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"I always advise people never to give advice."

P. G. Wodehouse

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Special Open Fora for Provost Selection

Friday, **January 9**, 3:30-5:00pm at 122 Main Library

Tuesday, **January 13**, 7:00-8:30pm at 1015 McPherson Lab

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Hoo-Boy! Morrie Brickman's *The Small Society*

November 2, 2003 through February 27, 2004

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Emerging Awareness of Tantric Buddhism in Western Literature Exhibit

January 5 through April 12

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Letter Regarding Special Open Fora

On behalf of the Search Committee for the Executive Vice President and Provost of the Ohio State University, I would like to invite you and your group to attend a special open forum. The purpose of the forum is to provide an opportunity for the constituents of the University community to interact with members of the Committee. We will provide a briefing on the process and status of the search, including the utilization of the search firm and the timetable. We will be interested in obtaining input from those in attendance regarding the desirable attributes of candidates and any other points you think are important for the Committee to consider.

You may attend either one of two fora that have been scheduled for:

- Friday, January 9th 3:30 - 5 pm at 122 Main Library
- Tuesday, January 13th 7 - 8:30 pm at 1015 McPherson Lab

The position description, desired attributes, and advertisement are posted on the web at <http://www.osu.edu/provostsearch/index.html>

Please review these materials prior to the forum. We look forward to your participation and useful discussion.

Glen F. Hoffsis (hoffsis.1@osu.edu)

Chair, Search Committee for the Executive Vice President and Provost

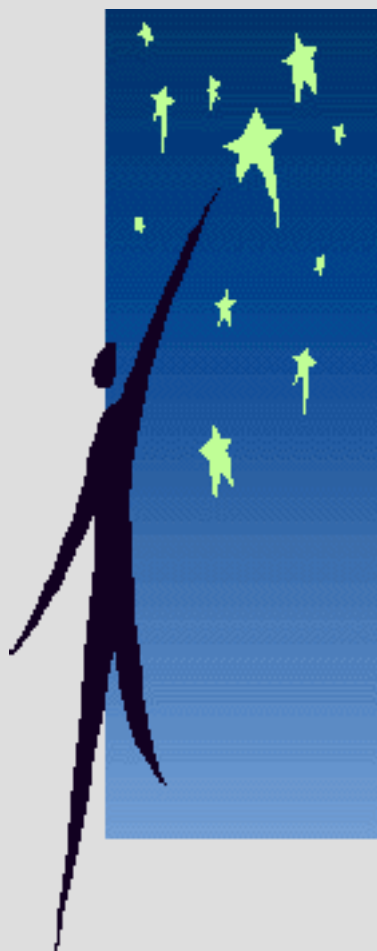
Emerging Awareness of Tantric Buddhism in Western Literature

Dr. John Huntington, professor of History of Art at The Ohio State University, presents a historiography of published reports about Tantric Buddhism written by western travelers to Tibet. The works on display are taken from the collection of The Ohio State Libraries as well as from Dr. Huntington's personal collection. The truth of Tantric Buddhist practice has been kept secret from all but initiated practitioners. Writings of missionaries, adventurers, politicians, and mystery mongers reveal disgust and loathing in response to what they viewed as the sexual and cannibalistic practices of Tantric Buddhism. Until recently, ignorance of sexual meditations caused "Tantra" to become synonymous with liberated sexual behaviors. These misunderstandings led the Dalai Lama to proclaim, "It is better to tell the secrets than to listen to what these people make up!" The Ohio State University Libraries exhibit coincides with the major exhibition at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, *Circle of Bliss: Buddhist Meditational Art*, curated by Dr. John Huntington and Dr. Dina Bangdel. The catalogue of that exhibition is the most recent scholarly link in the historical chain of publications on this fascinating and mysterious topic. *The Circle of Bliss: Buddhist Meditational Art* will be exhibited

at the Columbus Museum of Art February 6 - May 9, 2004.

For additional information on this exhibit contact Susan Wyngaard via telephone at 614-292-6184 or e-mail at wyngaard.1@osu.edu.

Exhibition in the Philip Sills Exhibit Hall,
Ohio State University Thompson (Main) Library
1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, Ohio
January 5 - April 12, 2004
Hours of opening vary. See [../index.htmlLib_Hours.html](http://index.htmlLib_Hours.html)



Awards, Acknowledgments, Fellowships, Grants, and Publications

Share your good news with the University and the entire community. Please send information about your recent accomplishments to Lila Carpenter at carpenter.143@osu.edu or the LibNews account at libnews@osu.edu. Libraries' faculty and staff are engaged in exciting work and we want to make it known.

Awards

Achievements



Training Opportunities & Tips

Presented by the OSUL Training Advisory Council

The Winter Quarter Training Sessions for New Student Employees

New student employees are required to attend a single two-hour library orientation workshop. The Winter Quarter workshops for new student employees will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, January 13th, 5:30-7:30pm in Room 122
- Friday, January 16th, 2:30-4:30pm in Room 124
- Friday, January 30th, 2:30-4:30pm in Room 122

**Please make sure that your students know whether to go to room 122 or 124 of Main Library as noted in the schedule above.

Refreshments and activity prizes will be given to the students who attend.
No reservations are needed.

Patti Dittoe (dittoe.1@osu.edu)

Training Calendars - Calendars for the current and two future months, showing training opportunities available from the Libraries, the Office of Human Resources, OhioLINK, OHIONET, and the Computer Workshop.

Send comments and questions to [Training Advisory Council](#)
Visit the [TAC Web site](#).

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Report on Joe Branin's Trip to Hong Kong, Guangzhou, and Taiwan

From December 1 to 13, 2003, I had the opportunity to travel to Hong Kong, Guangzhou in Mainland China, and Taiwan to do consulting and presentations at several research libraries. I enjoy international travel and always find it stimulating and educational. This trip was even more pleasant because my wife, Anita, was able to travel with me, and along the way we teamed up with several other American librarians: Suzanne Thorin, the Director of Libraries at Indiana University, and DeEtta Jones and Karen Wetzel, who are program officers with the Association of Research Libraries. Some of the photographs I took during the trip can be viewed at <http://www.lib.ohio-state.edu/Staff/china03/>.

Our first stop was the University of Hong Kong, the oldest and largest university in Hong Kong, where I made a series of presentations on challenges in scholarly communication, fund raising for libraries, and creating an institutional repository program similar to the Ohio State Libraries' Knowledge Bank. It's a long trip from Columbus to Hong Kong. We left the Columbus airport at 10:00 a.m. on Monday morning, December 1, and arrived in Hong Kong at 10:00 pm on Tuesday evening, December 2. We flew via Detroit and Tokyo, and were in the air for about twenty hours. That's a long time in an airplane! In Hong Kong we stayed in a University residence called the Robert Black and had time to do a little site seeing. This was my second trip to Hong Kong, which I think is one of the greatest and most fascinating cities of the world. It has a spectacular natural setting --with the sea, bay, and mountains -- for a sleek, modern city of skyscrapers. It is dense, but also devotes 40% of its land to parks.

Thanks to an introduction from Guo-qing Li, our Chinese Studies Librarian, I was invited to visit and make presentations at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China. Guangzhou is along the Pearl River, about a two-hour train ride west from of Hong Kong. This area between Hong Kong and Guangzhou is one of the most rapidly developing manufacturing centers in the world. In Guangzhou I met the Sun Yat-sen University Director of Libraries, Huanwen Cheng, who is a member of OCLC's Users Council and who will, I hope, visit with us in the coming spring. Dr. Cheng is not only head of the Library, but also of Computing and the School of Library and Information science at the University. He is currently overseeing a major renovation and expansion of their Main Library. On December 8, Suzanne Thorin and I presented a three-hour

seminar to about 300 Sun Yat-sen University library students and staff on scholarly communication and knowledge management. We were greeted at the conference hall with a large red banner that said in Chinese "Welcome American Library Experts." We don't get that kind of treatment at home! Before the lecture, we toured an interesting ancestral shrine in Guangzhou called the Chen Clan Academy.

After returning to Hong Kong for a day, it was off to Taiwan (an hour-and-a-half flight) to visit libraries in Taipei and Taichung. Suzanne Thorin and I again made a presentation on scholarly communication to library school students at the National Normal University, and we toured the National Parliamentary Library and the National Palace Museum in Taipei. At Feng Chia University in Taichung, I was part of a consulting team that also included DeEtta Jones and Karen Wetzel from the Association of Research Libraries. We helped Steve Ching, Director of Libraries at Feng Chia University, plan for continuing education and e-learning programs for librarians, and I gave three hours of lectures on scholarly communication, digital library development, and large scale book storage options. The President of Feng Chia University, Dr. An-Chi Liu, who is a graduate of the University of Chicago, took a great interest in our library work. He attended all my lectures, organized two splendid dinners for us, and even arranged a pick-up basketball game on our last afternoon there.

On December 13 we returned to winter in Columbus. (It had been a balmy 65 and 75 degrees during our trip to China.) It was certainly a memorable trip. We were very impressed with the dedication and expertise of all the librarians and academic leaders we met and also with the openness and friendship so readily extended to us. I am sure I learned a lot more than I taught during my visit to Hong Kong, Guangzhou, and Taiwan. The students and young librarians, in particular, were so eager to learn and had such excellent language skills. I look forward to more international library cooperation and exchange in the future.

Joe Branin (branin.1@osu.edu)

December 30, 2003

Spot Bonus Awards

Mary Parnell, Mark Moziejko and Pam Bivens have been awarded a shared spot bonus for their work in the completion of an operating procedures manual for Mail Services. This manual includes operational details on how to complete relevant daily tasks in Mail Services, the Technical Services mail operation and OhioLINK. Each of these staff members made substantial contributions by initiating, gathering information, organizing and putting this manual together.



Mary Parnell, Mark Moziejko and Pam Bivens were awarded a Spot Bonus for their outstanding work in Mail Services

Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry; "inchoate" is defined as "to begin, commence; in an early stage."
This week's entry is "handsel."

Online resources for this question are available:

- [Merriam-Webster OnLine](#) - brief definitions
- [The Oxford English Dictionary](#) - lengthy, historical entries
- [The Dictionary of Difficult Words](#) - rarely used, archaic, and difficult words

Laughs

- [Calvin & Hobbes Daily Comics](#)
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Appointment

Music/Dance Library - Cory Tressler has accepted the position of Library Associate 2 (replacing Taylor) effective 20 January 2004

Vacancies

===Administrative and Professional===

Health Sciences Library - Curator - (replacing Meehan)

===Staff===

Health Sciences Library - Library Media Technical Assistant (Library Reserves Specialist) - replacing Marker - 1st Listing

Health Sciences Library - Library Media Technical Assistant (Serials and Circulation Specialist) - replacing Freund/Bricker - 1st Listing

Health Sciences Library - Office Associate (replacing Charlesworth Miller) - 75%

Music/Dance Library - Library Associate 2 (replacing Taylor)

Newark Campus (Newark Library) - Library Associate 1 - New Position

In order to comply with University procedures, employees who are applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in *NEWS NOTES Online* and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the five-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith (morrison-smith.1@osu.edu)

Library personnel may also review University employment opportunities at <http://www.ohr.ohio-state.edu/index.htm>

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