

Editor's Notes

51 years

¶Not quite 51 years ago chief librarian William Ready told me to start a quarterly newsletter for the Russell Archives. It grew into an academic journal still based in the collection. For academic respect, *Russell* has depended on the Editorial Board referees. Retiring as editor, I thank them as well as the hundreds of contributors. As Honorary Russell Archivist my interest in an institute-like fusion of the Archives' scholarly and curatorial welfare remains constant. Observation suggests the following:

1. Maximize reading-room space for the Supporting Library by removing duplicates.
2. Maintain, and order from, [Forthcoming and New Books in Russell Studies](#).
3. Open up online access to records of the Related-To and Recent Acquisitions files.
4. Scan to preserve and then catalogue Russell's marginalia in his Library.
5. Scan to preserve the world affairs clippings he collected to keep himself current.
6. Scan original copies of reviews of his books, find others of significance, and list all.
7. Repair torn pages and damaged bindings in Russell's books and manuscripts.
8. Catalogue the pamphlets and offprints noted in BRACERS as enclosures.
9. Extend document numbering of the originals for precise retrieval via BRACERS.
10. Sort, number and catalogue RA4 in BRACERS, e.g. Russell's many last letters.
11. Integrate *A Bibliography of Bertrand Russell* and the manuscripts into BRACERS.
12. Search systematically for Russell letters in private hands or other repositories.
13. Proofread and make searchable the transcriptions of his letters in BRACERS.
14. Appoint full-time RA staff to promote expertise in RA and its systems.
15. *Establish a joint Library-Humanities board to guide the Bertrand Russell Archives.*

New *Russell* editors

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Recent acquisition

¶An extraordinary donation is the typed stenographic record of Russell's two years of lectures for *A History of Western Philosophy* at the Barnes Foundation, 1941–42. The lecture text, being less formal, is different from the book. There are reading lists, discussion, and a lecture on World War II. How good to have a verbatim record!

The Analysis of Mind centenary

¶Alexander Klein and Donovan Wishon are planning a BRRC conference for 6–7 June 2022 to mark the centenary.

New books

¶New are the 2nd edition of Tim Madigan and Peter Stone, eds., *Bertrand Russell: Public Intellectual*; "Course Hero"'s *Study Guide for Bertrand Russell's A History of Western Philosophy*; Jan Vrhovski and Jana S. Rošker, eds., *Bertrand Russell's Visit to China* (reviewed this issue).

Forthcoming books

¶Due in 2022 are G. Landini's *Repairing Bertrand Russell's 1913 Theory of Knowledge* (Palgrave); the 150th issue of *The Spokesman*, to mark the 150th anniversary of Russell's birth; G. Koç Maclean's *Portraits of Bertrand Russell* (Bloomsbury); L. D. Harwood's *Mad about Belief: Religion in the Life and Thought of Bertrand Russell* (Wipf and Stock); C. Trainer's *Reflections on Russell: Musings on a Multidimensional Man* (Cambridge Scholars); R. Derham's *To Be Frank: the Politics and Polemics of a Radical Russell* (Spokesman); L. D. C. Elkind and A. Klein, eds., *Philosophical Women in Russell's Circle* (Palgrave); C. Kann and D. Solch, *Whitehead and Russell: Perspektiven, Konvergenzen, Dissonanzen* (Alber); F. Leal and H. Marraud, *How Philosophers Argue ... the Russell–Copleston Debate* (Springer).

Open access to Russell

¶Except for the latest four issues (soon to be fewer), *Russell* is on open access at mupress.mcmaster.ca/russelljournal/.

Covid-19

¶The Russell Archives have been shut to visiting researchers since 18 March 2020. Digital copies are needed in BRACERS.

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¶The Russell Archives' catalogue of letters held 132,444 records by 1 January 2022. Cataloguing RA4 will mean thousands more to sort, number, classify and calendar. Meanwhile, including the proofread and annotated [Brixton](#) and [Australian lecture tour](#) letters, the Russell Centre has transcribed 13,636, with 12,952 by Russell.
