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**FHP Pais Award Talk: Physics, History, and the History of Physics**

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This first Abraham Pais Lecture will begin with the story of my own transformation from theoretical physicist to historian of physics. I will go on by illustrating my historians approach through a discussion of the issues raised by Einsteins first paper of 1905; this is the paper physicists refer to so often and so inadequately – as his “paper on the photoelectric effect.” The lecture will conclude with a few, brief remarks on how the history of physics is essentially like any other sort of history.