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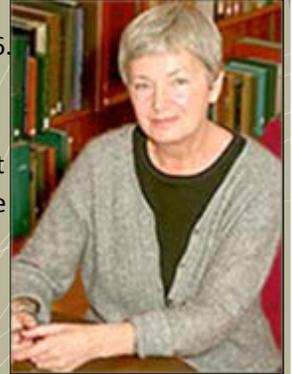
August 31, 2016

Staff Promotion

Sylwia Baldyga, Special Collections Assistant IV, Circulation Department, Technical Services, August 15. Sylwia's been working part-time in Circulation for 2 years and is also a casual ReCAP as a casual.

Sad News

Krystyna Podraza passed away on August 9, 2016. Krystyna was born in the Ukraine and attended the Wyzsza Szkola Pedagogiczna in Krakow where she earned a degree in Polish Philology. In 1973 she met her future husband Eugene who was doing graduate work in Polish history at Jagiellonian University. They married in May 1974, came to America, and settled in Lawrenceville. Krystyna worked for 28 years at Firestone Library as a bibliographic specialist, cataloging Polish and Russian book and retired in 2009. For 27 years she also taught beginning and advanced Polish at Mercer County Community College. She leaves behind her husband, Eugene. A private viewing was held for immediate family and her remains will be buried in Olesno, Poland. -



What's Ahead...



- **Sept 5** – University Holiday
- **Sept 6** – normal work schedule resumes
- **Sept 11** – Opening Exercises, Chapel
- **Sept 14** – Classes begin
- **Sept 22** – Retirement reception for Karin Trainer, University Librarian.



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Article Published

An article written by **Rachel Simon** (Technical Services) was recently published in the open-access "International Encyclopedia of the First World War." The article's title is "Italo-Turkish War 1911-1912" and may be found at <http://dx.doi.org/10.15463/ie1418.10949>.

This Week in Princeton History for August 29-September 4

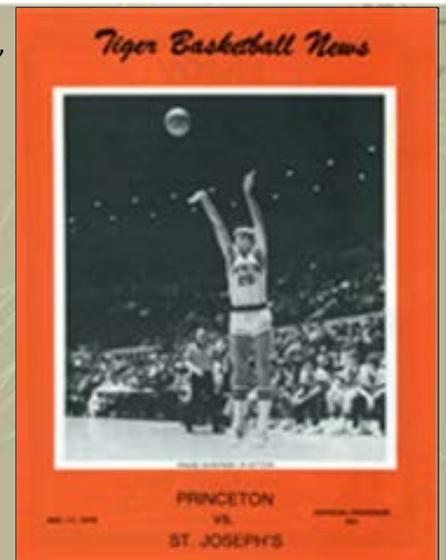
(by April C. Armstrong, Mudd Library Blog, <http://blogs.princeton.edu/mudd/>)

August 29, 1930—M. Hartley Dodge, Jr. '30 dies in a car accident in France. His family will later donate both the Dodge Memorial Gateway and the Dodge Memorial Arch in his honor.



August 30, 1978—Former Ivy League Player of the Year Frank Sowinski '78 leaves for Spain, where he has a contract to play professional basketball for the Tempus team in Madrid.

September 3, 1885—Benjamin Van Doren Hedges (Class of 1888) completes a series of sketches of Princeton farms as viewed from the Institute for Advanced Study's Cupola.



September 4, 1949—*Town Topics* reports that the Princeton University Class of 1953 will be the first who are not required to wear the black skullcaps ("dinks") that have visibly marked freshmen on campus since the 1920s.



Annual event at the Art Museum: Nassau Street Sampler

Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016
5:00 p.m

The Princeton University Art Museum will hold its annual Nassau Street Sampler — featuring tastings by local restaurants and live music by student groups

Blast from the Past

Excerpts from "The Green Pyne Leaf": Publication of the Staff Association -- Volume 20, 1966

The Princeton Numismatic Collection

What makes money valuable? Most of us immediately think of its worth in term of its face value, but other factors are more important to a numismatist. **Dr. Louis C. West**, curator of the Princeton Numismatic Collection, explained that the most important determinant of a coin's value is its scarcity... Age has only a minor effect on value, and coins of the ancient world which exist in great quantities have less value than

rare coins struck in the last ten years. Numismatists also consider a coin's condition, mintage and the demand for it.

The collection's oldest coins come from ancient Greece and Rome; some of these are gold and very valuable. Princeton owns a representative collection of Byzantine coins as well as an excellent series of Parthian and Sassanian coin. Included in the coin collection are many other foreign coins dating from very ancient times to the present.

While Princeton has acquired a "good" collection of foreign coins, it prides itself on its American coins. These are coins used in colonial days – Spanish doubloons, French louis d'or, Dutch guilders and various types of British species. Contained in the collection are the early American half-cents and large cents, the earliest coins minted by the United States

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government. According to Dr. West the first building erected by the new national government was the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia in 1793

Princeton's early U.S. large cents measure over 1 ¾ inches in diameter. Also in the collection are the beautiful five, ten, and twenty dollar gold pieces and even the rare three dollar gold piece, some of which Dr. West can remember using.

Perhaps the coins which seem strangest to us today are the "hard times" trade tokens struck by various merchants in copper and brass which the merchants would redeem for a specified amount. These circulated during periods of scarcity of official government money. Most of Princeton's trade tokens were put out by Southern firms during the Civil War. There are, however, seven 19th century trade tokens from New Jersey.

Besides coins, printed currency comprises the other half of the Collection. Just as with the coins, many of these beautifully pastel-colored bills are from foreign countries, but the best sets of currency are from the US. For example, Princeton possesses the oldest piece of currency printed in the Colonies – a 1790 five-shilling note from the colony of New York. During the colonial and revolutionary period New Jersey issued its own paper money; Princeton has amassed a large number of these notes. A complete set of Confederate currency highlights the collection. From 1863-1876 the federal government could not afford to keep enough coins in circulation, so they issued fractional currency, i.e., printed money in denominations less than a dollar. A framed set of U.S. fractional currency hangs on the wall of Dr. West's office – brown, green, purple and carmine notes in values of 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents and 50 cents – which the federal government distributed to local banks as a check against counterfeit money... (*Grace Clark Searching Section*)