

## Michael Polanyi--The Basic Polanyi Resources

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### I. Polanyi Introductions/Overviews--A selection, some of which may be difficult to find.

1. *Recovering Truths: A Comprehensive Anthology of Michael Polanyi's Writings* by Walter Gulick. This work, informally called the *Polanyi Reader*, is available on [polanvisociety.org](http://polanvisociety.org). It contains six chapters of Polanyi's text and Gulick's commentary on such topics as Polanyi's understanding of science, reality, knowing, social order, and meaning. A glossary describing Polanyi's idiosyncratic understanding of key terms can be particularly helpful to students beginning the study of Polanyi's thought. [TAD 45 \(3\)](#) has comments on the *Reader* by Ellen Bernal and Kriszta Sajber and a response from Walter Gulick.
2. *Michael Polanyi: The Art of Knowing* by Mark T. Mitchell (Wilmington, Delaware: ISI Books, 2006). This is a very readable 2010 book-length introduction. Comparison between the thought of Polanyi and the thought of Oakeshott, Voegelin, and McIntyre is included. [TAD 34 \(2\)](#) has a brief [symposium](#) with Paul Lewis, Walter Gulick and Mark Mitchell discussing *The Art of Knowing*. Here is another [review](#) of this Mitchell introduction.
3. *The Way of Discovery: An Introduction to the Thought of Michael Polanyi* by Richard Gelwick (New York: OUP, 1977; Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2004). This was the first book-length introduction to Polanyi's thought. Written by a scholar who worked closely with Polanyi in the sixties and who put together the first bibliography of Polanyi's non-scientific writing, this book remains a helpful guide. It was reprinted in 2004 by Wipf and Stock. Here is a [review](#) of this Gelwick introduction.
4. *Everyman Revived: The Common Sense of Michael Polanyi* by Drusilla Scott (Lewes, Sussex: Book Guild Limited, 1985; Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1995). This is a very down-to-earth introduction to Polanyi's thought by a British scholar who knew Polanyi for the last 16 years of his life. Scott is interested in literature and art. Here is a 1985 [TAD review](#) and a 1996 [TAD 26 \(2\) review](#) of this Scott introduction. Here is a third [review](#).
5. *Thinkers of Our Time: Polanyi* by Richard Allen (London: Claridge Press, 1990). This is part of the Claridge Press series and is an introduction with less than 25000 words by a British scholar who has written and edited many things on Polanyi's thought. There are two 1993 reviews of this short book in [TAD 20 \(2\)](#) and a letter to the editor from R. T. Allen responding to these reviews in the [News and Notes](#) section of [TAD 20 \(3\)](#). Here is another [review](#) of this Allen book.
6. *Tacit Knowing, Truthful Knowing: The Life and Thought of Michael Polanyi*. This is a 2.5-hour Mars Hill Audio Report (the Mars Hill link is [here](#)) that explores Polanyi's thought that can serve as an introduction to Polanyi. There are interviews of Marjorie Grene, Richard Gelwick, Thomas Torrance, and Martin Moleski and master violin makers Peter and Wendy Moes, along

with readings from Michael Polanyi's books and correspondence. In 1999, there was an appreciative letter about the Audio Report from Richard Gelwick and a review by Walter Gulick in [TAD 26 \(1\)](#).

7. *The Tacit Mode: Michael Polanyi's Postmodern Philosophy* by Jerry H. Gill (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2000). This book is not truly an introduction to Polanyi's thought, but it discusses Polanyi's ideas in connection with certain themes in some postmodern philosophical thinkers. In [TAD 27 \(3\)](#), there is a 2001 review article by Ron Hall on the Gill book with a reply from Gill. Here is another [review](#) of the Gill book.

8. *Michael Polanyi: A Critical Exposition* by Harry Prosch (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 1986). This book is not an introduction, but it does provide Prosch's overview of Polanyi's thought. It goes on to criticize some aspects of how Polanyi is interpreted by Gelwick, D. Scott, Marjorie Grene and others. At least some parts of the book were written before Polanyi died and correspondence suggests that Polanyi sometimes seemed to appreciate Prosch's additional exposition of Polanyi's thought. There is a large literature discussing Prosch's role as a collaborator (with the increasingly frail Polanyi) in *Meaning* and how and if the book itself fits with earlier Polanyi writing. Here is a [review](#) of the Prosch book which discusses the book in relation to the controversy about *Meaning*. Here is another somewhat shorter [review](#).

9. *Michael Polanyi's Post-Critical Epistemology: A Reconstruction of Some Aspects of Tacit Knowing* by Andy F. Sanders (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 1988. Pp. iv + 295. ISBN 90-5183-072-6). This book is not an introduction but what Dale Cannon calls a "patient exposition, reformulation, and defense [of Polanyi's philosophical perspective] in relation to mainstream Anglo-American epistemology." A [1996-97 issue of TAD](#) has Cannon's review article which provides a thorough discussion of Sanders' account and raises some questions. This issue also includes a response from Sanders.

10. *Reconsidering Michael Polanyi's Philosophy* by Stefania Jha (Pittsburg: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2002). After an exposition of Polanyi's philosophy with a particular emphasis on his philosophy of science, Jha offers a revisionary set of chapters: "The Tacit-Explicit Connection," "Before Intellectual Passions, the Judicial Attitude," and "Polanyi's Problematic /Architectonic: A Critique." Here is a [2003 review](#) that was in TAD 30 (2).

11. *Body Knowledge, A Path to Wholeness: The Philosophy of Michael Polanyi* by David W. Long (Xlibris, 2011). This is a version of Long's much earlier thoughtful dissertation. See the review by Milton Scarborough in [TAD 37\(3\)](#).

13. *Contact with Reality: Michael Polanyi's Realism and Why It Matters* by Esther Lightcap Meek (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2017) was also originally a dissertation. Meek explores Polanyi's notion that contact with reality is assured through the experience of reality's indeterminate future manifestations. This is Meek's most philosophical treatment of Polanyi's philosophy, but also of note are her uses of Polanyian thought in several of her earlier books applying epistemological concepts for a general reader. See articles in [TAD 44 \(3\)](#) for 2018 reviews of Meek's recent work as well as Meek's response. See [TAD 31 \(3\)](#) for two 2005 review articles discussing an earlier Meek book which makes significant use of Polanyi.

14. [“Tacit Knowing: Grounds for a Revolution in Philosophy”](#) (*Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 8(3) October 1977, 164-171) by Marjorie Grene is an 8-page evaluation of Polanyi’s contribution to philosophy is perhaps the most succinct overview of Polanyi’s thought. This article was in [an issue](#) of *The Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* (Vol.8, no.3, 1977) that focused on Polanyi’s work and was published soon after Polanyi’s death. Grene is a philosopher who worked closely with Polanyi from 1950 until the mid-sixties. In his Acknowledgments section of *Personal Knowledge*, Polanyi suggests “she has a share in anything that I may have accomplished here” (Harper Torchbook, xv). This essay focuses in on the importance of Polanyi’s theory of tacit knowing as his unique contribution to modern philosophical thought but it also offers sharp criticism of some of Polanyi’s late ideas.

15. *Freedom, Authority and Economics: Essays on Michael Polanyi’s Politics and Economics*, edited by R. T. Allen, includes 10 essays by Polanyi scholars. This 2016 collection from Vernon Press is an updated version originally published under a German title and distributed privately by the Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit. The essays, all in English and originally prepared for a 2011 conference, aimed both to introduce Polanyi’s thinking to people new to Polanyi studies, and to give new readers a sense of the breadth of Polanyi’s thought, especially as it relates to political, social and economic matters. There is a review of this collection (using the German title) in [TAD 40 \(2\)](#).

16. *Guide to Personal Knowledge: Tacit Knowledge, Emergence and the Fiduciary Program* by Dániel Paksi and Mihály Héder. This recent book, by two Hungarian scholars, was published by Vernon Press in April 2022 (available on [Amazon](#)); it is an introduction to *Personal Knowledge* that works through each of the thirteen chapters. The advertisement indicates that Polanyi’s goals in *Personal Knowledge* “are first reconstructed, and then his main philosophical arguments are introduced. Discussion is limited to the most crucial ideas that are indispensable for the arc of his book: tacit knowledge, emergence and the fiduciary program.” In [TAD 49 \(2\)](#), posted in July 2023, there are articles on this recent book by Jon Fennell, David Agler and Alessio Tartaro with a response from Dániel Paksi and Mihály Héder.

17. *Science, Faith, Society: New Essays on the Philosophy of Michael Polanyi* (Springer). This new collection (published in April 2024), edited by Péter Hartl, the publisher advertises as the “first comprehensive collection of essays on Michael Polanyi’s social, political philosophy.” It includes 12 essays (plus an Introduction) from an international group of scholars. No reviews are yet available but here is the [link](#) to the publisher’s posting which contains some information about the essays.

18. *The Metaphysics of Michael Polanyi: Toward a Post-Critical Platonism* (Palgrave Macmillan) by Martin Turkis II was published early in 2024. This is not an introduction to Polanyi but it does provide in some sections a clear overview of Polanyi’s work. No reviews are yet available but the [publisher’s overview](#) indicates the book “tells the story of how the Platonic vision of Michael Polanyi . . . bridges the gap between speculative metaphysics and scientific practice. . .” Turkis shows how Polanyi is a “Platonist due to his affirmation of the ontological status of abstract objects. . .” and his book “engages contemporary, speculative realists from both continental and analytic traditions” and seeks to “develop Polanyi’s rather unsystematic metaphysics into a coherent, post-critical Platonism . . .”

## **II. Polanyi's Books and Edited Collections**

1. *The Contempt of Freedom: The Russian Experiment and After* (1940). This book, a collection of material from around 1940, is online on the Polanyi Society website in the [Essays, Lectures, Books, Recordings and a Film by Michael Polanyi](#) section.
2. *Full Employment and Free Trade* (1945). The 1948 second edition of this book, which sets forth Polanyi's version of Keynesian economics, is online on the Polanyi Society website in the [Essays, Lectures, Books, Recordings and a Film by Michael Polanyi](#) section.
3. *Science, Faith and Society* (1946). The 1946 text is online on the Polanyi Society website in the [Essays, Lectures, Books, Recordings and a Film by Michael Polanyi](#) section. The 1964 University of Chicago reprint has a new introduction by Polanyi, "[Background and Prospect](#)" that links this early text of the Riddell Lectures to some ideas and texts that Polanyi later developed.
4. *The Logic of Liberty, Reflections and Rejoinders* (1951). This book is a loosely linked set of Polanyi's essays mostly from the late forties. Much of the material was published independently but some of it has been redacted in the versions in this volume. Some of the earlier essays that become chapters are posted on the Polanyi Society website in the [Essays, Lectures, Books, Recordings and a Film by Michael Polanyi](#) section.
5. *Personal Knowledge: Towards A Post-Critical Philosophy* (1958). The 1964 Harper Torchbook edition has Polanyi's important [Preface to the Torchbook Edition](#). The most recent 2015 University of Chicago Edition has Mary Jo Nye's [Foreword](#). *Personal Knowledge* was based on Polanyi's 1951 and 1952 Gifford Lectures. On the Polanyi Society webpage in the section [Essays, Lectures, Books, Recordings and a Film by Michael Polanyi](#), there are links for copies of both Polanyi's ten 1951 Series I lectures and his ten 1952 Series II lectures (these are redacted copies from about 1954), plus his Syllabus for Series I and "An Introduction to Michael Polanyi's Gifford Lectures."
6. *The Study of Man* (1959). This book is Polanyi's 1958 Lindsay Memorial Lectures. In his Preface (9), he describes the first two chapters as recapitulating relevant elements of the argument of *Personal Knowledge*, and the third chapter, "Understanding History," as an application of his philosophical framework to the problems of studying history. Yu Zhenhua's "Two Cultures Revisited: Michael Polanyi on the Continuity Between the Natural Sciences and, the Study of Man" is a good 2002 [TAD 28\(3\)](#) essay on this text.
7. *The Tacit Dimension* (1966). This book is based on Polanyi's Terry Lectures (3 lectures somewhat revised) at Yale in 1962. In the [Gelwick Microfilm Collection](#), there is copy of the Terry Lectures that is somewhat closer to the original lectures (but these also have been somewhat revised). The 2009 University of Chicago edition of *The Tacit Dimension* has a new Foreword by Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen.
8. *Meaning* (1975). This book, co-authored with Harry Prosch, has received much scholarly attention. Some of the discussion has concerned if and how the perspective articulated here fits

with earlier Polanyi writing. There also have been many questions about Harry Prosch's role in pulling the material in this book together and his general interpretation of Polanyi's thought based on this final book. There is a summary of some of this scholarly discussion in a [review](#) of Prosch's 1986 book, *Michael Polanyi: A Critical Exposition*. There is also discussion of some of these issues in *Zygon*, Vol. 17, no.1, 1982; the articles in this issue are listed on the Polanyi Society webpage in [Journals with Special Issues or Sections on Michael Polanyi](#). In TAD 32 (2), there is a [Harry Prosch obituary and a 2005 article](#), based primarily on archival correspondence, that documents the Polanyi-Prosch collaboration from 1968 until the publication of *Meaning*. By the early seventies, Polanyi's mental frailty made working with him difficult; it was due to the diligence and patience of Prosch that *Meaning* was completed and published. There are three sets of Meaning Lectures (1969, 1970, and 1971) on which this book is based although Prosch also incorporated components of other Polanyi writings in sections of the book (matters about which Prosch was very clear--see *Meaning*, xiii-xiv and 227-228). On the Polanyi Society webpage in the section [Essays, Lectures, Books, Recordings and a Film by Michael Polanyi](#), there is a link for the 1969 Meaning Lectures (called "Meaning: A Project") that were published in 2006 in *Polanyiana* (the journal of the Michael Polanyi Liberal Philosophical Association centered in Budapest).

9. *Knowing and Being, Essays by Michael Polanyi* (University of Chicago Press, 1969). This collection of [14 Polanyi essays](#) from the sixties, edited by Marjorie Grene, was a Grene (not a Polanyi) selection and she has an interesting introduction to the essays. Some of the essays are also available on the Polanyi Society website in the section [Essays, Lectures, Books, Recordings and a Film by Michael Polanyi](#).

10. *Scientific Thought and Social Reality, Essays by Michael Polanyi* is a little-known collection of [9 Polanyi essays](#), edited by Fred Schwartz. This volume was an issue of *Psychological Issues*, monograph 32, volume 8, number 4 (NY: International Universities Press, 1974).

11. *Society, Economics and Philosophy, Selected Papers of Michael Polanyi* (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 1997) was edited and has an introduction by R. T. Allen. This collection has [25 Polanyi essays](#) on topics indicated in the book's title.

### **III. Biographical and Historical/Contextual Material, Comparative Studies, and Other Discussions Making Use of Polanyi's Thought**

--This is material that may be helpful for understanding some Polanyi texts insofar as it situates Polanyi and Polanyi's writing in a context. The first two books listed are particularly important.

1. William T. Scott and Martin X. Moleski, S. J. *Michael Polanyi, Scientist and Philosopher* (OUP, 2005). The Polanyi biography came together in an unusual fashion: beginning in 1977, William T. Scott, a physicist and philosopher, interviewed many persons who worked with, or at least knew, Polanyi. He produced a massive draft that needed careful editing and supplementation. Marty Moleski, S.J., took on the project of finishing the biography in the late nineties after Scott could not complete the biography due to declining health. Scott died in 1999 after Moleski already was at work on the revision. Here is a short 2006 TAD [essay](#) on the making of the Polanyi biography and here is the 1999 TAD 25(3) [obituary for William T. Scott](#),

which also provides some details. There has been much discussion about the Polanyi biography in *Tradition and Discovery* and not a great deal of discussion elsewhere. [TAD 32 \(3\)](#) in 2006 has several articles about the biography including Moleski's response. In 2008, in [TAD 34 \(3\)](#), there are another set of responses to the biography with another Moleski response.

2. Mary Jo Nye. *Michael Polanyi and His Generation: Origins of the Social Construction of Science* (Chicago, IL and London: University of Chicago Press, 2011, 432 pp. ISBN 978-0-226-61063-4). This book by a historian of chemistry (and a historian of the philosophy of science) is a detailed historical narrative focusing on Polanyi's life, work and ideas as a vehicle to illuminate how social studies of science emerged and developed in the twentieth century. This book is unlike the Scott and Moleski biography, but it does complement the biography; it is the best single book, other than the biography, that provides an historical context for understanding Polanyi's thought. Here is a short [review](#) of Nye's book. Not all scholars are on the same page about *Michael Polanyi and His Generation, Origins of the Social Construction of Science*. Here are additional reviews of Nye's book: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#). Nye gave an address, at a 2012 Polanyi Society Conference after her book was published and this address summarized many themes in her book; this address, "Michael Polanyi and the Social Construction of Science," is included in [TAD 39 \(1\)](#). Ted Brown, Richard Henry Schmitt and Nye, in 2011, discuss her book in [TAD 38 \(2\)](#). Nye has written a number of other articles about Polanyi and particularly his work in chemistry.

3. E.P. Wigner and R. A. Hodgkin, "Michael Polanyi 1891-1976," *Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society*, vol. 23 (1977); 413-448. This [Royal Society biographical memoir](#), was written by one of Polanyi's friends and a former student and collaborator, Nobel Laureate E. P. Wigner. Collaborator R. A. Hodgkin was an Oxford don and an important British Polanyi scholar and member of Convivium, the early British Polanyi group which eventually was merged with the Polanyi Society. At the end of the biographical memoir is a bibliography that includes scientific and non-scientific Polanyi publications.

4. The [1966 draft](#) of Polanyi's autobiographical statement for "Midcentury Authors" (from Box 38, Folder 8, Michael Polanyi Papers, Special Collections, University of Chicago Library). This [statement](#) was later published (with some additions not written by Polanyi) in 1975 in *World Authors, 1950-1970* (a companions volume to *Twentieth Century Authors*), 1151-1153.

5. Lee Congdon, *Exile and Social Thought: Hungarian Intellectuals in Germany and Austria 1919-1933* (Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1991). This work treats the social milieu in which the young Michael Polanyi's social and philosophical thought began to grow. The book focuses on Hungary's rich artistic and cultural environment shaping Polanyi's worldview, not on his scientific achievements. Here is a 1996 TAD 23 (2) [review](#).

6. Lee Congdon, *Seeing Red: Hungarian Intellectuals in Exile and the Challenge of Communism* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2001). This work places Polanyi and his brother Karl among the influential Hungarians who left their home country soon after World War I and then for those who had moved to Germany or Austria, moving again after Hitler rose to power. Losing their homeland, many felt threatened by nihilism, some of whom embraced communism as a new security and some, like Polanyi, who opposed it. This is a good study of the cultural cold war.

7. *The Logic of Personal Knowledge: Essays Presented to Michael Polanyi on his Seventieth Birthday 11th March 1961* (Glencoe, Illinois: The Free Press 1961). The editors of this collection are not listed but it likely was Marjorie Grene and Veronica Wedgwood. This is a very good collection of 19 essays by scholars in different areas who early appreciated Polanyi's work. Many of these writers were Polanyi's contemporaries who were prominent intellectuals (Koestler, Shils, Baker, Aron, de Jouvenal, Kristol, Devons, Sewall, Grene, Calvin, and Wigner) This also includes John Polanyi's bibliography of Michael Polanyi's scientific publications.

8. *Intellect and Hope, Essays in the Thought of Michael Polanyi*, edited by Thomas Langford and William Poteat (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 1968). This is an interesting collection of essays mostly from scholars who worked closely with Polanyi in the sixties (Grene, Pols, Poteat, W. Scott, Walshe, Aron); it also includes Polanyi's "Sense-Giving and Sense-Reading" and the Gelwick bibliography. This collection was pulled together about a decade later than *The Logic of Personal Knowledge* by Langford and Poteat, scholars at Duke University where Polanyi was in residence in the spring semester of 1964.

9. *Emotion, Reason and Tradition: Essays on the Social, Political and Economic Thought of Michael Polanyi*, edited by Struan Jacobs and R. T. Allen (Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing Co. 2005. ix + 172. ISBN 0- 7546-4067-1), has 12 essays plus the editors' brief biographical and interpretative essay outlining the significance of Polanyi's thought. There is a review of this collection in [TAD 32 \(2\)](#).

10. *Knowing and Being: Perspectives on the Philosophy of Michael Polanyi*, edited by Tihamér Margitay, (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010. Pp. 235. ISBN: (10): 1-44,8-2062-8) is a collection of 13 essays from a 2008 Budapest conference on different aspects of Polanyi's philosophy. There is a review of this collection in [TAD 37 \(1\)](#).

11. *Philosophers of Consciousness: Polanyi, Lonergan, Voegelin, Ricoeur, Girard, Kierkegaard* by Eugene Webb (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1988). Polanyi's epistemology and ontology set in contextual contrast with several philosophers with whom his thought has often been compared.

12. A number of writers have made considerable theological use of Polanyi's thought. A suggestive sample includes the following: John Apczynski, *Doers of the Word* (Missoula, MT: Scholars Press, 1977); Charles S. McCoy, *When Gods Change: Hope for Theology* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1980); Iain Paul, "Knowledge of God: Calvin, Einstein, and Polanyi" (Edinburgh: Scottish Academic Press, 1987); Colin Weightman, *Theology in a Polanyian Universe: The Theology of Thomas Torrance* (NY: Peter Lang, 1996); Andrew Grosso, *Personal Being: Polanyi, Ontology, and Christian Theology* (NY: Peter Lang, 2007); Tony Clark, *Divine Revelation and Human Practice: Responsive and Imaginative Participation* (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2008). Martn X. Moleski, S.J., *Personal Catholicism* (Washington D.C: Catholic University of America Press, 2000).

13. *Polanyian Meditations: In Search of a Post-Critical Logic* by William Poteat (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 1985). Poteat at Duke University influenced many of his students to

become interested in Polanyi's thought. This work displays how Poteat used Polanyi as well as Wittgenstein and others to constitute an alternative way of being not captive to dominant modernist Western modes of thinking and acting. Poteat was the featured guest at the 1993 Polanyi Society annual meeting in Washington D. C. He commented on his own work and its connection with Polanyi's writing and answered questions in two sessions. The audio tapes and Gus Breytsraak's transcripts of these tapes are available [here](#) on the Polanyi Society website.

14. *Recovering the Personal: The Philosophical Anthropology of William H. Poteat* edited by Dale W. Cannon and Ronald L Hall (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016). Twelve articles explore the philosophical anthropology, theology and aesthetic dimensions of Poteat's Polanyi-influenced philosophy.

15. *Charles Taylor, Michael Polanyi and the Critique of Modernity: Pluralist and Emergentist Directions* edited by Charles W. Lowney II (Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave [Springer Nature], 2017). Five Polyanian scholars reflect on the relationship between Taylor's and Polanyi's assessment of modernism and its problems. Taylor comments on his relationship to Polanyi's thought and responds to his five interpreters.

16. *The Economic Thought of Michael Polanyi* by Gábor Bíró's (New York: Routledge, 2020). Bíró covers Polanyi's interest in economics from when he first reflected on economic problems plaguing the Western world between the wars through his creation of the first film explaining economic and especially monetary functions to Polanyi's 1945 Keynes-influenced book on economics. There is a link on the Polanyi Society web site for Polanyi's film (with the audio in several languages); see 3 in the next section. There are responses to Bíró's book by Geoffrey Hodgson, Stephen Turner, and Eduardo Beira with replies by Bíró in [TAD 47\(1\)](#) and [TAD 47\(3\)](#).

**IV. The Richness of the Polanyi Society Website, Journals, and Other Materials**—An important place to look for information about Polanyi's career and thought is the Polanyi Society web site: [polanysisociety.org](http://polanysisociety.org). A number of the resources already listed can be found there but some others are listed below.

1. Polanyi Lecture Series in the Sixties. There are several series of Polanyi lectures from the sixties that are available on the Polanyi Society website in the section [Essays, Lectures, Books, Recordings and a Film by Michael Polanyi](#). The 1961 Virginia Lectures (four lectures also called the Jefferson Lectures) are available in the [Gelwick Microfilm Collection](#) (see all the filenames under Glwk99 listed as 1961). The Virginia Lectures are virtually identical to the 1962 McEnerney Lectures; there are audio files for each of the four [McEnerney Lectures](#) here. The 1964 [Duke Lectures](#) (five lectures which are akin to but more expansive than the 1962 Terry Lectures) are here with a short introduction. The five 1965 [Wesleyan Lectures](#) are here with a short introduction.

2. Two additional recordings of Polanyi speaking are of special interest in the section [Essays, Lectures, Books, Recordings and a Film by Michael Polanyi](#). Ray Wilken interviewed Polanyi about his philosophy on two occasions: in 1966 and 1967, each interview is available (plus a transcript of some of these interviews). Polanyi exchanged views with psychologist Carl Rogers in 1966 and there is an audio file of this available.

3. Additional Polanyi Texts and Materials. There are more than 25 additional links for Polanyi materials on the Polanyi Society website in [Essays, Lectures, Books, Recordings and a Film by Michael Polanyi](#). There is a link for Polanyi's 1940 economics education film, *Unemployment and Money. The Principles Involved* and links for a number of working papers by Eduardo Beira and other materials on the film. Also worth reading is Gábor István Bíró's award-winning article on this film, "[Michael Polanyi's Neutral Keynesianism and the First Economics Film, 1933—1945,](#)" published in 2020 in *Journal of the History of Economic Thought* 42(3). There are a variety of Polanyi essays, letters, lectures (some recently published in TAD) and interviews in this section of the Polanyi Society website. Some of these materials with links are not actually on the Polanyi Society server (but are on other servers) so they may not always be available. Changes and additions to this website collection of Polanyi materials are slowly made. If you are looking for a particular Polanyi text, it is worth checking this section of the Polanyi Society website and/or sending an e-mail inquiry to Phil Mullins ([mullins@missouriwestern.edu](mailto:mullins@missouriwestern.edu)).

4. On the Polanyi Society website there is a link for [Journals with Special Issues or Sections on Michael Polanyi](#). Here are listed articles (some with links) in 7 different journals with special issues on Polanyi or special sections of an issue. There are links to all of the articles in the most recent journal with a special issue on Polanyi which is *Quaestiones Disputatae* (Vol.11, no.1, Spring 2022), edited by Charles Lowney: "Michael Polanyi's Social and Political Philosophy and the Future of Liberalism". There are instruction in this section of the website on how to get help retrieving particular articles not directly available.

5. There are many articles published in a variety of places on Michael Polanyi and specific topics or his work with specific groups or people: the Congress for Cultural Freedom, Budapest/Hungarian liberalism, J.H. Oldham and the Moot, Eduard Shils, Arthur Koestler, Thomas Torrance, Karl Mannheim, Marjorie Grene, Karl Popper, the Ford Foundation-funded Study Groups programs, etc. These topics may have been briefly treated in Scott and Moleski or Nye, but there is often more to the story. The best way to pursue interests in specialized topics is to pose a question asking for leads on the Polanyi Society Discussion List ([michael-polanyi-discussion-list@googlegroups.com](mailto:michael-polanyi-discussion-list@googlegroups.com)) or directly to ask someone who has been studying Polanyi and his historical context for some time (e.g., Moleski, Gulick, or Mullins).

6. Since June 2020, the Polanyi Society has sponsored about 40 Zoom Discussion Sessions (each is 1 to 1.5 hours) on a variety of topics (Polanyi's Duke Lectures, Polanyi and C.S.Lewis, Karl and Michael Polanyi, Polanyi and Michael Hanby, Polanyi's ethic of discovery and contemporary science, etc.). Sessions often were centered on a short paper and the online discussions were recorded. All of these papers and recorded sessions are accessible via the links (identified by the date of the Zoom event) posted in the Polanyi Society web site under [Links For Recordings Of Society-Sponsored Zoom Presentations And Discussions On Polanyi-Related Topics](#). For additional help locating resources in Zoom Discussions, sending an e-mail inquiry to Phil Mullins ([mullins@missouriwestern.edu](mailto:mullins@missouriwestern.edu)).

7. The current issue of *Tradition and Discovery: the Polanyi Society Journal* (TAD) is posted on the Polanyi Society home page, [polanysisociety.org](http://polanysisociety.org). At present, there is an open online volume to which materials are added throughout the calendar year. Several times during the year after

additions to the volume, an updated table of contents (with links) is sent out to anyone who asks to be added to the e-mailing list. In the [Digital Archives section](#), there are links to all of the old issues of TAD and its predecessors published in the last 50 years. There are [Indices for Materials Published](#) that list what is available in this digital collection; the indices list materials by author names and article titles, books reviewed and book reviewers. The (freebie) Google Search Engine on the site may (or may not) work. But if it does not work a search using a search engine outside the Polanyi Society website will usually identify materials inside the TAD archives.

8. In addition to *Tradition and Discovery* (TAD), two other journals take a special interest in Michael Polanyi, *Polanyiana* and *Appraisal*. All three of these open access digital journals have digital archives that make easily accessible previously published materials.

*Polanyiana* is an academic journal published by the Michael Polanyi Liberal Philosophical Association which is centered in Budapest, Hungary. It publishes scholarly essays concerned with different facets of Polanyi's work and their relevance for further studies. In *Polanyiana*, there are important articles (that do not appear elsewhere) on the Hungarian context of Polanyi's thought. *Polanyiana* currently publishes two issues each year. Some issues have articles only in Hungarian and some issues have only English articles; some issues have both Hungarian and English articles. *Polanyiana* has been published since 1991 and there is a list of these issues with links to each issue's table of contents at <https://polanyiana.org/volumes>.

*Appraisal, The Journal of the British Personalist Forum* is an open access journal that includes many articles related to Polanyi's thought, but it also includes articles on other figures considered personalist thinkers. *Appraisal* presently is published somewhat irregularly but the digital archives (<https://www.britishpersonalistforum.org.uk/appraisal-past-issues.html>) has issues going back to 1996.

**V. Polanyi Bibliographies**--The following are some--not all--of the Polanyi bibliographies of non-scientific writing. There are omissions and errors in all of these bibliographies. It is often prudent to check them against each other in attempts to sort things out.

1. The first bibliography of Michael Polanyi's non-scientific writing was put together by Richard Gelwick in 1962 and 1963 in connection with his doctoral work. That bibliography and the approximately 120 artifacts written between 1935 and 1963 that it lists are the *Collected Articles and Papers of Michael Polanyi* (a copyrighted microfilm) which is usually referred to as the Gelwick Microfilm Collection. This collection of Polanyi materials includes published and some unpublished materials. This collection is available for downloading from the Polanyi Society website [here](#). The first file in the set of files (An-Intro-Gelwick-Microfilm-PMullins.pdf) provides an introduction to the set of materials, including the key to the file names. While it is unlikely that this first Polanyi bibliography will be useful very often, it is the case that you often can easily locate copies of Polanyi materials written between 1935 and 1963 in the Gelwick Collection.

2. Gelwick later updated, revised and published his [bibliography](#) as "A Bibliography of Michael Polanyi's Social and Philosophical Writings," in a festschrift, *Intellect and Hope, Essays in the*

*Thought of Michael Polanyi*, edited by Thomas Langford and William Poteat (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 1968), 432-446.

3. Most major later bibliographies apparently directly or indirectly make some use of/build upon the Gelwick bibliographies. There is a [bibliography](#) in William T. Scott and Martin X. Moleski, S.J., *Michael Polanyi, Scientist and Philosopher* (OUP, 2005).

4. There is a [bibliography](#) in Harry Prosch, *Michael Polanyi: A Critical Exposition* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 1986).

5. There is an out-of-print comprehensive bibliography (primary, secondary and tertiary material with annotations through about 2000) compiled by Maben W. Poirier, *A Classified and Partially Annotated Bibliography of all Forms of Publications, Sound Recordings, Internet Documents, etc., by and about the Anglo-Hungarian Philosopher of Science Michael Polanyi* (Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press, Inc. 2002). There is a 2002 interview of Maben Poirer in [TAD 29 \(2\)](#) discussing this bibliography.

Poirier's bibliography has recently been digitized and updated by Colin Corder to include entries up to Winter of 2024. The draft of the updated version is [available for download](#) in .CSV and .HTML variants. In the near future, it will hopefully be made available as a searchable database via the Polanyi Society website.

6. There are two bibliographic appendices included in the collection of Polanyi essays edited by R. T. Allen, *Michael Polanyi, Society, Economics and Philosophy--Selected Papers* (New Brunswick, NJ.: Transaction Publishers. 1997.ISBN 1-56000-278-6.1997). One of these bibliographic appendices is an [annotated primary bibliography](#) that tries to sort out Polanyi essays that were published more than once with the same or different titles and some variance in content. The [other](#) tries to trace down and summarize Polanyi essays that have not been republished anywhere. There is a 1999 review of the Allen book with comments on the two very useful bibliographic appendices in [TAD 25 \(3\)](#).