

Friends of the Archives Newsletter

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Remembering W. Anthony Norton
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INTEGRITY, HONESTY & GRIT



*Dr. Tony Norton, (right), May, 1988.
Courtesy of CAMH Archives..*

Tony was an early, active volunteer and member of The Friends of the Archives. As a psychologist both in England and Canada, he practised in the area of forensic psychiatry, focusing on youth with developmental disabilities and on adults held under the “Warrants of the Lieutenant Governor” at Queen Street Mental Health Centre. He also worked in geriatric psychiatry. He had held academic appointments at the University of Manitoba, U.B.C. and York University. He was also involved in numerous voluntary organizations.

Rev. Ian Brown, a friend of nearly thirty years, paid moving tribute in his eulogy to Tony. Quoting from Psalm 26 : “*As for me, I have walked in my integrity,*” he noted that the word “integrity” epitomized Tony’s “living and loving”.

The root of the word is WHOLENESS.

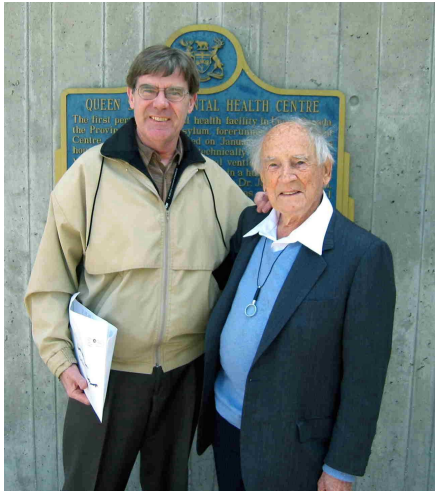
Tony would have been quick to draw attention to its precise root meaning. His fascination stemmed from his commitment to sound and rigorous scholarship, - and also accounted for his fascination with crossword puzzles.

Rev. Brown met Tony when both worked at the Queen Street Mental Health Centre. Tony worked particularly with those deemed “criminally insane” and spent much time with the geriatric patients. It was this that marked him as an extremely kind and caring clinician. He did not, however, always endear himself to some of his professional colleagues, having no time for sloppy diagnosis and the inferior treatment that flowed from it. Politicians, corrupted by their power, were also frequent targets of Tony’s ire...!

Tony served with distinction in the 12th Royal Lancers in North Africa and Italy. Taken prisoner in 1943, he spent his 21st birthday in a P.O.W. camp. To survive such experiences demands grit, and Rev. Brown believed that Tony’s wartime experiences later showed itself in the empathy he had for those who were literally or metaphorically imprisoned by mental illness and the poverty that so often accompanies it.

Rev. Brown concluded by touching on Tony’s love of fine food, the arts, stimulating conversation, and, above all, for his family, his wife, Susan, and the importance he placed on friendship. We deeply appreciate Dr. Norton’s invaluable donations to the holdings of the Archives, in 1992, with further accessions in 2005. They are a tribute to his life’s work and our fond memories of him.

Professor John Ronald Seeley 1913- 2007



Dr. John R. (Jack) Seeley, a long-time donor and friend of the CAMH Archives, right, 2003.

Best known as the author of Crestwood Heights (or the Forest Hill study), John Seeley died at the age of 94 in Santa Monica, California on Dec. 16th. 2007. Close friend and colleague of Dr. Jack Griffin, Seeley was Professor of Sociology at the newly founded York University; he also served as Director of Research at the Alcohol Research Foundation, now CAMH. Cyril Greenland, co-founder of the Griffin-Greenland Archives recalls how Jack, as he

was known in Canada, was his mentor and friend for almost 50 years. “Fresh off the boat from Scotland, in 1958, as new Director of Social Work at the Ontario Hospital Whitby, (later the Whitby Psychiatric Hospital) my priority was to reduce the appalling overcrowding of the chronic wards by remotivating the staff and patients. Jack, with characteristic generosity, invited me and his psychologist colleague Dr. Tom Mallinson for lunch at Mallonys, a favourite watering hole for the Toronto Psychiatric Hospital staff. Jack soon drafted a neat research protocol for us- for, inspired by Seeley's enthusiasm, Tom volunteered to be part of the Whitby research team, which ultimately proved to be a success, thanks to Jack.

Much to our delight, Jack returned to Toronto to celebrate his 75th. and 80th. birthdays. After Jack Griffin's death in 2001, he never failed to call me on June 3rd. - Jack's birthday. Usually, close to tears, Jack reminisced about CMHA and his close and productive relationship with Jack Griffin.”

Cyril Greenland.

Book Corner . . .

The New Consciousness: Selected Papers of Richard Maurice Bucke

Compiled by Cyril Greenland and John Robert Colombo. 2007, The Battered Silicon Dispatch Box, 2007, Shelburne, ON, and Sauk City. Richard Maurice Bucke, M.D., was Superintendent of the London, Ontario, Asylum and first Professor of Psychiatry U.W.O. Includes Dr. Bucke's revealing Presidential Address to the American Medico-Psychological Association, 1898, titled “Surgery among the Insane in Canada”, on gynaecological surgery.



The Gender Beyond Sex: Two Distinct Ways of Living in Time – by Robert Pos, MD. Trafford Publishing, 2006. Hidden beyond our sexual gender there exists a biological duality in how humans experience time, which Pos calls time gender. Alphas preferentially focus on the here and now and experience their past and future as situation-oriented; in contrast, betas selectively focus on their unified past and future and are often inattentive to the present. Dr. Pos collected a substantial body of data to demonstrate the origin and generality of his theory. To order: www.trafford.com/06-0599

President's Report by Vivienne Gibbs

We have had an interesting and semi-productive year, with some sad losses and some pleasant gains.

First, the losses:

Dorothy Smith, our Honorary Auditor, has decided to retire. We thank her most sincerely and will miss her. Dr. Anthony Norton, an original Board member, died recently. We extend our deepest condolences to his family.

Dr. Alan Yoshioka, Editor of the Newsletter and scourge of sloppy English, retired from the Board and Dr. Bill Brown, a long-time Board member and a valued part of the Bursaries Committee, has moved to Kingston.

Now, the gains:

We welcome back to the Board Dr. Cyril Greenland, co-founder of the Archives and past president. We also welcome Thelma Wheatley, now co-editing the Newsletter, with Shirley Morriss.

This year we were pleased to award five Hewton and Griffin Bursaries.

We applied for and received a grant of \$1060 from the Ontario Government. \$500 of this grant was used to support the Rendezvous with Madness Film Festival in November. Our film at the festival was 'The Madness of King George', followed by a panel discussion led by Dr. Anthony Feinstein.

The Board has joined the 'Friends of the Archives of Ontario'. This will give us an opportunity to further publicize our Bursaries, to achieve broader awareness of our Archives and perhaps place articles in their Newsletter.

Hewton and Griffin Bursaries 2008

Jennifer Bazar : "the emergence of moral treatment in Italy, France and England as well as its spread to the United States and Canada."

Dr. John Deadman : on behalf of the Ontario Psychiatric Assn. (OPA) for an archival project to organize, catalogue and preserve historic material from the OPA – originally the Ontario Neuro-Psychiatric Association.

Jason Ellis: "A Social History of Disability, Childhood and Education in Toronto's Special Education Classes 1910-1945."

Matt McGeachy: "Therafields", a psychotherapeutic organization in Toronto's Annex, 1960s–1980s.

Danielle Terbenche: the medical superintendents at Ontario's four major Asylums during nineteenth century, particularly "the professionalization of psychiatry – the administrative relationship between the provincial government and the superintendents."

Over the past few months we have embarked on an administrative review and reorganization of jobs to relieve John Court, CAMH Archivist, and tower of strength, who spent too much of his valuable time on the minutiae of our administration.

I will report on this process in the next Newsletter. Until then, have a great Summer.

Archivist's Update

by John Court



*Dr. Robert Pos, first Psychiatrist-in-Chief,
Toronto General Hospital, ca 1968.
Courtesy of CAMH Archives.*

The Archives continues to receive generous gifts of historic documents to add to our holdings. Mrs. Susan Norton has kindly presented rare books from the extensive library of her late husband, Dr. Tony Norton. Another longstanding friend, Dr Joseph Berg has donated his collection of 250 publications by Dr. Lionel S. Penrose (1898-1972), a world-renowned pioneer of medical genetics who served as Ontario's director of psychiatric research for six years, 1939-45. Dr Berg received most of these items, many of them long out of print, as gifts directly from Prof. Penrose and his family.

This Spring we are pleased to welcome Jessica Janiszewski of Queen's University as an Archives Intern, carrying out a practicum

project to supplement our finding aid for the fonds of the late Dr. Donald Blair Coates.

It is also a pleasure to congratulate the Friends of the Archives' former board member, Dr. Robert Pos, on being awarded a gold medal in the 2007 Independent Publisher Book Awards for his latest monograph, *The Gender Beyond Sex: Two Distinct Ways of Living in Time* (Trafford Publishing). See 'Book Corner', page 2.

In honour of the centenary this academic year of the University of Toronto's Department of Psychiatry, we have converted a selection of 30 of our archival audiotapes having wide historical interest, from reel-to-reel and cassette formats to digital media (CD & DVD). The media migration procedure ensures preservation of the vital content of these vintage recordings, while making them more accessible. More information about the ongoing Centenary seminars and events can be found at www.utpsychiatry.ca/centenary

Our hearty appreciation goes out to all of our many supporters for your continuing partnership in preserving our history and helping to make it accessible.



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