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**FROM THE CHAIR**

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As promised in the last newsletter, we have established a committee to review the 1999 “Guidelines for College and University Archives.” I greatly appreciate all of you who emailed me to volunteer. Steering Committee member Tamar Chute has agreed to chair the committee; those participating include:

Tamar Chute, Ohio State University (chair)  
Gordon Daines, Brigham Young University  
Daria D’Arienzo, Amherst College  
Janis Holder, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Marcia Peri, University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Robert Spindler, Arizona State University  
Nanci Young, Smith College  
Tanya Zanish-Belcher, Iowa State University

Both Nanci and Daria were involved with the last review of the guidelines. Updates on their progress will appear in the newsletter and will be discussed at our New Orleans meeting.

In New Orleans, our section meeting time is scheduled for Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For the program we are assembling a diverse panel of experts to discuss the implications of FERPA and answer questions from the audience. More details on this exciting panel will be sent out before the meeting. If you would like some “background” reading on FERPA before New Orleans, I would encourage you to read the excellent article by section members Tamar Chute and Ellen Swain, “Navigating Ambiguous Waters: Providing Access to Student Records in the University Archives” in the Fall/Winter 2004 issue of the *American Archivist*.

Also in New Orleans we will elect a new Vice Chair for the section. Mott Linn has agreed to chair the nominating committee which includes past section chairs Claude Zachary and Nanci Young. If you are interested in the position, or would like to recommend a candidate, please contact Mott at: [mlinn@clarku.edu](mailto:mlinn@clarku.edu).

Recently, section leaders assisted SAA President Rand Jimerson with a response to *The Chronicle of Higher Education* article “For Keep’s Sake: a Chairman’s Files,” which appeared in the January 21, 2005 issue. The article gives an account by a history professor Warren Goldstein of his attempts to weed and sort the papers of the former department chair, without the benefit of

input, advice, or guidance from the college archivist. I'll close my column with a quote from Rand Jimerson's letter to *The Chronicle* that captures our role as college and university archivists:

By working with a professional archivist, faculty members and administrators can make informed decisions about which records to save and which to discard. Goldstein begins by claiming, "We'd done our homework." Sadly, he did not complete the correct assignment. Historical curiosity, on which Goldstein relies, affords only one criterion for such decisions. Far more important are the legal requirements, administrative needs, and fiscal implications of recordkeeping. University records must satisfy regulatory, statutory, and accountability needs, as well as historical interests.

Tim Pyatt  
Duke University

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### **The Canadian Wartime Experience: The Documentary Legacy of Canada at War**

The University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections has attempted to preserve the history of all Canadians during times of conflict, at home and abroad, through the creation of the Canadian Wartime Experience website. Over ten thousand documents and photographs, from nineteen collections within the Archives' holdings, have been digitized and mounted on the Internet. These images detail Canada's role in a number of conflicts including the Red River Resistance, the Boer War, the First and Second World War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

This digitized archival material is intended to aid researchers of all ages by providing access to primary sources for topics that are of continuing interest within the history community. Archives & Special Collections has also created a complimentary educational site featuring student activities and teachers' guides for Grades Four, Six, Nine, and Eleven. The educational site is intended to introduce students to the rich resources found in archives. The activities will utilize archival material and will supplement the lessons taught in history curriculums.

The Canadian Wartime Experience website is an invaluable learning resource. Researchers from all over the globe will now be able to access primary records relating to some of the more pertinent events in Canadian history with just the click of a mouse. Primary and secondary students will also be privy to this archival material and will be able to utilize it in the execution of several interactive, multi-media, educational activities. The Canadian Wartime Experience website provides an opportunity to ensure the historical legacy of our nation during wartimes is preserved for many generations of Canadians to come.

To view "The Canadian Wartime Experience: The Documentary Legacy of Canada at War" website, please visit: [http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/archives/canada\\_war/](http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/archives/canada_war/)

*(Submitted by Brett Loughheed, University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections)*

## 2005 NHPRC Electronic Records Fellows Program

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) Electronic Records Fellows Program, a collaboration of the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke and UNC University Libraries, is looking for its second class of Fellows! The 2004-2005 Fellows, Nancy Kunde, Helen Samuels, Rebecca Schulte, and Druscilla Simpson are well underway with their projects and will present results at SAA 2005. Presentations from the 2004 symposium held at UNC where the 2004 Fellows introduced their projects are now on the website (<http://www.ils.unc.edu/nhprcfellows>).

Again this year we are seeking archivists and records managers—or teams of archivists, records professionals, and academics—with an interest in studying some aspect of electronic records to apply for these non-residential Electronic Records Research Fellowships. We will be funding (4) \$15,000 research fellowships this year. Please visit our website at <http://www.ils.unc.edu/nhprcfellows> for more information. This year's submission date is June 17, 2005. We will make funding announcements in late July and the 2005 symposium will be held at Duke University in Durham, NC.

- You need not have a fully-formed project at this time; we can help you turn your idea into a proposal.
- This fellowship is primarily for working archivists, but as mentioned above, archivists and academics can team up on a project.
- Recipients must be U.S. citizens.

If you wish to discuss a possible project, please contact Helen Tibbo at [tibbo@ils.unc.edu](mailto:tibbo@ils.unc.edu) or Paul Conway at [Paul.Conway@duke.edu](mailto:Paul.Conway@duke.edu).

This program is based on a previous one in Massachusetts; you can see the work of their fellows at <http://www.masshist.org/fellowships/fellows.cfm?fellowship=nhprc>.

### **Columbia Law School Arthur W. Diamond Law Library Celebrates the Official Opening of the Telford Taylor Papers**

On April 8th, the Arthur W. Diamond Law Library, Columbia University Law School will commemorate the official opening of the Telford Taylor Papers.

#### **The Telford Taylor Papers Conference**

Friday, April 8, 2005  
Room 102 Jerome L. Greene Hall  
Columbia University Law School  
435 W. 116<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10027  
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or (212) 854-1404

During an academic career spanning some forty years, Telford Taylor served the Columbia Law School community with distinction, first as adjunct lecturer in law and later as Professor of Law, Nash Professor of Law and Nash Professor emeritus of Law.

Encompassing over 132.7 cubic feet, the Telford Taylor Papers document Taylor's manifold careers as attorney, military historian and legal scholar. Through Taylor's correspondence, speeches and writings, the researcher encounters a man fully engaged in the major issues and events of the 20th century, from the inception of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal to the problems brought on by the Vietnam conflict.

Scholars from many disciplines will find the Papers a rich primary source for such Depression Era legislation as the Stock Exchange Bill. The International Military Tribunal (1945-46) and the Nuremberg Military Trials (1946-49) are also represented in the Papers. Beyond the trial transcripts, indexed correspondence, speeches and writings will enable students and academics to trace the fifty-year development of Taylor's nuanced conception of the Nuremberg Trials and their historical importance as he witnessed such events as the Adolf Eichmann trial and the Vietnam War. Through the Papers, Taylor's postwar career as a defender of civil liberties finds full expression. Presented in full relief are Taylor's battle against Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, his legal representation of west coast labor leader Harry Bridges and the accused communist, Junius Scales.

The Telford Taylor Papers Conference is the first event in a year-long collaborative partnership with the Truman Presidential Museum and Library, the American Jewish Archives and the Hebrew Union College-University of Cincinnati Ethics Center to commemorate the legacy of Nuremberg. The Truman Museum and Library will hold a teachers workshop in Independence, Missouri, July 10-15, and The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives will sponsor a program and lecture on September 18 at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In addition to these public programs, please visit our websites.

#### **Arthur W. Diamond Law Library, Columbia Law School – Nuremberg Trials Collections**

- **Telford Taylor (1908-1998) (Papers: 1918-1998; Bulk: 1949-1992)**

URL: <http://library.law.columbia.edu/ttp/body.html>

- **Henry Schneider (1910-1998) (Collection: 1945-1946)**

URL: <http://library.law.columbia.edu/ttp/index2.html>

– Researchers may use these collections Mondays through Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm.

– The archival collections are available by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please contact: Christopher M. Laico, Archivist at [claico@law.columbia.edu](mailto:claico@law.columbia.edu).

#### **Hebrew Union College-University of Cincinnati Ethics Center**

Main Website: <http://www.huc.edu/ethics>

## Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives at Hebrew Union College

- **An Inventory to the Records of the World Jewish Congress 1918-1982 (Ms. – 361)**  
URL: <http://www.americanjewisharchives.org/aja/WJC/>  
Main Website: <http://www.americanjewisharchives.org/aja/programs/>

## The Truman Presidential Museum and Library

- This collaborative website designed by the Truman Presidential Museum and Library highlights the archival materials related to the Nuremberg Trials located at each institution. URL: <http://iats-coe2.missouri.edu/~whistle/projects/nuremberg/>
- **National Teacher Conference – “War Crimes and International Law: The Legacy of Nuremberg”**

On July 10-15th, 2005, The Truman Presidential Museum & Library and the Harry S. Truman Library Institute will host a one week national teacher conference entitled War Crimes and International Law: The Legacy of Nuremberg. Leading scholars will present information and teaching strategies on the following topics: the legal and historical foundations of war crime prosecutions, the Holocaust's legacy, the Nuremberg and Tokyo war crimes tribunals, the legal issues and precedents resulting from those trials, and post-WW II prosecution for acts of genocide and war crimes occurring in other nations. A limited number of full scholarships are available for teachers. For more information on the Museum and programs, call (816) 833-1225 or visit [www.trumanlibrary.org](http://www.trumanlibrary.org).

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## IN THE NEWS

### **New Hampshire: Colby-Sawyer College Archives Announces \$5,000 NEH Preservation Assistance Grant**

The Colby-Sawyer College Archives is pleased to announce that it has received a \$5,000 Preservation Assistance Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. These funds will be used to purchase storage supplies for the Colby Colgate Cleveland Family Collection, a large and significant collection that documents an important family in Colby-Sawyer College and New London, New Hampshire history.

*(Submitted by Lianne Keary, College Archivist, Colby-Sawyer College)*

### **New York: New Nelson A. Rockefeller Materials Available for Research**

The Rockefeller Archive Center staff, a division of The Rockefeller University, has processed and recently opened for research 11 new series (152 cubic feet) in the papers of Nelson A. Rockefeller. These materials are from his personal, gubernatorial, and vice presidential files and cover the period 1908 to 1974. For further information, please write: [archive@rockefeller.edu](mailto:archive@rockefeller.edu) or visit: <http://archive.rockefeller.edu>.

*(Submitted by Amy Fitch, Archivist, Rockefeller Archive Center)*

## Ohio: Oberlin College Archives Produces Third Digital Collection

“Oberlin College and Military Service in World War I” is the third digital collection now offered to on-line users of the Oberlin College Archives. The core of the presentation is a collection of 322 photographs – digitized and displayed using ContentDM – of Oberlin College community members who had served in some capacity in “The Great War to Save Democracy.” Service men and women sent a photograph to the college yearbook staff in response to a general request made by the college in 1919. Oberlin College volunteers in research worked with the project directors to establish standardized biographical data for each of the 325 photograph subjects, whose numbers included both alumni and war-era faculty, staff, and students. Using the searching capabilities of ContentDM, the user may identify smaller groups of photograph subjects based on death year, class affiliation, area of service, and other variables. Also found here are 153 scanned pages from the 1920 *Hi-O-Hi* yearbook, called “Oberlin College in the War.” This subset provides further context for the photographs, and an introduction precedes all of this material.

This project, funded in part by the Hallock Foundation, was completed in early 2005 by Mark Genszler, a SLIS student at Kent State University, and by Charles Frenzel, an Oberlin College undergraduate, under the direction of College Archivist Roland M. Baumann and Associate Archivist Ken Grossi. The co-directors seek to create virtual collections like this one in order to highlight interesting archival collections while also providing important instructional support for the college’s first year seminar curriculum.

The other two virtual collections created earlier by the college archives are “The Oberlin College Archives Objects Digital Catalogue” and the “Select Historic Portraits Collection.” The first is a display of digital photographs of 233 objects in the archives’ own collection, ranging from Charles G. Finney’s silver cup to various medals and anniversary pins to a bronze cast bust of John Brown. The second is a digital mounting of select portraits from the college’s general collection; mostly presidential portraits, they are stored or displayed in three major buildings on the 300-acre campus. The archives feature 24 portraits for display and description, although the bulk of the paintings remain outside of archival control.

For more information about the aforementioned digital products/collections, please contact Roland M. Baumann at his e-mail address: [roland.m.baumann@oberlin.edu](mailto:roland.m.baumann@oberlin.edu). See also, the following subject headings:

World War I:           <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/WWI.html>  
Objects:               <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG35/introduction.html>  
Historic Portraits:   <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/historicalPortraits.html>

*(Submitted by Roland M. Baumann, Archivist, Oberlin College)*

## **Texas: JCPenney's Gift of History to Southern Methodist University**

DALLAS (SMU) – One of America's most renowned retailers is donating archives chronicling its 100-year history to the DeGolyer Library at SMU. JCPenney, headquartered in Plano, Texas, gave the materials to SMU to make them more accessible to the public. A brief dedication ceremony was held Thursday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, at DeGolyer Library.

"We are honored to accept these significant and timeless materials, which are so valuable to those doing scholarly research not only in the history of retailing but also in the broader field of American cultural studies," Russell Martin, director of DeGolyer Library, said in remarks at the ceremony. "The JCPenney collection adds significant depth and breadth to our library's holdings in business history."

The collection includes:

- More than 36,000 pounds of documents
- Over 20,000 photos, including more than 500 photos of Mr. Penney
- Documents describing the origin, growth, and operations of the JCPenney Company and more than 1,400 stores.
- Advertisements from 1903 to the late 1990s
- James Cash Penney's personal correspondence (including letters from former presidents and other national figures)
- Recordings of interviews with James Cash Penney and Penney family photographs

"We, along with Mr. Penney's family, are pleased that SMU will be the home for the JCPenney Archives," said Allen Questrom, retiring JCPenney chairman and CEO. "This donation represents more than a century of our company's history, as well as the evolution of American retailing and one of its legendary icons. It's our pleasure to share this information for posterity." Questrom added, "This collection reflects Mr. Penney's fundamental values, which are still applicable and play a key role in the continuing success of the company. He was dedicated to delivering good value to customers and operating a business with integrity. Mr. Penney also believed that businesses should give back to the communities they serve."

James Cash Penney opened his first store in the mining town of Kemmerer, Wyoming, in 1902. He named his store "The Golden Rule" to reflect his business philosophy of fair pricing, customer service, and quality merchandise. He was the first retailer in America to charge all customers the same price for merchandise. By 1911, 22 Golden Rule stores operated mostly in small towns in Western states.

Today, JCPenney is one of America's largest retailers with approximately 1,020 stores throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, and 61 Renner department stores in Brazil. The JCPenney Catalog, including e-commerce, is the nation's largest catalog merchant of general merchandise, and JCPenney.com is one of the largest apparel and home furnishings sites on the Internet.

The JCPenney archives were compiled after Penney's death in 1971, and have been housed at the JCPenney headquarters in Plano, Texas. The archives receive about 300 requests for historical information each year.

*(Submitted by Joan Gosnell, University Archivist, DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University)*

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### **PEOPLE ON THE MOVE**

Alison Stankrauff has been hired as the University Archivist and Assistant Librarian/Reference and Instruction at Indiana University South Bend. She began her service at Indiana University South Bend in November of 2004. Previously, Alison has worked as a Reference Archivist at the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, OH. Alison embarked on her archival career at the Reuther Labor Archives of Wayne State University in Detroit, where she also received an MLIS degree with a concentration in Archives Administration.

*(Submitted by Alison Stankrauff, Archivist and Assistant Librarian, Franklin D. Schurz Library, Indiana University South Bend)*

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