Sad News

Ruth Louise Miller passed away on October 11, 2015. Ruth worked at the Library as a Special Collections Assistant III from 1980 until her retirement in 1996.

By Dawn’s Early Light
Jewish Contributions to American Culture from the Nation’s Founding to the Civil War
Saturday, February 13, 2016 - Sunday, June 12, 2016
Princeton University Art Museum

Living in an age when Jews are fully integrated into so much of America’s public and popular culture, it is difficult to imagine a time before they shone on the stage and printed page. Such a future for Jews was scarcely imaginable in the crucible years after the birth of the United States. In the colonial period, there was little precedent for Jews speaking for themselves vocally and volubly in the public arena. At the dawn of the Republic, they were new to American public life. Yet as the United States started its grand experiment with liberty, and began to invent a culture of its own, Jews, too, began a grand experiment of living as equals. In a society that promised exceptional freedom, this was both liberating and confounding. As individuals, they were free to participate as full citizens in the hurly-burly of the new nation’s political and social life. But as members of a group that sought to remain distinctive, freedom was daunting. In response to the challenges of liberty, Jews adopted and adapted American and Jewish artistic idioms to express themselves in new ways as Americans and as Jews. In the process, they invented American Jewish culture, and contributed to the flowering of American culture during the earliest days of the Republic.

This exhibition, organized by the Princeton University Library, consists of more than 160 books, maps, manuscripts, prints, and paintings, including some of the earliest novels, plays, scientific treatises, and religious works produced by Jews in the United States. The exhibition is based on the loans and gifts to Princeton University of Leonard L. Milberg, Class of 1953, as well as loans from museums, libraries, synagogues, and private collections.
**This Week in Princeton History for December 28-January 3**
*(posted by April C. Armstrong, https://blogs.princeton.edu/mudd/)*

In this week’s installment of our ongoing series bringing you the history of Princeton University and its faculty, students, and alumni, Woodrow Wilson stamps are selling fast, all computers go offline, and more...

**December 31, 1999**—In anticipation of the “Y2K bug,” Princeton University disconnects all of its computers and servers from the internet.

**January 1, 1814**—James M. Garnett (Class of 1814) writes of an incident in Nassau Hall: “Today to refresh us after our labours, we had a great dinner, composed of Pigs, Geese, Irish potatoes, minced-pies, hickory nuts, cider, & wine. The President [Ashbel Green] did us the honour to dine with us, and gave us a toast; when he rose to give it he commanded silence which want of politeness gave such offence to some of our well-bred company that they returned the toast with a scrape” (i.e., the students scraped their shoes on the floor to protest).

**January 2, 1946**—Ground is broken on Firestone Memorial Library.
Committee members
Dina Conte, Carol Houghton, Thomas Keen, Angela Knox, Vicki Principi, Audrey Welber

Training and Development Programs at Princeton University Library (excerpted from the PULA Contract)
Supervisors are strongly encouraged to support employee attendance at training. Particular emphasis should be placed on attendance at those training activities which enhance the employee’s job skills in their current position or which help the employee to advance his or her career at the library. Bargaining unit staff shall be allowed to attend at least one training activity per month provided the training activity is directly related to enhancing job skills, provides orientation to a facilities or area that is directly related to the employee’s work or furthers their career development at the library.

Training opportunities
Training at your desktop 24 hours a day: http://lynda.princeton.edu. Lynda.com offers a comprehensive list of online training courses on both technical and soft skill topics you can take right at your desk. These courses are free to all University staff, students and faculty with a valid Princeton NetID.

Other Training Opportunities at PU
There are lots of other training opportunities available from the Office of Information Technology, University Human Resources, Carebridge, and more.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please fill out our form at: http://library.princeton.edu/committee/letc/suggest

A TEACUP ROUND UP AT COTSEN

Cotsen’s Victorian Tea program is almost here, and we’re still on the lookout for teacups and saucers! Specifically, we’re looking for 11 more! If you have any you would like to donate, please get in touch with Dana Sheridan (danas@princeton.edu). The teacups and saucers would be gifted to the children participating in the program, and won’t be returned (but they will have a happy second life elsewhere). The collection deadline is January 10th.
**New Faces**

**Greta V. Fitzell**, new to the Circulation Desk, comes from Hightstown, New Jersey, where her husband taught at the Peddie School. Mr. Fitzell is now a Princeton graduate student, majoring in German in the modern language department. Previous to arriving in the United States in 1947, he attended gymnasium and college in Rumania and in Vienna, Austria.

**Joan Van Stone**, who works at the Reserve Desk, lives in Princeton but originally came from Nashua, New Hampshire. Her husband taught biology and chemistry and coached football in the Peddie School before entering Graduate College to major in biology.

**Lillian Patterson**’s two girls attend junior and senior high school in Princeton. Her husband commutes to Trenton and she works at the Circulation Desk.

**Mrs. Barbara Glicksberg** came to us from California. She is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, 1950. She was married in September 1950 and her husband is a research associate in the Mathematics department. She expects to be with us until June, 1952. Barbara likes Princeton very much and is greatly impressed by our Library. The Glicksbergs like to play bridge and hope to find other bridge-lovers among the staff members.

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**Special Collections**

Recent visitors to the Rare Book Department have included Gregg Manners Sinclair, President of the University of Hawaii; James Creese, President of Drexel institute of Technology and a trustee of the American Scandinavian Foundation; the sculptor Walter Hancock whose work includes the bust of Stephen Foster in the New York University Hall of Fame and the design for the Army and Naval Medals, and last, but for us not least, the bust of Booth Tarkington which is in the Rare Book reading room – a gift of Mrs. Tarkington...

The Manuscript Department was visited by Budd Schulberg, who consulted the F. Scott Fitzgerald Papers, as well as by the members of the Iranian Delegation who had come to Princeton to see Professor Hitti’s Near East Program in operation and to hear a talk, “An Oriental View of the Oil Crisis,” delivered by one of their group, Senator Matin Daftari.

Meyer Berger, author of The Story of the New York Times and Pulitzer-prize-winning reporter, gave a talk at Graphic Arts to Mr. Adler’s seminar in the Graphic Arts in which Mr. Berger related a number of amusing anecdotes connected with the publication of his recent book.