

STAFF NEWSLETTER



Library



Nov. 15, 2016

Leaving

David Levkoff, Library Supervisor/Public Services Unit, East Asian Library, Collection Development, Nov. 30. David has accepted a position at Columbia University as Operations Manager for the Office of Development at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Sad News

Irmgard Bourgeois, age 95, of Salem, New Jersey, died November 19, 2015 at the home of her son and daughter in law, Marcel and Juleen Bourgeois in Cedarville under the care of Hospice. Before her retirement, Irmgard had been employed as a Librarian at Firestone 1969 – 1983. Library at Princeton University.

Article Republished

An article by **Rachel Simon** (Tech Services), which originally was published in *Judaica Librarianship* in 2011 (and is online at: <http://ajlpublishing.org/jl/vol16/iss1/9/>) has been republished:

“The Contribution of Hebrew Printing Houses and Printers

in Istanbul to Ladino Culture and Scholarship” in Rifat N. Bali (ed.), *Jewish Journalism and Press in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey* (Istanbul: Libra, 2016) : 285-300

Blogging Around

New Henry Martin Scrapbooks

(Graphic Arts blog: <http://graphicarts.princeton.edu/>)

To help us through the ... week, here are some cartoons from the recently acquired scrapbooks of Henry Martin, Princeton University Class of 1948. Although Martin’s work for the *New Yorker* magazine is best remembered, these albums document his published work for the *Harvard Business Review*, *Parade*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Audubon*, *Writers Digest*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *National Law Review*, *Johns Hopkins Magazine*, *Applause*, *Rotarian*, and many other journals.



What’s Ahead...

- **Nov. 17** – Food drives ends
- **Nov. 18** – Volunteers needed for Thanksgiving baskets
- **Nov. 24/25** – University Holidays
- **Dec. 20** – Library Staff Holiday Luncheon
- **Dec. 23/26** – University Holidays
- **Dec. 30/Jan. 2** – University Holidays



The Staff Newsletter is published the 15th and last day of each month.

To submit items, please contact Jean Moyer (jmcgill@princeton.edu)

LETC Corner

LETC Wants Your Feedback

The Library and Education Training Committee (LETC) cordially requests your participation in the following survey to acquire feedback on the tours and trainings offered throughout 2016. Be advised that all responses are anonymous as this only serves as a measure to enhance what the LETC provides in its mission to expand the collective knowledge and overall professional experience for all employees across the Princeton University Libraries Department. Please direct any individualized questions or comments to David Levkoff (dlevkoff@princeton.edu). Thank you for your time and participation."

TAKE SURVEY >

[LETC Survey](#)

The members of the Library Education and Training Committee are:

Colleen Burlingham - Head, Microforms Service/Documents Processing, RIS

Carol Houghton - Special Collections Assistant V, RIS

Thomas Keenan - Assoc. Librarian, Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, CD

David Levkoff - Library Supervisor/Public Services Unit, EAL

Art Miller - General Reference and Research Services Librarian, RIS

Karen Stathopoulos (ex-officio)- Senior Human Resources Manager, HR

Colleen Murray (ex-officio)- Human Resources Specialist, HR



Lewis Science Library Film Series

Behavioral Economics: When Psychology and Economics Collide

Video series hosted by Professor Scott Huettel, Ph.D. Duke University



Fridays, Noon to 1 in Lewis 225

- ✦ September 16th - What is a Good Decision? / The Rise of Behavioral Economics
- ✦ September 23rd - Reference Dependence: It's All Relative / Reference Dependence: Economic Implications
- ✦ September 30th - Range Effects: Changing the Scale / Probability Weighting
- ✦ October 7th - Risk: The Known Unknowns / Ambiguity: The Unknown Unknowns
- ✦ October 14th - Temporal Discounting: Now or Later? / Comparison: Apples and Oranges
- ✦ October 21st - Bounded Rationality: Knowing Your Limits / Heuristics and Biases
- ✦ October 28th - Randomness and Patterns / How Much Evidence Do We Need?
- ✦ November 11th - The Value of Experience / Medical Decision Making
- ✦ November 18th - Social Decision: Competition and Coordination / Group Decision Making: The Vox Populi
- ✦ December 2nd - Giving and Helping: Why Altruism? / Cooperation by Individuals and in Societies
- ✦ December 9th - When Incentives Backfire / Precommitment: Setting Rationality Aside
- ✦ December 16th - Framing: Moving to a Different Perspective / Interventions, Nudges, and Decisions

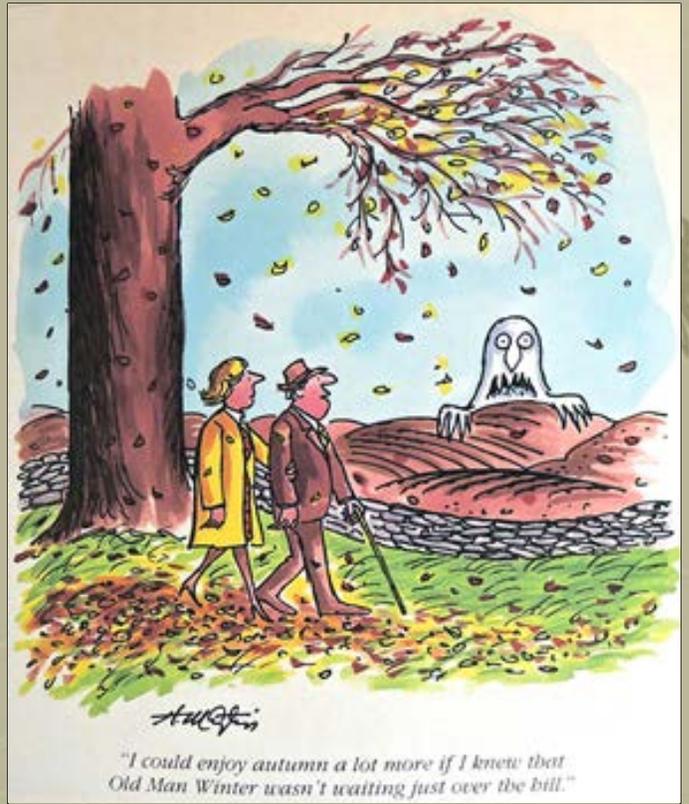
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- Questions? Contact Neil Nero nnero@princeton.edu - DVD set available @ Lewis Library HB74P8 B45 2014

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Henry Martin (continued)



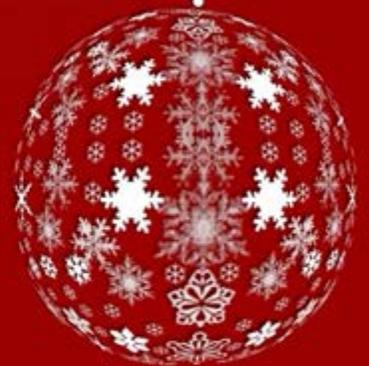
Hold the Date ...

Library Staff Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 20, 2017

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Whitman Dining Hall



Stability

The parable of the wise men who built his house upon the rock, and the foolish man who built his house upon the sand, is a narrative which, to us in the year of 1947, is still clear cut, and conveys in a logical way, the necessity for good planning.

Down through the ages, superstitions, and customs based on superstition, have befuddled some of that clearness. In olden times we read that stability in any large or important structure was believed to be obtained by a living foundation, "a sacrifice to the gods" of a human being, probably in the belief that a living person, buried in the foundations, would become forever the "soul" of the building. There are instances in various parts of the world where human skeletons have been found in the excavated foundations of old ruins.

And later still, when taking human life became inconvenient, we find that it was the custom to throw statues and busts, both big and little, into the trenches dug for the building of foundations. In one country, a rod or stick the same length as the person selected as the "sacrifice" was buried in the foundations, thereby obtaining security without



coming into conflict with the law.

Nowadays, coins and newspapers, and other records of the period are popularly supposed to be the things deposited under or about the first or foundation stones of new buildings, and again the idea may be based on superstition, or at any rate on custom. The deposition of these records cannot have an historical purpose as it was assumed in each case that the stone would never be disturbed.

In the new library, whose foundation stone was laid on Monday, June 16, to which ceremony staff members were especially invited, the stability of the structure has been amply taken care of by the architects and contractors who first found out what the ground under the site consisted, and then designed and constructed foundations strong enough, under all conditions, with equality over the area occupied. On the ceremonious angle, the old and usual custom was followed incorporating with the marking stone as many well-chosen records of Princeton and of the period as the space permitted, all enclosed in a sealed copper box for added protection.

So whether we are superstitious or not we can all be assured that everything necessary has been done to secure stability in the new structure.

