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## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this document is to define the policy guiding the development of the Library's collections. Like other collection-intensive research libraries, the Princeton Theological Seminary Library is facing the challenges of adjusting collection development policy and practices to the new digital realities affecting publication, scholarship, and higher education. What direction should updated policy take to address these new realities in the context of limited budget? As models of publication and the scholarly communications system evolve, what collecting strategies will most aid the ongoing resource needs of those who work in the fields of religious and theological study?

This policy provides a set of guidelines for collection development within the framework of the collection's history, direction, proximity to Princeton University collections, and relationship to other regional and national-level collecting efforts. This policy aims to:

- describe the current challenges of research-level collecting
- explain what collection development is and how it is related to strategic directions of the institution
- outline the criteria which inform the Library's selections of content, including types of digital content
- define the scope of collecting support for the academic programs and research of the institution in context with Princeton University collections
- identify the importance of developing preservation policy and strong ongoing funding necessary to fully implement the policy and fulfill the Library's mission.

## **2. INTRODUCTION**

This document formalizes the Collection Development Policy of the Princeton Theological Seminary Library and carries forward the Seminary's continuing commitment to build and preserve collections that serve theological scholarship. The Seminary recognizes that such scholarship has access to a broad range of content at its core and the Library directs its collecting commitments toward increasing the availability and long-term survival of that content.

The Collection Development Policy is intended to govern the development of the Seminary's collections. This third revised and updated edition of the policy continues the thematic focus of previous editions on collections that support quality theological education, the conduct of research, the production of scholarship, and the creation and advancement of knowledge.

Princeton Theological Seminary assigns to the Librarian responsibility for policies governing development and maintenance of its library collections. Faculty review of such policies is ordinarily under the jurisdiction of the Library Committee of the Faculty.

The Library's Collection Development Policy under authority of the Librarian shall be reviewed by the library staff on an annual basis. Any substantial revision of the policy shall be distributed for review to the Library Committee of the Faculty and to such other parties as may be designated. A formal review of the policy shall take place in the year preceding the five years review by Middle States.

The global economic crisis of 2008, with its erosive impact upon endowments and funding, has disrupted opportunities to expand budgets and increase rates of annual acquisition. With the economic context of collection policy now radically changed, the Seminary's collecting challenges range from making the most cost-effective effort to grow a collection in an economy of constraint; incorporating and managing an ever increasing volume of digital content alongside a print collection; enabling the capture and preservation of web-based born digital information; capitalizing on collaborations and partnerships that advance deep collecting; to reckoning in a free-standing discipline-based research library with the growing interdisciplinary character of knowledge and scholarship.

In this environment, re-thinking the collection and its development becomes an important challenge.

The significance of the Collection Development Policy as an instrument of both continuity and change in thinking lies in its being the strategic content planning framework of the institution through which the Library identifies and pursues content priorities that align with the institution and the discipline it represents. This framework will continue to be deeply informed by economic realities, technological shifts, institutional directions and collaborations, all combining to bring continuity, change, and sustainability into sharper focus. Here the fundamental issue in an economy of constraint is the need to simultaneously constrain and grow the collection, making every effort to integrate into the collection all relevant content, regardless of type, format, or source.

With the global scholarly record in theology increasing exponentially, no single theological library can claim to be either comprehensive or self-sufficiently representative of this record, re-enforcing the need to vigorously pursue local, regional, national, and international partnerships and collaborations that ensure persistent access to this record. Here the macro solutions currently receiving attention that aim to further collection development through co-investment across groups of institutions, joint ownership of collections, and shared collecting have the potential to operationally transform the Library.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Macro solutions" is the term currently in use by the Council on Library Information Resources to characterize its focus in the coming years on collaborative projects that re-conceive and solve library problems holistically in a system-wide context. See *Council on Library and Information Resources Annual Report 2009-2010*, Message from the President, p. 4, <http://www.clir.org/pubs/annual/10annrep.pdf>.

The collaborative Cloud Library Project is also relevant here involving the relationship between the HathiTrust, New York University Library, and the Research Collections Access and Preservation Consortium (ReCAP) located in Princeton to determine the feasibility of outsourcing management of low-use print books in academic libraries, including both print and digital

The introduction of policy review and revision at this point in time is meant to engage these issues in the context of the current educational environment.

### 3. CONTEXT

#### 3.1 THE LIBRARY IN ITS WIDER ENVIRONMENT

Collection development in research libraries is in a state of flux. Disruptive technologies, budgetary instability, the cultural transition to the Internet, the dominance of Google, the legacy of print collections, mass digitization, publishing models, copyright restrictions, aggregator practices, repository development, library storage centers, and changing patterns of library use are all having their effect on collecting philosophies and practices. Nearly every national level discussion of the future of research libraries weighs the impact of these factors, assesses the somewhat clouded role of library collections, and advances the critical significance of multi-institutional collaboration, partnerships, and new forms of cooperation in mitigating the risks associated with the changing value of the traditional library.<sup>2</sup>

In the midst of these changes, research libraries are embarking on efforts to manage their legacy print collections more effectively, focus increasingly on uniquely held materials, expand digital content, improve discovery and access, support content delivery to personal reading devices, and engage the intellectual property and open access issues associated with published scholarship.

When attempting to understand the scale and pace of these efforts and the sustainability concerns that now drive research collections, the circumstances at work in the current research library

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repositories. See the report by Constance Malpas, *Cloud-sourcing Research Collections: Managing Print in the Mass-digitized Library Environment*, <http://www.oclc.org/research/publications/library/2011/2011-01.pdf>. Note should also be taken of the Mellon-funded venture between Columbia University Library and Cornell University Library, the "2CUL" initiative to pursue collaborative collection development, acquisitions and processing, including the sharing of staff. See <http://2cul.org>.

<sup>2</sup> See Council on Library Information Resources, *No Brief Candle: Reconceiving Research Libraries for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, 2008, <http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub142/pub142.pdf>; Council on Library and Information Resources, *The Idea of Order: Transforming Research Collections for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship*, June 2010

<http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub142/pub142.pdf>; James Michalko, Constance Malpas, and Arnold Arcolio, *Research Libraries, Risk and Systemic Change*. Report produced by OCLC Research. Published online at: <http://www.oclc.org/research/publications/library/2010/2010-03.pdf>;

"2012 Top Ten Trends in Academic Libraries," *College and Research Libraries News*, 73, 6: 311-320, <http://crln.acrl.org/content/73/6/311.full>

Lynn Silipigni Connaway and Timothy J. Dickey, *The Digital Information Seeker: Report of the Findings from Selected OCLC, RIN, and JISC User Behaviour Projects*, 2010

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/media/documents/publications/reports/2010/digitalinformationseekerreport.pdf>

environment that will likely have far-reaching impact on collections should be carefully evaluated. Here six trends affecting the current situation stand out:

**3.1.1** Global economic conditions will continue to have a strong impact on scholarly publishing, institutional investments, and research library collections. The limits to funding and collection growth resulting from these conditions will have an ongoing moderating effect on the vision and goals of collection development.

**3.1.2** Ongoing rapid and chaotic change associated with the digital environment will continue to influence the expectations and patterns of use that students and faculty bring to library collections.

**3.1.3** The emergence of patron-driven on-demand acquisition that is at the center of much current discussion will influence collection development philosophy and practice in research libraries, with some forecasts projecting it as the future form of collection development.<sup>3</sup>

**3.1.4** The proposed settlement between Google, publishers, and authors regarding the in-copyright books digitized by Google will affect the scale and content of collections available online to any paid subscribing library. The Google settlement will almost certainly also hasten the regionalization of library storage centers and the consolidation of locally held print collections within those centers.

**3.1.5** National efforts to move research-level collecting into multi-institutional contexts will play an increasingly important role in the coming years. Here the HathiTrust and the Digital Public Library of America are perhaps the most important current examples of collection-relevant collaboration. While Google is a well-established commercial entity with high-volume scholarly digital content that will need to be considered for subscription once available, Google is not – as the HathiTrust and the Digital Public Library of America are – a not-for-profit educationally founded repository committed to ensuring the long-term useability of scholarly content over time.

**3.1.6** The production of books and journals will continue to evolve, in both print and digital forms into the foreseeable future and pose ongoing policy issues of priorities, funding, and sustainability for research library collection development.

This shift in the scholarly communications system is properly viewed as greatly amplifying the tension now inherent in library mission and stewardship. Among other things, it places the research library in the destabilized space between two forms of

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<sup>3</sup>See Statement 2 of the 2009 Provocative Statements of the Taiga Forum:  
<http://www.taiga-forum.org>

culture, the print and the digital, with no way forward except to forsake one for the other or carry the financial burden of both, since the one is a legacy and the other is emergent.

While the full impact of these trends on research libraries is not yet apparent, they underline the need for careful strategic thinking about the Library's collection, defined here as all of the multiform content that the Library makes available. These trends also signal the need for an agile organizational culture that supports continuous change and exhibits readiness to respond to emerging opportunities.

### **3.2 MISSION OF THE SEMINARY**

Princeton Theological Seminary offers programs of study leading to the degrees Master of Divinity, Master of Divinity/Master of Arts, Master of Arts, Master of Theology, and Doctor of Philosophy. The focus of the Seminary's work is on the education of men and women for ministry, on the advancement of theological learning, and on preparation for a life of independent scholarship.

### **3.3 MISSION OF THE LIBRARY**

The Princeton Theological Seminary Library provides collections and services in support of teaching, learning, and research in theology. Shaped by two centuries of development, the Library embraces its role at the intersection of the theological record and the community of scholars, continues Princeton's commitment to build collections of depth, and promotes an environment of broad access to the theological heritage.

Taking theology as its primary collecting responsibility, the Library understands theology to be advancing with other arts and sciences through the processes of research, synthesis, and communication that are nourished by the cultural record. To the extent possible, the Library promotes collection and service development that will keep theology in motion, supported and guided by the record of the past and the present.

The Library envisions its future as one of leadership, collaboration, and innovation as it works to strengthen teaching, inspire learning, broaden access, foster research, embrace change, advance knowledge and otherwise shape and participate in the evolving global network.

### **3.4 FUNCTION OF COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND THE PURPOSE OF THE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

Collection development in an academic context has traditionally referred to the process of planning, building, and making accessible a library's collection with the educational purposes and budget of the institution in view. The activities which have traditionally fallen under the rubric of collection development include collection policy and planning; the identification and selection of material to be added to the collection either through ownership or access; the analysis and evaluation of materials within the existing collection, with a view to preservation; and the oversight of the acquisitions program of the library intended to implement collection

development policy. Collection development policy in turn has been viewed as the systematic implementation within the library of the educational philosophy of the institution, assuring that the values expressed in the collection are values commensurate with the institution.

The purpose of the Library's collection development policy is fourfold: 1) to articulate the Library's commitment to collect and preserve the literature of theology; 2) to implement the goal of continued development of a collection of depth which serves the interests and needs of the Seminary; 3) to provide perspective on materials likely to be available in or through the library; and 4) to provide criteria and priorities for action within the Seminary and the Library which will guide those who select, process, interpret, and preserve the collection, as well as those responsible for administration and funding.

### **3.5 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE COLLECTION**

On August 12, 1812, the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America at Princeton, New Jersey opened with the inauguration of Archibald Alexander as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology and the matriculation of three students. Established by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in conversation with the Trustees of the College of New Jersey, following eleven years of intermittent debate and funding effort directed toward increasing the number and quality of candidates for the ministry and improving their theological instruction, the Seminary, like Andover before it, was a response to the educational challenges of the time.<sup>4</sup> These challenges, variously characterized during the debate, centered on the need to bring students, teachers, and books together for purposes of spiritual and scholarly formation. When a plan for the founding and organization of a Theological Seminary reached the floor of the General Assembly in May, 1811, Article VII, calling for "a complete theological Library," came as no surprise.<sup>5</sup> A textually literate ministry was a key issue for advocates of improved theological education in this period and played an important role in the emergence of the seminary movement in the United States.

This theme of textual literacy is deeply embedded in Princeton's history, where the identity of the Seminary was from the very first deeply intertwined with that of an adequate library and where the constant measure of adequacy was the invigorating presence of texts. Indeed, a very substantial part of Princeton's institutional history, deriving in part from its Library, has been its pursuit of and contribution to the text-based culture of theology.

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<sup>4</sup> The question of improvement in the piety and learning of candidates for the ministry was first raised in the General Assembly on May 23, 1799, and recurred intermittently throughout the following decade, leading to the Assembly's decision of May 30, 1810, to establish a seminary. See *Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America From Its Organization A.D. 1789 to A.D. 1820 Inclusive* (Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication, 1847).

<sup>5</sup> It should be noted that Article VII, along with Article IX, "Of the Theological Academy," was held over to succeeding Assemblies, not approved, and only after some passage of time did the Seminary receive authorization to print the section on the library in the plan itself.

Within less than two months of the opening of the Seminary, its founders and advocates, who clearly had high aspirations for the library collection, had begun their efforts to build the collection. When the Board of Directors met in Princeton on the afternoon of October 1, 1812, a committee of three consisting of Ashbel Green, Samuel Miller, and Samuel Bayard was appointed to procure books for the Seminary, with the provision that expenditures not exceed \$100.<sup>6</sup> As the Directors gathered in Princeton on May 18, 1813, their book committee reported the purchase, within budget, of three titles at an expenditure of \$77.49: six copies of James P. Wilson's *An Easy Introduction to the Knowledge of the Hebrew Language*; two copies of John Parkhurst's *An Hebrew and English Lexicon Without Points*; and two copies of a Hebrew Bible. The Directors themselves were urged and expected to actively seek donations of books and while, by the May 1814 meeting, no additional books had been purchased, the Directors had done their work of collecting about 250 gift volumes.

Princeton Theological Seminary entered the nation's educational roster two hundred years ago and is today a leading international center of theological inquiry. Its library collections are now a key part of the world's research infrastructure, with holdings of more than 1,200,000 bound volumes, pamphlets, and microforms.

## **4. POLICY**

### **4.1 GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT**

The framework guiding the Library's collection development will evolve with the institution over time, responding to internal changes in program as well as changes in the current environment. The work of reforming the M.Div. curriculum and of re-envisioning the Ph.D. program that is called for in the Bicentennial Strategic Plan (<http://ptsem.edu/strategicplan/>) could well result in changes affecting the collection. Looking ahead, the Library will re-direct its collecting efforts as required by the institution, seek to learn from developments affecting the research collection landscape, absorb their impact in positive redirections, as well as continue to build on its successful collecting record. This record includes the fact that the Princeton Theological Seminary Library is one of a very few theological libraries in the world that continue to collect deeply from most areas of the world, contributing to the emerging global framework of collections.

At the same time, as current developments indicate, research libraries that have been shaped by documentary consciousness and have striven to build collections of record will be required by declining budgets and shifting priorities to turn to the building of use-driven collections in some clearly defined areas of the published record. This turn away from intense collecting of the record will, paradoxically, infuse structures and acts of multi-institutional collaboration with new energy and importance as research libraries struggle to meet their responsibilities for content and access.

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<sup>6</sup> Princeton Theological Seminary, *Minutes of the Board of Directors*, October 1, 1812; May, 1813; May 1814.

This richly ambiguous and exceptionally fluid environment that confronts the Library now as a localized instance of the research library calls for a policy framework in which, in broad principle, the Library will:

- Continue its collecting support of the instructional, teaching, and research needs of students and faculty.
- Continue the processes of development that move through the intersection of the core literature that supports the course of study, the published scholarly record critical to research, and documentary and web-based materials that encompass all relevant forms of cultural expression, achieving and maintaining appropriate levels of selection among all these materials.
- Develop a world-class collection that supports the mission of Princeton Theological Seminary and enhances its visibility as a global venue for theological inquiry.
- Explore the model of shared collections and shared collection development that may be possible with regional or cross-regional libraries.
- Continue to embrace as much multicultural and multinational content as funds permit.
- Implement a content strategy aimed at integrated cohesive delivery of that content and metadata.
- Shape selected areas of the collection based upon more rigorous analysis of need and use including attention to the holdings of Princeton University and other regional libraries.
- Continue investment in building Special Collections (rare book, manuscript, archive acquisition).
- Maximize the opportunity to work with the Internet Archive and the Digital Public Library of America in the creation and delivery of digital collections.
- Partner with the HathiTrust to provide trusted repository services for digital collections.
- Encourage a system-wide view of collections locally, regionally, nationally.
- Continue to explore with Princeton University Library and the Institute for Advanced Study modes of collaboration expected to lead to a pioneering new shared collections and services model for religion and theology collections in Princeton.
- Work with major research libraries everywhere in behalf of policies, practices and initiatives that support open access to published scholarship.

At its simplest, these principles move the Collection Development Policy in the direction of decisions that retain and re-enforce deep collecting at the core of library functions while recognizing existing constraints.

#### **4.2 GENERAL CONTENT OF THE COLLECTION**

The Library's collection development policy is designed primarily to provide the resources necessary for support of the instructional and research programs of Princeton Theological Seminary taken in conjunction with access and distributed collecting reciprocity with Princeton

University.<sup>7</sup> The Library's collection also supports the larger Princeton community and those scholars and researchers around the world interested in theology.

The kind of material collected and maintained spans the range of the varied forms of publication, transcription, and media in which religious knowledge is recorded. Such material may include the following:

- Books (print and digital)
- Journals (print and digital)
- Continuations (monographic series, irregular series)
- Microforms
- Theses and Dissertations
- Special Collections of Primary Source Materials
- Pamphlets
- Technical Reports
- Media
- Maps and Atlases
- Computerized Databases and other Commercially Produced Digital Resources
- Openly Available Born Digital Web-Based Materials
- Objects of Material Culture including Epigraphic Remains

While no theological library can any longer realistically aspire to comprehensive coverage of the Christian world in all of these forms, the Princeton Theological Seminary Library nonetheless collects broadly and in depth in areas of its traditional strength. Priorities in resource allocation recognize the balance that must exist in the development of the collection to adequately support current programs and directions of the Seminary while, at the same time, subject areas of outstanding historical strength are maintained in quality.

Sometimes requests are made for additions to the collection in areas where the purchase of materials cannot be justified because they are out of scope. At such times, the Seminary must depend upon the depth of resources of other institutions, resources available locally or through interlibrary loan. This interdependency and reliance in sharing of resources is a matter of intentional reciprocity. For policy purposes, the primary reciprocal relationship is with Princeton University. Secondary relationships exist with the libraries of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association (SEPTLA) and the New York Area Theological Library Association (NYATLA).

The cross-disciplinary work that characterizes the Seminary's programs of instruction and research places the Library's collection in a framework of interdependency, particularly with the Princeton University Library, that is only re-enforced as time goes on.

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<sup>7</sup> The Princeton University Library maintains its collections in a number of different physical locations which are identified in Appendix 1.

Within the context of this reciprocity, the Library is intent on building a collection of distinction. A collection of distinction may be defined as one whose breadth and depth of resource far surpasses the basic quality necessary to support any part of an institution's educational program. The goal of the collecting policy is to direct awareness and energy toward building such collections by simultaneously narrowing and intensifying the scope of what is collected, particularly through collaboration with Princeton University, the Institute for Advanced Study and other theological libraries. The Seminary's Latin American collection, a nationally recognized collection of depth, is a good example of this concerted collaborative effort in which the Seminary's collecting focus is on Latin American theology and the church, with the University focusing on human rights and social issues.

The Seminary's intent is to affirm responsible stewardship of resources, reduce unnecessary duplication, and increase access to a wider range of materials.

The Seminary also recognizes collecting directions at other institutions beyond Princeton which it does not seek to duplicate at the research or comprehensive levels: for example, the collection of the literature of new religious movements of the twentieth century at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley; the retrospective missiology collections at Columbia University/Union Theological Seminary and Yale University; archival collecting of Presbyterian materials at the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia; and the collection of the translation of Calvin into the languages of the world at Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids.

#### **4.3 LEVELS OF COLLECTING**

The Library's collection development policy, following standard guidelines of the American Library Association that are common to research libraries, prescribes six different levels defining the scope and strength of collections being developed in specific subject areas:

- 0: Out of scope. The library does not collect in this area.
- 1: Minimal Level. A subject area in which few selections are made.
- 2: Basic Information Level. A collection of up-to-date general materials intended to provide a basic understanding of the subject. Such a collection may consist of a dictionary, encyclopedia, handbook, and selected texts not sufficiently intensive to support any courses in the subject.
- 3: Instructional Support Level. A collection which is adequate to support professional or graduate instruction as required, usually consisting of major reference tools, the most important monographs, and some of the outstanding journals in the field.
- 4: Research Level. A collection which includes the major source material required for independent research. It includes all basic reference works, a wide selection of monographs, an extensive collection of journals, indexing and abstracting tools in the field, and may include unique or unpublished materials.

5: Comprehensive or Exhaustive Level. A collection which endeavors, so far as is reasonably possible, to include everything, published or unpublished, on the subject, and in all languages.

In addition to these collecting level codes, this policy also employs language codes to further specify the scope of collecting in specific subject areas:

E: English language material predominates with little or no foreign language material collected.

F: Selected foreign language material included, primarily Western European, in addition to English language material.

W: Wide inclusion of foreign language material, in addition to English language material.

To gain a better understanding of these codes, it is useful to recall their origin and intent. These codes – the combination of a numerical value with a language suffix to indicate the depth and linguistic range of a collection – originated with the Research Libraries Group (RLG) in 1982 when the RLG Conspectus was developed to advance collaborative collection development and resource sharing. As a library consortium, RLG was interested in a framework for collecting activity that would provide some reliable measure of levels of subject coverage in member libraries as a basis for identifying collection strengths and weaknesses, reducing duplication, and distributing collecting responsibilities. The RLG Conspectus, with its descriptive collection levels associated with Library of Congress subjects, served this purpose. Its codes were not designed to signify rates of acquisition or growth or to allocate or measure expenditure but to define and assess the holdings of member libraries. It quickly became a widely used tool not only for assessment but for the formulation of collection development policy and its usefulness may still be seen in the collection development policies of many research libraries.

#### **4.4 COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES**

The Library's collection development policy recognizes priorities for the building of the collection. The Seminary, as an institution in the Christian tradition, takes primary collecting responsibility for the literature of this tradition, with focus centered on content arising out of Christian life and thought. While the formative texts of other religious traditions are not ignored, they are not collected to the depth of Christian literature. The Library assumes special collecting responsibility for representations of this literature in the Presbyterian and Reformed traditions from the Seminary's history was formed.

The Library also collects reference materials and important monographs and journals in support of the instructional program of the Seminary and provides, as well, a minimal level of resources for students in selected areas where basic information is required. These priorities correspond to levels 3 and 1 mentioned above.

Corresponding to collecting level 4, the Library acquires materials necessary to sustain a research collection for fields in which the Seminary offers advanced research. The priority here at level 4 is on intensive collecting of primary resources in the original languages and in English translation, supported by an extensive array of secondary literature, both books and journals, as well as specialized works of reference. Intensive collecting at this level allows historic strengths within the collection to continue under development although not particularly required by the Seminary's course of study at the present time. It also provides the basis for the Library's emphasis upon intensive collecting in selected areas of Reformed research such as those represented in the life and work of Karl Barth and Abraham Kuyper.

#### **4.5 SELECTION CRITERIA**

The identification and selection of materials to be added to the collections involve at least ten criteria that regularly inform the process:

- whether the item falls within scope of the collection as defined by collection development policy
- whether the item contributes to improved strengthening of the collections in view of the Seminary's mission and programs and in view of the history of the collection
- whether the item bears on formation for ministry
- whether the item is of useful research value to theological fields of study at the Seminary
- the character of the work as a primary or secondary text and the relation of the work to the textual corpus of the field and to scholarship in the field
- importance of the work as a standard, critical, collected, revised, or variant edition of the text
- the permanence of the work in terms of format and the ongoing costs of access
- the relation of the work to documenting the record of Christian life and thought
- the appropriateness of the work to the Seminary's defined levels of collecting (minimal, basic, instructional, research, comprehensive): what is the subject?; who is the author?; at what level is the work written?; is the work a general or specialized work of reference?; is the work originating from a publisher of established reputation; is the work duplicated at Princeton University?; does the work represent a category of material not being collected by other theological libraries and therefore at risk of neglect?; is the work a translation—if so, does the library hold the original?; is the work a translation from one foreign language into another foreign language—if so, does it contain editorial commentary or critical apparatus?; what is the cost?
- the nature of the material as born-digital and important to capture and preserve for future generations.

## 4.6 COURSES OF STUDY AND THE COLLECTION

### 4.6.1 BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Biblical Studies Department at Princeton Seminary, according to the 2012-2013 catalogue, numbers six professors, four associate professors and one assistant professor. There are seventy-two courses, including eight seminars, and two cross-listed courses with Theology. These courses deal with the interpretation and exegesis of the Old and New Testaments in their historical and cultural context. There is focus on the Hebrew and Greek languages and on the related Semitic languages of Akkadian, Ammonite, Aramaic, Syriac, Moabite, Phoenician and Ugaritic. The archaeology and epigraphy of the ancient Near East is important to the work of the Department, including Egyptology and papyrology, as is early Judaic thought and literature, Hellenistic-Roman philosophy and religion, and postmodern developments. Instruction is provided from the basic professional degree up through the Ph.D. Students may receive a Ph.D. with specialization in the Old Testament or New Testament.

In describing the collection which serves the Biblical Studies Department, it is important to recognize that the development of an extensive biblical collection has long been of first priority to the Seminary, beginning with those first three titles purchased in the first academic year, as already noted. Among the most prized materials on which this area builds are the 1476 printing of the Psalms commentary of the Spanish Dominican member of the Councils of Basel and Florence, Juan de Torquemada's *Expositio Psalterii*; the *Postilla* commentary of the French Franciscan exegete, Nicholas of Lyra, in a 1485 Latin Bible printing; and the 1516 edition of the *Novum Instrumentu Omne* of Erasmus. There are also other treasures, including Erasmus Schmid's ground-breaking *Concordantiae* of 1638, Johann Buxtorf's *Lexicon chaldaicum* of 1639, and the important piece of the progenitor of modern Semitic studies, Albert Schultens, *Institutiones ad fundamenta linguae Hebraeae*. Among the many other valued works in the collection serving biblical studies, the close to 3,000 Akkadian clay tablets acquired in 1907 and 1915 are particularly noteworthy, with works of Assyriology having been important to the library since at least 1874 when twenty volumes were given by Robert L. Kennedy.

Other printed rare works recently added that bear on the history of biblical interpretation in the sixteenth century include the *Liber Psalmorum Davidis* of 1546, containing the Latin translations of the Old Testament by Leo Jud, friend of Zwingli, and the notes of Francois Vatable, one of the first Christian Hebraists of Europe and Hebrew teacher of Calvin. From the Reformed tradition, the *In Sacrosanctum Davidis Psalterium* of Wolfgang Musculus in 1551 has been added as well as Calvin's *In Librum Psalmorum* of 1557. The 1584 *Commentarii in Omnes D. Pauli Apostoli Epistolas* of Andreas Hyperius is also now represented in the collection.

Microform holdings which supplement these works include *Early Printed Bibles* and *Critical Editions of the New Testament*. Web-based digital resources include *Old*

*Testament Abstracts, New Testament Abstracts, ATLA Religion Database, and the Vetus Latina Bible Versions of the Latin Fathers*, in addition to selected online journals. More recent digital additions include the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* and *Oxford Biblical Studies Online*.

The biblical studies collection extends over numerous editions and versions of the biblical text in a wide variety of languages, supported by general and special bibliographies, dictionaries, encyclopedias, concordances, lexicons, grammars, introductions, commentaries, critical studies, journals, and databases. Additional supporting material is found throughout the collection in Judaica, the archaeology, language, and literature of the ancient Near East, and Egyptological and Hellenistic-Roman material.<sup>8</sup>

Materials in Bible are collected at the research level, with emphasis upon editions and versions of texts, exegesis, hermeneutics, and critical studies. Other materials cover the Essenes, Dead Sea Scrolls, Ebla, and related matters. Editions of pre-rabbinic and early rabbinic literature are emphasized.<sup>9</sup> Nag Hammadi texts and studies, important for both biblical and church historical study, are aggressively pursued. Research materials in Egyptology are selectively acquired as are Greco-Roman materials important for the understanding of first century Christianity. Other ancient Near Eastern materials are also selectively acquired, with emphasis on inscriptions and archaeological site reports from Palestine, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq.

Changing instructional and research emphases in biblical studies require particular care to ensure that the collection is keeping pace with these directions. Current emphases, for example, on geographical, ecological, literary, feminist, postmodern, Jewish, Islamic aspects of interpretation are taken into account in the collection although many works of research value must be left to the Princeton University Library.

There are some lacunae in the biblical studies collection, including some texts from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries important in the study of the rise of biblical criticism and the history of the biblical theology movement. Ammon's *Entwurf einer*

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<sup>8</sup> It is a curiosity in the history of the collection that many valuable biblical and theological materials in the personal libraries of James H. Lenox and R. L. Stuart, both supporters and directors of the Seminary and avid book collectors, came not to the Seminary but ended up forming the nucleus of the religion collection at the New York Public Library, including the first Gutenberg Bible to come to the United States, purchased by Lenox in 1847. See Henry Stevens, *Recollections of Mr. James Lenox of New York and the Foundations of His Library* (London: Henry Stevens, 1886) and Sam Williams, *Guide to the Research Collections of the New York Public Library* (Chicago: American Library Association, 1975), pp. 48, 56-57, 76.

<sup>9</sup> Judaica collecting at the research level in the Princeton Theological Seminary Library is selective. Judaica research collections at Princeton University and Jewish Theological Seminary should be consulted.

*reiner Biblischen Theologie* of 1792 and Zachariae's *Biblische Theologie* of 1780 are two examples. Some European biblical literature that was difficult to acquire during the two world wars is also missing. The literature of biblical studies in Eastern Europe, Asia, and Africa is not as well covered as Western Europe. The materials representing Near Eastern backgrounds of the Old Testament also have noticeable gaps.

#### **4.6.2 HISTORY**

The Seminary's Department of History covers the fields of Church History, and Mission, Ecumenics, and the History of Religions. In 2012-2013,, the faculty includes five professors and four associate professors. Fifty-four courses are listed for the Department during this period, including seven Ph.D. seminars. Instruction goes from the basic professional degree up through the Ph.D. Students may receive a Ph.D. in Church History and History of Doctrine, and in Mission, Ecumenics, and the History of Religions.

The Department's instructional and research interests, as reflected in its course of study, center on the development of critical historical as well as social scientific methodologies; the life, thought, and worship of the Church in the early, medieval, and modern periods; women in the Church; African-American religious history; the sociology of religion and the relation of church, state, and society; the study of world religions with particular focus on the non-Western religions of Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam; and the world mission of the Church. The history and theology of Christian missions and the history and theology of Ecumenics are also subsumed under History and are approached through the Department's program in Mission, Ecumenics, and the History of Religions. The study of Christianity in Africa and Asia is also central to the Department's work as is that of Latin America.

Included in the holdings supporting the work of the History Department are specimens of incunabula such as Jerome's *Epistulae* in a 1480 printing; an Italian humanist's history of the popes printed in 1485, Bartolomeo Platina's *Vita Pontificum*; and two Roman liturgical books from 1497, the *Breviarium Traiectense* and the *Pontificale Romanum*. Other rarities include early, and in some cases, first editions of the works of Bucer, Calvin, Melancthon, Osiander, and Reformed leaders such as Jean Turretini, Jean Daille, and Moise Amyraut.

Relevant recent rare additions to the collection include Heinrich Bullinger's *Sermonum Decades Duae* of 1549 and his 1545 treatise on the eucharist, *Warhaffte Bekantnuz der diener der Kirchen Zurich* ; Johann Heinrich Heidegger's *Dissertationum Selectorum* of 1673; Martin Bucer's *Grund und Ursach* of 1524; and Melancthon's *Alle Handlungen die Religion* of 1542.

Patristic and medieval studies are able to draw upon important textual collections such as Migne's *Patrologia* given by Levi P. Stone in 1878 and the *Acta Sanctorum*, received

from R. L. Stuart in 1880 - both available in print and digital format - , supplemented now by other critical edition collections currently in publication such as the *Corpus Christianorum* and its digital version available in the *Library of Latin Texts*.<sup>10</sup> A small collection of fifty Syriac manuscripts received in 1931 also supplements textual sources for the study of the eastern church. The 2,400 volumes of Puritan material received by gift in 1885 provide a rich textual base for the study of Puritanism. The study of theological controversies affecting English and American Christianity such as baptism and Unitarianism have several extensive pamphlet collections to draw upon, all recently enhanced by the addition of the private collection of James R. Tanis on the Great Awakening.

Historical and practical theological studies concerned with Christian liturgy and the role of church music are able to draw upon print sources in the Benson Collection of Hymnals and Hymnology, with some of these sources coming online at <http://www.hymnary.org>. in the digitization collaboration between Calvin College under the terms of their National Endowment from the Humanities grant and the Princeton Theological Seminary Library.

Joint collaboration with the Princeton University Library in September 2010 resulted in a jointly funded dual-institution agreement with Edwin Rauner Verlag for subscription access to several databases supporting historical and hymnological studies:

Analecta hymnica [http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/crophius/ah\\_ado\\_full.asp](http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/crophius/ah_ado_full.asp)

Analecta carminum [http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/ancarm/ancarm\\_union.asp](http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/ancarm/ancarm_union.asp)

Chevalier: Repertorium hymnologicum

[http://webserver.erwinrauner.de/chevalier/chevalier\\_suche.asp](http://webserver.erwinrauner.de/chevalier/chevalier_suche.asp)

Krämer: Scriptorum possessoresque codicum

[http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/scriptposs/script\\_nom.asp](http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/scriptposs/script_nom.asp)

Krämer: Bibliothecae codicum [http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/biblcod/bc01\\_nom.php](http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/biblcod/bc01_nom.php)

Petrarcae codices Latini [http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/wwwroot/clm\\_default.htm#Petrarcae](http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/wwwroot/clm_default.htm#Petrarcae) codices Latini

Bibliotheca scriptorum Latinorum <http://webserver.erwin-rauner.de/Oudinus-Seiten/oudinus.asp>

Research from a sociological as well as theological perspective on the churches and the broader societies of Latin America is supported by the extensive collection of theological sources in Spanish and Portuguese that include the important microform resource, *The*

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<sup>10</sup> Library development of patristic sources was adversely affected historically by the withdrawal of a collection of 2,438 volumes in 1838, described by Archibald Alexander as containing most of the writings of the Fathers. This collection, transferred to the Seminary in 1822 by the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church and named the Mason Library in 1823 after John M. Mason, was the subject of property claim proceedings brought by the Associate Reformed Synod of New York in 1831, with the collection lost to Princeton in 1838. See *Minutes of the Board of Directors*, 1822, 1823, 1831-1838. Glenn T. Miller's statement, in his *Piety and Intellect* (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1990), p. 100 that Mason's library "was later the core of Princeton Seminary's library" requires qualification.

*History of Religiosity in Latin America*, generally known as the CIDOC Collection, supplemented by the Latin American collection at Princeton University Library. The recently acquired microform collection, *Early Printed Books on Religion from Colonial Spanish America*, is also a useful departmental resource.

The literature of the ecumenical movement and major agencies such as the World Council of Churches is well covered. The history of Christian missions has historically been more selectively covered at Princeton. Specific areas of mission literature such as documents and papers of various mission boards and agencies, urban industrial missions, agricultural missions, and medical missions are selectively present in the holdings but are not as extensively covered as at Yale University and the retrospective missions collection of Union Theological Seminary now held by Columbia University.

Current collecting strength in missions and ecumenics has been enhanced by the acquisition of several large microform collections such as the *International Missionary Council Archives*; the *Council for World Mission Archives*; *Papers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions*; *China Inland Mission, 1865-1951*; the *Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of Foreign Missions Correspondence and Reports*; the *Church Missionary Society Archives*; and *Dialogue with People of Living Faiths*.

Religions of the Orient that are the particular focus of the course of study -- Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam -- are represented by a modest working collection of texts, primarily in translation, supported by some research-level materials. The collection itself, however, cannot be characterized at the research level, given the vast textual base internal to each of these religious traditions.<sup>11</sup>

Library support for Islamic study at Princeton Theological Seminary deserves particular comment in the context of the shaping of the curriculum, the international prominence of Islam, the growth of Muslim communities in the United States, the importance of interfaith understanding, and the Seminary's proximity to the Islamic collection at Princeton University.

While missionary instruction was first introduced with the curriculum of 1836-1837, courses of instruction under the rubric of History of Religion and Christian Missions first appeared in the curriculum of 1914-1915, with the first course on Islam introduced in 1923-1924.<sup>12</sup> Separate courses on Islam have continued intermittently as the curriculum

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<sup>11</sup> Research level collections in these religious traditions may be found at the Firestone and Gest Oriental Libraries, Princeton University (Islam); Columbia University; Cornell University (Buddhism, Taoism); Yale University; Harvard University; University of Michigan (Buddhism, Islam); University of Pennsylvania (Hinduism).

<sup>12</sup> *Catalogue of the Officers and Students of the Theological Seminary, at Princeton, New Jersey 1836-1837* (Princeton: Printed by John Bogart), p.11; *Catalogue of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at*

has evolved. This positive recognition of a place for Islam, as well as for other religious traditions of the world, in the curriculum has shaped a working collection focused on the Qur'an, Islamic theology, Muslim religious practice, and the religious and theological dimensions of Christian-Muslim relations.

Historically, Islamic collecting at the intensive comprehensive level in Princeton has proceeded, as it does today, under the aegis of the Near Eastern Studies Collections Program of the Princeton University Library. With the University Library as the primary location for Islamic research, the Seminary Library acquires materials selectively in support of instruction and comparative theological study.

The Library collects at the research level in the fields of church history, history of doctrine, worship, mission and ecumenics and acquires selective research materials in the history of religions.

Individual, collected, and critical editions of texts by major and minor figures in the history of Christianity are included, together with biographies, bibliographies, secondary critical studies, and intensive coverage of periods, movements, ideas, and institutions in Christian context. Works representative of continuing historical interests in Coptic, Syriac, African, Asian, and American Christianity, the English and Scottish churches, and popular religious culture and devotion are collected at research level. The visual arts including Christian art and architecture have historically been more selectively covered, although the cross-disciplinary work implicit in the courses of study requires more focused attention on this field, including the modern period.

While the denominational focus of the church in the United States and Canada is at the research level, with increasing attention to local and regional church histories and materials related to churches in the state of New Jersey, the Library does not attempt to replicate the exhaustive documentary collecting occurring in varied denominational or ecclesiastical archives.

Digital resources bearing on the work of the Department include the *Corpus Augustinianum Gissense*; *The Works of Saint Augustine*; *The Collected Works of Saint Thomas Aquinas*; the *Thomas Aquinatis Opera Omnia*; *Luther's Werke*; *The Digital Library of Classic Protestant Texts*; *The Digital Library of the Catholic Reformation*; ; the *Archive of Americana*; the *World Christian Database*; the *World Religion Database*; and the *Oxford African American Studies Center* database.

Non-print media in the collection are also of assistance to the Department's work. The Cambridge Educational video series on *World Religions* and the Films for the Humanities video series, *Two Thousand Years: The History of Christianity* are good examples.

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Princeton, N.J. *One Hundred and Third Year 1914-1915*, pp. 41-42; *Catalogue of The Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Princeton, N.J. 1923-1924 One Hundred and Twelfth Year*, p. 48.

Lacunae in the historical collection include textual sources important to the study of Christian liturgy, especially liturgical texts from various denominations and Christian groups, as well as documentation covering the history of Protestant groups in countries such as England, France, Switzerland, and others.

Historical work is crucially dependent upon an extensive array of source documents. Some of this material, where held, is in poor physical condition, requiring replacement. While some microform collections dealing with the eighteenth century have been acquired, such as the *French Protestant Church Archives*, other sources such as the large *Eighteenth Century Collections Online* remain to be acquired.

The Library has been seeking to improve its holdings of primary sources related to eastern Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Africa and, in particular, Presbyterian and Reformed sources worldwide.

#### **4.6.3 THEOLOGY**

The Theology Department incorporates the fields of Philosophy and Theology, History of Doctrine, Systematic Theology, and Christian Ethics. Eight professors and two associate professors constitute the Department, with seventy-two course offerings listed in the 2012-2013 catalogue, including eleven seminars and four cross-listed courses.. Instruction is offered from the basic professional degree up through the Ph.D. Students may receive the Ph.D. in Systematic Theology; Philosophy and Theology; History of Doctrine; and Christian Ethics.

The teaching and research interests of the Department have a broad interdisciplinary range, extending not only over philosophy, theology, and Christian Ethics, but also into areas of science, economics, black studies, literary theory, cultural hermeneutics, ethnicity, racism, moral action, religion in the public forum, public policy, women's studies, cultural anthropology, and medical ethics.

Philosophical and ethical materials for the Western tradition represent a particularly good working collection, supplemented by Princeton University's intensive research level collecting in philosophy. Texts of individual philosophers and schools of philosophy are represented, in some cases both in the original language and in English translation. Ethical literature in other specialized dimensions -- business ethics, bio-ethics, medical ethics -- is at a basic working level.

While, for purposes of this policy, the Library of Congress classification of the literature of ethics does not observe all of the subtleties of the discipline, the Library has acquired and will continue to acquire materials that fall under the broad scope of ethics, including the history of ethics; moral philosophy and its history; social, religious, and Christian ethics.

Works in the philosophy of science as in other areas such as literary theory, cultural anthropology, economics, black studies, women's studies, and public policy are acquired selectively. Materials of a specifically religious or theological nature in any of these areas are collected at the research level.

With the introduction of aesthetics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of the arts, Scottish philosophy, political philosophy, and an international relations component of ethics in the Department's range of concerns, the Library will acquire selected materials in these areas, recognizing that research-level depth in the subject-matter is represented at Princeton University.

Textual sources in the systematic tradition of theology are at the research level, with a heavy emphasis upon primary as well as secondary texts. Important systematic works in the collection include a 1468 printing of the *Liber sententiarum* of Peter Lombard and a 1499 piece of late medieval polemics, the *Pharetra fidei catholici*. Holdings of the major systematic statements from the earliest to the contemporary period are extensive.

Sources important to the Theology Department for the study of the history of Christian doctrine are concentrated across both the historical and doctrinal sections of the collection in the patristic, medieval, reformation, and modern periods. Textual collections referred to above under the History Department, including Reformed and Puritan materials, are a critical locus of research also for Theology and new editions of classical texts are acquired in support of such research. Microform resources referred to above under History also serve textual work in Theology, supplemented by digital works that, beyond those already mentioned, include Anselm's *Opera Omnia*; Barth's *Kirchliche Dogmatik*; the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; *Cambridge Companions to Philosophy, Religion and Culture*; *Oxford Scholarship Online: Philosophy and Religion*; *Philosopher's Index*; *Index of Christian Art*; and the third edition of *Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*.

As a major Reformed center for teaching and research, the Library's continuing priority is to maintain and enhance the strength of its collections of primary texts supporting research in the history of Christian doctrine and enabling, specifically, a deeper understanding of the Reformed contribution to the life and thought of the church. The specialized collecting focus on Barth and Kuyper, discussed below under Special Collections, is a concrete instance of this effort.

Any policy consideration of lacunae in the collection supporting the work of the Theology Department would need to weigh the extent to which certain bodies of literature undeveloped in both the book and journal collection now require more extensive focus. Philosophy of science, business ethics, bio-ethics, and medical ethics are among these categories as are those areas recently introduced into the course of study under Philosophy. Original texts representing the Eastern Orthodox tradition in doctrinal

theology are not as prominent as the ecumenical conversation might require nor is the systematic literature of Eastern Europe, Asia, or Africa sufficiently extensive.

The hemispheric shift of Christianity to the South which has been highlighted in the Seminary's *Bicentennial Strategic Plan* implies more rather than less broad-based concern for collecting theological literature in the vernacular languages from those areas of the world where Christianity is actively engaged and growing. This is also the case with materials from those geographical areas of the world where the Seminary has a noticeable history of involvement. While the Library does not have a strong cohesive history of the rigorous collecting of such literature in the vernacular languages from the Asian, African, and Pacific churches, it has been intensifying its efforts to collect such materials since at least 1968, focusing particularly on materials in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean.

#### **4.6.4 PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

The Department of Practical Theology encompasses the instructional areas of Education and Formation; Pastoral Care and Specialized Ministries; and Preaching, Speech Communication in Ministry, and Worship. Faculty in the department, in 2012-2013, include six professors, three associate professors, and three assistant professors.. Seventy-five courses are listed as offered by the Department, including sixteen Ph.D. seminars. Instruction goes from the basic professional degree to the Ph.D. Students may receive a Ph.D. in Christian Education ; Pastoral Theology; and Homiletics.

Field education and denominational polity are also offered, with denominational history, theology, and polity encompassing five courses.

It is clear from the course descriptions that the faculty works extensively in a wide range of fields that call upon an extensive body of literature: not only the traditional theological areas associated with Christian formation, congregational ministry, preaching, pastoral care, and the history of practical theology but also the areas of communication, rhetoric, hermeneutics, and text performance theory; educational research, philosophy of education, multicultural education and religious experience, and curriculum theory; psychology and psychology of religion; schools of psychotherapy; liturgy and hymnody; health care; gender; family, children, and youth issues.

Holdings for major figures and texts in psychology supporting the work of the Department represent a good working collection for instruction and include the works of Freud, Jung, Adler, Kohut, Rogers, Winnicott, Erikson, and Piaget. Philosophy of education literature, communications literature, and other social science materials are selectively acquired. Key texts representing the psychology of religion and the literature of pastoral care and counseling are collected at the research level, although specialized psychiatric literature is acquired only on faculty recommendation. An exception to this,

of course, is the so-called “connective and” literature: “psychiatry and religion,” “medicine and religion,” “health care and the church.”

None of the provisions of this policy preclude the selective acquisition of interdisciplinary publications falling outside Practical Theology proper, in cognate fields of import to teaching and research. Publications of research value in many diverse fields that undergird and extend the Department's work may be selectively acquired. These fields include feminist and gender studies, curriculum and educational theory, psychoanalytic schools of thought and psychology in its nonclinical aspects, communication and rhetoric, management theory, bioethics, medical ethics, gerontology, health care, and other areas. What the policy affirms with selective acquisition is an acknowledgment that the Seminary does not take primary responsibility for intensive research-level collecting of these non-theological areas of concentration, many of which are intensively collected at Princeton University.

The literature of practical theology -- the office and work of ministry, congregational life, mission and evangelism, homiletics and preaching, worship and hymnody – is at research level, with textual resources heavily on the side of the English language. Some rare items constitute an exception: Francois Turretini's *Recueil de Sermons* of 1687 is now represented in the collection, one hundred and fifty four years after James Waddell Alexander lamented being unable to locate a copy of the sermons. The 1695 *Sermons sur les Sections du Catechisme des Eglises Reformees de France* of Alexander More, the noted but controversial preacher of the French Reformed Church, is also among recent additions to the collection.

Collections of eighteenth and nineteenth century sermons, including those in the Sprague Collection, are an important part of these resources. Useful digital tools available for the study of sermons include the *Repertorium der lateinischen Sermons des Mittelalters*; *The Sermons of Martin Luther*; and *The Words of Gardner Taylor*, supplemented by the video series, *Great Preachers*.

Digital resources important to the Department's work include *Ministry Matters*, *Research in Ministry* and the *Oxford African American Studies Center*.

There is one rarity in the Library's holdings of particular importance to Practical Theology which should not be forgotten. That is the 1477 printing of the work of Antoninus, Archbishop of Florence, the *Summa theologica*, which has been characterized as the most comprehensive, if not the first, treatment of practical theology in the Middle Ages. What is perhaps the most important work on homiletics to come out of sixteenth century Protestantism, the 1553 *De Formandis Concionibus Sacris* of Andreas Hyperius is held by the Library in the *Reformed Protestantism* microform collection.

The Charles G. Reigner Christian Education Collection discussed below (p.31) provides material in support particularly of Christian education at the congregational level.

There are at least two noticeable lacunae in the practical theology collection. The first is the literature of Christian devotion, which is not collected to the extent that it might be, given the importance of this literature in documenting the shape and structure of the Christian life in any given period. The second is sermonic literature which, despite selective coverage, has tended to be discounted and neglected. This neglect is somewhat difficult to rationalize in the presence of the integral relationship between theology and preaching.

#### **4.6.5 RELIGION AND SOCIETY PROGRAM**

Religion and Society is an interdisciplinary program involving faculty from the Departments of History and Theology providing instruction from the basic professional degree up through the Ph.D.

The collection supporting the Religion and Society Program draws particularly on materials in history, theology, ethics, and the social sciences in order to focus on the social and cultural aspects of religious history, experience, and theology. Works of social theory bearing on religion and theology are spread across several sections of the collection, based on Library of Congress practice. Works in Christian sociology that emphasize Christian social theory and the sociological analyses of particular denominations are also represented as are materials that cover the Church's specific efforts to deal with social problems. These are, in turn, supported by the historically valuable microfiche collection, *Social Problems and the Churches: The Harlan Paul Douglass Collection of Religious Research Reports*.

Historical and sociological interests in statistical data are supported particularly by two digital resources, the *World Christian Database* and the *World Religion Database*.

The major sociology collection is at Princeton University, with the Seminary Library acquiring only selected works in sociology proper.

#### **4.7 DIGITAL COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT**

While the Library has historically devoted most of its collecting activity to the acquisition of current books and journals published in print and while it continues print collecting, the digital transformations of the last three decades have added an emphasis on increasing access to digital resources. Moreover, the nature of the collection required by the institutional directions of the *Bicentennial Strategic Plan* calls for building a digital future in which access to and preservation of digital content is key. The Strategic Plan changes the orientation of the Library and its collection from a predominantly local residential focus to an internationally networked configuration of partnerships and collaborations that have a decisive bearing on transitioning the collection to content that is shareable across the web. The Strategic Plan's emphasis on representing the collection as a shared global service and on harnessing technology to make more

of the Library's collection web-accessible presumes a growing collection not only of locally digitized materials but of digital book and digital journal availability from the current publishing market.

This policy indicates the directions the Library is taking to collect digital content. This content currently falls into three categories:

- Purchased or licensed material such as digital books, digital journals, and databases. When acquiring digital books and digital journals, aggregated collections are preferred but where aggregation is not possible, individual books and journals will be acquired.

Digital Books: Digital books are acquired and may be preferred over print if the following conditions apply:

- Terms and conditions permit multiple simultaneous usage
- Digital rights permit users to copy, download, and print
- Ease of access on or off-campus
- IP address authentication permitted in place of user name/password

Print may be preferred over digital if the following conditions apply:

- release of the title in its digital version has been delayed
- the image quality of the digital book is not adequate for teaching, learning, or research
- conditions of use require the physical print book

Digital Journals: When a journal is published in both print and digital versions, the Library will follow a digital-preferred policy and subscribe only to the digital version unless one or more of the following conditions apply:

- the print version contains more material than the digital
- the quality of the images or graphics is poorer in the digital
- the provider of the digital is consistently unreliable
- availability of the digital in perpetuity is unassured

Databases: The Library provides a selection of databases essential to teaching, learning, and research in theology. Preference is given to databases that are web-accessible and that meet criteria of ease of navigation, stable availability, and authentication by IP address.

Purchased or licensed digital content is expected to meet the same selection criteria that guide the acquisition of other content, supplemented by criteria specific to digital materials such as access and use issues, licensing requirements, and overall cost.

Where content is to be licensed, the Library will negotiate, as necessary, for the widest possible license and will comply with the licensing agreements, once negotiated, of publishers and/or vendors. In pursuing licensing agreements, the phrase “authorized users” of the Library is understood to mean all currently enrolled students, all current faculty, faculty emeriti, faculty emeritae, and all currently employed staff of the Seminary as well as on-site users of the Library. Where licensing agreements permit, “authorized users” also extends to alumni and Friends of the Library who have Seminary network identification.

License agreements will permit fair use of the material by authorized users of the Library, including unlimited viewing, downloading, and printing.

For purchased digital content, the Library has an interest in ensuring long-term access in perpetuity to such content. License agreements for such materials shall clarify archiving responsibility, and shall not prohibit the Library from making or obtaining digital copies of selected content for archiving.

Policy on digital collections reflects the Seminary’s concentration on religious and theological subject matter. Purchase, subscription, or lease decisions favor digital book and digital journal collections and databases where the primary orientation is religious or theological. Digital works from other disciplines, while of considerable interdisciplinary significance, are selected much less frequently, given the heavy concentration of such resources at Princeton University.

The scope or extent of religion and theology coverage in any given digital work remains primary and explains why certain databases are selected and others are not, even if those selections duplicate the University’s digital holdings.

Databases and digital books and journals are purchased, licensed, and provided by the Seminary Library and by the University Library solely for their own constituencies and not in conjunction with each other’s constituencies. Access to these databases is governed by a legal framework of publisher-controlled agreements that define the allowable user group. While this definition may allow access to any “walk-ins” who have physical entry to the library buildings of either institution, the definition tends to exclude non-constituents of the institution from offsite access, making Seminary offsite access to University databases presently unfeasible.

- Local content digitized, as copyright law permits, from the Library’s holdings.

In 2008, with external funding from Microsoft, the Library began a partnership digitization program with Microsoft and the Internet Archive. In spite of Microsoft’s termination of its digitization agreements, the Library’s program has made a modest start toward its goal of increasing open access to theological collections, with 32,000 books currently online and growing, all freely available through the Seminary’s Theological

Commons website at <http://commons.ptsem.edu> as well as through the Internet Archive at <http://www.archive.org/details/Princeton>.

The Library continues to pursue a two-fold strategy of digitization: mass digitization of materials in the public domain and editorially guided digitization of specialized collections. These are regarded as complementary approaches which expose both the breadth and the depth of the Library's collection.

A newly-formed Office of Digital Initiatives coordinates the Library's digitization efforts.

The Library has several editorially shaped digital collections in preparation representing distinctive and unique aspects of its holdings. These collections are deployed on a Mark Logic server, an industry leading XML database widely adopted in commercial publishing. The goal of these collections is to provide access to edited, annotated, and fully-searchable versions of key documents. These documents may then be used to explore new modes of textual analysis currently being developed in the digital humanities. These collections may be accessed at <http://diglib.ptsem.edu>

- Born digital content – material initially created in digital form – that is representative of the contemporary cultural record.

The Library has an important collecting role to play in the task of identifying, capturing, and preserving born digital content that may be created by individuals, organizations, and institutions including churches and that may include websites, blogs, wikis, online papers, electronic dissertations, podcasts, multimedia materials, discussion lists, social networking sites or other web-based content.

In February 2013, the Library began web archiving collection development activity in cooperation with Archive-It, a subscription service maintained by the Internet Archive that allows institutions to build and preserve curated collections of born digital content.<sup>13</sup>

For inclusion in the Princeton Theological Seminary Library Web Archive, web-based materials must meet the following criteria:

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<sup>13</sup> Two reports have informed Princeton's thinking about web archive collection development: the February 2010 final report of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Sustainable Digital Preservation and Access, *Sustainable Economics for a Digital Planet: Ensuring Long-Term Access to Digital Information*, [http://brtf.sdsc.edu/biblio/BRTF\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://brtf.sdsc.edu/biblio/BRTF_Final_Report.pdf); The National Digital Stewardship Alliance Web Archiving Survey Report Produced by the NDSA Content Working Group, June 19, 2012, [http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/ndsa/working\\_groups/documents/ndsa\\_web\\_archiving\\_survey\\_report\\_2012.pdf](http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/ndsa/working_groups/documents/ndsa_web_archiving_survey_report_2012.pdf)

- Fall within the Library’s collecting scope as established by the Collection Development Policy.
- Serve current or future needs for information, documentation, education, and research.
- Represent subject matter relevant to theological teaching, learning, and research.
- Be subject to frequent change or risk of loss.

Born digital collecting priorities focus on website and web-based content related to:

- Princeton Theological Seminary, its offices, departments, schools, institutes, centers, programs of instruction and research, its faculty and its student organizations.
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), its churches and organizations.
- Churches and societies and organizations in religion and theology.
- Prominent groups and individuals of significance to religious and theological studies
- Issue or Theme-Driven Web Content.

#### **4.8 THE LATIN AMERICAN COLLECTION**

The Latin American Collection is a specialized research focus of the Library’s collections which received added impetus in the early 1970s with the donated library of John A. Mackay. Mackay, who was President of Princeton Theological Seminary from 1936 to 1959 and who has been described biographically as “a bridge between two Americas” was an influential missionary and educator in Peru, Uruguay, and Mexico from 1916 to 1932 during which time he acquired a number of publications eventually given to the library. While these materials have enriched the Latin American Collection, the growth of the collection has been maintained on the basis of current budget and acquisition.

The Latin American Collection is dispersed throughout the Library’s general collection and is representative of religious and theological materials from and about Latin America and covers Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. Holdings are estimated at over 23,000 books in Spanish and Portuguese and 1,300 periodicals. These materials are supplemented by microform collections including the *CIDOC Collection: The History of Religiosity in Latin America ca 1830-1970*, a significant set of primary sources which is based on the collection begun by Ivan Illich at the Center for Intercultural Documentation (CIDOC) Library of Cuernavaca. There is some limited database support of the collection through *The Handbook of Latin American Studies*. Taken together, these materials illustrate the rich tapestry of religious thought and practice in Latin American culture and provide important aid to teaching and research.

The Library’s collecting concentration on religion and theology in Latin America has been developed in coordination with the extensive Latin American collection at Princeton University which focuses on the broader cultural range beyond religion and theology.

## **4.9 MEDIA RESOURCES**

The developing media resources collection within the Library represents an instructional-level collection containing some primary source material for research. Its intended function is to provide a further category of material that will assist the Seminary's educational goals and enhance existing collections. Such materials include pictures, a small number of slide sets and audio cassettes, along with about 2,400 videos including 600 transferred to the library from the Educational Media Center, 380 DVDs, and 400 CD-ROMs.

In addition to the general selection criteria discussed above that cover print as well as non-print materials, the following guidelines apply to media selection: the preferred format for spoken word audio is compact disc; the preferred format for film is VHS or DVD; media material produced outside North America are to be compatible for use in the United States, i.e. NTSC for VHS and Region One for DVD.

## **4.10 MICROFORM COLLECTION**

The Microform Collection consists of microfilm, microfiche, and a small set of microcards. The collection numbers over 603,000 items and contains a diverse body of filmed material representing books, journals, newspapers, dissertations, pamphlets, papers, and reports. Some of the large sets of microform have printed guides which are shelved in the Reference Collection and may be located through the Library's catalog.

Microforms continue to be a key component of the Library's ongoing collecting effort where budget permits. Important recent accessions include *Incunabula: The Printing Revolution in Europe 1455-1500* with units on Academic Theology, Bibles and Commentaries, Liturgy, and Sermons; *Irenical Theology: Heidelberg 1582-1622*; *The Italian Reformation*; and *Korean Mission Records*.

## **4.11 REFERENCE COLLECTION**

The Reference Collection is intended to provide wide ranging in-depth access to a representative body of materials, with a reference work being defined as any work of authoritative expression which is frequently consulted or which should be available as needed.

Materials which may be included in the Reference Collection are: directories, yearbooks, abstracts, indexes, bibliographies, collective biographies, concordances, dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks, lexicons, commentaries, collections of primary texts, and standard texts in any field. Among these materials, select works of scholarly importance or particular works under heavy demand may be duplicated such as heavily used commentaries, lexicons, dictionaries or regularly used collected works.

The Library has responded to the dramatic growth in digital reference sources by making selected reference aids available online. Some of these works have already been mentioned; others include the *Chicago Manual of Style Online*; *Oxford English Dictionary*; *Dissertation Abstracts*; *Index to Theses in Great Britain and Ireland*; *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*; *Oxford Reference Online*; *Routledge Reference: Religion*; *The Cambridge Companions to Philosophy, Religion and Culture*. These sources are augmented by other active links on the Library's web page connecting students and faculty to additional specialized resources, such as: *RAMBI: The Index of Articles on Jewish Studies*; *The Wabash Guide to the Internet Directory of Open Access Journals*; and *Art in the Christian Tradition*.

#### **4.12 THE CHARLES G. REIGNER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COLLECTION**

The Charles G. Reigner Christian Education Reading Room, previously located in Tennent Hall, and re-located to the Main Library in 2004, was opened in 1953 for the purpose of serving specific needs of the School of Christian Education. The library of the Tennent College of Christian Education, which became part of the continuing tradition of the Seminary when the School of Christian Education was inaugurated in 1944, formed the basis of the Reigner Collection which now contains about 3,000 print and non-print items.

While the contours of this collection have, from time to time, included a wide variety of literature, the collection is presently focused on practical material with emphases on church-sponsored programs of Christian education, such as denominational curricula and intergenerational materials, youth ministry and adult Bible study.

#### **4.13 COURSE RESERVES COLLECTION**

The Course Reserves Collection consists of books, articles, and other materials which appear on the course reading lists of the faculty. Physical items that are on reserve may be requested at the Service Desk on the first floor. Electronic reserve items are accessible through Blackboard.

#### **4.14 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

The Special Collections of Princeton Theological Seminary Library rank among its finest achievements. Special Collections is the term applied to the Seminary's collections of non-circulating primary source materials that are housed in a secure closed stack area under environmentally controlled conditions and used on-site in a monitored Special Collections Reading Room. Special Collections was established to carry forward the Seminary's long-standing interest in collecting, making accessible, and preserving sources of unique significance and in fostering critical and independent analysis of such sources. This policy reaffirms the Seminary's commitment to the place and role of Special Collections in its teaching and research programs and to their continued growth and development.

The varied primary sources that make up Special Collections are characterized by strengths in Reformation and Post-Reformation writings, with Puritan sources well-represented; eighteenth

and nineteenth century American and British theological imprints, including controversial literature of the period focused particularly on Baptist and Unitarian controversies; and the Benson Collection of Hymnology, one of the premier collections of Christian hymnody in North America.

Among the strengths of the research collections are the following:

#### **4.14.1 Archives and Manuscripts**

Archival and Manuscript sources collected by the Library include the Seminary's official papers, records, reports, documents, and correspondence of its officers and offices, constituent bodies, committees, faculty, alumni, and other noted individuals. Papers of prominent persons associated in some manner with the Seminary, the Presbyterian, or Reformed Churches may also be collected.

Records and papers of religious organizations, bodies, groups, or agencies will continue to be acquired.

Individuals and organizations for which the Library is a manuscript repository include Emile Cailliet, Justo L. Gonzalez, Charles Hodge, Josef L. Hromadka, Sheldon Jackson, John A. Mackay, James I. McCord, Carl McIntire, Bruce M. Metzger, Samuel Miller, Samuel H. and Eileen F. Moffett, Robert Hamill Nassau, Robert E. Speer, Gilbert Tennent, Thomas F. Torrance, Benjamin B. Warfield; the Academy of Homiletics; the American Theological Society; Christians Associated for Relationships with Eastern Europe, and the Consultation on Church Union (COCU).

A searchable database of over two hundred guides to manuscripts located in Special Collections can be found at <http://manuscripts.ptsem.edu>

Archives and Manuscripts has been greatly enhanced during the tenure of President Iain R. Torrance, with the family of Thomas F. Torrance donating his books, personal papers, and manuscripts to the Library. The T. F. Torrance Library contains approximately four thousand books, with nearly a thousand of those dating from the eighteenth century or earlier, and including volumes on Scottish Reformation Theology as well as many volumes bearing T. F. Torrance annotations. His papers contain correspondence, sermons, lecture notes, topic files, manuscripts, photograph albums, and various objects including awards and honorary degrees. Digitizing work has already begun on the older works, with the T. F. Torrance Collection of Antiquarian Books now featured in the Theological Commons at <http://commons.ptsem.edu>

#### 4.14.2 Incunabula

A small collection of thirty-four titles printed before 1501 is held in Special Collections, the earliest being 1468: Peter Lombard's *Liber Sententiarum*. Printers represented among these titles include Anton Koberger of Nuremberg, Steffen Arndes of Lubeck, Wolf Han (Lupus Gallus) of Rome, and Johannus Rubeus Verzellensis of Venice.

#### 4.14.3 Material Culture Collection

Special Collections has historically been a repository not only of printed material but of objects of material culture, including several thousand cuneiform tablets, furniture, art, and memorabilia associated with the Seminary, its faculty, and in some cases, its alumni and donors.

This policy outlines the principles which guide the Library's acquisition of objects of material culture for its collection. Here the scope of collecting is limited and is determined by the Library's primary role within an educational institution focused on the discipline of theology. All material objects offered or proposed for addition to the Library should be relevant to the Library's stated mission of support for theological teaching, learning, scholarship and research.

As stated elsewhere in this policy (5.4 Gifts), the Library is prohibited from appraising or estimating the value of any gift. Donors are responsible for any appraisal.

To qualify for consideration, an object or a collection of objects must meet the following conditions:<sup>14</sup>

- The Library must be able to curate collections of material objects and provide appropriate conservation treatment and storage according to accepted museum practices.

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<sup>14</sup> These conditions draw on the Association of Art Museum Directors, *Guidelines on the Acquisition of Archaeological Material and Ancient Art (revised 2013)*, [https://aamd.org/sites/default/files/document/Guidelines%20on%20the%20Acquisition%20of%20Archaeological%20Material%20and%20Ancient%20Art%20revised%202013\\_0.pdf](https://aamd.org/sites/default/files/document/Guidelines%20on%20the%20Acquisition%20of%20Archaeological%20Material%20and%20Ancient%20Art%20revised%202013_0.pdf) and on the American Alliance of Museums (formerly the American Association of Museums), *Collections Stewardship*, <http://aam-us.org/resources/ethics-standards-and-best-practices/characteristics-of-excellence-for-u-s-museums/collections-stewardship>

- The Library will not purchase or accept as a gift any object or collection of objects without considering the object's provenance. Sellers or donors or their representatives are required to supply documentation or confirmation regarding ownership of the object. In the absence of such information, the Library will exercise due diligence to establish the legal status of an object under consideration for acquisition, making every reasonable effort to investigate, substantiate, or clarify the provenance of the object. Like many museums, the Library recognizes that some objects may not be accompanied by detailed provenance and, in such circumstances, the Library reserves the right to exercise its best judgment in deciding for or against acquisition.
- Following accepted museum practice and adhering to the date of the UNESCO Convention, the Library shall not normally acquire objects of antiquity unless ownership history or the Library's own judgments about ownership history substantiate that the objects were outside their country of origin before November 17, 1970 and were legally imported into the United States or were legally exported from their country of origin after November 17, 1970 and were legally imported into the United States.<sup>15</sup>

#### **4.14.4 Oral History Collection**

A small but growing collection of oral history focused on Seminary, Presbyterian and Reformed history has been developing under the aegis of Special Collections and will be continued.

#### **4.14.5 Rare Book and Pamphlet Collections**

The Library's Rare Book and Pamphlet Collections, developed through gift, purchase, and transfer of materials from the Library's circulating collection, draw together materials that because of age, scarcity, printing history, provenance, monetary or aesthetic value, are given special status and care. These materials include books and pamphlets printed anywhere before 1801; American and European imprints before 1820; and books and pamphlets printed after 1820 which are selectively included based on provenance, scarcity, or physical condition.

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<sup>15</sup> *The UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property* (adopted November 14, 1970; signed November 17, 1970), [http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=13039&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13039&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Several historically formed collections of rare books and pamphlets bearing the names of collectors, benefactors, or originating agencies have shaped the scope of Special Collections and give the Library's collecting program a well-defined and limited focus. These include the William Sprague Collection of Early American Religious Pamphlets, the first of which were received in 1838; the Missions Collection of the Society of Inquiry given in 1852; the Baptist Collection of Samuel Agnew received among other Agnew gifts from 1854 to 1881; the A. B. Grosart Library of Puritan and Nonconformist Theology received in 1885; the Pamphlet Collection of Elias Boudinot; a collection of the Presbyterian Board of Publication; Pamphlets on the Unitarian Controversy; and most recently from 2001, the James R. Tanis Collection on the Great Awakening.

Areas of greatest strength in these special holdings include first editions of theological works of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, British and American Puritan literature, hymnals of the eighteenth through the early twentieth centuries, and the "pamphlet" as a printed form of religious communication, instruction, and controversy particular to the literary pattern of the seventeenth through the nineteenth centuries.

The Library actively seeks donors who will contribute to these collections which continue to be augmented and added to through gift and purchase. Supplemental enhancement of these collections is sought in the addition of sixteenth century editions of the church fathers, increased coverage of all first editions of the major and minor Reformers, first editions of works of Reformed Orthodoxy, collected editions of the works of theologians up through the nineteenth century, editions and printings of liturgical texts, catechisms, creeds and confessions of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches.

#### **4.14.6 Reformed Research Collections**

Special Collections maintains four research collections that document significant theological traditions of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches in the United States, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Korea. Comprising thousands of volumes, each of these collections is also supported by primary source materials housed in Special Collections. Together, these materials provide a rich context in which to study aspects of the American Presbyterian, Swiss Reformed, Dutch Reformed, and Korean Presbyterian traditions.

##### **4.14.6.1 The Princeton Theological Seminary Collection**

The Princeton Theological Seminary Collection brings together materials that document the history of the Seminary, including its faculty, administrators, and alumni. Works about Princeton Theological Seminary

and by those associated with it are represented along with books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, denominational minutes, histories, biographies and journal articles which put the Seminary in historical context.

Journals whose publication has figured prominently in the history of the Seminary have been digitized and may be found at <http://journals.ptsem.edu>

#### **4.14.6.2 The Moffett Korea Collection**

The Moffett Korea Collection, the gift of Samuel H. Moffett, Henry Winters Luce Professor of Ecumenics and Mission Emeritus and his wife Eileen F. Moffett, was dedicated in April 2005 and includes the papers of Samuel A. Moffett, pioneer missionary in Korea and founder of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pyongyang, as well as manuscript and photographic materials of Samuel H. and Eileen F. Moffett relating to missions in Korea. The collection also includes a 1,000 volume research library of works on Korean history, culture, and the history of Christianity in Korea.

#### **4.14.6.3 The Karl Barth Collection**

The Karl Barth Collection has as its intention the acquisition, organization, and preservation of materials, published and unpublished, by and about Karl Barth (1886-1968), a leading theologian of the Reformed tradition in the twentieth century. The Library will continue, as it effectively has for at least ninety years, to collect Barth-related materials but under the following guidelines:

- One copy of all known materials not presently held, published and unpublished, in any languages and formats, and from any part of the world by and about Karl Barth, will be acquired and located in Special Collections.
- Materials by Karl Barth published in English and German will be added in a second copy to the open stack collection. Significant materials about Barth, usually in English or German, will be added in a second copy to the open stacks.

#### **4.14.6.4 The Abraham Kuyper Collection**

The purpose of the Abraham Kuyper Collection is to acquire, organize, and preserve materials, published and unpublished, by and about Abraham Kuyper (1837-1920), a Dutch Calvinist theologian and statesman. The acquisition of two private collections—the library of George Puchinger in June 1999 and the library of Tjitze Kuipers in May 2006—as well as the purchase of microfilm copies of the *Abraham Kuyper Archief* from the *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* has made the Kuyper Collection one of the most comprehensive in the world. A number of works will continue to be added, however, as one copy of all known materials not presently held, published and unpublished, in any languages and formats, and from any part of the world by and about Abraham Kuyper, are acquired.

The contribution of the Abraham Kuyper Collection to Kuyper scholarship may be seen in two digital projects jointly sponsored by Princeton Theological Seminary and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: the Abraham Kuyper Bibliography (<http://kuyperbib.ptsem.edu>) and the Digital Library of Abraham Kuyper (<http://kuyper.ptsem.edu>).

### **5. OTHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

#### **5.1 DISSERTATIONS AND THESES**

Effective 2013, the Library collects an electronic copy of all Ph.D. dissertations completed at Princeton Theological Seminary, with a print copy in the circulating collection intended primarily to serve interlibrary loan requests.

Online access to Princeton Theological Seminary Dissertations and Theses from 1997 forward is provided by Proquest from the database link on the Library web page.

In the absence of openly accessible digital dissertations, print copies of dissertations from other institutions are selectively acquired on recommendation of the faculty and as required for graduate research.

Access to print copies of foreign dissertations is normally provided through the Center for Research Libraries in which the Library holds associate membership, although print copies of foreign dissertations and theses related to Karl Barth and Abraham Kuyper are acquired whenever possible in the absence of a digitally accessible copy.

Open access to the full-text of dissertations and theses throughout the world has been expanding and now includes the following:

- Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (<http://www.dltd.org>) and its European Working Group, DART-Europe (<http://www.dart-europe.eu/basic-search.php>);
- Open Access Theses and Dissertations (<http://oatd.org/oatd/search>)
- Theses Canada ([http://amicus.collectionscanada.ca/s4-bin/Main/BasicSearch?coll=18&l=\)&v=1](http://amicus.collectionscanada.ca/s4-bin/Main/BasicSearch?coll=18&l=)&v=1))

## 5.2 DUPLICATE COPIES

Selected works may be duplicated between the Circulating Collection, the Reference Collection and Special Collections if the need to do so can be clearly demonstrated.

## 5.3 FACULTY RELATIONSHIP TO COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The development and maintenance of a collection of quality is very much dependent on faculty interaction with the Library. Recommendations of the faculty are encouraged and solicited.

## 5.4 GIFTS

Princeton Theological Seminary is the beneficiary of a long-standing tradition of gifts of religious and theological material which have added value to its Library collection over many years. The Seminary's collecting policy affirms the continuance of this tradition and solicits unrestricted gifts of material which enhance the value of its existing collection in the theological disciplines. All gifts of materials must be without conditions or restrictions. Any exception to this provision must be approved by the Librarian prior to the receipt of the collection.

The Library is prohibited from appraising or estimating the value of any gift. Donors are responsible for any appraisal.

Donors are normally responsible for arranging delivery of materials to the Library and are expected to sign a Deed of Gift. Donors wishing to have their materials evaluated for income tax purposes are required to do so prior to the transfer of the materials to the Library.

## 5.5 PRESERVATION

As a research collecting institution, Princeton Theological Seminary is a preserving institution committed to the long-term persistence, management, and use across centuries of the content it has and continues to gather for access. The preservation of the Library's collection remains a matter of the first priority, drawing on a history of concern for the stewardship of resources evident from the library's formative years. In May 1823, just eleven years into the shaping of the collection, Archibald Alexander was authorized to spend up to \$100 for book repair, and in 1890, R. L. Stuart and A. Stuart were providing funds “for preserving books from injury and decay.”<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> *Minutes of the Board of Trustees*, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1823 and 1890.

The seriousness of this decay was most noticeably documented by the 1976 study of monographs at Princeton in which 83% and 67%, respectively, of volumes published 1860-1899 and 1900-1939 were found with the textblocks so brittle as to preclude rebinding.<sup>17</sup> Efforts to preserve the collection through rebinding, xerographic replacement, and reformatting to microform and digital form are costly but necessary efforts and such means of preservation form an important part of this collecting policy.<sup>18</sup>

Paper-based materials located in the Library's collections will continue to receive preservation and conservation treatment, including cleaning, restoration, binding, and digitization.

The Library's preservation needs, with respect to both its legacy print collection and its evolving digital collections, require a series of costly commitments and actions that are only reasonably achievable through multi-institutional collaborations and partnerships. Princeton must increasingly commit itself to participation in such multi-institutional endeavors including the Digital Preservation Network and other related efforts.

## **5.6 STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

The development of a world-class library requires a staff focused on increasing their knowledge and expertise. A part of the Library's goal is to advance library staff development by acquiring materials that can contribute to library learning.

## **5.7 FUNDING**

Collection development policies have financial implications and the ongoing development and preservation of the Library's collections suggest a need to review the appropriate level of library endowment support they require. Securing new monies that will provide long-term financial support for the Library, its collections and services, remains perhaps the surest way to bring the policy to the desired level of success.

The challenge of newly endowing a comprehensive library vision for the twenty-first century is a tension inherent in the policy. Yet if the Library is to maintain a robust state of health well into

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<sup>17</sup> Louis Charles Willard, "An Analysis of Paper Stability and Circulation Patterns of the Monographic Collection of Speer Library, Princeton Theological Seminary," in *Essays on Theological Librarianship Presented to Calvin Henry Schmitt*. Edited by Peter De Klerk and Earle Hilgert (Philadelphia: American Theological Library Association, 1980), p. 166.

<sup>18</sup> A collaborative initiative which has implemented preservation concerns of this policy is the preservation microfilming of 134 Latin American periodicals from the Seminary's holdings, in cooperation with Princeton University and the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM). On August 30, 2002, the Center for Research Libraries announced that this project had surpassed the production of 500 reels of microfilm at a cost of over \$100,000 funded by SALALM.

the century, additional ways must shortly be found to fund necessary growth, development and maintenance of the Library's collections and services. The virtue of a written collecting policy is that it affords the institution an opportunity to structure its collecting priorities and it makes very clear the need for choices.

While recognizing the constrained financial situation increasingly facing institutions of higher education, including the Seminary, three realities are nonetheless clear regarding the Library and the cost implications of its revised collecting policy:

- Attention to new sources of revenue in support of the Library is essential if the Library is to be successful in meeting the demands of the collecting policy.
- If the Library is to successfully meet the demands faced by the organized of digital content into the library collection, then alternatives ways to this end should be carefully explored, reducing print acquisition and re-directing funds or providing additional allocations for digital collection development.

The scale of investment that is required to sustain simultaneous research-level collecting of print and digital forms calls attention to one of the decision points in the policy.

- Any new collecting directions associated with the Seminary's programs of instruction and research will require an institutional assessment of continuing library costs.

## **6. SUBJECTS, WITH LEVELS OF COLLECTING**

Column designations below are as follows. The LC Class Equivalents refer to the Library of Congress arrangement by which the collection is cataloged and shelved. The Collection Data column refers to the Seminary and to the University by means of the symbols, PTS and PU, respectively. The Collection Data column also combines two codes, one numeric and the other alphabetic, both of which are discussed above (pp. 3-4). The numeric codes refer to the levels of collecting intensity practiced by the library:

- O: out of scope
- 1: minimal level
- 2: basic information level
- 3: instructional level
- 4: research level
- 5: comprehensive, exhaustive level

The alphabetic codes indicate the extent of language coverage within the collection:

- E: primarily English language

F: selected foreign language coverage in addition to English  
W: wide foreign language coverage in addition to English

Example: 4W means wide coverage of foreign and English language materials collected at the research level.

<u>LC Class</u> <u>Equivalents</u>	<u>Subject Group</u>	<u>Collection Data</u>	
		PTS	PU
A	General Works		
AC	1. Collections		4W
AE	2. Encyclopedias	2E	4W
AG	3. Dictionaries and other general reference books	2E	4W
AI	4. Indexes	2E	4W
AY	5. Yearbooks	2E	4W
AZ	6. History of Scholarship	2E	4W
B-BJ	Philosophy		
B1-68	7. Periodicals, Societies, Congresses, etc.	2E	4W
B108-626	8. History and Systems, Ancient	3E	4W
B630-708	9. History and Systems, Alexandrian and Early Christian	4F	4W
B720-765	10. History and Systems, Medieval	3F	4W
B740-753	Arabian and Moorish, Islamic	3E	4W
B755-759	Jewish		

B765	Philosophers European Philosophers	2E 3F	4W 4W
B770-785	11. History and Systems, Renaissance	2E	4W
B790-5802	12. History and Systems, Modern (1450/1600-)	3F	4W
B840	Philosophy of Language	3E	4W
BC	13. Logic	1E	4W
BD95-131	14. Metaphysics	2E	4W
BD143-237	15. Epistemology	2E	4W
BD240-265	16. Methodology	2E	4W
BD300-450	17. Ontology	2E	4W
BD493-701	18. Cosmology	2E	4W
BF	Psychology	2E	4F
BF173-175.5	19. Psychoanalysis	2E	4F
BF309-499	20. Consciousness, Cognition	2E	4F
BF501-635	21. Motivation, Affection, Will	2E	4F
BF636-637	22. Applied Psychology	2E	4F
BF697-697.5	23. Differential Psychology, Self, Personality	2E	4F
BF699-711	24. Genetic Psychology	2E	4F
BF712-724.85	25. Developmental Psychology	2E	4F

BH1-301	26. Aesthetics	3E	4W
BJ1-1725	27. Philosophical Ethics	3F	4W
BJ1188-1295	Religious/Christian Ethics	4F	4W
BJ2010-2019	28. Religious Etiquette	3E	3W
BL-BX	Religion		
BL41	29. Study of Comparative Religion	4F	4W
BL51-54	30. Philosophy and Psychology of Religion	4F	4W
BL60	31. Religion and Sociology	4W	4F
BL175-290	32. Natural Theology	4F	4W
BL239-265	Religion and Science	4F	4W
BL300-325	33. Mythology Comparative Mythology	3F	4W
BL425-490	34. Religious Doctrines (Nature Worship, etc.)	3F	4W
BL458	Woman in Comparative Religion	4F	4W
BL500-547	35. Eschatology	3F	4W
BL550-619	36. Worship, Cults	4F	4W
BL660	37. Mysticism and Principles of Religion	4F	4W

BL685	38. Ural-Altaic Religion	1E	3F
BL700-820	39. Classical Religion and Mythology	3F	4W
BL830-875	40. Germanic and Norse Religion and Mythology	2F	3W
BL900-915	41. Celtic Religion and Mythology	2F	3W
BL930-935	42. Slavic Religion and Mythology	2F	4W
BL1100-1295	43. Hinduism	3F	4W
BL1300-1380	44. Jainism	2E	3W
BL1500-1590	45. Zoroastrianism	2F	3W
BL1600-1695	46. Semitic Religions	4W	4W
BL1830-1883	47. Confucianism	2F	4W
BL1899-1942	48. Taoism	3F	4W
BL2000-2032	49. South Asian Religions	2F	4W
BL2200-2240	50. Southeast Asian Religions	2F	4W
BL2216	51. Shinto	2F	4W
BL2400-2490	52. African Religions	2F	4W
BL2420-2460	Ancient Egyptian Religion	3F	3W
BL2500-2592	53. American Religions	2F	4W
BL2510-2532	North America		

BL2550-2560	(except Mexico) Mesoamerica,	2F	4W
BL2580-2592	Caribbean South America	2F 2F	4W 3W
BL2600-2630	54. Oceanic Religions	2F	2W
BM1-990	55. Judaism		
BM1-65	Periodicals, Yearbooks, Societies, Directories	3F	4W
BM70-135	Study and Teaching, Religious Education	1E	2F
BM165-178	Ancient History	4F	3F
BM180-185	Medieval History	2E	4W
BM190-199	Modern History	2E	4W
BM201-449	History by Country, Region	2E	4W
BM480-509	Pre-Talmudic and Talmudic Jewish Literature	4F	3W
BM510-518	Midrash	3F	4W
BM525	Cabala	2E	4W
BM600-645	Dogmatic Judaism	2E	4W
BM650-659	Practical Judaism	1E	2F
BM660-679	Liturgy and Ritual	2F	4W
BP1-253	56. Islam	3F	5W
BP140-157	Islamic Law	2E	5W
BP300-420	57. Bahaism	2E	3W
BP500-610	58. Theosophy, Anthroposophy	2E	3W
BQ1-9800	59. Buddhism	3F	4W
	China	3F	4W
	Japan	3F	4W
	Korea	3F	3W
	India	3F	3W
BR1-1725	Christianity	4W	3W
BR60-67	60. Early Christian Literature, Church Fathers	4W	4W

BR100-114		Philosophy and Psychology of Christianity	4W	1E
BR130-134		Christian Antiquities, Archaeology	4W	3W
BR135-136		Christian folklore, myths, superstitions, etc.	4W	3W
BR140-1510		61. Christianity: Church History	4W	3W
		Early and medieval	4W	3W
		Renaissance	4W	3W
		Reformation and Counter-Reformation	4W	3W
		History by Country, Region	4W	3W
BR1690-1725		62. Christianity: Biography	4W	3W
BS1-2970	Bible		4W	3W
BS1-355		63. Bible: Texts and Versions	4W	3W
BS11-115		Early Versions	4W	3W
BS125-355		Modern Texts and Versions	4W	3W
BS315-355		Non-European Languages	3W	3W
BS410-680		64. Works about the Bible	4W	3W
BS476		Hermeneutics, Exegesis	4W	3W
BS482-534		Commentaries, Criticism	4W	3W
BS535-537		Bible as Literature	4W	3W
BS543		Theology of the Bible	4W	3W
BS701-1830		65. Old Testament	4W	3W
BS1901-2970		66. New Testament	4W	3W
BT10-1480	Doctrinal Theology		4W	2W

BT82.7	67. Black Theology	4W	2W
BT83.55	Feminist Theology	4W	2W
BT83.57	Liberation Theology (and Latin American Church)	4W	2W
BT738	68. Christian Sociology	4W	3W
BT990-1010	69. Creeds, Confessions, Covenants, etc.	4W	2W
BT1029-1040	70. Catechisms	4W	2W
BT1095-1255	71. Apologetics, Evidences of Christianity	4W	2W
BT1313-1480	72. History of specific doctrines and movements, Heresies and schisms	4W	2W
BV1-5099	Practical Theology	4W	0
BV5-530	73. Worship (public and private)	4W	0
BV150-168	74. Christian Symbols and Symbolism	4W	2W
BV169-199	75. Liturgy and Worship	4W	1W
BV205-287	76. Prayer	4W	0
BV301-530	77. Hymnology	4W	0
BV590-1652	78. Ecclesiastical Theology	4W	0
BV598-603	79. The Church	4W	2W
BV625	80. Church and Society, Church and Community	4W	2W

BV629-631	81. Church and State	4W	3W
BV646-651	82. Church Polity	4W	0
BV659-683	83. Ministry	4W	0
BV700-707	84. Parish, Congregation, The Local Church	4W	0
BV800-873	85. Sacraments, Ordinances	4W	0
BV900-1450	86. Religious Societies, Associations, etc.	4W	0
BV1460-1615	87. Religious Education	4W	1E
BV2000-3705	88. Missions	4W	3W
BV3750-3799	89. Evangelism	4W	0
BV4000-4470	90. Pastoral Theology	4W	0
BV4070	91. Princeton Theological Seminary	4W	3E
BV4200-4317	92. Preaching, Homiletics, Sermons	4W	0
BV4485-5099	93. Practical Religion, The Christian Life	4F	0
BV4800-4897	94. Works of Meditation and Devotion	4F	0
BX	Christian Denominations	4W	3W
BX1-9	95. Church Unity, Ecumenical Movement	4W	3W
BX100-189	96. Eastern Churches, Oriental Churches	4F	3W
BX200-754	97. Eastern Orthodox		

	Church	4F	2W
BX800-4795	98. Roman Catholic		
	Church	4F	2W
BX820-839	Councils	4F	2W
BX850-875	Documents	4F	2W
BX1746-1755	Theology, Doctrine, Dogmatics	4F	2W
BX1970-2175	Liturgy and Ritual	4F	2W
BX2325-2333	Saints	4F	3W
BX2400-4556	Monasticism, Religious Orders	4F	3W
BX4650-4705	Biography	4F	3W
BX4716.4-4795	Dissenting Sects	4F	2W
BX4800-9999	99. Protestantism	4W	2W
BX4827	Karl Barth	4W	2F
BX4872-4924	Pre-Reformation	4W	2W
BX4929-9999	Post-Reformation	4W	2W
BX4929-4946	Anabaptists	4F	2W
BX5001-6093	Anglican Communion	4F	2W
BX6101-6193	Adventists, Millerites	4F	2W
BX6195-6197	Arminians, Remonstrants	4F	2W
BX6201-6495	Baptists	4F	2W
BX6801-6843	Christian Reformed Church	4F	2W
BX7101-7260	Congregationalism	4F	2W
BX7301-7343	Disciples of Christ, Campbellites	4F	2W
BX7451-7493	Evangelical and Reformed Church	4F	2W
BX7601-7795	Friends, Society of Friends, Quakers	4F	2W
BX8001-8080	Lutheran Church	4F	2W
BX8101-8143	Mennonites	4F	2W
BX8201-8495	Methodism	4F	2W
BX8551-8593	Moravian Church	4F	2W
BX8601-8695	Mormons	4F	3W
BX8762-8780	Pentecostals	4F	2W
BX8901-9225	Presbyterianism	4W	2W
BX9301-9359	Puritanism	4F	3W

BX9401-9640	Reformed or Calvinistic churches	4W	2W
BX9751-9793	Shakers	4F	1E
BX9881-9883	United Church of Canada	4F	2W
BX9884-9886	United Church of Christ	4F	2W
	Other Denominations	4F	2W
CN750-753	100. Christian Inscriptions, Early	4F	4W
CT21-9998	101. Biography	3F	4W
D1-893	102. History (General)	2F	4W
D51-95	103. Ancient History	2F	4W
D111-203	104. Medieval History	2F	4W
D204-893	105. Modern History	2F	4W
D900-1075	106. Europe (General)	2F	4W
DA1-995	107. Great Britain	2F	4W
DAW1001-1051	108. Central Europe	2F	4W
DB1-879	109. Austria	2F	4W
DB901-999	110. Hungary	2F	4W
DB2000-3150	111. Czechoslovakia, Czech Republic	2F	4W
DC1-947	112. France	2F	4W
DD1-901	113. Germany	2F	4W
DE1-100	114. Greco-Roman World	2F	4W
DF10-951	115. Greece	2F	4W

DG11-999	116. Italy	2F	4W
DH1-925	117. Netherlands/ Low Countries	2F	4W
DJK1-77	118. Eastern Europe (General)	2F	4W
DK1-9495	119. Russia and Former Soviet Union	2F	4W
DK4010-4800	120. Poland	2F	4W
DL1-991	121. Northern Europe, Scandinavia	2F	4W
DP1-900	122. Spain, Portugal	2F	4W
DQ1-851	123. Switzerland	2F	4W
DR1-741	124. Balkan Peninsula	2F	4W
DS67-79.9	125. Iraq (Assyria, Babylonia, Mesopotamia)	3F	4W
DS80-90	126. Lebanon (Phoenicia)	3F	4W
DS92-99	127. Syria	3F	4W
DS101-151	128. Israel (Palestine)	3F	4W
DS153.7-154.55	129. Jordan	3F	4W
DS327-329.4	130. Central Asia	2F	4W
DS331-349.9	131. Southern Asia	2F	4W
DS421-486.8	132. India	2F	4W
DS488-490	133. Sri Lanka	2F	4W
DS501-519	134. East Asia	2F	4W

DS527-530.9	135. Burma	2F	4W
DS561-589	136. Thailand	2F	4W
DS591-599	137. Malaysia	2F	4W
DS611-649	138. Indonesia	2F	4W
DS651-689	139. Philippines	2F	4W
DS701-799.9	140. China	2F	4W
DS798.92-799.9	141. Taiwan	2F	4W
DS801-897	142. Japan	2F	4W
DS901-937	143. Korea	2F	4W
DT1-3415	144. Africa	2F	4W
DT68-69	145. Egyptian Antiquities, Religious and Christian	3F	4W
DU80-398	146. Australia	2F	4W
DU400-430	147. New Zealand	2F	4W
E11-143	148. America (General)	2F	4W
E151-839	149. United States	2F	4W
E185	150. Black Churches	4F	3E
F144	151. Princeton, New Jersey	3E	4F
F1001-1035	152. British America, Canada, Newfoundland	2F	4W
F1170	153. French America	2F	4W
F1201-3799	154. Latin America, Spanish America	2F	4W
HD6338	155. Church and Labor	4F	3E

HF5386-5387	156. Business Ethics	2E	3E
HM-HX	157. Social Sciences: Sociology	3F	4W
HN30-39	158. Church and Social Problems	4F	3E
HQ767.25	159. Christianity and Abortion	4F	3E
HQ1394	160. Women and Christianity	4W	3E
HT913	161. Christianity and Slavery	4F	3E
HV5175	162. Religion and Alcoholism	3E	2E
HX536	163. Religion and Socialism	4F	3E
JC11-628	164. Political Theory	3F	4W
JX1901-1991	165. Peace Literature	3F	4W
K25	166. Ecclesiastical Law	4F	2E
K3242	167. Rights of Religious Minorities	4F	3E
K3258	168. Freedom of Religion	4F	3E
K3280-3282	169. Church and State	4F	3E
LC251-775	170. Moral and Religious Education	3E (moral) 4F (religious)	3E 2E
LD4580-4629	171. Princeton University	3E	5W
M1999-2199	172. Sacred Music	4F	2E

ML2900-3275	173. Criticism of Sacred Music	4F	2E
N7832-7840	174. Christian Art, Early	4F	4W
NA4790-6113	175. Church Architecture	4F	3F
PA695-895	176. Greek, Biblical	4F	3F
PJ1481-1989	177. Egyptian Literature: Inscriptions	3F	4W
PJ2001-2199	178. Coptic	4F	4W
PJ3001-3097	179. Semitic Philology	4F	4W
PJ3101-4091	180. East Semitic Languages	4F	4W
PJ4101-4197	181. West and North Semitic Languages	4F	4W
PJ4564-4581	182. Hebrew, Biblical	4F	4W
PJ5201-5329	183. Aramaic	4F	4W
PJ5401-5909	184. Syriac	4F	4W
PN46	185. Religion/Theology/Literature	3F	4F
Q173-180	186. Philosophy of Science	3E	4W
QH332	187. Bioethics	3E	4F
R724-726	188. Medical Ethics	3E	4F
RC455.4	189. Religion and Psychiatry	4F	2E
Z7751-7865	190. Religious Bibliography	4F	3E



## APPENDIX 1: Princeton University Library Locations

Architecture Library, Second Floor, School of Architecture off Washington Road; current materials in architecture and urban planning; non-circulating.

Art and Archaeology Library, McCormick Hall; the Marquand Library named for Allan Marquand, former student of Princeton Theological Seminary and the University's first Professor of Art and founder of the University's Department of Art and Archaeology; art, architecture, and archaeology collections; home to the Index of Christian Art; non-circulating.

East Asian Library and the Gest Collection, Third and Fourth Floors, Frist Campus Center and Third Floor, Jones Hall; Chinese, Japanese, and Korean collections including also western language materials related to China, Japan, Korea, and Asia in general.

Engineering Library, Friend Center for Engineering Education, Corner of Olden and Williams Streets.

Fine Hall Annex (Annex B), Fine Hall, B-Level; storage for lesser used materials primarily in science and engineering.

Firestone Library, the main library of the University housing, among other collections, Near East collections, Rare Books and Special Collections, the Scheide Library, and the Costen Children's Library, with the Social Science Reference Center on A Level providing specialized reference assistance.

Furth Plasma Physics Library, Forrestal Campus.

Geosciences & Map Library, Fine Hall, B-Level; non-circulating.

Humanities Resource Center, 011 East Pyne; houses the University's video collection.

Lewis Library and Fine Hall Wing, astrophysics, biology, chemistry, geosciences, mathematics, and physics.

Mendel Music Library, Woolworth Center; collection includes not only books but music scores, sound and video recordings.

Mudd Manuscript Library, 65 Olden Street; a division of the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections; the University Archives collection and the Public Policy Papers Collections.

Psychology Library, Green Hall.

ReCAP ( Research Collections and Preservation Consortium), Forrestal Campus; collections of lesser used materials stored in partnership with Columbia University Library and the New York Public Library.

Stokes Library (Public and International Affairs and Population Research), Wallace Hall; serves the Woodrow Wilson School; houses the premier collection of demographic materials in the United States.