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Preface

This issue includes a paper and two responses from the November 2004 Polanyi society meeting. Some members of the Society have long talked about organizing a session that puts Polanyi and Whitehead together. Joe Bracken provided an interesting attempt to do so and Walter Gulick and Richard Moodey respond to Bracken. There is also a paper putting together Vico and Polanyi by Craig Mattson. This essay was first drafted as a paper for the Loyola Polanyi Conference in 2001. Finally, there is a review essay by Walter Mead on Polanyi and Oakeshott, as well as three shorter reviews.

There are several interesting items in "News and Notes," including a report on Society business and more about the digital archives of old issues of *TAD* and the availability of an electronic copy of new issues. The long-awaited Polanyi biography is scheduled to be published in May. The call for papers for the November 2005 annual meeting notes that there may be some special Polanyi-related programs this fall in connection with the publication of the biography and/or the interest of the American Academy of Religion in featuring thinkers from Eastern Europe.

Phil Mullins

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NEWS AND NOTES

Information about the forthcoming Polanyi biography, *Michael Polanyi: Scientist and Philosopher* by William Tausig Scott and Martin X. Moleski is available on the Polanyi Society web page (<http://www.mwsc.edu/orgs/polanyi/>). This 368 page work is due to be available from Oxford University Press on May 13, 2005.

The Way Of Discovery: An Introduction To The Thought Of Michael Polanyi by Richard Gelwick (Oxford University Press, 1977) is now available in a new edition from Wipf and Stock publishers, 199 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 3, Eugene, Oregon 97401 or from www.wipfandstock.com or www.amazon.com. Orders made directly from Wipf & Stock get a 20% discount on up to 4 copies and a 40% discount on 5 or more copies. *The Way of Discovery* was an early and important piece of Polanyi scholarship that grew out of earlier work. Richard Gelwick completed the first theological dissertation on Michael Polanyi in 1965 under the direction of Charles McCoy and Durwood Foster at Pacific School of Religion. Gelwick also published the first bibliography of Polanyi's social and philosophical thought with microfilm of Polanyi papers in 1963. He worked with Polanyi 1962-63 during Polanyi's preparation of the Terry Lectures that were published as *The Tacit Dimension* and also later with Polanyi in 1973-74 on the manuscript that became the Polanyi and Prosch book, *Meaning*. From 1978 to 1999, he was General Coordinator of the Polanyi Society and from 1978 to 1991 editor of *The Polanyi Society Newsletter* that became *Tradition and Discovery* in the Fall of 1984.

SPCPS Conference 2005 is set for Friday, April 1st (3 P.M.) to Saturday April 2nd (5 P.M.) at Hugh Stewart Hall, The University of Nottingham. The SPCPS is The Society for Post-Critical and Personalist Studies, the organization that has now officially taken over the publication of *Appraisal*. Papers by the following people are on the docket: Wendy Hamblet, Adelphi

University., New York, Bob Brownhill, University of Surrey, and Paul Tyson, Queensland University of Technology. It may be still be possible to submit a proposal for this meeting. For information about presenting a paper or simply attending the conference, contact Richard Allen (rt.allen@ntlworld.com).

Jere Moorman and Will Stillwell have written a paper which takes a contemporary look at the 1966 published dialogue between Carl Rogers and Michael Polanyi. The paper is published in *The Person Centered Journal*, Vol 11, No. 1-2, (2004): 48-58. *PCJ* is the journal of the Association for the Development of the Person-Centered Approach.

Eric S. Howard delivered a paper titled, "Why Didn't Hayek Finish Reading *Personal Knowledge?* An Investigation Into the Methodological and Philosophical Relationship Between Friedrich Hayek and Michael Polanyi" at the Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting on November 21-23, 2004.

Albert Bagood's essay, "The Complexity of a Passionate Scientific Researcher: The Holistic Approach of St. Thomas and M. Polanyi," appeared in *Angelicum*, vol. 81, no. 3 (2004) : 593-614.

Phil Mullins' essay, "Bible Study, Critical Thinking, and Post-Critical Thought: Cultural Considerations" was recently published in *Critical Thinking and the Bible in the Age of New Media*, ed. Charles M. Ess. (New York; University Press of American, 2004): 269-290.

Joseph A. Bracken's "The Field Metaphor in Ervin Laszlo's Philosophy and in Neo-Whiteheadian Metaphysics" was in *Process Studies*, Vol. 32.2 (Fall-Winter 2004): 303-313.

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Polanyi Society

November 19, 2004 —San Antonio, Texas

A quorum of members was observed. The meeting came to order around 11:45 AM. Walt Gulick chaired the meeting.

1. Minutes of the preceding Annual Meeting of the Society were approved unanimously on a motion by Cannon and Rutledge.

2. On a motion by Apczynski and Gelwick, the Members temporarily suspended the By-Laws. They then unanimously approved the changes to the By-Laws proposed by Gulick on a motion by Apczynski and Rutledge. All of the changes were made to bring the By-Laws into consistency with themselves and with the traditions of the Polanyi Society. All Board members should have received a copy of the By-Laws in e-mail from Gulick.

In the same action, the Members accepted the following classes of officers: (a) Term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2007: Gelwick, Lewis, Moorman; (b) Term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2006: Apczynski, Gulick, Meek, Moleski, Sanders; (c) Term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2005: Mullins, Puddefoot, Rutledge.

3. On behalf of the Board, Moleski solicited the group for three volunteers: (a) a business manager for *TAD*; (b) a coordinator for a Polanyian business seminar; (c) someone will serve as facilitator for the discussion list.

4. Cannon reported on the progress he has made in developing a summer seminar. He asked for more feedback on his questionnaire now posted on the Polanyi Society web site.

5. Gulick reported on a \$300 donation made each of the last two years to help bring newcomers to come our Annual Meeting. Other donations would be gratefully accepted for this scholarship/travel fund, which was first described in *TAD* 31:1, p. 4.

7. Jere Moorman's four proposals (submitted by fax due to travel difficulties) were noted: (a) produce an issue of *TAD* within next year devoted to leadership, business and Polanyi; (b) provide a business and Polanyi presence at the summer seminar of 2005 currently being contemplated; (c) develop a bibliography of books, papers and web sites appropriate to business people interested in Polanyi; (d) develop a group people willing to teach Polanyian ideas to business people.

The meeting adjourned by an act of consensus around 12:30 P.M..

Respectfully,
Martin X. Moleski, S.J.
Secretary

Tradition and Discovery Digital Archives

You can now access new and old issues of *TAD* on-line from the Polanyi Society web page (<http://www.mwsc.edu/orgs/polanyi/>). If you go to the home page, you will find a link to the digital archives that presently includes pdf versions of the last 25 issues of *TAD*. These are the issues from Fall of 1996 through this issue. You can download a full issue or a particular article from the table of contents. Slowly, additional issues will be added to the collection, although it may not be possible to produce good quality pdf versions of early issues of the journal for which there are no electronic files. Presently, the digital archives are password protected but eventually the Society should be able to allow open access to the archives. Members who wish to use the archives can get the password by e-mailing Phil Mullins (mullins@mwsc.edu).

2005 Polanyi Society Annual Meeting Call for Papers

This year's annual meeting of the Polanyi Society will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 18 and 19, 2005. As in past years, our meeting technically will be an "Additional Meeting" held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion and the Society for Biblical Literature. The request to the AAR/SBL for space is pending, but we anticipate again this year being granted both a Friday night session running from 9:00-11:00 p.m. and a Saturday morning session running from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

In 2005, the AAR will highlight thinkers and movements from Central and Eastern Europe (much as last year in San Antonio Latin American contributions were featured). This means there are opportunities to submit proposals for papers on issues related to Polanyi in several of the regular program units (such as philosophy of religion) of the AAR. The AAR call for papers will be available online after January 24, 2005 (<http://www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2005/call/default.asp>). To submit a proposal to an AAR program unit, one must be a member of the AAR/SBL. Some, but not all, of those who attend the Polanyi Society meeting are AAR/SBL members. Nevertheless, this year offers an opportunity to promote a wider appreciation for Polanyi's contributions at the AAR/SBL. It is acceptable to the planning committee for the Polanyi Society's annual meeting program to have persons submit the same proposal to an AAR section and the Polanyi Society so long as it is made clear that this is being done and the acceptance or rejection of the AAR submission are communicated to the Polanyi Society planning committee as soon as this is known. If there are a number of proposals for papers that are submitted to both the AAR and the Polanyi Society, the final decisions about the Polanyi Society program will be delayed until late in the Spring, after AAR program decisions are finalized.

This year is special because of the publication by Oxford University Press (in May) of the long-awaited biography of Polanyi co-authored by the late William Scott and Martin Moleski. A special panel reflecting on Polanyi's life, with special attention devoted to the biography, is being proposed to the AAR for consideration that would be held at an AAR session scheduled at some point between November 19 and 22.

Paper proposals for the Polanyi Society meetings on November 18 and 19 are solicited on *any topic* relevant to our Society's interests. Given the special interest in Central and Eastern Europe this year and the publication of the biography, proposals dealing with the historical development of Polanyi's thought would be especially apropos. Accordingly, this would be an appropriate occasion to focus on Polanyi's scientific work, perhaps exploring how his scientific background influenced his economic, philosophical, or religious thought. One session of the Polanyi Society meeting may be devoted to the biography.

Proposals are ordinarily up to 500 words in length, but full-length papers may also be submitted for consideration. Send them as an e-mail attachment to the address below:

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