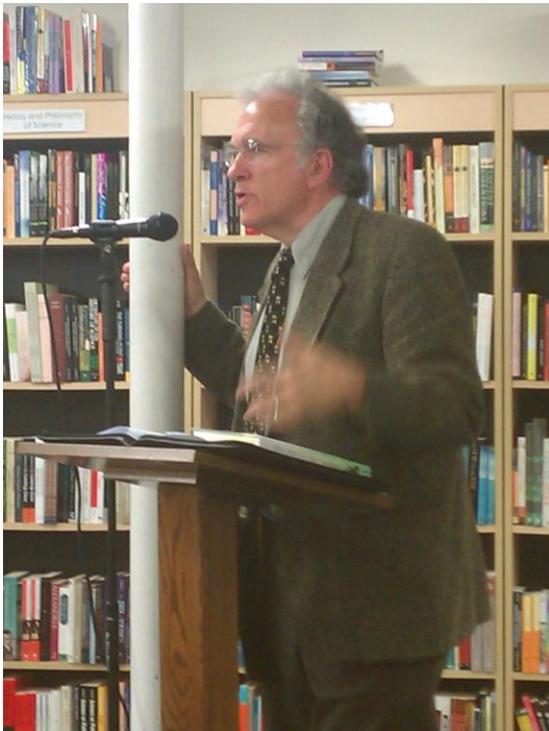


CO-SPONSORED TALK A SUCCESS

Reported by PRF President Priscilla Keswani



Robert Kanigel at Labyrinth Books (Photo by Phillip E. Gantner)

PRF Advisory Council member Robert Kanigel spoke about his latest book, *On an Irish Island*, at Labyrinth Books on Nassau Street, Friday, March 30, at 6 p.m. The event, which was co-sponsored by PRF and Labyrinth Books, was extremely well attended by the general public. Virginia Harabin, assistant manager of Labyrinth, wrote to say that the store was pleased with the number of book sales and that people who missed the talk continue to come in and ask for the Kanigel title.

Kanigel, a professor of science writing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was an excellent speaker and a charming guest. Following

my introduction of him as an author with a distinguished past and future as an independent scholar, he made a point of emphasizing his preference for and commitment to independent scholarship.

Among the period images Kanigel includes in the book is the one below of visitors and Great Blasket islanders lining up for the camera. Can you tell who's who? asks Kanigel.



Photograph from *On an Irish Island* published by Alfred A. Knopf. Courtesy of the Blasket Centre.

Kanigel's previous books include *The Man Who Knew Infinity: A Life of the Genius Ramanujan*, *High Season: How One French Riviera Town Has Seduced Travelers for Two Thousand Years*, and *Apprentice to Genius: The Making of a Scientific Dynasty*.

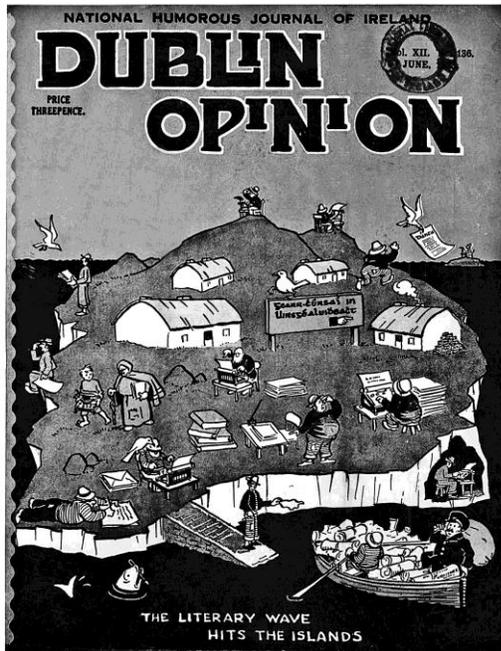


Image from *On an Irish Island* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2012). Courtesy of the Basket Centre.

Also included in Kanigel's book is this June 1936 cover of *Dublin Opinion*, which affords a lighthearted take on the effects of outside interest on the tiny islands. By the mid 1930s, the Great Basket, population 150, had produced three important works of Irish-language literature: *The Islandman* by Tomás Ó'Crohan; *Twenty Years A-Growing* by Maurice O'Sullivan; and *Peig: The Autobiography of Peig Sayers of the Great Basket Island*.

Besides being a history of the Great Basket Island in the 20th century, Kanigel's book explores "how we live now, what we've left behind, and at what cost." He hopes to prompt a conversation on the pace of life in the twenty-first century. For more information, visit: <http://www.robertkanigel.com/>

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Linda Arntzenius and Winifred Hughes for their exceptionally successful efforts in publicizing this event within the Princeton community and to the other PRF members who attended and helped to make it a success (altogether eight PRF members including myself were present). Thanks also to those who attended the dinner afterward and extended our hospitality to Kanigel. For those of you who missed the event: here is a link to his interview on NPR the day before: <http://www.wnyc.org/people/robert-kanigel/>

---Priscilla Keswani

RIGHTS AND RELIGION: DONN MITCHELL REPORTS ON HIS RECENT CONFERENCE PAPER

In March 2012, the PRF executive board enthusiastically awarded Donn Mitchell a PRF Frances C. Hutner Presentation Grant for "Rights Recognition Within Religious Communities: A Work-in-Very-Slow-Progress," delivered in December 2011 at the Universal Human Rights Conference: 500th Anniversary of Antonio de Montesinos, George Mason University, Arlington VA. In addition to GMU, the conference was sponsored by Alma College, Georgetown University, the Aquinas Institute, the Washington Theological Consortium, and several other groups. Here is Donn's report:

When we think of landmarks in human rights, the record of the Spanish Empire does not immediately come to mind, especially for Americans who are more likely to think of Magna Carta or the Declaration of Independence. But the December 2011 conference where I was invited to present a paper on human rights within religious communities was dedicated to remedying that tendency.

"Human Rights at 500" commemorated the 500th anniversary of a sermon preached in Santo Domingo condemning Spanish treatment of indigenous peoples. Delivered by Dominican Friar Antonio de Montesinos, whose statue stands in modern-day Santo Domingo, the sermon triggered fierce reactions from the Conquistadors, who demanded an immediate retraction. However, the sermon had been signed by all the members of the Dominican community, who asserted that they had written it together. Montesinos was selected to deliver it because he was their best preacher, but the view was shared by the whole community, they said.

Bartolome de las Casas was in the congregation that day and was so deeply moved that he gave back land and released Indians from slavery. He eventually became a Dominican friar and, through his writing and advocacy, won numerous Spanish legal reforms protecting the Indians.

The conference, which met at the Arlington campus of George Mason University, explored this illustrious history, featuring several scholars from the Dominican House of Studies. However, the conference also explored the more recent history of human rights through fifty-four presentations from scholars in a wide variety of disciplines.

A major concern of the conference was that the International Bill of Rights, which came into force in 1976, assumes that nation-states will be the principal guarantors of human rights. However, 30 years of neo-liberal economic policies have stripped nation-states of assets and crippled or seriously constrained revenue streams, raising two questions: Will nation-states have the capacity to be reliable guarantors in the future, and can international civil society take on that role? My contribution was to examine how well-equipped religious communities might be for that task.

Although the world's major religions have endorsed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, six decades since its promulgation, the realization of these rights within the internal polities of religious communities remains a work-in-very-slow-progress. Some religious groups have sought exemptions from particular rights concepts while others have drawn a sharp distinction between the sacred and the secular to suggest that they are exempt from rights concepts altogether.

The Anglican Communion—the world's third largest and second most widely dispersed Christian fellowship—is a case in point. Despite its moorings in the rights-respecting traditions of England, the 38 provinces of the Anglican Communion vary widely in both philosophical approaches and implementation. Some provinces have incorporated human rights principles into their ecclesiastical law and their formal liturgies (e.g., the Episcopal Church in the U.S.) while others have formally called for reversal of these developments and have advanced these calls using strategies that may actually violate accepted concepts of religious freedom (e.g., the Church of Nigeria).

While some might argue that human rights standards have limited applicability to the internal polity of religious communities, the Anglican Communion, nonetheless, has articulated numerous formal pronouncements implying that they do indeed apply within Anglicanism.

My paper argued that freedom of conscience can indeed exist within fellowships that have a right to define common belief and that equality principles, including workers' rights, women's and LGBT rights, can be realized within hierarchical polities. Realization of these aims, my paper argued, could be significantly advanced through creation of an inter-Anglican human rights commission, organization of a network of Anglican diplomats, and incorporation of

human rights principles into mission funding relationships.

The conference ended with a commemorative mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C., the site of President Kennedy's funeral in 1963. The Montesinos sermon was preached verbatim from the pulpit, and I was honored to be asked to read the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah ("Make ye straight what once was crooked. Make the rougher places plain...") This was a particularly satisfying experience for me, because a few years ago, I had used that very text when I was asked to write a church-wide Sunday bulletin insert commemorating Human Rights Day.

I am immensely grateful to the Princeton Research Forum for supporting this work with a presentation grant.

--- Donn Mitchell
Editor & Publisher, *The Anglican Examiner*
www.AnglicanExaminer.com

BOB CRAIG IDENTIFIES HITHERTO 'NAMELESS' EARLY NJ BUILDERS

Reported by PRF President Priscilla Keswani

On Tuesday, March 27, 2012, PRF Secretary Bob Craig presented a Work-in-Progress report on his current research project, "The Early Builders of Middlesex County, NJ," at the home of Ann Morgan. As Craig explained, the objective of this research is to elucidate the lives and work of the heretofore "nameless collective" of carpenters, masons, bricklayers, blacksmiths and other craftsmen who produced the 17th- and early-18th-century built environment of central New Jersey. In doing so, he hopes to balance the asymmetry of previous studies of early American architectural history, which have long been focused on outstanding works by well-known builders.

Drawing on archival sources such as land records, court records, and town minutes from the 1660s through 1740, Craig has identified more than 120 Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, Piscataway, New Brunswick, and Windsor Township building tradesmen. Their names reveal most of them to be Englishmen, and their arrival in the county can be traced to the years of the greatest construction activity. There were also a few Dutch tradesmen, at least one French Protestant, one African-American slave who was a carpenter, and one Native American

who assisted a carpenter. Although some of the men--and they were all men--arrived as indentured servants, most were free, and many became considerable property owners.

Builders were among the most highly paid craftsmen: while an average laborer would earn two shillings a day (roughly the equivalent of two pounds a month), carpenters might earn as much as six to seven shillings a day, and they were in such demand in the earliest years that they might earn twice as much or more. Then as now, it was not uncommon for tradesmen to disappear from a job before its completion, as other customers and better-paid work garnered their attention.

Most early buildings lacked structural and stylistic refinements. "Earthfast" buildings, i.e. timber structures build directly on the ground without masonry foundations, once thought to have been used only in the southern colonies, were evidently common in eastern New Jersey, as indicated by recent archaeological research. Many of the builders in early Middlesex County came from Massachusetts, and they brought a woodworking culture with them, honed over generations.

Craig's interest in the history of New Jersey's architecture dates back to his teens. In 1968, as a high school student, he discovered PRF member Connie Greiff's book *Princeton Architecture: A Pictorial History of Town and Campus* (Princeton University Press, 1967, co-authored with Mary W. Gibbons and Elizabeth G.C. Menzies) in the Princeton University bookstore, never dreaming he would be working for her ten years later, before receiving his master's degree in historic preservation from Columbia University. Craig has done extensive research on both the process of early home construction in New Jersey and on the development of roads in the state.

PRF WELCOMES NEW MEMBER CHARLES WILLIAM (BILL) GEAR

As befits his name, Bill Gear likes gadgets, so he came to the U.S. in 1956 for graduate study in computation – at a time when there were probably less than 1,000 computers worldwide and no more than about a dozen in Universities. He taught at the University of Illinois nearly 30 years and then ran the NEC Research Institute, on the outskirts of Princeton, for ten before retiring in 2000.



Bill Gear

Bill's primary research interests have always been in methods for computational solution of evolutionary differential equations (which is a fifty-dollar name for equations that describe the way systems evolve over time). His goal is to provide other computer users with programs that let them simulate their systems as automatically as possible. (This is the only area where he believes that good design can assist evolution.) To keep the brain cells active he now collaborates with Princeton faculty (where he is a Senior Scientist, some years in a part-time position and some years as a courtesy appointment) and tries to keep his wife's computer running.

Bill lives in Princeton and can be reached by email or through his website:

<http://www.princeton.edu/~wgear/>



Long-time PRF member and former PRF President Ann Morgan with new member (and husband) Bill Gear "conducting research" in Zimbabwe recently.

PRF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PRF always seeks new members. Membership is open to independent scholars in the greater Princeton area. Applicants typically possess advanced degrees in one or more academic disciplines or have demonstrated their scholarship by publishing books or articles based on original research. Do you have friends or colleagues who fit the bill? If so, please tell them about PRF, introduce them to our web site (www.princetonresearchforum.org), and invite them to an upcoming PRF event.

Membership benefits include free access to the Princeton University Library system, PRF study groups, a bi-monthly newsletter with reports on member achievements and activities, and a web site listing member publications. Member collegiality is supported by an annual fall party and mid-summer general membership meeting and potluck. In addition to regular work-in-progress sessions, PRF periodically sponsors special events of scholarly interest. Besides the benefits of a prestigious organizational affiliation, members are eligible to apply for Frances C. Hutner Presentation Grants, which help defray the travel costs incurred when giving a scholarly paper.

We would also like to spread the word about PRF to others who may interact with independent scholars. If you are affiliated with a local college or university, please take a few minutes to identify and pass along to us the contact information for staff members who work with faculty members moving into the Princeton area. Incoming faculty members often have partners, spouses, or other family members who are independent scholars.

Please get in touch with PRF Acting Membership Chair Terri McNichol with any information or suggestions you may have to help us reach potential new members.

Thank you.

Priscilla Keswani, PRF President

MEMBER NEWS

PRF newsletter editor **Linda Arntzenius** joined several scholars and authors signing copies of their Einstein-related books on Saturday, March 10 as part of the Princeton-wide Pi Day celebrations. Linda signed copies of her pictorial history, *Images of America: Institute for Advanced Study*, Arcadia

Publishing, 2011 at the Princeton Public Library. Her latest feature story for Princeton magazine focuses on J. Seward Johnson and Grounds for Sculpture's current Aerial Roots exhibition of work by Steve Tobin. Her review of *Botanica Magnifica: Photographs by Jonathan Singer*, an exhibition which continues through August 26, 2012 in the New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton, features in the Art Scene of the same May issue: <http://www.princetonmagazine.com/wordpress/?p=789>. The exhibition is curated by PRF Member Karen Reeds, a Visiting Scholar, History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania. Admission is free and gallery hours are Tues-Sat 9-4:45 pm, Sunday 12-4. Closed Mondays and public holidays.

Jeannette E. Brown and her first book, *African American Women Chemists*, published by Oxford University Press, were the subject of an article in the Courier News

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012303050015/>

Shelley Frisch has just returned from a conference called "Doppelgängers and Fraternal Twins: Translations in German Studies" and held at Binghamton University on April 20 and 21. She spoke on two panels, both of which were "Translators' Roundtables," one to discuss the translation of literary fiction, and the other to examine the challenges in translating non-fiction. Here's a link to the conference program: <http://bugsc.binghamton.edu/2012/program.php>, and one to the mini-bios of my panel: <http://bugsc.binghamton.edu/2012/translators.php> (note the plug for PRF in mine). In other news, she will be spending 3 weeks in June at the Banff Centre in British Columbia, where fifteen translators from around the world will be in residence.

Toni Vogel Carey presented a paper, "Collegiality in Eighteenth-Century Scotland," at an Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society conference in Columbia, SC, on April 14th. She also has an entry, "Aristotle and the Argument to End All Arguments," in *Just the Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Arguments in Western Philosophy*, M. Bruce and S. Barbone (eds.), published by Wiley-Blackwell in 2011.

Joan Goldstein will continue her Talking Politics book discussion group on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:30

p.m. in the Quiet Room on the first floor rear of the Princeton Public Library with a discussion of the book *The Change I Believe In: Fighting for Progress in the Age of Obama* by Katrina Vanden Heuvel, published in 2011. The book is available from the Library and on sale at Labyrinth Books. Vanden Heuvel, Editor and Publisher of *The Nation*, has assembled her op-ed essays from the 2008 arrival of President Barack Obama to the upcoming election in 2012. She starts with the first 100 days in 2008, the transformational presidency, to reflections nearly four years later and asks the reader to reflect upon what we were looking (hoping) for and where we are today. For more information, contact: Joan Goldstein, Ph.D., TV30 Host and Producer, "Back Story with Joan Goldstein,"

<http://vimeo.com/channels/backstory>

Diane Krumrey writes to say that reading the PRF Newsletter has inspired her to share her "thought-engendering" experience thanks to a class on American Transcendentalism that she gave last spring. "It was gratifying to watch students who'd never even heard of Emerson (no, seriously!) gradually become stimulated by his and Thoreau's and Alcott's ideas. So we took a class trip to Concord, Massachusetts, to see how the Transcendentalists were shaped by New England culture as well as how New England culture was shaped by them, and just to experience the lived realities of these great writers. We touched Nathaniel Hawthorne's writing desk, paced the shore of Walden Pond, sat under the arbor where Louisa May Alcott listened to her father Bronson and Henry Thoreau discuss how to "find eternity in each moment." Diane goes on to say:



Diane Krumrey (third from left) with students at Walden Pond.

"Being in southern New England is certainly bittersweet, after the years in beautiful Princeton, but it offers abundant opportunities for teaching American literature. On this trip we did a mild form of cultural anthropology, which I hope widened and deepened students' comprehension and appreciation of these authors' human struggles. When we stepped together into the room where both Emerson's *Nature* and Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter* were drafted—and where Nathaniel and Sophie Hawthorne etched besotted phrases of love in the window panes (still legible)—it all came together with an immediacy none of us had imagined. One student turned to me and said, 'The hairs on the back of my neck are standing straight up.'

"This spring, when I taught the *Bhagavad Gita* in a world lit class, I was the one to get the chills, reading it this time through Thoreau's eyes. Later, when I read the recent novel *Tinkers* by Paul Harding, many pieces fell together for me; I realized that there is, in fact, a literary, not only intellectual, tradition of American Transcendentalism in American fiction. I think we can include Marilynne Robinson and Paul Harding in that sub-school. In January I'm going to talk at the MLA (fittingly in Boston!) about these ideas as part of a panel devoted to rethinking Transcendentalism."

Terri McNichol will present her paper "Networked Wise Management: How Self-Cultivation in the Classical Confucian Tradition Became the Way of a Global Governance Model" at the CEIBS Wise Management conference to be held in Shanghai, China, May 23-24.

Maureen E. Mulvihill was one of ten Designated Book-Givers participating in World Book Night, Sarasota, Florida on April 23, 2012. World Book Day/World Book Night, which takes place on Shakespeare's birthday, is an international event that began in 2011. It has drawn large crowds in London, Dublin, and NYC. On this date, book lovers celebrate all aspects of book writing, reading and production. Designated book-givers on both sides of the Atlantic give away books in some busy hub in their city. For more information, visit:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2011/feb/23/world-book-night-public-reading-london>;

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/books/booknews/8361163/World-Book-Night-Trafalgar-Square-makes-history.html>;

<http://www.us.worldbooknight.org/>

Maureen's essay, "Tampa Book Arts Studio," can be viewed at:

<http://www.floridabibliophilesociety.org/id20.html/>

Maureen's review of the exhibition on Peter Paul Rubens at The Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, Florida, is now accessible in the current issue of *Seventeenth-Century News* ("SCN"); 12 pp, 8 images; see:

http://repository.tamu.edu/bitstream/handle/1969.1/129180/Rubens%20review%20Mulvihill_revised.pdf?sequence=4/

Karen Reeds is the guest curator of a new two-part exhibition, *Botanica Magnifica: Photographs by Jonathan Singer*, at the New Jersey State Museum, 205 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625. The exhibition showcases Singer's oversize digital prints. Part 1 runs from January 28 to April 15 and Part 2 from April 21 to August 26. For more information, call: 609-292-6464 (recorded message); Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays & state holidays; Admission is free. On weekends, free parking is available in the lot behind and adjacent to the Museum; on weekdays, metered street parking is available. Watch for exhibition events at:

<http://nj.gov/state/museum/index.html> and <http://njstatemuseum.blogspot.com/>.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

The PRF 2012 Nominating Committee, whose members are Mary Beth Lewis (Chair), Deborah Greenhut, Eric Hockings, Winnie Hughes, and Nina Mishkin, has submitted the following slate of nominees for Members-at-Large and Committee Chairs for the 2012-2013 academic year. This slate will be presented to the Board at the May 10 Board Meeting and voted on by the general membership of PRF at the June Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck. The officers will not be subject to re-election until next year. PRF President Priscilla Keswani extends her sincere thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee for their work and to everyone who has agreed to serve. Special thanks are also owed to Joan Goldstein, who is completing her two-year term as Member-at-Large, and to Terry Grabar, who previously assisted Eva Bodanszky with library card access management.

Member-at-Large (incoming): Jeannette Brown;
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Library Access: Eva Bodanszky;
Library Access (incoming): Nina Mishkin;
Membership: Theresa McNichol;
Newsletter: Linda Arntzenius;
Program: Ashwini Mokashi;
Publicity: Winifred Hughes;
Web Manager (incoming): Laura H. Kahn.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Independent Scholar (TIS), the quarterly journal of the National Coalition of Independent Scholars, is accepting creative, artistic, and traditional essays on topics of interest to its members as well as those addressing the particular themes of its upcoming issues. Here is a brief list of upcoming issues, deadlines, and themes for this year: August 2012, submissions by 5/15/12, "Scholarship and Creativity;" November, 2012, submissions by 8/15/12, "Blogging and Social Media." Please send manuscripts and questions to the editor. For guidelines, visit: www.ncis.org or contact Ruth Feiertag, at TIS@ncis.org, using "TIS Submission" for the subject line.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES

Although PRF is an affiliate of NCIS, PRF members who wish to apply for grants from NCIS must sign up as members of that organization. NCIS offers its members "bare bones" Web sites.

Karen Reeds, Chair of the PRF Grants Committee, draws the attention of PRF members to the following opportunities:

PRF FRANCES C. HUTNER PRESENTATION GRANTS

Giving a talk at a meeting? Save your receipts and apply for a PRF Presentation Grant when you get home. The grants help our members cover some of the costs of registration, travel, and accommodation. It's the easiest grant application you'll ever make. The first grant awarded in 2012 went to Donn Mitchell. The first five grants awarded in a given year are named in honor of PRF member Frankie Hutner. For information about applying, get in touch with Karen Reeds, PRF Grants Committee.

NEH REDESIGNED WEB SITE

The National Endowment for the Humanities has redesigned its web site. PRF members might want to take a look at: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/match-your-project>.

LIBRARY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Marsh's Library, located in the heart of Dublin, Ireland, announces its program of Research Fellowships for 2012, 2013, and 2014. The Library houses important collections of early-modern (1450-1800) Irish, British, and European books and manuscripts. It also contains items of significant interest to scholars of the medieval period. Scholars are invited to apply for Research Fellowships of between one month and three months at any point between 1 June 2012 and 30 September 2014. Successful applicants will receive a stipend of €2,000 per fellowship month. For terms and conditions, and details of how to apply, go to www.marshlibrary.ie/research/fellowships or contact: Dr Jason McElligott, The Keeper, Marsh's Library, St Patrick's Close, Dublin 8, Ireland.

PENN STATE TRAVEL AWARDS

The Eberly Family Special Collections Library on the University Park campus of Penn State announces travel awards of \$1,200 for researchers whose work would benefit from access to the collections held at Penn State. Karen Reeds reports that the special collections include works on labor history, 19th C photography, women writers, Renaissance emblem books among others. For more information regarding special collections at Penn State, visit: <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/speccolls.html>. For more information on the awards, visit: <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/speccolls/travel.html>

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Fulbright Scholar Program is offering teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries for the 2013-2014 academic year. Opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators as well as for professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. There are awards in 45 specific academic disciplines as well as 167 awards open to all disciplines. Interested faculty

and professionals are encouraged to participate in one of our weekly webinars. Each deals with a topic germane to the 2013-2014 competition, from regional and discipline information to how to fill out an application. For more information, visit:

<http://www.cies2.org/redirect.aspx?linkID=910&eid=59161>><http://www.cies.org/Webinar/>

The application deadline for most awards is August 1, 2012. U.S. citizenship is required. For other eligibility requirements and detailed award descriptions visit:

<http://www.cies2.org/redirect.aspx?linkID=909&eid=59161>>http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/ or email <mailto:scholars@jie.org>>scholars@jie.org.

ALLEN SMITH VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Graduate School of Library & Information Science at Simmons College, Massachusetts, is pleased to invite proposals for participation in a program honoring the memory of distinguished teacher and scholar Allen Smith. Visiting Scholars are expected to be distinguished practitioners, educators, or researchers renowned for their work in reference, oral history, or the study of librarianship and information service in the humanities.

Opportunities include semester-long visiting professorships, shorter-term lectureships, or presentation in an annual lecture series. The program provides support for transportation, honorarium, and related expenses depending on the nature of participation, and is open to scholars worldwide. Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a proposed time frame and agenda of activities, and a statement outlining the applicant's qualifications and the benefits the applicant would bring to the Simmons community. There is no deadline, except that proposals for semester-long visiting professorships should be submitted at least a year in advance of the proposed semester. For more information, contact Professor Candy Schwartz, candy.schwartz@simmons.edu. To learn more about Allen Smith, see

<http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/news/2008.php#news874> and the wiki "Allen Smith Quotations," http://gslis.simmons.edu/wikis/dwiggins/Allen_Smith_Quotations.

REMINDERS

PRF members are encouraged visit the **PRF Web site** www.princetonresearchforum.org, for continuing

updates and are reminded to mention the organization whenever they give a talk or are otherwise in the public eye. Stephanie Lewis reminds Members that the PRF **slide projector** is available not only for PRF

Works-in-Progress but also for other presentations. Pick up can be arranged by contacting Stephanie .

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEMBER EVENTS

Visit www.princetonresearchforum.org for continuing updates.

MONDAY, MAY 7, at 7:30 p.m., the POETRY GROUP will meet at the home of Hilly Geertz, in Princeton. The group will read the work of William Blake. For further information contact Hilly Geertz.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, NOON, MEMBERS' LUNCH will take place in the upper-level dining room of the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS). All members are invited to attend the Board meeting that follows at 1:10 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 12:30 p.m., the HISTORY GROUP will meet in the dining room of the Institute for Advanced Study to discuss Karl Jacoby's *Shadows at Dawn: A Borderlands Massacre and the Violence of History*. For further information, contact Letitia Ufford.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 12:30 p.m., the SCIENCE GROUP will meet in the dining room of the Institute for Advanced Study to discuss *Epigenetics: the Ultimate Mystery of Genetics* by Richard C. Francis. For further information, contact Evelyn Witkin.

MONDAY, MAY 21, at 7:30 p.m., the POETRY GROUP will meet at the home of Hilly Geertz, 47 Deerpath, in Princeton. The group will read the work of Robert Frost. For further information contact Hilly Geertz.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE & BEYOND

ANNUAL PRF POTLUCK will be held Saturday, June 2, 2012, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the home of Priscilla Keswani, in Princeton. All spouses, partners, and prospective members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Ashwini Mokashi.

MONDAY, JUNE 4 and JUNE 18, at 7:30 p.m., the POETRY GROUP will meet at the home of Hilly Geertz, in Princeton. The group will read the work of Robert Frost. For further information contact Hilly Geertz.

The HISTORY GROUP will not meet again until FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, when the group will discuss the summer reading, Robert Massie's *Catherine the Great*.

The SCIENCE GROUP will not meet again until FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, when the group will meet to discuss *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman.

Please send all calendar items to Linda Holt.

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