A progress reports on American Philosophy editions.

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The Correspondence of William James.

John J. McDermott (Texas A & M University), principle investigator and project director general editor, reports that Volume 9 will appear in the spring of 2001, Volume 10 in impress and volumes 11 and 12 are underway. (This edition is being published by the University Press of Virginia; Volume 1 appeared in 1985 and Volume 8 appeared in 20000. Volume 12, that will complete the project, is scheduled for 2004. To complete work on this edition McDermott reports that the project has secured a final NEH grant of $150,000 plus an additional $75,000 conditional upon raising matching funds.

The Works of Josiah Royce.

Frank Oppenheim, SJ (Xavier University) present the following report at the March 2001 SAAP 28th annual meeting in Las Vegas.

For American philosophy's most conspicuously forgotten thinker, whose works need an NEH Critical Edition, is there any news to report?

Some of you may remember our SAAP meeting in Albuquerque several years ago where after my report on Royce works (esp. at the time of the appearance of Royce's Metaphysics), I was urged by a good number of you to do what I could to make more easily available other works of the late Royce (1912-1916)-work beyond the Problem of Christianity, War and Insurance, and Hope of the Great Community which he himself could not bring into published form before his death.

Since then several events deserve notice. First, The Catholic University of America Press has undertaken to bring back into printed form two currently out of print late works by Royce, to be released this June 2001 in paperback form:

a) The Sources of Religious Insight (1912) about which Royce said "it contains the whole of me in brief compass" This intriguingly compact work never had an introduction or Index, but this new CUA will be supported by both an Introduction and Index which I drafted. In one sense, one can hardly appreciate Royce's Problem of Christianity without a genuine grasp of his Sources-his late approach to a part of a general philosophy of religion.

b) CUA will also release in June a new paperback version of Royce's The Problem of Christianity, which will something more than the now out of print University of Chicago reprint of 1968. How so? Page numbering will be identical with the University of Chicago version, to aid references to secondary literature. But an appendix will indicate cross-references to the original Macmillan edition of 1913. About two-dozen typographical errors in the University of Chicago edition will be corrected. John E. Smith's very insightful Preface will be retained and my new Foreword, orienting the work into the 21st Century audience, will be added. And not to be overlooked, with some care I
have expanded Loewenberg's Index of 1913 so that it is three times more detailed and hopefully more helpful than the original Index to the Problem.

The other good news is that Thoemmes Press of Bristol, England, is soon to publish a two volume set of *Josiah Royce's Later Writings: Unpublished and Scattered*. This edition is designed primarily for libraries but will be made available more publicly by being put on the Web in two years. What will this two-volume set contain? Volume I. will contain Royce's late and very significant articles, first published in 1915-1916 in Hastings' *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*, -articles like, "Mind, Monotheism, Negation, Order," plus scattered articles like his late article, "The Mechanical, Historical and Statistical"-on three co-requisite approaches for doing philosophy of science.

Volume II. of the Thoemmes set will, for the first time, publish Royce's 1914 Berkeley Lectures on Interpretation (with its famous acknowledgments of his Peircean insight of 1912), Royce's 1915-1916 Extension Course on Ethics (with its remarkable developments of his philosophy of loyalty), several pieces on the role of religion in American life, and a paper on International Insurance, far more polished than his earlier *War and Insurance*- a paper Royce submitted to the San Francisco Peace Conference of 1915.

In my own work, I'm gradually bringing a work, tentatively entitled *Josiah Royce and Peirce, James and Dewey* to completion, hoping to submit it to a publisher this fall.

**What's New at the Center for Dewey Studies**

Larry Hickman, director of the Dewey Center filed the following update:

*The Correspondence of John Dewey*. The National Endowment for the Humanities continues to provide major funding for the preparation of an electronic edition of *The Correspondence of John Dewey*. Our current grant, which began on May 1, 2000, will continue through November 2001. On April 1 the Endowment responded favorably to our most recent proposal, offering to support our work for an additional grant period, December 2001 through April 2003.

The correspondence project is also supported by Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, the John Dewey Foundation, and private donors. Contributions are welcome, and tax deductable.

The first volume of *The Correspondence of John Dewey*, 1871-1918, was the winner of one of only nineteen "Choice Academic Title of 1999" awards in the field of philosophy for that year.

The second volume of the Dewey correspondence, which covers the period from 1919 to 1939, is scheduled for publication in June 2001. The Center will also publish a second edition of the first volume at that time. The third and final volume of the correspondence
is scheduled for publication during the spring of 2003. This CD-ROM edition, distributed by the InteLex Corp., features both Boolean and hypertext search capabilities.

**Electronic Research Assistance.** The Center's editors have completed transcription of all known Dewey correspondence. Proofreading has been accomplished for materials up to the early 1940s. This means that visitors to the Center now have electronic access to all known items of Dewey's correspondence, more than 18,000 in all. Also available to visitors are: *The Dewey Chronology* (an extensive, day by day chronology of Dewey's life and work), *Works about Dewey* (an exhaustive bibliography of works about Dewey in English), and *The Collected Works of John Dewey, 1882-1953*.

Our FolioVIEWS® software allows visitors to perform instantaneous character-string searches of all of these documents. *Works about Dewey* is available on CD-ROM from Southern Illinois University Press, and *The Collected Works of John Dewey, 1882-1953* is available on CD-ROM from the InteLex Corporation.

These new electronic tools have dramatically altered research into Dewey's life and work. The Center's resources offer excellent opportunities for researchers - graduate students and mature scholars alike - who wish to explore this important period of American intellectual life.

**The Center's Web Page.** Additional information about the work of the Center, including publications, recent visitors, periodic updates of the Dewey chronology, and periodic supplements of *Works About Dewey*, can be found at <www.siu.edu/~deweyctr>.

**The Santayana Edition**

It has been almost two years since the offices of the Santayana Edition moved from Texas A&M University, following Herman I. Saatkamp, General Editor of the project, and now Dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, IUPUI. With generous support from the School and the University, the Edition's work has progressed significantly, and we are pleased to announce the publication of Book One of *The Letters of George Santayana, Volume V*, *The Works of George Santayana*, released Spring 2001 by MIT Press. We anticipate publication of Book Two of the *Letters* in the fall of 2001, with the remaining six books to be issued at six-month intervals. A proposal will be submitted in the Fall to the National Endowment for the Humanities requesting funding beginning Fall 2002 to support completion of *Volume V* and continuation of the critical editing of *Volume VI, The Life of Reason*, in four books.

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Report on the Peirce Edition Project

Nathan Houser offered the following report at this year’s “Critical Edition Update” session at the March SAAP Meeting in Las Vegas.

We’re in the same boat with James and Dewey this year—once again waiting for NEH to deliver the news. At the moment things are going very well for the Peirce Project: Volume 6 sales are steady and we expect to finish Volume 8 by the end of the year (we’ve skipped Vol. 7 for the time being). If our funding holds steady, we believe we can now manage a pace of about two volumes every three years—at least one every two years. If you are familiar with the unusual difficulties involved with organizing and editing the Peirce manuscripts, you will understand why such a pace seems fast to us—even a pace of a volume every two years was hardly more than a crazy dream only a few years ago. The sad part is that if funding dries up we’ll lose key members of our staff and will have to revert to the pace of the Leibniz Edition, which, if I’m not mistaken, is now in its second century.

Most of you have probably heard that the news from NEH isn’t good. Scholarly editions have been in trouble at least since 1996 when Congress slashed funding for the National Endowments. The present NEH chairman, William Ferris, a folklorist from Mississippi, is stuck in the difficult position of wanting to encourage and support new short-term, state-focused, projects that deal with the popular culture—but without any NEH budget increases on the horizon. Something has to go and scholarly editions are at the top of his list.

Ferris had set NEH on a fast track to reduce and eventually eliminate support for Editions when, last October, his plan ran into some unexpected opposition. The Chronicle of Higher Education and The New York Times came temporarily to the rescue by publicizing Ferris’s plan and by lending support to its opponents. Scholarly editors who had been opposing Ferris jumped on this opportunity to rally fellow editors and friends of the Editions to write to NEH in protest of his plan. This slowed things down but the latest news out of Washington doesn’t look good. Only a few days ago Ferris wrote glowingly about Bush’s request to hold NEH at level funding and proclaimed that this would “enable the Endowment to support a broad array of new and continuing projects . . .” Well, it doesn’t take much of a logician to realize that at level funding, NEH won’t be able to add any new projects, let alone a broad array of them, without cutting loose some old programs.

[On June 1st it was announced that President Bush had nominated Italian Renaissance art expert Bruce Cole to replace William R. Ferris as chairman of NEH. Cole, Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts at Indiana University, is a specialist in art history and is well known for his commitment to the traditions of Western culture. He served under Lynne Cheney as a member of the NEH Council. If the U.S. Congress confirms him, Cole will assume the leadership of NEH in November.]
I mentioned that we’ve skipped Volume 7 and are winding up Volume 8. Volume 7 will be devoted to select definitions from Peirce’s massive contribution to the *Century Dictionary*. This will be an important volume, because Peirce’s research for the nearly 15,000 words he was responsible for had a considerable impact on his later thought. But editing Volume 7 will be very difficult, for a lot of reasons that I won’t go into here, and will take much longer to complete than for most of the other volumes. So we have set this volume aside to be finished later by the regular Project staff, or, if possible, sooner by a special satellite group of editors dedicated just to Volume 7. We are exploring this idea with a group of scholars in Canada led by François Latraverse from the University of Quebec at Montreal.

We are also working with a team of German scholars, led by Helmut Pape, that is trying to get funds from the German DFG to establish a little center to edit another of our volumes. Although parallel editing efforts of this sort may seem like the obvious way to further speed up production, in fact it can slow things down—perhaps especially in our case, because so much of the research base needed for producing the Peirce volumes is located only in Indianapolis. But in these two special cases we think there are good reasons to develop these collaborations. We’ll see how things have developed when I report next year.

As for other news, Don D. Roberts has retired from the chairmanship of the Peirce Project’s Board of Advisors. We are glad that Roberts has agreed to stay on as a member of the Board’s Executive Committee. Our new Board Chairman is Thomas L. Short, well known to Peirceans for his contributions to the study of Peirce’s pragmatism and theory of signs. I should also mention that Indiana University Press and the Peirce Project have reached a tentative agreement with the Intelex Corporation to produce an electronic edition of our volumes. The initial CD-ROM will include the first six volumes and will be periodically updated after that.

Also, I’m glad to report that there has been some progress in building a consortium of the Indianapolis editions (Santayana, Frederick Douglass, and Peirce). In particular, the Peirce and Santayana Editions have just received a grant to prepare finder’s lists of our combined public resources and to mount these lists on a shared web site to help students and scholars make more systematic use of our accumulated holdings.

Let me conclude by giving you just a small taste of what we go through in editing Peirce. For Volume 6 (W6) we chose to include a short manuscript (R 1573) where Peirce had recorded what we believed were some interesting remarks on the relation between argument form and the actual process of reasoning (see W6: selection 37). Unfortunately, the manuscript was incomplete. The last page we had concluded with the sentence fragment: “But if it is within the bounds of possibility (that is, of what we do not know to be false) that an inference governed by the habit in question should have true premises and a false conclusion, then it is not demonstrative, and if it pretends to be . . .” We had some idea what would follow, but try as we might, we could not find a continuation. We searched through manuscript sets that started in the middle of sentences.
and through the hundreds of pages of single page fragments, but couldn’t find anything that worked. So we published what we had, finishing it with an ellipsis.

So what happened? You guessed it, I’m sure. Not too long after W6 appeared in print, André De Tienne was looking through some single page fragments and on seeing again a page he had looked at many times before (from R 579), bingo, he recognized it as the continuation, and the completion, of the selection on reasoning. Only five words were inscribed on the page: "so, it is bad reasoning." Perhaps we had set our minds on finding something more elaborate. But here they were, a measly five words that would have completed Peirce’s thought and that could have saved us from publishing a fragment—something we try hard to avoid. Now we have to own up to our inadequacies and issue notices to our readers and that sort of thing. But, at bottom, we’re pretty happy to see these pages come together again.

Finally, as you can imagine, with Peirce we run into all sorts of unusual bits of text. We’ve been working, off and on, for a long time on a cryptic text that appeared to be a ciphered poem. A few months ago we published the cryptogram in our newsletter and asked for assistance. As luck would have it, one of our readers came to our rescue and, to our surprise, it was Peirce’s own grand nephew, Jeremy Peirce, who solved the puzzle. As our advisor, Arthur Burks, remarked: "Maybe it runs in the genes." Peirce had encrypted the well-known hymn by Joseph Haydn (text by Joseph Addison), "The Spacious Firmament on High." Naturally, even in the coded text, we ran into a few problems with textual alterations and had to make four emendations. So it goes.

[Subsequent to the Las Vegas meeting, we learned that the Peirce edition has been funded again by NEH. And so have the letters editions of James and Dewey. Thanks for your continued support of all our scholarly editions.]

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