Staff Newsletter

Library

Nov. 30, 2015

What's Ahead...

- Dec. 4 – Lewis Film Series – Quanta, Uncertainty, and a Cat & String Theory, Membranes, and the Multiverse
- Dec. 11 – Lewis Film Series – Emergence – Simple Rules, Complex Systems and Order Out of Chaos
- Dec. 21 – Library Holiday Luncheon
- Dec. 24, 25 – University Holidays
- Dec. 31, Jan. 1 – University Holidays

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This Week in Princeton History for November 30-December 6
(April C. Armstrong - http://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, a dorm fire destroys a senior thesis, a football player wins the Heisman Trophy, and more.

November 30, 1834—On Princeton’s first astronomical expedition, Professor Stephen Alexander observes a solar eclipse in Georgia; his Fraunhofer telescope is the best refractor of its time.

December 3, 1969—A fire started by an unwatched candle in 114 Henry Hall destroys Willard Reynolds ’70’s thesis and graduate school applications.

December 4, 1951—Princeton University’s tailback, Richard W. Kazmaier ’52, wins the Heisman Memorial Trophy, setting the record for the largest margin of victory for the award yet, with 506 first place votes. The runner up has 45.

December 6, 1919—Henry Clay Frick’s will is made public with Princeton University named as a beneficiary of $15,000,000 (well over $200,000,000 in 2015 dollars).

—Richard Kazmaier poses for a photographer, ca. 1950. Historical Photograph Collection, Campus Life Series

—Despite the setback, Willard Reynolds ’70 managed to complete his senior thesis. It is now a part of the Senior Thesis Collection (AC102).
Princeton Writes Essay Contest

The Princeton Writes Prize, which was first awarded in 2015, is designed to encourage and recognize outstanding writing on the part of University staff. Administered by Princeton Writes in collaboration with the Office of Alumni Affairs and the Council of the Humanities, this initiative draws inspiration from the late William Zinsser of the Class of 1944, whose guide for writers of nonfiction, On Writing Well, has influenced generations of wordsmiths.

Topic

This year’s contest focuses on diversity of all forms in our community. We invite you to write about your experience with the presence or absence of differences and the impact of that experience on you. In crafting your essay, we encourage you to consider encounters with the faces, places, and spaces of Princeton and beyond.

Eligibility

The essay contest is open to all regular members of the University’s academic professional, administrative, and support staffs. Unfortunately, we do not accept submissions from faculty and students or staff at affiliated institutions.

Selection Criteria

Essays will be evaluated on how clearly, creatively, and compellingly they address the designated topic. In other words, essays should be written in a lucid manner, with well-defined points and smooth transitions; they should exhibit imagination in their choice of focus and use of language; and they should not only inform but also move their readers in some way. A secondary emphasis will be placed on grammatical correctness. The selection committee will judge each essay on its merits, without any identifying information as to its author.

Submission Process

To be considered, essays must be between 750 and 1,250 words, composed in Microsoft Word using double-spaced lines and a 12-point font, and submitted to pwrites@princeton.edu on or before February 1, 2016. Essays should be sent as email attachments, and while the essay itself should not identify its author, the email should contain the writer’s full name, department, and telephone number. It should also contain the following statement: I, [insert name], certify that the words in this essay are exclusively my own. Staff without computer access should contact Princeton Writes at 258-8633 so that special accommodations can be made. The selection committee will make its decision not later than April 15, 2016.

Awards

The winner of the Princeton Writes Prize will receive $1,000 in the form of a single, taxable lump sum payment, as well as a certificate of accomplishment and an autographed copy of On Writing Well by the late William Zinsser ‘44. Honorable mention recipients will also receive a certificate and On Writing Well. A reception in honor of the awardees and all contestants will be held in the spring, and the winning essays will be posted online for others to enjoy.

Questions?

Please contact Princeton Writes at pwrites@princeton.edu or 258-8633 with any questions you may have.
The Library Education and Training Committee Presents

A Joint Tour of the
Marquand Library of Art and Archaeology and the
Index of Christian Art

We will be meeting outside the entrance to Marquand Library, inside McCormick Hall.

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
2:00pm – 3:00pm

*No food or drinks may be brought on this tour. Thank you for your cooperation!

To register for this session, go to

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

Committee members
Dina Conte, Carol Houghton, Thomas Keen, Angela Knox, Vicki Principi, Audrey Welber

LET Corner

Join your friends and coworkers for the
Library Staff Holiday Luncheon

Monday, December 21, 2015
12:00pm – 2:00pm
Whitman College Dining Room
**About Ourselves**

**Miss Clair Martwick** is now handling the Inter-library Loan work for Mr. Young. Her home is in Plainfield, NJ. She attended St. Catherine’s School, Richmond, VA, and graduated from Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY, where she majored in design. For two years she worked at Schumacher’s in New York, a wholesale fabric concern, before taking up her present position.

The Library’s third Ex-Wave was discovered when **Mrs. Lois Dale Stewart, Mr. Boyd’s** secretary was interviewed. She was born in Bronxville, NY, went to school in Rochester, and is a graduate of Middlebury College, where she majored in Biology. While at Middlebury, she worked as a student assistant in the Library there. After graduation she took a secretarial course, worked for one year, and then joined the Waves. She was in the Navy two and a half years, finishing as a Lieutenant (j.g.). A month after her discharge in February 1946 she was married to Mr. Ernest T. Stewart, who is editor of the *Princeton Alumni Weekly*.

**Mrs. Amadna C. Lankas** has joined the staff as a typist in the Catalog Department. She was born in Philadelphia where she also got her education. In 1938 she moved to Princeton. During the war she worked for the Government at Belle Mead. In November 1946 she resigned to be married, after which she and her husband lived for some months in Kansas, returning to Princeton in April of this year. Her husband is now working for a construction company in Princeton. Aside from reading, **Mrs. Lankas** says her hobbies are swimming and tennis.

**Mrs. Frances Smith** is the new Page at the Circulation Desk. She was born and raised in Princeton, and attended St. Paul’s School and Princeton High School for 2 years. Before the war she made two trips to Italy. She was married in Louisiana, MO, in April 1945, and has one daughter, Sonja Mary Smith, ten months old. Before coming to the Library, she had worked at Eastern Aircraft for a year and a half. Mrs. Smith says her hobby is cooking and keeping house for her husband and daughter.

**Mrs. Clara B. Simpson** is joining the staff as an assistant at the Circulation Desk on May 1. Her home is at Monmouth Junction. She is a graduate of Princeton High School, and attended Rider’s Business College. She has worked in the general office, Kingston Trap Rock Company, in the purchasing department of Heyden Chemical Corporation, and she also set up the Engineering Library there.

**Mrs. Hughes**, assistant at the Reserve Desk, will be leaving the first of May. Her husband has accepted the pastorate of a church in Weatherly, PA, where he has acted as supply pastor during the summers.

**Miss Mary Del Vecchio** is a labeler in the Catalog Department. She is from Rocky Hill and was a student at Princeton High School for three and a half years. Before coming to the Library she had done part-time work as a clerk in a store. **Miss Del Vecchio** is a niece of **Mrs. Amalfatano** of the Industrial Relations Section.