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Earl H. and Anita F. Hess Archives and Special Collections opens

FACILITY READY FOR FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND VISITING SCHOLARS

The Earl H. and Anita F. Hess Archives and Special Collections opens officially on September 5. The facility, in the lower level of High Library, houses the rare books, special collections, and scholarly papers of the Young Center along with artifacts related to Anabaptist and Pietist studies. The records of Atlantic Northeast and Southern Pennsylvania districts of the Church of the Brethren were moved into the new archives as well, as were the college's rare book collection and the college archival records.

The Hess Archives and Special Collections has state-of-the-art climate regulation and fire suppression systems. Compact shelving allows for maximized storage and future growth. The facility features an office for the archivist, a reading room with multiple desk units, and a processing room to prepare acquired material for storage. The attractive, professional facility is a leading archival space among private liberal arts colleges in the mid-Atlantic region.

The distinctive special collections are a unique resource; no other institution in the region matches the combination of Amish-related research material and holdings representing diverse Pietist groups. The scholarly papers of leading researchers of Brethren and Amish studies add unique value to the collection. The combination of materials is a significant attraction for researchers and students studying Anabaptist and Pietist groups.

Fund-raising for the project was completed in less than a year, thanks to a major lead gift from Anita F. Hess, whose late husband, Earl, is also honored in the name of the fa-



High Library director Sarah Penniman and staff members Sharon Patrick and Sylvia Morra display a historic photo in the reading room of the Hess Archives and Special Collections.

cility. Several other persons gave significant donations, which helped to move the project forward quickly.

Commenting on the value of the archives, librarian Sylvia Morra, who prepared for and directed the move, notes that it “brings together the intertwined facets of the college, the Church of the Brethren, and the perspectives of the Church of the Brethren historians.” New High Library director Sarah Penniman concurs, calling the new facility “a state-of-the-art space that serves both the campus and the community at large.”

The Hess Archives and Special Collections marks a major advance for the Young Center as a research center, bringing unique,

valuable resources together in one highly professional facility. Elizabethtown College faculty and students, as well as visiting fellows, researchers, and students from other institutions have access to well-preserved materials on a variety of aspects of Anabaptist and Pietist groups.

The archives will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To arrange a visit, schedule a research appointment, or discuss possible donations, call High Library at 361-1451 or the Young Center at 361-1470 or send an e-mail to youngctr@etown.edu. To learn more about the materials in the archives, visit www.etown.edu/youngctr or call the Center or High Library.



From the Director

This summer I have enjoyed working in the flower beds. The milder weather has encouraged good growth and bright colors among the irises, roses, lilies, petunias, and other flowers.

This issue of the newsletter shows some bright new changes at the Young Center. For the first time the newsletter is in full color. A new logo for the Young Center, a candle in a window, accompanies our name. In May we offered a new two-week course on Anabaptist groups in Lancaster County. Conrad Kanagy, professor of sociology, and I taught it together. We designed the course to introduce students to the plain groups as well as to visit Mennonite congregations of new ethnicities. Our interactions highlighted the colorful range of new international groups of Anabaptists right here among very traditional groups.

Also new this summer is the Hess Archives and Special Collections. It has been exciting to watch the project move ahead quickly with high quality work. The new state-of-the-art facility provides an excellent home for the unique, rare materials from the Young Center and from the High Library. Students, faculty, and visiting researchers have a comfortable, secure space to read and examine items from our collections. The changes at the Young Center have been even more wonderful than the growth and changing colors in my garden.

The Young Center continues to grow and expand in its work of researching and interpreting Anabaptist and Pietist groups. New courses expand our teaching mission. Our growing special collections widen the unique and attractive draw of our research materials. At our conferences and programs, we welcome first-time visitors and familiar friends. These times are exciting as the Young Center grows into the fullness of its mission. Give us a call to arrange a visit to the new archives or to the Center. I hope to see you soon at one of our events.

Jeff Bach
Director

Recent donations and acquisitions

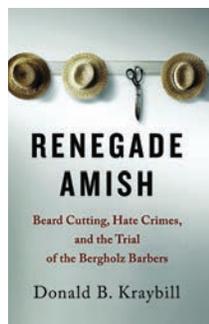
During spring and summer 2014, the Young Center added some special items to its collection. Thanks to resources from the 2008 NEH challenge grant endowment, the Center acquired a copy of the first edition of Menno Simons' complete writings (*Opera Omnia*) in Dutch, published in 1681.

Another addition to the collection is a set of biblical commentary and expository notes in German by Hutterite elders through the centuries, copied in archaic German handwriting and reproduced in photocopies. The newly acquired volumes include comments on parts of the first five books of the Old Testament, the Psalms, the Gospel of Luke, I Corinthians, and other shorter letters in the New Testament. No other research library on the east coast has this many volumes of Hutterite expository comments, some dating back to the 1600s.

In addition to purchases made with endowment funds, the Young Center received several donations recently. One is a rare copy of a German Bible printed in Nuremberg, Germany, in 1746. Another is a large collection of periodicals related to the Amish that were donated by Senior Fellow Donald Kraybill. Another individual gave the Young Center a unique and valuable copy of the English version of the *Chronicon Ephratense* (Ephrata chronicle), which was translated by J. Max Hark in 1888. This copy is highly valuable because it was once owned by noted scholar of Pennsylvania German studies John Joseph Stoudt. The copy is marked with abundant annotations by Stoudt about various details of the Ephrata Cloister. The Young Center is grateful to the donors who help to expand its research collection.

New book by Donald Kraybill

STORY OF BERGHOLZ BEARD-CUTTING INCIDENTS



In the fall of 2011, nine Amish people in eastern Ohio had their beards or hair cut in five separate attacks. Ten men and six women from a maverick Amish community near Bergholz, Ohio, were arrested and later found guilty

of 87 felony counts involving conspiracy, assault, lying, and obstructing justice. In the precedent-setting decision, all of the defendants, who included the group's bishop and ministers, were convicted of federal hate crimes. It was the first time since the 2009 passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crimes Prevention Act that assailants had been found guilty of religiously motivated violence within the same faith community.

Young Center Senior Fellow Donald Kraybill was contracted by the US Department of Justice in the spring of 2012 to assist the prosecution in understanding Amish beliefs and practices. That September, he also served as an expert witness, testifying for five hours during the three-week federal trial in Cleveland.

Kraybill was motivated to write a book about the benchmark case because he wanted to both understand it better and document it for historical purposes. He was also curious about the group that carried out the attacks. Who were they? How did they devolve into a violence-prone clan and what led them to attack other Amish people? Were they, in fact, really Amish? Another reason for the book was to vindicate the thousands of devout Amish people in Ohio and other states whose Amish identity was maligned by the attacks.

In *Renegade Amish*, Kraybill discusses the origin and history of the Bergholz community, the assaults and the motivations for them, and the criminal investigation. He provides specifics about the government's case and the evidence required to prosecute it using the Shepard-Byrd Act, and then describes the trial proceedings and the sentencing. The book concludes with a discussion of the aftermath of the case, including the appeal filed by the defendants and the friend-of-the-court brief filed by a coalition of 40 organizations led by the Anti-Defamation League.

Kraybill and an Amish guest will discuss the story and the significance of the convictions for US citizens' First Amendment rights to practice their religion without threat of violence on October 21 at the Young Center.

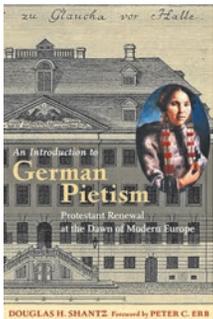
Wrap artists perform at the Young Center

Students from a course on museum studies taught at Penn State Harrisburg by Susan Asbury (associate director of residence life at Elizabethtown College) met at the Young Center for three sessions in July. Each of the six class members picked an object from the Center's collection, researched its background, created a description according to museum nomenclature, and made recommendations for its storage and future display. The students got special hands-on experience in storing a rug acquired by Donna Forbes Steiner in Nigeria. Here, three of them prepare to roll the rug in acid-free tissue paper.



Brown Book Award recipient named

INTRODUCTION TO GERMAN PIETISM RECEIVES AWARD



The Dale W. Brown Book Award is given annually to an outstanding book in Anabaptist and Pietist studies published during the previous three years. Named for Dale W. Brown, a noted author and theologian among the historic peace churches, the award has been given since 2004. *An Introduction to German Pietism: Protestant Renewal at the Dawn of Modern Europe* by Douglas H. Shantz is this year's recipient.

Published by the Johns Hopkins University Press in 2013, the book has been well-received by reviewers. "[Shantz] accomplishes far more than 'an introduction' with his well-written account and analysis of the contexts, developments, and influences of Pietism upon modern history and theology," notes Carter Lindberg in *The Catholic Historical Review*. And Denise Kettering Lane calls it "an important resource that will undoubtedly help to promote more American scholarship and reflection on the place and role of Pietism in the history of Christianity" (*H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences*).

The book award judges selected *An Introduction to German Pietism* from a pool

of 31 books nominated this year. One judge noted that the book "offers a grand overview of German Pietism from 1670 until the end of the eighteenth century in all its manifestations. It integrates new fields of study (gender, radical Pietism) and successfully avoids the compartmental approach of older overviews of Pietism." Another judge said, "This book will remain an essential textbook on German Pietism for many years to come."

Doug Shantz is professor of Christian thought at the University of Calgary, where his courses include "Medieval and Reformation Christianity," "Radical Protestantism in Early Modern Germany," and "Spiritual Autobiography in the Modern Age." In addition to graduate and undergraduate teaching, his duties include organizing the Christian Thought lecture program, a public lecture series that invites visiting scholars to address issues of current Christian and academic interest. Shantz's writing and research focus on Protestant reform movements in early modern Germany, especially German Pietism.

Shantz will present a lecture, "German Pietists as Translators in *An Introduction to German Pietism*," at the Young Center on September 23.

Nominations for the 2015 award will be accepted until December 10, 2014. Visit www.etown.edu/youngctr for details.

Visiting scholars pursue research at the Young Center

The Young Center has welcomed several visiting scholars recently. In July, Steve Reschley from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, and Katherine Jellison from Ohio University continued research that they had pursued earlier at the Young Center. The two are studying patterns of consumption among Mennonite rural families in Lancaster County in the first half of the twentieth century. One focus of their investigations is the impact of the Great Depression and World War II on Mennonite and Amish farm families.

In August, Andrew Martin pursued comparative research looking at Old Order Mennonite spirituality in light of Benedictine spirituality. Martin is completing doctoral studies at Toronto School of Theology at Regis College in Toronto, Canada.

Seth Bartee, who completed his doctorate at Virginia Tech last spring, will be an occasional visiting scholar during the fall semester. Bartee is expanding his research interests to examine possible latent or explicit influences from Pietism that contributed to the background for religious political conservatism in the twentieth century.

New publications in the Young Center book series

SUBJECTS INCLUDE LATINO MENNONITES, RUMSPRINGA, AND AMISH SINGING

Three new titles in the Young Center series published by the Johns Hopkins University Press have been released so far this year.

Latino Mennonites: Civil Rights, Faith, and Evangelical Culture by Felipe Hinojosa, assistant professor of history at Texas A&M University, was released in February. Interweaving church history with social history, Hinojosa presents the first historical analysis of the changing relationship between religion and ethnicity among Latino Mennonites. The book is divided into three parts, covering three different historical periods from the

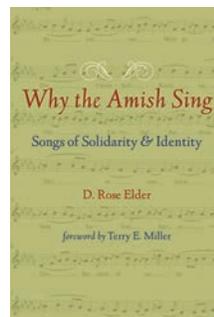
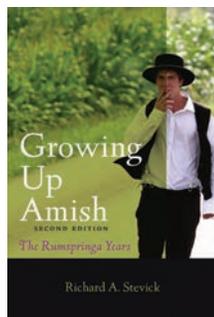
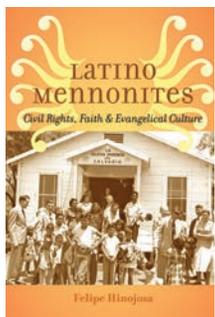
1930s through the 1970s, and concludes with an exploration of exclusion and belonging.

In the second edition of *Growing Up Amish*, published in May, Rich Stevick updates his look at Amish youth, taking into account the profound influence technology (including smartphones, the Internet, and social media) is having on significant numbers of them. Stevick, professor emeritus of psychology at Messiah College, examines singings, parties, courtship, and other activities of the “running around” years, that time when the *Youngie* are free to date and explore the outside world. He also discusses the influence of school, parents, work, and community on a young person’s decision to join the church.

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Why the Amish Sing: Songs of Solidarity and Identity presents the results

of ethnomusicologist D. Rose Elder’s study of Amish singing, including her first-person experiences in Amish schools, worship services, and homes. Elder describes the role of singing in Amish life and the ways music both reinforces and advances the spiritual life of Amish people. She explores singing in childhood and adolescence, for worship, and for special occasions and ends her book with a discussion of the future of Amish singing.



Conference report

Participants from eleven states and a guest from Sweden participated in the Young Center’s June academic conference, “Privileged Speech: Prophecy, Pietism and Beyond.” The opening address by Patrick Erben charted ways to interpret inspired and prophetic oracles in both written and spoken expressions. Jane Crosthwaite, noted expert on Shaker women and their writings, gave a major address on the spirit messages received by Eleanor Potter, and Peter Hoehnle, director of the Amana Church Society in Amana, Iowa, gave a presentation on the society, also known as the Community of True Inspiration.

Other conference highlights included papers on Quaker speaker Ann Branson, Conrad Beissel’s prophetic pronouncements, Inspirationist hymns, and Pietist writer Johanna Eleonora von Merlau Petersen. A research report offered insights on the Young Center’s unique collection of documents related to Christ’s Assembly (Christi Menighed). The combination of papers advanced the state of research and interpretation in the English language of the function and results of inspired speech in a variety of religious groups from the Pietist movement to today.



Jane Crosthwaite (center) answers an audience member’s question about ways scholars can handle reported visionary experiences.

Burkholder named Snowden Fellow

Jared Burkholder will serve as the Snowden Fellow for 2014. Burkholder is a professor of history and chair of the history and political science department at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana, where he also directs the Office of Faith, Learning, and Scholarship. His research interests are in American religious history with an emphasis on Pietism, Anabaptism, and evangelicalism. He coedited *The Activist Impulse: Essays on the Intersection of Anabaptism and Evangelicalism* (Wipf & Stock, 2012) and *A Cord of Many Strands: Seventy-Five Years of Christian Higher Education at Grace College and Theological Seminary* (BMH, forthcoming) and has written for several periodicals.

During his fellowship, Burkholder will work on an expansion of his dissertation, which focused on the Moravians during the Great Awakening in North America. The book project examines the conflicting opinions Protestants in America have had about the Pietist movement since the eighteenth century. These opinions illuminate a basic dilemma, or tension, within evangelicalism: that religious experience is both necessary

and threatening at the same time. By studying Pietism, Burkholder says, this perennial tension can be examined within the larger context of religion in America.

Although much of the research for the book is already completed, having a Snowden fellowship, which coincides with a sabbatical from Grace College, is “a wonderful opportunity to take a break from a hectic teaching schedule to concentrate on some focused writing time,” Burkholder says. He anticipates making full use of the resources of the Young Center and High Library during his stay, and notes that “being in eastern Pennsylvania means I’ll be close to local archival facilities as well as scholars in the area who can provide peer review.”

Burkholder will present a talk on his work on November 13 in the Young Center’s Bucher Meetinghouse.

The Snowden fellowship and lecture are named for Lucille and Armon Snowden, whose generous gift endowed them. The Young Center invites applications for its fellows program. For details, visit www.ETOWN.EDU/youngctr.

UPCOMING EVENTS

German Pietists as Translators in *An Introduction to German Pietism*

DOUGLAS H. SHANTZ

Tuesday, September 23, 7:30 p.m.

Pietism was a late seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Protestant movement that encouraged spiritual transformation and new birth. Convinced that Germans suffered from a lack of models of true Christian piety, Pietists such as Gottfried Arnold and Gerhard Tersteegen turned to the Catholic mystics from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, translating their writings from Latin and French into German. Doug Shantz examines their strategies as translators, and their effort to use the past to inspire new spiritual vitality and engagement in the present. Copies of Shantz's book will be available for sale and signing after the talk.

Shantz is professor of Christian thought at the University of Calgary and the author or editor of several books. His recent book, *An Introduction to German Pietism: Protestant Renewal at the Dawn of Modern Europe* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013), received the Brown Book Award for 2014.



Looking Backward on a Career: How Growing up Mennonite Prepared Me for Leadership

SHIRLEY HERSHEY SHOWALTER

Thursday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.

Shirley Hershey Showalter was the first woman college president of Goshen College (Ind.), first Mennonite college president to be given a leadership award by the Knight Foundation, and first person in her family to go to college. Like most Mennonites, she has received strong messages about the dangers of pride and humility. Few, if any, Mennonite women of her generation were taught to “lean in.” In this talk, Showalter will reflect on how she dealt with conflicting aspirations in the writing of her award-winning memoir, *Blush: A Mennonite Girl Meets a Glittering World*.

Showalter served as president of Goshen College from 1996 to 2004. After six years as an executive at the Fetzer Institute in Kalamazoo, Michigan, she became a full-time writer.



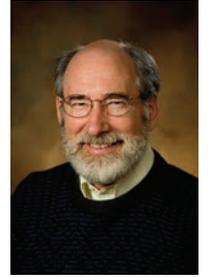
The Amish and Federal Hate Crimes

DONALD B. KRAYBILL

Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.

Donald B. Kraybill and an Amish guest will discuss the Ohio beard-cutting attacks and their impact on national hate crime laws. Following the talk and a question-and-answer period, copies of Kraybill's newly released book, *Renegade Amish: Beard Cutting, Hate Crimes, and the Trial of the Bergholz Barbers*, will be available for sale and signing.

Kraybill, Distinguished College Professor and Senior Fellow at the Young Center, is the author or editor of numerous journal articles and books, including *The Amish* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013).



Heroes and Heretics: Pietists and Anabaptists in the Evangelical Imagination

JARED BURKHOLDER

Thursday, November 13, 7:30 p.m.

American evangelicals have both revered and condemned the Pietist and Anabaptist traditions. The view they have taken has often depended on the historical context and the tensions within the evangelical subculture at the time. Jared Burkholder will examine several episodes in historical memory and what they say about all three groups and their places on the landscape of American society.

Burkholder, this year's Snowden Fellow, is professor of history at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana, where he also directs the Office of Faith, Learning, and Scholarship.



NOTE: The Young Center will not host an academic conference in the summer of 2015 because it will be one of the off-site venues for the Mennonite World Assembly held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 27-30, 2015. Watch for details in the Spring 2015 issue of *Young Center News*.



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Volunteers and staff facilitate move of materials to new archives

The Young Center's special collections were moved to the Earl H. and Anita F. Hess Archives and Special Collections from August 12-14. Since late spring, student workers Rebecca Bowman and Matt Walters have helped to prepare Young Center items for the move. During the summer months, volunteers including Larry Truax, Larry Etzweiler, Jim Miller, Elaine Gibbel, and Dave Fuchs donated hours of their time to checking inventory lists and boxing books for the move. They also wrapped and packed clothing items, organized the extensive collection of objects related to communion, and found packing solutions for the Nigerian instruments.

Young Center staff members Edsel Burdge and Hillary Daecher, along with director Jeff Bach, managed the preparations for the move. High Library staff member Sylvia Morra oversaw the work at High Library to get ready for the move and arranged the space allocation for the various special collections. Library staff member



Sharon Patrick assisted her. Sarah Penniman, the new director of High Library, provided valuable insights. Professional movers transferred the collections to the new space. The Hess Archives and Special Collections will be open for students, faculty, and researchers after September 5.

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