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Preface

This issue of *TAD* includes Paul Lewis' review article on the work of Darcia Narvaez, a Notre Dame psychologist interested in moral development who makes use of some of Polanyi's work. Take a close look at Paul's careful account since Narvaez will be a guest speaker at the November 19, 2011 Polanyi Society annual meeting in San Francisco. The full program for the meeting is on page 5. In addition to bibliographic information in News and Notes there is information on the travel fund which supports young scholars who wish to participate in the Society's annual meeting or other meetings. On page 6 is a short article on the new Polanyi Society endowment. You will also find again in this issue the call for papers for the next Society-sponsored conference at Loyola University, Chicago. The date for this conference, June 8-10, 2012, has now been finalized. It helps those planning the conference if you early identify that you anticipate participating in the conference. For the third time, *TAD* is featuring something on Michael Polanyi and Paul Tillich who met in 1963 at Polanyi's request. This issue includes a discussion involving R. Melvin Keiser, Durwood Foster, Richard Gelwick and Donald Musser. Walter Mead and I wrote review articles on two books by political theorist Murray Jardine, a former student of William Poteat. Jardine kindly responded to our analyses and outlined the new direction in which his thinking is now moving since the publication of these books. There are four reviews in this issue, all on subjects likely to be of interest to those who have studied Polanyi's philosophical works.

Phil Mullins

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NEWS AND NOTES

New *Polanyiana* Issue

A new English issue of *Polanyiana* (Vol. 19:1-2 [2010]) should be available by the time this issue of *TAD* is received. Following is a list of articles and other materials in the new issue: **Tibor Frank**, “The Budapest Roots Of Michael Polanyi’s Liberalism”; **Endre Nagy**, “The Conversion Of Karl And Michael Polanyi: An Analysis In Terms Of Mannheim, Sartre and Heidegger”; **Paul Richard Blum**, “Michael Polanyi: Can The Mind Be Represented By A Machine?: Documents Of The Discussion In 1949”; **Phil Mullins**, “Scattered Thoughts On *The Tacit Dimension*, The Terry Lectures And Polanyi’s Developing Ideas”; **Walter B. Mead**, “Michael Polanyi’s Lessening ‘Reliance On The Necessity Of Commitment’ In The Years Between 1958 And 1966, With Specific Attention Given To 1964-1966 And The Publication Of *The Tacit Dimension*”; **Daniel Paksi**, “Michael Polanyi’s Concept Of Reality: From Epistemology To Ontology And From Ontology To Epistemology”; **Mihály Szívós**, “Scepticism, Psychology And Detranscendentalisation In Merleau-Ponty’s And Michael Polanyi’s Philosophy: A Comparative Analysis”; **Polanyi Archives**: Michael Polanyi On Mind And Machines; **Review: Péter Hartl** on *Knowing And Being: Perspectives On The Philosophy of Michael Polanyi*, ed. Tihamér Margitay. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010.

Other Recent Articles

Andrew Hawkins, “Back To The Future: Leadership, Tradition And Authority In A Post-Critical Age” *Quest*, 62:3 (2010): 237-249.

Peter Hopsicker, “Polanyi’s ‘From-To’ Knowing and His Contribution to the Phenomenology Of Skilled Motor Behavior” *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*. 36:1 (2009): 76-87.

Peter M. Hopsicker, “Miracles In Sport: Finding The ‘Ears To Hear’ And The ‘Eyes To See’” *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy*, 3:1 (April 2009): 75-93.

Polanyi Society Speakers Bureau

The Polanyi Society’s Speakers Bureau helps organize talks to groups by Polanyi scholars. Marty Moleski, S. J. and Richard Gelwick gave talks in 2010 at universities. If you know anyone who might be interested in sponsoring a talk, send the name and e-mail address to Phil Mullins (mullins@missouriwestern.edu). There is now a link on the Polanyi Society web page with general information about the Speakers Bureau. You will find there a precis of the talks given by Moleski and Gelwick.

Conference on Persons

The eleventh international Conference on Persons is to be held at Brigham Young University, Provo, UT from Aug. 8th to Aug. 12th, 2011. For information on the conference and lodging go to <http://paws.wcu.edu/jmclachla/index.html>.

New *Appraisal* Issue

The March 2011 (vol.8, no.3) issue of *Appraisal: A Journal of Constructive and Post-Critical Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies* was published in May. The theme for the issue is “Re-Appraisal: Max Scheler.” The following articles are included: **Soren Engelson**, “Emotional Awareness In Scheler’s Axiology And The Queerness-Argument”; **J. Cutting**, “Max Scheler’s Metaphysics”; **Robert Zaborowski**, “Max Scheler’s Model Of Stratified Affectivity”; **Anjelica Krebbs**, “The Phenomenology Of Shared Feeling.” One additional article does not focus on the Scheler theme: **Ilka Virtanen**, “Representation Of The Body As A Basis Of Personal Knowledge: A Neuro-Psychological Perspective On Polanyi’s Subjective Dimension Of Knowing.” Contact **Richard Allen** (rt.allen@ntlworld.com) for information about *Appraisal* (available for subscribers on WWW).

Travel Assistance Available For November Meeting

For students and other young scholars planning to attend the Society's Annual Meeting in San Francisco on November 19, 2011, limited travel funding is available. Society members are urged to inform worthy candidates about this assistance. Those interested in this funding, as well as those who know of potential candidates, should contact Walter Mead (wbmead@ilstu.edu). Contributions to the travel fund are always welcome; those interested in contributing should e-mail Walter Mead. Related information about the travel fund can also be found on the Polanyi Society web site.

Student applicants are expected first to inquire if their school's academic department or student affairs office can provide assistance. Applications to the Polanyi Society (via Walter Mead) should include the e-mail and postal address at which they can be contacted between July 1 and November 18, information regarding the applicant's academic background and accomplishments, as well as a brief comment describing his/her interest in and study of Polanyi's thought. The applicant should identify and provide an e-mail address for someone (preferably a professor under whom he/she has studied) who has agreed promptly to supply a letter of reference by e-mail to Walter Mead. Also, the applicant should indicate estimated travel expenses and cost of lodging for the night preceding (November 18) and the night following (November 19) the two sessions of the Polanyi Society meeting—that is, the portion of these expenses requiring assistance. Applicants are encouraged to share travel, if by car, and lodging with others, wherever possible, in order to minimize costs. (Walter Mead can assist applicants by providing names of persons traveling from nearby locations and names of those seeking roommates.)

The deadline for receipt of applications is August 1, 2011, and the results will be announced by August 15. Applications received after August 1 and prior to October 1 will be reviewed and awards announced by October 14, according to remaining Fund resources.

Duke Lectures Now On the Polanyi Society Web Site

Michael Polanyi's Duke Lectures were given in February and early March of 1964 when Polanyi was in residence in the spring term at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, as the James B. Duke Distinguished Professor in the Department of Religion. William Poteat, a professor in the Department of Religion and a scholar deeply interested in Polanyi's thought, seems to have been primarily responsible for setting up the five-lecture series that had the title "Man in Thought." The titles for the lectures delivered on Monday evenings (and followed by a discussion on Tuesday afternoons) beginning February 10 are as follows: (1) "The Metaphysical Reach of Science," (2) "The Structure of Tacit Knowing," (3) "Commitment to Science," (4) "The Emergence of Man," and (5) "Thought in Society." Transcripts of these lectures can now be downloaded from the Polanyi Society web site.

Electronic Discussion List

The Polanyi Society supports an electronic discussion group that explores implications of the thought of Michael Polanyi. Anyone interested can join. To join yourself, go to the following address: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/polanyi_list/join. If you have difficulty, send an e-mail to Doug Masini (Douglas.Masini@armstrong.edu) and someone will see that you are added to the list.

2011 Polanyi Society Annual Meeting

San Francisco, CA

Saturday, 19 November

As is usual, the annual meeting for the Polanyi Society will be held in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion annual meeting.

The overall theme for our meeting is “Persons in Society.” Locations of meeting sessions will be posted on the Polanyi Society website as soon as they are available. They will also be included in the October 2011 issue of *TAD*. Papers will also be posted on the Polanyi Society web site prior to the meeting.

9:00-11:30 am

Convener: Charles Lowney, Washington and Lee University

“The Moral Person: Psychology, Neuroscience and Polanyi”
Darcia Narvaez, University of Notre Dame.

Respondent: Paul Lewis, Mercer University

Respondent: Gus Breytspraak, Ottawa University

Business Meeting

Presiding: David Rutledge

7:00-9:30 pm

Convener: Esther Meek, Geneva College

“The ‘Hard Problem’—From Polanyi to Chalmers:
Nonreductive Explanations for the Mind-Body Connection”
Stefania Jha, Independent Scholar

Respondent: David Nikkel, University of North Carolina, Pembroke

“The Participatory Turn”
Jacob Sherman, California Institute of Integral Studies

Respondent: Dale Cannon, Western Oregon University

Invitation to Contribute to the Polanyi Society Endowment

At its October 31, 2010 Board meeting, the Polanyi Society amended its Bylaws to establish an endowment. Endowment funds will be handled by a special Board committee which has now been named and is beginning to address the problems of raising and managing dollars for the endowment. The Bylaws (which are available for viewing on the Polanyi Society web site at <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/polanyi/bdofdirectors.htm>) set forth in some detail how the endowment is to function in conjunction with the regular operations of the Polanyi Society, which is an IRS 501C3 nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Missouri. In essence the establishment of an endowment was a move intended to help put the Polanyi Society on a sounder financial basis in the future. The new endowment fund will eventually generate resources that will make Society-sponsored activities (both old ones like the ones noted below, as well as new ones) a somewhat less precarious financial adventure. At present, the Board of Directors never quite knows if we will be able to muster the dollars necessary to undertake some of the larger Society projects which we nevertheless undertake, such as the Loyola conferences mentioned below.

As most who read *TAD* likely know, the Society is a membership organization whose Spartan habits allow it to continue to have only very modest annual dues, despite its very active program. The Polanyi Society produces a journal three times per academic year; the Society manages this by handling most production matters internally rather than contracting with a large publishing house to produce the journal as most academic professional organizations do today. The Society has a web site which provides open access to a number of different Polanyi essays and lectures and thirty years worth of Polanyi Society publications housed in an indexed digital archive. The Society sponsors an electronic discussion list and recently added a Speakers Bureau and a Travel Fund to support young scholars interested in attending Society meetings. Each year there is an annual meeting featuring academic papers. Many annual meeting papers by members have later appeared in *TAD*. Some annual meeting sessions featured papers by prominent scholars not affiliated with the Polanyi Society but who took an interest in Polanyi; some meetings were joint ventures with groups like the Tillich Society. In recent years, there have been a few meetings in addition to the annual meeting that have been sponsored by the Society — certainly the most ambitious of these additional meetings have been the conferences held in 2001 and 2008, with the next one slated for June 2012, at Loyola University, Chicago. These three-day Loyola conferences have brought together 40-50 people interested in Polanyi's thought from around the world.

The endowment got off to a good start with a gift from the late William T. Scott (Polanyi biographer), Ann Scott and Peg Phillips, a patron who supported Bill's early work on the biography. Some additional small gifts have brought the total for the endowment to about \$10,000 at present. The Endowment Committee is presently seeking donations or pledges that will double the endowment by the spring of 2012. The Committee is also preparing materials that can facilitate bequests to the Society. Prospective donors, and particularly donors interested in setting up a matching program, should contact David Rutledge (david.rutledge@furman.edu).

2012 Polanyi Society Conference

Connections/Disconnections: Polanyi and Contemporary Concerns and Domains of Inquiry

Call For Papers

The Polanyi Society will sponsor a three-day conference June 8-10, 2012. Conference participants will have the opportunity to spend a morning (June 8) at the Regenstein Library of the University of Chicago reviewing the archival Polanyi materials held there. The conference will include several plenary speakers or panels as well as parallel sessions in which conference participants present and discuss papers with others interested in the session's particular topic. Like the Polanyi Society sponsored conferences in 2001 and 2008, this will be a conference that builds in many opportunities for discussion and is open to persons using Polanyi-related ideas in a number of fields.

Proposals are invited for papers that examine the themes of post-critical thought in the context of the new century. The following are some suggested general categories within which specific papers might be grouped. [Please do not think of these categories as a limit for submissions but as a springboard for your own reflections. The final program will reflect groupings adjusted in light of proposals submitted.]

- Polanyi As Public Intellectual: Cultural Criticism and Reorientation in the New Global Order
- Redeeming Reason: Does “Personal Knowledge” Have a Future in a Partisan World?
- Polanyi in the Light of Developments in Psychology (and vice versa)
- Polanyi’s Work in Relation to Current Accounts of Organizations, Institutions and Authority
- Doubt and Commitment in the Postmodern Environment
- Religion and Science: Polanyi and Current Discussions
- History and Philosophy of Science: Polanyi and Current Discussions
- Contemporary Politics and Economics in Polanyian Perspective (and vice versa)
- Polanyi and the Rediscovery of Embodiment
- Language, Learning and Logic—Polanyi and Current Discussions
- Trust, Truth and Conscience: Polanyian Communal Values and Contemporary Culture
- The Good Society: Polanyi and Current Challenges
- Pluralism: Does Polanyi Help Us Address Current Interest in and Problems Associated with Diversity?
- Can Polanyi Speak to a Digital Age?
- Resources in Polanyi for Theological Reconstruction in the Face of Fanaticism and Secularism
- Skills, Practice and Virtue—Polanyian Links
- Polanyi on the Importance of the Beautiful
- Polanyi’s Antireductionism and the Logic of Emergence
- Proposals for panel presentations are invited

Proposals should be 250-300 words and will be reviewed by a panel of jurors. Send an electronic copy of the proposal without your name on it as an attachment to Phil Mullins at mullins@missouriwestern.edu. In the body of the e-mail, provide a preferred mailing address (or fax number) as well a phone number of the author. The initial deadline for receipt of proposals is October 1, 2011. If there is space on the program, those who do not meet the October 1 initial deadline can submit proposals before the final deadline of March 30, 2012. Priority consideration will be given to proposals meeting the October 1 deadline. If the proposal is for a panel, the full panel needs to be identified and one member designated as the primary contact. The panel proposal should outline why a discussion of this topic is important. Future issues of *TAD* and a posting on the Polanyi Society web site (<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/polanyi/>) will include additional conference information.

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* and its predecessor publications of the Polanyi Society going back to 1972; (2) indices listing *Tradition and Discovery* authors, reviews and reviewers; (3) the history of Polanyi Society publications; (4) information on *Appraisal* and *Polanyiana*, two sister journals with special interest in Michael Polanyi's thought; (5) the "Guide to the Papers of Michael Polanyi," which provides an orientation to archival material housed in the Special Collections Research Center of the University of Chicago Library, Chicago, IL 60637; (6) photographs of Polanyi; (7) links to a number of Polanyi essays (available on the Polanyi Society web site and other sites), Polanyi's Duke Lectures (1964), as well as audio files for Polanyi's McEnerney Lectures (1962), and Polanyi's conversation with Carl Rogers (1966).

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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