1909a, b, 1911, 1914; O’Neill 1973; Thomas 1904). Howard was a
noted scholar at the University of Nebraska—where he was a colleague of Roscoe Pound and Edward A. Ross (Hertzler 1979; Hill 1989, 1999; Keith 1988)—and his published corpus deserves every bit as much attention by American scholars as do Durkheim’s more well-known works. The record is clear: Durkheim paid attention to Howard—his was one of the very few American books that Durkheim reviewed during the foundational years of *L’année sociologique* from 1896-1905. Compilations such as that below allow us to look objectively at which source materials the influential Durkheimian school of sociology took seriously, and it is to be hoped that subsequent bibliographers will extend this work onward from 1905.

D. Brian Mann’s English translation of Durkheim’s review of Howard’s *A History of Matrimonial Institutions* is forthcoming in the journal *Sociological Origins*. A complete compendium—in the original French—of Durkheim’s essays and reviews from *L’année sociologique* is conveniently provided in Duvignaud (1969) for scholars who do not have ready access to a complete run of *L’année sociologique*.

**Technical Notes**

The entries below are chronologically arranged. In this compilation, “short notices” vary from a single word to a full page of text, but are typically only a few words or a few lines. The pagination for each review in *L’année sociologique* follows the designation AS, followed in turn by the volume number and the surname of the author of each review. Simple bibliographic listings of items in *L’année sociologique* which appeared without annotations of any kind are omitted from this compilation. In those cases where major reviews were not signed but the attribution of authorship is straightforward, the author’s name is placed in square brackets. In those few cases were the authorship of major reviews is unknown, this situation is noted by the annotation, in square brackets, “Not clearly attributed.” Both British and American spellings have been retained as used in *L’année sociologique*. Several diacritical marks, however, were removed for technical reasons associated with the production of the *Adobe Acrobat* CD-ROM version of this publication.

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