Rare Science Fiction Book Time Travels to UCR

By Bettye Miller


UCR’s Eaton Collection in January acquired a rare, first American edition, becoming one of only 25 repositories in the world to own a copy. The purchase made possible with a $10,000 grant from the B.H. Breslauer Foundation. Because the London edition was the source of all subsequent printings, fewer copies of the American edition survive. The book will be on display in Special Collections and Archives, located on the fourth floor of the Tomás Rivera Library, until early March.

Acquisition of an American edition of “The Time Machine” has long been a goal of the Eaton Collection of Science Fiction, Horror, and Utopian Literature, said Melissa Conway, head of Special Collections and Archives at the UCR Libraries. The collection is the world’s largest publicly accessible repository of science fiction and related genres.

“The book is regarded as Wells’ finest work and is credited with popularizing the concept of time travel and with introducing the term “time machine.” The English language, he said, adding that many scholars consider it the first work of science fiction that is informed by scientific facts, or “hard science.”

The Holt edition of “The Time Machine” differs from the Heinemann edition in important ways. Conway noted, including significant passages that were added or omitted. For example, the opening of the book includes a discussion of the scientific and metaphysical aspects of time travel, which is missing from the London edition. Holt also introduced some minor editorial changes, like Americanization of the language.


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Two-day Conference Honored to Honor the Work of Emory Elliott

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Sponsored by the Center for Ideas and Society, Transnational U.S. Studies: A Conference Collection of Emory Elliott honors one of the leading scholars of American Studies in the world. Elliott, a University Professor and director of the center, died in March 2009.

“This conference honors Emory Elliott by continuing his work in moving the study of American peoples, cultures and texts in a transnational direction that attends to the multiple histories within and of the United States as well as to its myriad intersections with other nations and peoples,” said Geor- gia Warnke, interim director of the center and CHASS associate dean. “The participants are not only friends and colleagues of Emory’s but, like him, some of the most notable people in the field today.

Those who attend the conference will find themselves participating in a discussion of new ideas about who Americans are and what the United States can be.”

The conference begins on Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m., in the Alumni and Visitors Center, and continues on Feb. 20, at 8:30 in Interdisciplinary Building 1113.

Featured speakers from UCR include: Jayna Brown, ethnic studies; Amalia Gabasa, women’s studies; Steven Haskel, history; Jodi Kim, ethnic studies; Katherine Kinney, English; Michelle Rejaha, English; Dylan Rodriguez, ethnic studies; Andrea Smith, media and cultural studies; and Caroline Annie Tyler, English.

For more information and a list of additional presenters, visit the Web site at www.deasandsoceity.ucr.edu/events/confer- ences.

Show Your UCR Pride: Get Involved in Homecoming

There is still time to show your UCR blue and gold spirit with the remaining homecom- ing activities.

On Friday, partake in the festivities with Scotty as the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo mascot. Homecoming activities will include food, bumper karts, a laser tag maze, and music provided by a celebrity D.J. Glow sticks and UCR spirit gear will be given away during the night. The event is sponsored by ASPB.

Go to UCR Homecoming events by 9 a.m. on Saturday, it’s time for a hike up to the “C” on Box Springs Mountain. From 9 a.m. to 4-3:30 p.m. there will be a tailgate party on Aberdeen Drive. The festivities will include a pep rally featuring Scotty the Highlander. Food activities will include food, barbecue, and beer.

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More information is available at ucr.sports. edu.
Awards & Honors

NEH Fellowships Fund History Research
Latin American historians Robert Patch and John Brennan have been awarded NEH fellowships for 2010. Patch, professor of history, was awarded $50,000 for his project, “Making of a Colonial Ruling Class: The Hispanic Elite in Merida, Yucatan, 1700−1730.” Among the research interests include the origins of revolution in Yucatan in the late 18th century, the role of Indians in the independence movement, and the nature of politics in colonial societies.

Brennan, associate professor of history, was awarded $50,000 for his project, “Days of Destruction: Political Violence and Its Legacies in Argentina’s ‘Dirty War.’” Among the research interests are industry and labor, the political economy of Latin America, and the history of violence and social conflict in Latin America.

New Appointments at CNAS

Richard Cardullo has been named divisional dean for life sciences in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Cardullo, who joined the faculty of the Department of Biology in 1991, served as chair of the department from 2001 to 2010. He is a member of the Graduate Program in Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology and in Cell, Molecular, and Developmental Biology.

Cardullo’s areas of research are cellular and molecular biology of fertilization in insects. He employs advanced imaging techniques along with biochemical and physiological techniques to understand the fundamental processes that mediate the molecular interactions in fertilization and how these processes interact with the sequence of molecular events that lead to the fusion of mammalian sperm and egg.

Cardullo received the UCR 1998-99 Distinguished Teaching Award in 2000. John T. Rotenberg has been appointed the chair of the Department of Biological Effective Jan. 4. He is a professor of biology, the director of the Interdepartmental Program in Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology and in Cell, Molecular, and Developmental Biology.

Rotenberg studies community ecology and conservation biology, particularly the interactions of organisms. These interactions can be studied from the quadrant of a single organism to the distribution of entire groups of species.

Who Says?

"They [plants] are very good at avoiding getting eaten. It’s an unusual situation where insects can overcome those defenses."

Robert Woling, professor of entomology, studies how mechanisms in some plants use anti-feeding behavior and pheromonal activity to defend against insects and predatory birds.

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Steven Brint, professor of political science at UCR, challenges the notion that new legislation is not helping them reach students as individuals.

"Our programs will not be in the hands of the [individuals] firefighters, in the sense that they could use them to predict the short-term behavior of individual fires."

Sean Cutler, professor of geology, says that the wildfire predictions can be used to predict when and where fires will occur and the speed at which they will spread.

"Newly formed Federation Will Address Area’s Education, Economy"

By Don Davidson

Regional leaders in education, industry, government and the non-profit sector met at UCR on Jan. 29 for the launch of the Inland Southern California Federation for a Competitive Economy (FACE). The program was previously the Energy and Environmental Research (ELF).

"The Biotech Humanitarian Award, which is also a $10,000 award, is given to an individual who has made a notable contribution to human care."

Robert Luck, a professor of entomology at the University of California, Davis, was awarded the award.

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Most Americans know Dolley Madison as the first lady who saved the portrait of George Washington at the British attack on Washington in 1814, eventually setting fire to the White House. But Madison also contributed greatly to creating a sense of nationality and unity in the newly formed United States. Cath- erine Allgor, professor of history and UC Presidential Chair, is one of five historians and authors who appear in a document- ary, “Dolley Madison,” which pre- miered on PBS’s “American Experience.”

Dolley Madison, Madison has been set as the deadline for the strategic plan to be completed. The plan will guide UCR over the next decade as it grows in diversity, accessibility, excellence and engagement as it pursues a path to preeminence.”

James Brennan, executive vice chancellor and provost and chair of the University of California Natural Resources and Environment Board of the federation, which is designed to serve as a catalyst for improving educational excellence and the quality of life in the region.

The work of this group... is very important. We are... working on the community,” said UCR Chancellor Timothy White during his introductory remarks.

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Research & Scholarship

Westfall Publishes Two Books
Wildside Press has published two books by associate professor of science fiction scholar and successful central coordinator at the Learning Center. “Islands in the Sky: The Science Fiction Space Station,” updates his earlier study and provides a comprehensive examination of the topics, according to the publisher, who also describes the book as “a necessary addition to modern critical collection.”


Environment, Ecology Work Tops Faculty of Microbiology
The traditional view is that ecology, the interaction between organisms and their environment, shape evolution. But some research suggests that evolutionary processes result from influences, which are not necessarily biological.

Now a team of biologists led by David Reznick, a professor of biology and chair of the Department of Ecology and Evolution, are indeed reciprocally interacting processes.

“The researchers, based on their work on guppies, present a fundamental shift in our understanding of the evolution of ecology and evolution and report a first significant find in the field that, if confirmed, may be ignored when studying ecological interactions,” according to Reznick.

Study results appeared the week of Feb. 1 in the online early edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The National Science Foundation supports this research as part of a broad, multi-year, multi-investigator grant funded by the Frontiers in Integrative Biological Research initiative. Reznick was joined in the study by his graduate student Ronald Bas, a doctoral candidate in ecology.

The team also included Sonya Auer, a graduate student, Andrés López-Seppe, a lead ecologist at the California Academy of Sciences.

Borkovich Co-edits Book
Katherine A. Borkovich, a professor of Biological Sciences, has co-edited a 802-page book titled "Anomalies in the Biological System: Mitochondrial Disorders, Neurodegeneration and Cancer." The book was accepted in the journal "Mitochondria" for publication on Feb. 1.

"This book is an immense undertaking which has brought together accomplished teachers reported over-all unfavorable attitudes toward the act, which is consistent with previous studies, the researchers said.

"Their criticisms focused on concerns about individual student learning, declining creativity in the classroom, weakened relationships between teachers and students, and the lack of understanding and support of the purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act," Brint said in the report, “The No Child Left Behind Act: Help or Hindrance?”

These highly accomplished teachers were already extremely concerned about the No Child Left Behind Act’s impact on their teaching and its influence on the educational system. Their views of the legislation should be seriously considered, said Jennifer Reising, a lead researcher of the study. "The new findings are of great importance to the education system because we simply do not have a building that will allow us to do that." The researchers have obtained data and results and are currently reviewing the data and results and expect to publish their findings in the near future.

"The No Child Left Behind Act is a controversial issue that has not been adequately studied in the past. The researchers hope to use this study to help shed light on the act and its impact on education in the United States.

The researchers are currently working on the first phase of the study, which will involve surveys of teachers and students to determine their perceptions of the No Child Left Behind Act. The second phase of the study will involve interviews with teachers and students to gain a deeper understanding of their experiences with the act.

The researchers are also planning to conduct focus groups with teachers and students to discuss their experiences with the No Child Left Behind Act.

They hope to use the findings of this study to inform policy makers and stakeholders about the impact of the No Child Left Behind Act on education in the United States.
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