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Preface

This *TAD* was guest edited by Society President Wally Mead. For the June 2008 Polanyi Society conference at Loyola University, Mead organized and moderated a very interesting panel discussion on William Poteat and Michael Polanyi. The panel was composed of former students and a former colleague. Interestingly, there was also another paper proposal on Poteat from an Irish scholar. Wally Mead has pulled a revised version of all of this material together as a special issue that should be of interest to any Polanyi student who has also come across the writing of Bill Poteat. Since Wally provides an introduction to the essays here, I will say no more about this rich material. I call your attention to News and Notes and the Call for Papers for 2009. The October 2008 issue was the first in the membership renewal cycle. While some dues have come in during the fall, the Society needs to do a better job of collecting dues and donations this year because the 2008 Loyola Conference was more expensive than anticipated and we have already begun putting together funding for a 2012 conference. Additionally, expenses for printing and mailing *TAD* continue to increase. So please read and heed the notice below.

Phil Mullins

REMINDER: if you have not sent in 08-09 academic year dues/donations to the Polanyi Society, please take a moment now (1) to read and complete the inserted flyer; (2) to make out a check or credit card debit authorization, using the form; (3) insert all materials into the postage paid, self-addressed envelope (US domestic only) and drop it in the mail. You can, of course, as an alternative send credit card information by e-mail to the following address: mullins@missouriwestern.edu.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Polanyi Society: Treasurer's Report 9/1/07-8/31/08

Beginning Bal. checking \$4,365.73

Income

9/27/07	Memberships, gifts	\$2,000
3/27/08	Membership, gifts:	\$2,500
4/21/08	Membership, gifts:	\$4,000
5/30/08	Scott CD	\$7,885.59
6/3/08	Membership, gifts:	\$9,000
6/20/08	Loyola refund:	\$ 210

Total Income \$25,385.59

Expenses

9/12/07	TAD: 33#3:	\$ 784.30
12/10/07	AAR Reimbursement/Gulick:	\$ 320.00
12/11/07	R.Allen Loyola travel:	\$ 837.82
4/23/08	TAD: 34#1, 34#2:	\$ 1,303.67
4/23/55	AAR 08 room deposit:	\$ 55
6/4/08	Loyola # 1/Rmbse Mullins:	\$ 1,901.61
6/20/08	Loyola Peck Hnrrium/Trvl:	\$ 600
7/7/08	Loyola R.Allen Hnrrium/Trvl:	\$ 564
8/28/08	Loyola#2/ final payment:	\$14,170.01

Total Expenses \$20,481.41

SUMMARY:

A. Beginning Bal. savings	\$ 4,365.73
B. Income:	\$25,595.59
C. Expense	\$20,536.41
D. 8/31/08 Bal.	*\$9,424.91

*Includes Scott CD (\$7,885.59/with interest of \$385.59)

Post 8/31/08 Notes

10-14-08 Purchase new Scott 2% CD: \$7,885.59
10-31-08 Checking Balance: \$967.09

Expenses

11/15/08 TAD 35#1, supplies \$429.84

Income

MWSU account: approx \$3000 pending transfer;
08-09 dues and donations are coming in each week.

Jere Moorman, Treasurer

Polanyi Society Travel Fund

For students and others requiring assistance to attend the Society's meetings held in conjunction with the AAR and the APA, Eastern Division, limited funding may be available. Society members are urged to inform worthy candidates that this assistance is available. Those interested in this funding, as well as those who know of potential candidates, should contact Walter Mead (wbmead@comcast.net) and see the information on the Polanyi Society web site (<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/polanyi/>). Also anyone able to contribute to the travel fund should contact Mead.

WWW Polanyi Resources

The Polanyi Society has a World Wide Web site at <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/polanyi/>. In addition to information about Polanyi Society membership and meetings, the site contains the following: (1) digital archives containing all issues of *Tradition and Discovery* since 1991; (2) a comprehensive listing of *Tradition and Discovery* authors, reviews and reviewers; (3) the history of Polanyi Society publications, and information on locating early publications not in the archive; (4) information on *Appraisal* and *Polanyiana*, two sister journals with special interest in Polanyi's thought; (5) the "Guide to the Papers of Michael Polanyi," which provides an orientation to archival material housed in the Department of Special Collections of the University of Chicago Library; (6) photographs of Polanyi; (7) links to a number of essays

by Polanyi as well as audio files for the McEnerney Lectures (1962) and Polanyi's conversation with Carl Rogers (1966).

**Minutes of the Polanyi Society General
Membership Meeting
Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL
November 1, 2008**

1. The meeting was called to order by Wally Mead at 11:00 A.M.

2. The following were elected to the board unanimously on a motion by David Rutledge and Paul Lewis: Dale Canon, Wally Mead, Diane Yeager, and Phil Rolnick (replacing Dick Moodey who recently resigned).

3. The three amendments detailed in the 10/31/08 Minutes of the Board were adopted unanimously on motions made by Jere Moorman and David Rutledge, Phil Mullins and Tony Clark, and Paul Lewis and Tony Clark.

4. General discussion topics: (1) Planning is beginning for a 2012 summer conference like the conference in June 2008; (2) Should the Society create a Polanyi Society Speakers' Bureau? (3) James van Pelt (Yale Divinity) is organizing a Science and Religion speakers' series that may include something on Polanyi. (4) Potential funding initiatives: insert a dues self-addressed, postage paid return envelope in *TAD*; approach selected foundations for funding needs. (5) Projects on indexing of *TAD* and getting *TAD* into libraries continue. Jere Moorman volunteered to remind members to pay their dues.

5. Discussion of the 2009 meeting in conjunction with the annual AAR meeting in Montreal: (1) Invite Charles Taylor (McGill); (2) Address a topic such as family resemblance between Merleau-Ponty and Polanyi (or ask a figure like Taylor or Jerry Gill, who has written on both figures, to address this topic); (3) Invite a graduate student or graduate students to discuss their research (send a call for papers to graduate schools and

put together a special issue of *TAD* intended for graduate students and put it online or send it to graduate programs); (4) Explore the topic "Polanyi and comparative religion"; (5) Given the March, 2009 re-publication of *The Tacit Dimension*, invite papers on the topic "Re-reading *The Tacit Dimension*."

6. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Marty Moleski, S.J., Secretary

Submissions for Publication

Articles, meeting notices and notes likely to be of interest to persons interested in the thought of Michael Polanyi are welcomed. Review suggestions and book reviews should be sent to Walter Gulick (see addresses listed below). Manuscripts, notices and notes should be sent to Phil Mullins. Manuscripts should be double-spaced type with notes at the end; writers are encouraged to employ simple citations within the text when possible. MLA or APA style is preferred. Because the journal serves English writers across the world, we do not require anybody's "standard English." 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. Consistency and clear writing are expected. Manuscripts normally will be sent out for blind review. Authors are expected to provide an electronic copy as an e-mail attachment.

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2009 Polanyi Society Meetings—Call for Papers

In 2009, Polanyi Society meetings are tentatively planned in conjunction with both the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division.

Call for Papers for Polanyi Society Meeting at the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division

The APA, Eastern Division meeting normally falls in the week before New Year's Day. Due to publication deadlines, this call for papers was assembled before the late December 2008 Polanyi Society meeting at the APA, Eastern. It is anticipated that those attending will discuss a 2009 meeting. Such a meeting may have one or two sessions. If you are interested in giving a paper or participating in the 2009 meeting, please write to Walter Gulick (WGulick@msubillings.edu) for details about the outcome of discussions at the 2008 meeting. Gulick welcomes proposals of up to 500 words in length (full-length papers may also be submitted for consideration) on any topic of interest. The deadline for proposals is April 1, 2009; inquiries before that date are encouraged.

Call for Papers for Two Sessions at the American Academy of Religion

The AAR will be meeting in Montreal, Canada, from November 7-10, 2009. It is likely that the Polanyi Society meetings (two sessions) in Montreal will be scheduled for the evening of November 7 and the morning of November 8. Proposals for papers (up to 500 words in length) should be sent to Paul Lewis (lewis_pa@mercer.edu) by April 1, 2009. Inquiries before that date are invited.

At the 2008 Polanyi Society general membership meeting, there was a lively discussion about topics for the 2009 meetings (see Minutes on page 4). After this meeting, the Board of Directors agreed to implement a plan to devote either one or two sessions of the 2010 meeting to a program featuring the work of graduate students interested in Polanyi. For the 2009 meeting, the following potential topics were put forth by members present: (1) Invite Charles Taylor (McGill) to give a talk or treat connections between Taylor's and Polanyi's thought; (2) Address a topic such as family resemblance between Merleau-Ponty and Polanyi (or ask a figure like Taylor or Jerry Gill, who has written on both figures, to address this topic); (3) Explore the topic "Polanyi and comparative religion"; (4) Given the March, 2009 re-publication of *The Tacit Dimension*, invite papers on the topic "Re-Reading *The Tacit Dimension*." It should be emphasized that these topics were suggestions; paper proposals on other topics are encouraged and will get full consideration.