SPECIAL ISSUE:
Guide to the Papers of Michael Polanyi

Department of Special Collections
University of Chicago Library
Preface

This issue is entirely devoted to publication of the Guide to the Papers of Michael Polanyi; the papers are, of course, housed in the Department of Special Collections at the University of Chicago Library. This is a rich resource which deserves to be more broadly known. The Guide was originally put together by John M. Cash shortly after the papers came to the Regenstein Library, but has now been updated. Special thanks go to Suzy Taraba from the Department of Special Collections for her hard work on the two year project culminating in this TAD issue. Eventually, the Guide will also be available via World Wide Web on the homepage of the Department of Special Collections (http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/LibInfo/Libraries/SpCl). I am currently working with the Special Collections staff on this project and will provide updates. In a future issue, TAD will print a new Addendum to the Guide.

Phil Mullins

Polanyi Society Membership

Tradition and Discovery is distributed to members of the Polanyi Society. This periodical supersedes a newsletter and earlier mini-journal published (with some gaps) by the Polanyi Society since the mid seventies. The Polanyi Society has members in thirteen different countries though most live in North America and the United Kingdom. The Society includes those formerly affiliated with the Polanyi group centered in the United Kingdom which published Convivium: The United Kingdom Review of Post-critical Thought. There are normally two or three issues of TAD each year.

The regular annual membership rate for the Polanyi Society is $20; the student rate is $12. The membership cycle follows the academic year; subscriptions should be sent to Phil Mullins, Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph, MO 64507 (FAX: 816-271-5987 for credit card subscription) each Fall.

Electronic Discussion Group

The Polanyi Society supports an electronic discussion group exploring implications of the thought of Michael Polanyi. For those with access to the INTERNET, send a message to “owner-polanyi@sbu.edu” to join the list or to request further information. Communications about the electronic discussion group may also be directed to John V. Apczynski, Department of Theology, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY 14778-0012 PHONE: (716) 375-2298 FAX: (716) 375-2389.
Upcoming Polanyi Society Meeting

The Polanyi Society will have two sessions with papers (listed below) November 22 and 23, 1996 preceding the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature in New Orleans, LA. As in past years, papers will not be read, but will be available for review for a nominal charge in early November from David W. Rutledge, Department of Religion, Furman University, Greenville, S.C. 29613 (Fax: 803-294-3001; e-mail: rutledge_david/furman@furman.edu; tel: 803-294-3296 or 2162).

Friday, November 22, 1996--9:00 p.m.--11:00 p.m.--Mariott Hotel (La Galerie 1)

Richard Gelwick, University of New England
"Polanyi and Postmodernism"

Ronald Hall, Francis Marion University
"The Primacy of the Explicit: Keeping Romanticism At Bay"

Respondent: Bruce Haddox, Simpson College

Saturday, November 23, 1996--9:00 a.m.--11:30 a.m.--Sheraton Hotel (Poydras Room)

Robert Martin, Yale Divinity School
"The Pedagogical Significance of Personal Knowledge for Theological Education"

Russell Willoughby, Claremont Graduate School
"Perceived Self-Efficacy and Tacit Knowing"

Respondent: Stephen Gunter, Candler School of Theology

Respondent: Dale Cannon, Western Oregon State College

Submissions for Publication

Articles, meeting notices and notes likely to be of interest to persons interested in the thought of Michael Polanyi are welcomed. Notices and notes as well as manuscripts should be sent to Phil Mullins. Review suggestions should be sent to Walter Gulick. Material should be doublespaced type with notes at the end; writers are encouraged to employ simple citations within the text when possible. Use MLA or APA style. Abbreviate frequently cited book titles, particularly books by Polanyi (e.g., Personal Knowledge becomes PK). Shorter articles (10-15 pages) are preferred, although longer manuscripts (20-24 pages) will be considered. Manuscripts should include the author’s name on a separate page since submissions normally will be sent out for blind review. In addition to the typescript, authors are expected to provide an electronic copy of material submitted. Be sure to provide all relevant information necessary (e.g., word processor used) to manipulate electronic text. Persons with questions about producing usable electronic copy should contact Phil Mullins.

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