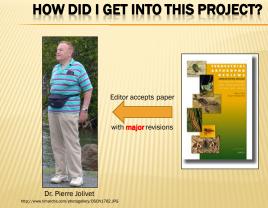


**HOW DID I GET INTO THIS PROJECT?** Sends paper on Baldwin Effect Dr. Pierre Jolivet

THE DOWNFALL OF **JAMES MARK BALDWIN** (1861-1934): **EVOLUTION, ACADEMIA, CULTURE, & POLITICAL "PROGRESSIVISM" IN BALTIMORE, MD, USA** 



# HOW DID I GET INTO THIS PROJECT?

- Who was James Mark Baldwin?
  - Late 19<sup>th</sup> century American psychologist and philosopher; graduated from Princeton University in 1884.
  - Helped transform psychology (1879) into a science in the USA.
  - Fifth most influential world psychologist according to McKeen (1902) poll (#1 = William James, Father of American pragmatism).
  - Evolutionist but, like many others, seeking complementary mechanisms to supplement strict Darwinism.
  - Ct Darwinism. In 1890's Conwy Lloyd Morgan, Henry Fairfield Osborn, and James Mark Baldwin proposed 'organic selection'. This is a story by itselft (Richards, 1987) Later known as "Baldwin Effect"
    - Modern version equated by some as epigenetics



## EVOLUTIONARY IDEAS IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY

- **Strict Darwinism** (G + E + G:E) = descent with genetic modification mainly through natural selection.
- × Symbiogenesis (S): descent is also affected by acquisitions of other species genomes.
- Systems Theory (Ep): descent is also affected directly by interactions with environment [changing the genetic makeup through transcription factors]



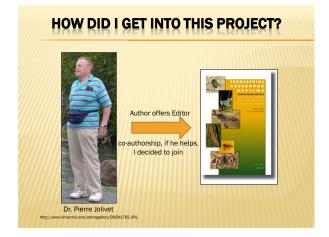
## WHAT IS THE BALDWIN EFFECT?

\* "The conversion of

- phenotype into genotype."
- In "higher" organisms, door is left open to learning and consciousness's role in the evolutionary process. Or, "from the brain to the gonads".

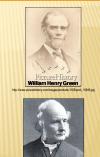


Given this interesting historical context and Baldwin's charismatic personality, how could I reject an invitation to join Jolivet's paper on the Baldwin Effect?



## **HOW DID I GET INTO THIS PROJECT?**

- Who was James Mark Baldwin?
  - Helen Hayes Green ("girffriend", eventually wife), is daughter of William Henry Green, who "presided over" Princeton Theological Seminary, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. Family tree needs to be added. His "Major Professor" was Rev. Dr. James McCosh, President of Princeton College
  - (later Princeton University, Presbyterian Church affiliate).
  - "take away our sins like a cloud", the student body joined with good will in the refrain, "like a thick cloud." (Whitmore, 1981) a thick could. (Whitmore, 1981) Upon graduation in 1884, Baldwin wins a Chancellor (of the State of New Jersey, also Trustee of Princeton College) Henry Woodhull Green (cousin of father-in-law to be) Scholarship to go to Germany for one year, as was customary for serious psychology students.

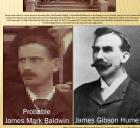




## HOW DID I GET INTO THIS PROJECT?

- Who was James Mark Baldwin?
  - First job at Lake Forest College, N. Chicago, Illinois (1887-1889) Presbyterian Church affiliate. "Luckily I did not have to stay
  - long." Professor at the University of
  - Toronto, Canada (1889-1893) Major Controversy: should universities hire foreign scholars? Both Baldwin and Canadian
  - James Gibson Hume appointed. By early 1890's, Baldwin has already written influential

textbooks.



## HOW DID I GET INTO THIS PROJECT?

- × Who was James Mark Baldwin? Co-organizer of Psychology Exhibit at the 1893 Columbian Exhibit (Chicago).
  - Ragtime music popularized
    Large collection of plant exudates exhibited
    That is another story
    Returned to Princeton as Professor (18931002) 1903).
  - J3). Woodrow Wilson was President of Princeton University, later President USA. The first movie shown in the White House wi "Birth of a Nation" (1915), during his preside
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  - Editor-in-Chief of Encyclopedia of Philosophy and Psychology, had large network of colleagues.
  - Moved to Johns Hopkins, 1903. Head of Psychology, Philosophy, and Education
    Baldwin: superstar whose career
    suddenly ended. Why?





## WHY DID BALDWIN'S CAREER END SUDDENLY?

× Contacted Dr. **Robert Wozniak** (Bryn Mawr College, PA) to inquire.





USA. Little did we know, we were on top of our answer! From Google Maps

## **TWO ONGOING COLLABORATIONS ON BALDWIN**

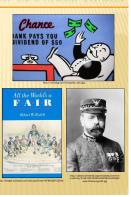
- × 1. Baldwin Effect (with Jolivet)
- × 2. "The Incident" paper (with Dr. R. Wozniak, Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse - Director, Maryland State Archives, and Mr. Owen
  - Lourie)
    - What ended Baldwin's career? A two-phase process, both in Baltimore, MD
      - Phase 1. The "incident": 9-10 June 1908.
        - Phase 2. Baldwin's nomination for Baltimore's School Board: late February early March 1909 to September 1909.

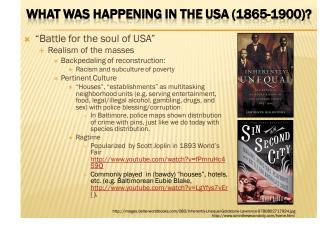




## WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE USA (1865-1900)?

- "Battle for the soul of USA"
- + Optimism of the few. Why? × Enormous accumulation of power
  - - Hope that science will solve many problems (= positivism)
       Political "progressivism", wise intervention of government to curb societal "evils" (e.g. alcoholism, prostitution,
    - alcoholism, prostitution, agambling, nd other "vices" Imperial expansion of USA.
    - Celebrated in: × World Fairs
      - Marches of John Philippe Souza
      - http://www.youtube.com/wat ch?v=-SVyKdx8u0





#### THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: IN HIS OWN WORDS

"In the early summer of 1908, I foolishly yielded to a suggestion, made after a dinner, to visit a house of a colored "social" sort and see what was done there. I did not know before going that immoral women were harboured there. I was found there by officers, entriely through my ignorance; and to save themselves the proprietors charged me with bringing a woman there. The charge was dismissed by the presiding officer, as soon as he heard my statement, and the people bringing it were subsequently convicted and "sent up". The presiding justice called at my house afterwards and assured me that there was no evidence of anything either illegal or immoral against me.

My presence there was of course most unfortunate, and the affair seemed to the [Johns Hopkins] University to threaten scandal to the institution as well as to me. It was suggested to me by the representative of the board of trustees delegated to see me that i resign on account of my health. Seeing that I was then under medical advice to rest my throat for a long period and was on the point of asking for a leave of absence. I agreed to this: and left details of announcement, &c, entirely to the university authorities, as I was on the point of starting to Mexico. Shortly after reaching Mexico City, I received a note from President Remsen demanding my resignation without statement of reasons. I saw nothing to do but to comply, but I accompanied my resignation with an interastion I could not allow.

This is the whole case. My resignation did not take effect until Sept. 1909. The circumstantial evidence and the testimony of the interested witnesses is all against me. I simply have to take the consequences. I can only protest that I have committed no immoral act.

> Undated letter, sent to an undetermined number of his colleagues in psychology (approx. late January – early February 1910)

#### THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: METHODS

- Minimal police and court records available and, thus far, nothing on Baldwin.
- Just as in paleobiology, extensive diagenesis: lots of records missing (purposely destroyed?).
- Substant States Stat
  - + Many more documents available, not shown today!
  - Have not yet gotten the Report of the Police
  - Commissioner where, apparently, Baldwin testified.

#### THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: PHASE 1: BALDWIN VISITS "COLORED" HOUSE, SUMMER 1908

- By 1908, Baldwin (JHU) had been as busy as usual, working in numerous scholarly papers, as well as making public appearances in Baltimore on
- subjects pertaining to education. In late March to early April 1908, he received Ezequiel A. Chávez (Universidad Nacional de México, predecessor of the UNAM) in his home in Baltimore.
- + Collaborating on a project for the Universidad (In letters).
- + Baldwin is fascinated with other cultures.
- On April 18, 1908, Baldwin tells Chávez he is leaving to England on Wednesday, June 13 or 20, for "rest and relaxation".



#### THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: PHASE 1: BALDWIN VISITS "COLORED" HOUSE, SUMMER 1908

- On June 9, 1908, after a dinner (where?, exact time?), Baldwin went to "house of a colored "social" sort", located in 510 Tyson Alley (Court Records, World).
- Baldwin's home (118 West Franklin Street) was located some 300 steps away from the house.
- Establishment was managed by Ms. Sidonia Young, an African American madam with an extensive criminal record, going back, at least, to 1889 (Sun, World).

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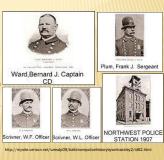
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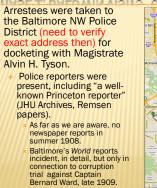


Apparently, Ms. Young had not paid full fee for police protection and/or establishment had been marked for police raiding -unbeknown to Baldwin (World). Baldwin was seen by police officers as he approached establishment and arrested upon arrival by Sergeant Plum and Officer W. <u>?.</u> Scrivner (*World*). I doubt Baldwin would have been let go if he would have been caught in flagrante delicto.
 Baldwin is found "in the company of" Ms. Annie Jones. + 16/18, minor; African American; prostitute (Remsen to Helen Green, in litt.) Others already present in establishment also arrested (World).

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× While Sidonia Young was charged, Baldwin:

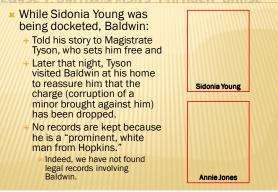
+ Paid a "large sum of money"(\$700.00), To whom? **Police extortion? Rumors** of leaving to avoid more. Gave false name and occupation: "James Mason Brown"; "Treasury, Washington, DC." (World)

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- Sidonia Young is docketed and charged with:
- Running a "bawdy" house and Hiring a beway holes and
   Hiring a minor for prostitution
   Case seen by the Chief Judge, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, Henry David
   Harlan (1888-1913, top image) who was, amongst others,
- Trustee, Johns Hopkins University (1904-1943), Chairman, Board of Trustees, Johns Hopkins Hospital (1903-1941),
- Professor, University of Maryland School of Law (1883-1932), etc. http://www.msa.md.gov/msa/speccol/s c5500/sc5590/html/harlan\_h.html
- rlan\_h.html Judge Harlan found Ms. Young guilty and punishes her with 16 months in prison (approximately over in December 1909). Judge Stockbridge took interest in interviewing Baldwin. Did he?



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Baldwin and the "men of Hopkins" apparently keep the case quiet.

- JHU 1908 graduation Tuesday, June 8/19,
- 1908 (JHU Archives, two separate commencements?)
- Many go up north for summer vacations and to avoid Baltimore's mosquitoes & diseases (Stimpert, pers. comm., News) and smell (sewer issues at the time).



- Baldwin possibly departed to London on June 20th
  - Seen by Woodrow Wilson, who tells his wife, on July 6, 1908 "Another acquaintance has just arrived...James Mark Baldwin... He cut me dead...Isn't that hard luck?" (WW Presidential Library)
- Fall 1908 goes well, as far as we know.
- Baldwin continues fast professional pace, including presidency of SSPP, papers, talks on education to Baltimore's school teachers (JHU Archives)

#### THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: PHASE 2: BALDWIN AND BALTIMORE SCHOOL BOARD

- In late February 1909, Baltimore School Board Member, Colonel Albert Baxter Cunnighman resigns creating a vacancy (BCA, School Board Minutes) to take on a job as Appeals Tax Judge (JHU Archives).
- Baldwin appears on radar of Baltimore's Mayor, J. Barry Mahool (1907-1910) as a replacement.
  - Mahool, Democratic Party Progressivist Communicates often with JHU's President Ira Remsen, on city's appointments (BCA, Mahool Papers).
  - Acquaintee of Lawrasson Riggs (of Riggs Bank) and Woodrow Wilson (WW Presidential Library). Possibly recommended by school-
  - related people. knew/told Mahool or his staff aldwin's incident?
    - haps many people believed incident IId be forgotten?



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Baltimore News, tended towards progressivists, publishes article. Need to find original, who wrote this? THE NEWS - MARCH 6, 1909.

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- In letter of Ira Remsen (President of JHU) to Helen Green Baldwin (December 28, 1910):
- JHU acted only after Mayor had Baldwin on his radar, to prevent scandal that would taint Johns Hopkins University (Remsen to Helen Green, JHU Archives).
- A "well-known Princeton reporter" is mentioned. Only one member of the press identified as connected to incident. Lawrasson Riggs only person listed as a Princeton graduate, then to Univ. Maryland Law School, and connected to News (timing of connection?). (Remsen to Helen Green, JHU Archives).

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By March 1909, it appears that Baldwin was going to be allowed an extended leave of absence ("sabbatical" in other documents, Mexican Herald) because of his medical condition (e.g. he complains of his throat in April 1908 letter to Chávez). Chávez asked Baldwin to show up immediately. Why?

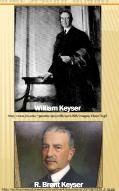
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- Meanwhile, Kirby Flowers Smith appointed for Cunningham's vacancy.
  - No evidence of alleged public uproar, re. Baldwin's possible appointment in Mahool records.
  - No evidence of alleged meeting between Mahool and Baldwin in Mahool records.

× Except letter of Remsen to Helen Green.

In 1910, Lawrasson Riggs appointed to position at School Board.



Lawrasson Riggs

## THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: AFTERMATH \* Baldwin engages in a damage control campaign through friends. + Edward Buchner wrote to Remsen (July 2, 1909) indicating that *Psychological Bulletin* would publish note saying Baldwin resigned on account of his health. Was it published? How did Remsen react? (JHU Archives) + Major newspapers (e.g. Sun, NYT) published exaggerated reports on Baldwin's responsibilities in Mexico

(e.g. "responsible for entire educational system").

THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN:

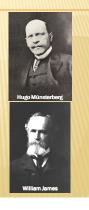
#### AFTERMATH \* Some Baldwin's colleagues were curious... Need to check other major players

- Münsterberg - Harvard

To Wm. James (February 8, 1910): "psychologists... schoolgirls..." \* James appears to disbelief incident explanation.

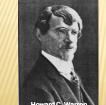
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To Remsen (February 14, 1910): "... in *Psychological Review* [Baldwin] behaved dishonestly"



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 Howard C. Warren (Princeton) bought
 Psychological
 Bulletin Baldwin.



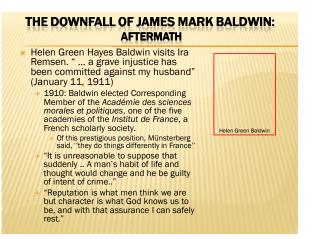
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- × Baldwin engages in a damage control campaign through friends.
  - The Baldwins continue being listed in Social Register of Baltimore until mid 1910s
    - Including an address in 1856 Columbia Road, Washington, DC Following trace of Caroline P
  - Remington, compiler of Social Register Receives award and asks it be
  - mailed to JHU!

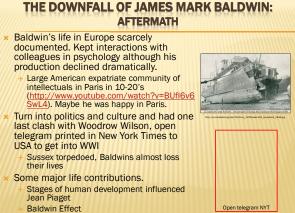


#### THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: **AFTERMATH**

- × Baldwin and his family left for London then Paris.
  - Alleged book selling gig is false (Wozniak, pers. comm. to S-B)
- Has short, contractual positions at UNM.
  - Enjoyed Mexican culture Mediocre teacher (Gallegos 1980); was language an issue? Forced out amidst 1912 Mexican Revolution



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#### THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: **EPILOGUE**

- × Baldwin dies in 1934 (Paris), Helen in 1963 (Princeton).
- Many of Baldwin's books still available.
- In last 30 years, Dr. Robert Wozniak has documented Baldwin's work after near obliteration of his name, and contributions.





#### THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: MAIN THEMES, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER

- Police corruption
- Rumors as weapon to harm, one mistake and one is doomed
  - Dean screamed = unfit × Possible destruction of to govern
  - Race card

    - for governorship of TN, allegedly affair with blonde
  - Use of racial epithets: George Allen

- × Unequal treatment of: × Men and women
  - × Powerful and weak

  - documents
- President Obama born in × Network of the powerful African American candidate \* The institution vs. the
  - individual **Destroys** individual
    - when convenient

#### THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: **UNANSWERED QUESTIONS**

- × Origin of News memo
  - + Who wrote it? + If not clear, analysis of type and ink (in original)
- Why Baldwin went to the establishment?
  - Sex
  - Curiosity "to see what
  - was done there"
  - Entertainment

#### THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: **CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT**

- × Horizontal, colorful Χ. timeline at every key point
- × Illustrate the network ("organigram")
- Video and other resources in References
- Script for Hollywood

## THE DOWNFALL OF JAMES MARK BALDWIN: **VIDEO RESOURCES**

× Ghost in Your Genes – Χ.

- Nova + At least 2 versions on web
- Are we ready for neoevolution? TED.com