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## Board nominations close Dec. 4

## 8 vacancies to be filled for 2001–03

by Ken Blackwell, Chairman, BRS, and Interim Editor

he BRS has 24 directors, each for a term of three years. One third of the positions falls open each year. Nominate yourself or someone you respect by Dec. 4 by sending in his or her name to the Secretary of the Board and the Society, Peter Stone, Dept. of Political Science, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627, or by email to prse@troi.cc.rochester.edu. Nominations must be received by Dec. 4. Include a brief writeup (one or two paragraphs) to identify the candidate to the Society. The ballot will be mailed in the RSN dated November 2000.

There's usually only one meeting of the Board a year, and it takes place at the annual meeting (on May 25–27 in 2001, at McMaster). However, any three directors may request a Special Board Meeting to be held between annual meetings. A reason must be given, as well as a convenient time and place.

The directors whose terms are over at the-end of 2000 are: Dennis Darland, Gladys Leithauser, John R. Lenz, Stephen Reinhardt, David Rodier, Tom Stanley, Ruili Ye and myself.

The other directors are: For 1999–2001: Stefan Andersson, Derek Araujo, Kevin Brodie, Tim Madigan, Ray Perkins, Alan Schwerin, Warren Allen Smith and Thom Weidlich. For Jan. 1, 2000–Dec. 31, 2002: Steve Bayne, Jan Loeb Eisler, Keith Green, Nicholas Griffin, Justin Leiber, Chandrakala Padia, Harry Ruja and Peter Stone.

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by Dennis J. Darland, Treasurer, BRS

he Bertrand Russell Society, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
Cash Flow Report
7/1/00 through 9/30/00

BALANCE 6/30/00			\$7,098.20
INFLOWS			
Contributions:			
Contrib-BRS	100.00		
TOTAL Contributions	100.00		
Dues:			
New Members	125.00		
Renewals	385.00		
TOTAL Dues		510.00	
Meeting Inc		-35.00	
TOTAL INFLOWS		575.00	
OUTFLOWS			
Advertising	143.51		
Newsletter	263.39		
Other Exp	28.50		
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		435.40	
OVERALL TOTAL		-	139.60
BALANCE 9/30/00			\$7,237.80

## The BRS library

by Tom Stanley, Librarian, BRS

Pounded in 1975, the collection is comprised of donations from members, publishers and broadcast organizations. The Society's book

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sales program offers a selection of current and out-of-print titles at a discount. A lending library is available to Society members. Write to The Bertrand Russell Society Library, 98 Gillette Street, Box 434, Wilder, VT 05088.

The library's holdings are:

**Bibliographies** 

Blackwell, K. and C. Spadoni A Detailed Catalog of the Second Archives of Bertrand Russell Denonn, L. The Bertrand Russell Collection of Lester Denonn Martin, W. Bertrand Russell: A Bibliography of His Writings, 1895-1976

#### Quotations

Denonn, L. The Bertrand Russell Dictionary of Mind, Matter & Morals

Egner, R. Bertrand Russell's Best

Eisler, L. The Quotable Bertrand Russell

#### Russell's Books

The ABC of Atoms
The ABC of Relativity
The Amberley Papers
The Analysis of Mind

The Art of Philosophizing & Other Essays

Authority and the Individual

The Autobiography of Bertrand Russell

Bertrand Russell Speaks His Mind

Common Sense and Nuclear Warfare

The Conquest of Happiness

Education and the Social Order (Education and the Modern World)

On Education Especially in Early Childhood (Education and

the Good Life)

Essays in Scepticism

Fact and Fiction

Freedom Versus Organization

Has Man a Future?

German Social Democracy

The Good Citizen's Alphabet

History of Western Philosophy

Human Knowledge: Its Scope and Limits

Human Society in Ethics and Politics

Icarus or the Future of Science

The Impact of Science on Society

An Inquiry into Meaning and Truth

Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy

New Hopes for a Changing World

The Prospects of Industrial Civilization

In Praise of Idleness

Justice in Wartime

Marriage and Morals

Mysticism and Logic

My Philosophical Development

Nightmares of Eminent Persons
An Outline of Philosophy (Philosophy)

Philosophical Essays

Political Ideals

Portraits from Memory

Power: A New Social Analysis

The Practice and Theory of Bolshevism (Bolshevism: Theory and Practice)

Principia Mathematica to \*56

The Principles of Mathematics

Principles of Social Reconstruction (Why Men Fight)

The Problem of China

The Problems of Philosophy

Religion and Science

Roads to Freedom: Socialism, Anarchism and Syndicalism

(Proposed Roads to Freedom)

Satan in the Suburbs

Sceptical Essays

The Scientific Outlook

Unarmed Victory

Understanding History

Unpopular Essays

War Crimes in Vietnam

Which Way to Peace?

The Will to Doubt

Wisdom of the West

Why I am Not a Christian

#### Selections of Russell's Writings

Blackwell, K., et al. Cambridge Essays 1888-99

Eames, R. and K. Blackwell. Theory of Knowledge: The 1913

Manuscript

Egner, R. and L. Denonn The Basic Writings Of Bertrand

Russell

Fienberg, B. and R. Kasrils Bertrand Russell... A Selection of His Correspondence with the General Public 1950-1968.

Griffin, N. The Selected Letters of Bertrand Russell, Vol. 1

Marsh, R. Logic and Knowledge: Essays 1901-1950

Pears, D. The Philosophy of Logical Atomism

Rempel, R., et al. Contemplation and Action 1902-14

Rempel, R. Prophecy and Dissent 1914-16

Ruja, H. Mortals and Others: Bertrand Russell's American

Essays 1931-1935

Russell, B. The Selected Papers of Bertrand Russell

Seckel, A. Bertrand Russell on Ethics, Sex, and Marriage

Slater, J. Logical Atomism and Other Essays 1914-19

Slater, J. and B. Frohmann. Essays on Language, Mind and

Matter 1919-26

#### **Books about Russell**

Aiken, L. Bertrand Russell's Philosophy of Morals Andersson, S. In Quest of Certainty: Bertrand Russell's Search for Certainty in Religion and Mathematics

Ayer, A.J. Russell

Blackwell, K. The Spinozistic Ethics of Bertrand Russell Brink, A. Bertrand Russell: The Psychobiography of a Moralist

Chomsky, N. Problems of Knowledge: The Russell Lectures Eames, R. Bertrand Russell's Dialogue with his

Contemporaries

Garciadiego, A. Bertrand Russell and the Origin of the

'Set-Theoretic' Paradoxes

Grattan-Guinness, I. Dear Russell-Dear Jourdain

Griffin, N. Russell's Idealist Apprenticeship

Hager, P. Continuity and Change in the Development of Russell's Philosophy

Hill, C. Word and Object in Husserl, Frege, and Russell

Hylton, P. Russell, Idealism and the Emergence of Analytic Philosophy

Ironside, P. The Social and Political Thought of Bertrand Russell

Irvine, A.D. and G. Wedeking Russell and Analytic Philosophy Jager, R. The Development of Bertrand Russell's Philosophy Jourdain, P. The Philosophy of Mr. B\*rtr\*and R\*ss\*ll Kilmister, C.W. Russell

Kuntz, P. Bertrand Russell

Leithauser, G. Principles and Perplexities: Studies of Dualism in Selected Fiction of Bertrand Russell

Lewis, J. Bertrand Russell: Philosopher and Humanist

Meyer, S. Dewey and Russell: An Exchange

Nath, R. The Ethical Philosophy of Bertrand Russell

Park, J. Bertrand Russell on Education

Patterson, W. Bertrand Russell's Philosophy of Logical Atomism

Pears, D.F. Bertrand Russell and the British Tradition in Philosophy

Rodriguez-Consuegra, F. The Mathematical Philosophy of Bertrand Russell

Vellacott, J. Bertrand Russell and the Pacifists in the First World War

Weimer, D. The Rhetorical Approach of Bertrand Russell: A Study in Method

#### Miscellaneous

Coates, K. Essays on Socialist Humanism in Honor of the Centenary of Bertrand Russell

Klemke, E.D. Essays on Bertrand Russell Savage, C. and C. Anderson Rereading Russell Schilpp, P. The Philosophy of Bertrand Russell

Slater, J. Bertrand Russell

Winchester, I. and K. Blackwell Antinomies and Paradoxes

#### Biographical works

1945-1970

Clark, R. The Life of Bertrand Russell
Clark, R. Bertrand Russell and His World
Cooke, A. Six Men
Crawshay-Williams, R. Russell Remembered
Darroch, S. Ottoline: The Life of Lady Ottoline Morrell
Feinberg, B. and R. Kasrils Bertrand Russell's America,

Gottschalk, H. Bertrand Russell: A Life Lamont, C. Yes To Life: Memoirs of Corliss Lamont Monk, R. Bertrand Russell: The Spirit of Solitude

Moorehead, C. Bertrand Russell: A Life

Russell, D. The Tamarisk Tree: My Quest for Liberty and Love

Tait, K. My Father Bertrand Russell

Wood, A. Bertrand Russell: The Passionate Sceptic

## The Bertrand Russell Research Centre

by Nick Griffin

s many BRS members will already know, this past summer McMaster University set up The Bertrand Russell Research Centre to bring together and advance a number of Russellian enterprises on campus. First and foremost, the BRRC takes over the work of the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project, which has hitherto been responsible for editing *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*. In addition, the Center now publishes the journal *Russell* and it is also the host of Russell-1.

The official opening of the Centre takes place on Thursday, 16 November. Ray Monk will be coming over from Britain for the opening. He will give a public lecture, "The Continuing Importance of Bertrand Russell", in Convocation Hall at 7.30 that evening, and another lecture the next day at 2 pm, again in Con. Hall. The second lecture will be on "A Room of One's Own: Wittgenstein and Virginia Woolf on Biography". It will make use of Wittgenstein's notion of what it is to understand another person.

The opening coincides with a major exhibition of Russell material at the McMaster Museum of Art. Among other art works, the exhibition will include the Epstein bust and the Augustus John drawing of Russell, as well as photographs, political cartoons, and other Russell memorabilia. There will be a viewing of the exhibition after Ray Monk's lecture.

BRS members are warmly invited to join us on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November to inaugurate the new Centre, to celebrate 30 years of Russell at McMaster, to hear Ray on why Russell is still important, and to see a collection of images and documents not previously exhibited together. Copies of the second volume of his biography of Russell will be available in the McMaster bookstore during his visit. The American edition will not be published until March 2001.

McMaster University is located in Hamilton, Ontario. Directions can be found at: www.mcmaster.ca/welcome/findus.html

### BRRC exhibition bonus

beautiful brochure will be published to mark the exhibition of art and artifacts from the Bertrand Russell Archives that will be mounted in the McMaster Museum of Art. Carl Spadoni, Research Collections Librarian, is its chief editor. The exhibition will last until January 2001. Members of the BRS are due to be sent a copy, whether or not they attend the BRRC's opening.

### **BRS** websites

he Russell Society has an official website at www.users.drew.edu/~jlenz/brs.html, and it seems to be mirrored at

sfr.ee.teiath.gr/htmSELIDES/Russell/BR Society.htm.

Alan Schwerin, BRS President, has a website for the past two annual meetings at www.monmouth.edu/~aschweri/brs/

Steve Bayne has one for his Boston Area Chapter: www.channel1.com/users/srbayne/BRS/russell.html

Tom Stanley has one for the BRS Library at www.geocities.com/Athens/Olympus/4268/

Finally, the Greater Rochester Russell Set, with several BRS members, has a most active and impressive web page at home.sjfc.edu/~white/grrs

See especially webmaster David White's essay there, "Guide to Russell on the Web".

Among non-chapter member sites, Warren Allen Smith's at idt.net/~wasm/humanist.html

is photogenic, quotes from Russell's letters to him, and reproduces his "Russellian Potpourri" column.

The BRS of Japan (not affiliated with The BRS, Inc.) has a charming web page at

http://www3.justnet.ne.jp/~e00859/R701.HTM This page includes full details, in Japanese, of its *Bulletin*, nos. 1–23 (1965–75). The webmaster is Akiyoshi Matsushita.

## BRS, Philippines

by Ramon "Poch" Suzara

hank you for writing to an ex-member, and to an ex-director, and to an ex-founder of the BRS, Philippines chapter. It's good to hear from Russellians out there. From 1988 to 1998, a chapter of the BRS existed in the Philippines. Aside from India, have chapters been established in other countries? And what has the BRS, USA done to support and encourage the birth, growth and development of such chapters overseas?

In 1964, when I set up the Philippine branch of the BR Peace Foundation, Russell himself and his directors, gave to us here in the Philippines a lot of support and encouragement. At that time I felt and still do feel that I must not only try to live the good life inspired by love and guided by knowledge, but I must also do everything in my power to spread the word to others.

In 1987, I set up the Philippine chapter of the BRS. I regretted to have received neither support nor encouragement from BRS directors out there? Yet the record shows that I contributed much to the BRS since I joined from San Francisco since 1983....

[The above extract is from a letter dated Oct. 22, 2000. We're going to try to work things out with Mr. Suzara, who is a devoted freethinking Russellian.]

### Two number problems

The issue number of the RSN should have changed last time, but it didn't; thus the catch-up this time. Our apologies!

The other number is more serious. The BRS suffered a net loss of about 30 members this year, after a net loss last year of about 20 and 15 the previous year. I have requested a Special Board Meeting on the problem during the opening of the Bertrand Russell Research Centre on Nov. 16.

# Philosophical uses of the Russell Archives, 1968–2000

by Ken Blackwell

(The following was a talk in the "Bertrand Russell at McMaster" session of the meeting on October 27–29 of the Ontario Philosophical Society hosted at McMaster.)

irst, a little pre-history. Russell himself wasn't the first user of his own philosophical papers, though he contributed to their use. contributed to their use. As early as 1916, he must have donated his letters from the logician Louis Couturat to Xavier Léon's project to collect his papers. In the mid-1930s, he gave Heinrich Scholz, in Nazi Germany, his even more precious Frege letters. The latter were destroyed in World War II, but Russell had photostats to replace them. Both donations have been in use for some time. In the next decade Russell went through his remaining correspondence and designated and annotated some of it as "shop" for eventual publication. Alan Wood, Russell's first biographer, was the first to use Russell's papers for philosophical research. For his biography he commented that it's necessary to read every word that Russell wrote, and for his book on Russell's philosophy he estimated the number of words at 20,000,000. He even borrowed Russell's graduate essays for study (now you can read them in Vol. 1 of the Collected Papers). Unfortunately, Wood became incurably ill before he got very far in writing Russell's Philosophy: a Study of Its Development.

Russell published Wood's literary remains at the end of My Philosophical Development in 1959. Wood was not a professional philosopher, and while Russell prized and blessed the massive enterprise Wood undertook, the results might not have been as impressive as, say, Ronald Jager's would have been, had he had the same access to private material. Jager's The Development of Russell's Philosophy (1972) and Sainsbury's Russell (1979) were the last attempts at a single-author approach. Russell himself described that approach in A History of Western Philosophy:

"If there is any unity in the movement of history, if there is any intimate relation between what goes before and what comes later, it is necessary, for setting this forth, that earlier and later periods should be synthesized in a single mind." (HWP, 1946 edition, p. 5)

Jager paid the Russell Archives an early visit but used neither the recent bibliographical discoveries nor Russell's manuscripts. Whether it is even possible for such a work to be written by one person now, I don't know. Certainly the episodic philosophical pages in Vol. 2 of Ray Monk's biography of Russell don't reach this ideal, even though his work is supposed to contain as much philosophy as is necessary to understand the life of a philosopher (1: xviii). Monk has two pages on An Inquiry into Meaning and Truth, of which one is devoted to Russell's notion that what we see is in our heads. This hypothesis about percepts, however, isn't a concern of the Inquiry. Monk has three pages on Human Knowledge, of which one is on Norman Malcolm's review. However, Monk earlier has a page on Russell's project to investigate what he called the postulates of human knowledge and a valuable chapter on Russell's return to philosophy in 1935.

The arrival of the Bertrand Russell Archives at McMaster made available for unrestricted scholarly study a large number of new documents, some of them in manuscript form, some published in obscure journals. Brand Blanshard was the keynote speaker at the official opening on November 9, 1968. His beautifully written, highly competent and comprehensive paper, "Bertrand Russell in Retrospect", appeared the next year in Dialogue (7 [1969]: 584-607). He surveyed Russell's philosophies for five aspects: the relations of percepts and things, of body and mind, of universals and particulars, and of words and ideas; and contrary to his plan he added a sixth topic, religion. Blanshard showed that he was a close follower of Russell's publications. In the last section he quoted Russell's just-published letter to The Humanist on rumours that he was soon to convert to Christianity. (In a year and a half Russell would be dead.) Blanshard also told the story of his visit to Russell in Pennsylvania about 1942. It took me until this year, in the company of BRSers Chad Trainer, Stefan Andersson and Nick Griffin, to make the same visit. We saw that Russell must have chosen to live at Little Datchet Farm for the "wide horizon" it afforded him. Russell was always keen on wide horizons.

As soon as Professor Blanshard returned home, he sent us the manuscript of Moore's "Russell's Theory of Descriptions", which, after writing it for the Schilpp volume on Russell, Moore had given to Blanshard. The manuscript was the first gift to the Archives of original secondary material. Three years later Mrs. Moore gave us a photocopy of Moore's unpublished review of *The Principles of Mathematics*, which is still unpublished.

In my own opening speech I said:

"The Archive's relevance to philosophers lies, I think, in helping to show how he came to some of his more difficult notions. By tracing an idea through every possible form preceding its publication, that is, through annotated texts and notes on texts, lecture notes, unpublished articles or books,

correspondence, and the manuscripts of published articles and books, we may be able to understand how Russell came to certain notions that at first strike one as incredible, or insufficiently argued. It is McMaster's responsibility and privilege to provide the best possible conditions for such studies of these documents." (*Ibid.*, pp. 614–15)

On archival tools I said:

"After the microfilming we plan to describe each letter to a computer. Eventually it will be able to produce upon demand a list of all the letters, say, on the philosophy of pragmatism, or on a specific chapter of *Principia*. But this subject indexing is still far in the future." (P. 614)

To update this 32 years later, I can say that about two-thirds (or 63,000 items) of Russell's correspondence have been computer-catalogued in BRACERS (the Bertrand Russell Archives Catalogue Entry and Retrieval System). Unfortunately, that project has been suspended. Its development lies dormant, despite significant use of its database. I manage to make a few corrections in my retirement. We have also made and published several non-electronic catalogues and (with Harry Ruja) a three-volume bibliography.

The influence of the Russell Archives on the provision of scholarly editions of Russell's books has been slow-very slow. There are no scholarly editions of any of Russell's published books. Typos even remain in some of them. Nick points out one in Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy in the current issue of Russell. Opportunities for scholarly editions are passed over, as e.g. in Routledge's recent resetting of type for An Essay on the Foundations of Geometry. The Problems of Philosophy is an in-between case. Russell revised it slightly over the years (1912-67), but we don't know what those revisions were. There are five editions in print at present, and a text is available at more than one site on the Internet (along with four other books by Russell). Two of the editions of the Problems have new Introductions and additional bibliographies, although neither Introduction leads the student to the Russell Archives. My favourite current edition is one of two Oxford University Press editions, the U.K. one with John Skorupski's Introduction and which includes Russell's preface to the 1924 German translation. However, the Collected Papers project has now published seven of Russell's eight unpublished books, which include:

An Analysis of Mathematical Reasoning (1898)
On the Principles of Mathematics (1898)
The Fundamental Ideas and Axioms of Mathematics (1899)
Principles of Mathematics (1899–1900)
The Pilgrimage of Life (1902–03)
The Perplexities of John Forstice (1912)
Theory of Knowledge (1913)

The eighth title is *The Problems of Democracy*, written in 1942. Apart from *Theory of Knowledge*, these texts are just starting to have an effect on scholarship. As for shorter writings, Lackey included some important unpublished

articles in his Essays in Analysis, and now we have 14 volumes of the Collected Papers, with only one of the philosophical and logical volumes to be completed. This project arose out of the Archives in 1969. McMaster's president proposed it to Russell himself. There are also philosophical texts in the two volumes of the Selected Letters, including some "shop" letters, with the second volume to join us soon.

There have been about two dozen philosophical books on Russell since his death, such as those by Eames (who made extensive use of correspondence and manuscripts), Ryan, Crawshay-Williams, Kuntz, Pears, Jager, Sainsbury, Landini, Rodriguez, Odell, Slater, Grayling, Griffin, Hager, Watling, Kilmister, Chomsky, Grattan-Guinness (who provided new texts), Patterson (who provided an old-style commentary on The Philosophy of Logical Atomism), several French authors, and myself. About one quarter of them make use of archival material, if we include new bibliographical discoveries. Theses—of which over a dozen have been done at McMasterare more likely to be based on new material, since graduate students, when they're not already here, are encouraged to find new materials. Of course, our purpose with the Collected Papers is to bring the Russell papers to your own libraries so that you can study reliable, annotated texts without additional bother.

Let's turn to the anthologies of articles on Russell, including proceedings. There are six—those edited by Schilpp, Schoenman, Klemke, Pears, Nakhnikian, and Roberts—that were unaffected by the availability of the Archives. Some, of course, were published too early to be possibly affected. There are now more than that number that are affected by the Archives: those by John E. Thomas and myself, Spadoni and Moran, Winchester and myself, Savage and Anderson, Irvine and Wedeking, Monk and Palmer, and Griffin's forthcoming Cambridge Companion. In addition, there are a few issues of periodicals devoted wholly to Russell and partly affected by new material. There are also anthologies devoted to ideas or issues arising out of Russell's thought and life. They—even Ostertag's Definite Descriptions: a Reader—don't use archival or new bibliographical material.

Then there is Routledge's Russell on ... series, edited by Anthony Grayling. This is very promising. These volumes cannot help but be dependent on the fruits of the Archives, and the first two are: Pigden doing Russell on ethics, and Greenspan and Andersson doing Russell on religion.

Finally, Irvine's four-volume collection of Critical Assessments comprises about one-third published from before the opening of the Russell Archives, and two-thirds after. Many of the latter were selected from Russell: the Journal of the Bertrand Russell Archives (now subtitled the Journal of Bertrand Russell Studies). The proportion that was influenced by the study of our documents is unknown. In addition, Irvine has a select secondary bibliography of some 1200 items on Russell. Many of the more recent ones used the Collected Papers or the Archives directly.

Obviously, the task attempted by Jager and Sainsbury has become much more difficult since the Russell Archives opened, and we will see many more, necessary studies like O'Briant's on A Critical Exposition of the Philosophy of Leibniz for every large one "synthesized in a single mind". More than ever, however, the large studies are worth doing.

## Next annual meeting to be at McMaster

Russell Archives,
McMaster University will
be the site of the next annual meeting.
Our host will be the newly formed
Bertrand Russell Research Centre,
directed by Board member Nick
Griffin. The dates are May 25–27,
2001.



## Russell conference in Brazil

he NEL Epistemology and Logic Research Group's Second Principia International Symposium, "THE WORKS OF BERTRAND RUSSELL", will be held August 6–10th, 2001, at Florianpolis (Santa Catarina), Brazil. For more, visit www.cfh.ufsc.br/~nel/spis.html.

## Honorary memberships in the BRS

wo new candidates for honorary membership are being voted on by the Board of Directors. The results will be in the next RSN. The complete list—including deceased honorary members—is at www.users.drew.edu/~jlenz/BRS\_Officers.html. We have 13 at present.

Our By-law (Art.5, sec. 7) for honorary membership requires that a candidate meet one of the following criteria:

- 1. is a member of BR's family;
- 2. had worked closely with BR in an important way;
- 3. has made a distinctive contribution to BR scholarship;
- 4. has acted in support of a cause or idea that BR championed;
  - 5. has promoted awareness of BR or of BR's work;
- 6. has exhibited qualities of character (such as moral courage) reminiscent of BR.

Two thirds of the Directors voting have to be in favour of a given candidate.

Honorary members have the same rights and responsibilities as regular members, but they pay no dues.