

Editor's Notes

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50TH ANNIVERSARIES ¶On February 2, 2020 it will be 50 years since the death of Bertrand Russell and the publication of *The Practice and Theory of Bolshevism*. It's a good point at which to recall the mission of his later years. There remain not a few people who worked with, interviewed, or otherwise knew him at 90+. It's because in Russell's later years he worked with young people. February's *Spokesman* will have articles on him.

¶Visit the account of the McMaster Library event (with Philosophy and Mathematics and Statistics) by Bernard Linsky on October 4: brighterworld.mcmaster.ca/articles/one-of-a-Principia

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kind-corrected-proofs-shed-new-light-on-a-philosophical-masterpiece/. The volumes were donated in memory of his parents, Joan and Leonard Linsky.

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¶The new Director, [Alexander Klein](#), is the author of “Russell on Acquaintance with Spatial Properties: the Significance of James” (2017). He plans a book on Russell and James. (James was, to Russell, the “most personally impressive” of eminent philosophers, excluding those still alive when he wrote this in the late 1940s.) Klein’s long-term research project is to adapt a computational technique called “topic modelling” for studying Russell’s vast output.

FORTHCOMING
BOOKS

¶Volume 26 of Russell’s non-technical papers of 1950–52 is, at the time of writing, about to be delivered to the publisher, Routledge; the editor is Andrew G. Bone. Ruth Derham’s *Bertrand’s Brother: the Marriages, Morals and Misdemeanours of Frank, 2nd Earl Russell* (Stroud, Glos.: Amberley Publishing) and Larry D. Harwood’s, *Mad about Belief: Religion in the Life and Thought of Bertrand Russell* (Wipf and Stock) are forthcoming, as is a McMaster Library website devoted to an expanded *Homes of Bertrand Russell* by Sheila Turcon.

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¶There was a need for a master compilation, or meta-site, for Bertrand Russell at McMaster. Russell Studies aren’t confined to a single department of the university. Thus I have provided [russell.mcmaster.ca](#). There are further, less major pages at the links on the master site.

NEW BOOKS

¶Francisco Rodríguez Consuegra, *Relational Ontology and Analytic Philosophy: Bertrand Russell and Bradley’s Ghost* (independently published at Amazon, 2019). *Philosophical Consolutions of Bertrand Russell*, quotations compiled by the prolific compiler Akṣapāda (paperback and Kindle, Amazon, 2019).

OPEN ACCESS
TO E-Russell

¶Except for the latest four issues (38,1 to 39,2) *Russell* is on open access at [mulpress.mcmaster.ca/russelljournal/](#).

RECENT
ACQUISITIONS

¶Marilyn Aronberg Lavin has donated six letters that Russell wrote her late husband and renowned historian of art, [Irving Lavin](#) (1927–2019). There’s also a testimonial for a Fulbright scholarship. The letters were written in the late 1940s, when Lavin wished to study at Cambridge. He did study under Russell, for whom he once wrote a paper on Shelley. He left philosophy because of his lack of mathematical talent and his poverty. His thinking methodology remained constant, Margaret Lavin says, and he sometimes quoted Russell.

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¶The Russell Archives’ annotated catalogue of letters totalled 132,310 records by 20 January 2020, with many “Rotblat letters” to go. Russell Archives 4 has a pre-BRACERS finding aid—see [russell.mcmaster.ca](#). When RA4 is entered, there will be thousands more records for this superb trove of his last years.
