Dear Rousseau Association Members:

As the new Director of Publications, I am continuing the periodic bulletin we began two years ago in order to communicate with members and provide a forum for members to share news of interest to all.

*** Please also note the attached 2006 dues notice. ***

As you pay dues, please recall that as part of our agreement to submit volumes based on Rousseau Association colloquia to SVEC, the Voltaire Foundation has agreed to offer the Association a discounted price on volumes for its members. Because of the price of these volumes, however, we can distribute these volumes only to members whose dues are currently paid-up.

This communication provides Rousseau Association news and business.

Included in the following pages are:

- Final program for the 2005 Rousseau Association colloquium, *The Nature of the Reveries/La nature de Rêveries*, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, June 9-12, 2005

- Minutes of the 2005 business meeting

- Rousseau Association news, including:
  - 2007 Rousseau Association colloquium information
  - Announcement of the new Rousseau Association website
  - A new feature: Recent Rousseau Association member publications

- The 2006 dues notice

Sincerely,

John T. Scott
Publications Director, Rousseau Association/Association Rousseau
Final Program

Thursday, June 9

5:00 p.m. Opening Plenary Address: Dorothy Johnson (University of Iowa), “Rousseau and Landscape Painting in France”

Exhibition opening and plenary talk, followed by a reception in the Emerson Gallery

Friday, June 10

9:00-10:30 a.m. – Visions of Nature

Chair: Ourida Mostefai (Boston College)

John C. O’Neal (Hamilton College), “Nature as Refuge in Rousseau’s Rêveries du promeneur solitaire”
Michel Termolle (Hautes Etudes, P.H.O, Belgium), “Comprendre la nature, la nature pour comprendre”
Pamela Gay-White (Alabama State University), “Nature as Movement, Movement as Nature: la Cinquième Promenade”

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Philosophy and Religion in the Rêveries

Chair: John T. Scott (University of California, Davis)

Philip Stewart (Duke University), “Ebranlé mais non convaincu: Rousseau et les philosophes”
David Lay Williams (University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point), “Platonism in Rousseau’s Rêveries”
Laurence Mall (University of Illinois), “Dieu est juste; il veut que je souffre; et il sait que je suis innocent’: le problème du mal dans les Rêveries de Rousseau”
2:00-3:30 p.m. – The Insights of Reverie in Nature

Chair; Natasha Lee (Princeton University)

Jason Neidleman (University of La Verne), “Reverie’s Revelations: On the Form and Substance of Rousseauian Reverie”

Kevin K. Inston (University of Manchester, UK), “Reverie as a Site of Resistance, Contestation, and Transformation”

Byron Wells (Wake Forest University), “‘Un spectacle plein de vie’: Rousseau’s Enduring Nature and Body Ephemeral”

4:00-5:30 – The Rêveries as Truth or Fable

Chair: Catherine Gallouët (Hobart and William Smith College)

Mira Morgenstern (City College of New York), “Sidebar: Rousseau as Defender and Critic in the Rêveries”


Ourida Mostefai (Boston College), “Vérité de la nature et nature de la vérité dans les Rêveries”

Saturday, June 11

9:00-10:30 a.m. – The Highs and Lows of Nature

Chair: Philip Stewart (Duke University)

Jeremiah Alberg (University of West Georgia), “Unperturbed, Like God Himself”

John T. Scott (University of California, Davis), “Rousseau’s Quixotic Quest in the Rêveries du promeneur solitaire”

Matthew Simpson (Luther College), “Rousseau’s Tragic Nature”

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Scientific and Medical Views of Nature and the Self

Chair: Byron Wells (Wake Forest University)

Alexandra Cook (University of Hong Kong), “Rousseau’s Herbarium: The Neglected Middle Term”

Jean-François Perrin (Université de Grenoble 3), “Les opérations que font les physiciens: physique de l’homme naturel selon les Rêveries du promeneur solitaire”
Russell Prather (Northern Michigan University), “Garlands among the Ingredients of an Enema’: Multiple Selves in Rousseau’s Rêveries”

2:00-3:30 p.m. – **The Interior and Exterior Worlds of an Outsider**

Chair: Mira Morgenstern (City College of New York)

Sylvie Romanowski (Northwestern University), “Rousseau, un étranger pas comme les autres”
Fiona Miller (Colgate University), “Rousseau’s Solitary Will: Force and Freedom in the Rêveries”

4:00-5:30 p.m. – **Natural Accidents (and Natural Evil?): The Second Walk**

Chair: Sally Campbell (Concord College)

Jean-Luc Guichet (Collège Internationale de Philosophie, CNRS-CHPM), “Nature et origine: l’accident de Ménilmontant”
Lorraine Clark (Trent University), “Nature in the Second Walk: Accident or ‘Secret Intentions’”

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**Sunday, June 12**

9:00-10:30 a.m. – **Comparative Readings**

Chair: Laurence Mall (University of Illinois)

Zev Trachtenberg (University of Oklahoma), “Two Walkers, One Dream? A Comparison between Rousseau and Thoreau”
James Swenson (Rutgers University), “Lyrical Prose”
Carole Martin (Texas State University, San Marcos), “Question d’espace: de la fête des vendanges à la fête aux oublies du promeneur solitaire”

11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon – **Business Meeting**
The meeting, held during the 2005 biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association at Hamilton College was attended by all of the officers of the Association and approximately twenty-five other members.

The minutes of the 2004 Business Meeting were approved.

Laurence Cooper submitted the Secretary-Treasurer’s report. As of June 7, 2005, the Association’s assets totaled $5,129. Membership numbers were approximately the same as the previous year.

Ourida Mostefai presented the Publications Director report. She was pleased to report the publication in August 2004 of *Musique et langage chez Rousseau* by the Voltaire Foundation in their *SVEC* series (*SVEC* 2004:8). This volume was edited by Claude Dauphin and based on the 2001 Rousseau Association colloquium in Montréal. She also announced that the volume based on the 2004 Rousseau Association colloquium in Oxford was reviewed by *SVEC*, with the editors requesting revisions before final consideration for publication, and reported that the editors of the volume, Ourida Mostefai and John T. Scott, are currently working with the contributors to make those revisions.

John T. Scott presented the President’s report. He announced that the Rousseau Association had been officially reincorporated in the United States, for the reasons explained at the previous colloquium and in a previous Bulletin.

Finally, a proposal by Michael O’Dea of the LIRE XVIIIème research group at the Université de Lyon II to hold the 2007 colloquium in Lyon was discussed and approved. The proposed subject of the colloquium is “Rousseau et les philosophes.”

After these report, the election of officers took place. The results were as follows:

- **President:** Byron Wells (Wake Forest University)
- **Vice President:** Christopher Bertram (University of Bristol)
- **Secretary-Treasurer:** Sally Campbell (Concord College)
- **Publications Director:** John T. Scott (University of California, Davis)
- **Electronic Publications Director:** Zev Trachtenberg (University of Oklahoma)

Following the election, the newly minted Electronic Publications Director, Zev Trachtenberg, dramatically unveiled the new Rousseau Association website and pleaded piteously for membership assistance in maintaining and updating our electronic portal to the world.
Rousseau Association News

2007 Rousseau Association colloquium

Planning for the XVth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association proceeds.

Michael O’Dea of the LIRE XVIIIème research group at the Université de Lyon II proposes to hold the 2007 colloquium in Lyon. The proposed subject of the colloquium is “Rousseau et les philosophes.” Watch for further updates.

Rousseau Association Website

With the cooperation of J. Patrick Lee of Barry University, Zev Trachtenberg has designed and posted a new Rousseau Association website to be hosted at Barry University. Please visit the website at:

www.rousseauassociation.org

As noted in the minutes of the business meeting, Zev would appreciate volunteers to aid him in maintaining and updating portions of the website. At the meeting, John T. Scott generously volunteered to assist with the Publications portion of the website. Further good Samaritans are appreciated. Contact Zev at: ztrachtenberg@ou.edu
Recent Rousseau Association Member Publications

In the interest of communication among Rousseau Association members—and in light of the all too human desire for self-promotion—I would like to commence a semi-regular feature of the Bulletin that offers a list of recent publications by members.

Earlier this Fall, I solicited all members for a list of their recent scholarly accomplishments, and received many replies. Since everyone did not reply, however, the following list will be lamentably incomplete. Also, a number of members provided full descriptions of their works, and I will include these descriptions for major publications such as books.


Bruno Bernardi had a very important year for his life as a scholar. First of all, he recently published a book, *La fabrique des concepts: recherches sur l'invention conceptuelle chez Rousseau* (Honoré Champion, 2005), and included the following description:

> Cet ouvrage, fruit de quinze ans de travail, tente de renouveler la lecture de Rousseau par une approche génétique, en interrogeant la façon dont il constitue ses propres thèses. Décrire ce qu'on peut appeler son laboratoire, la fabrique de ses idées, permet en effet de cerner ce qu'est pour lui « raisoner en philosophe » (une attention soutenue est pour cela accordée aux brouillons, qui donnent à voir le travail de la pensée, et à la succession des textes sur une même question, qui en porte les effets). La problématique de l'invention conceptuelle ordonne cette enquête, parce que Rousseau constitue ses orientations essentielles en remaniant, déplaçant, transformant les concepts qu'il reçoit des traditions théoriques auxquelles il entend se confronter, en formant ceux que la constitution de son propre horizon de pensée requiert.


Jonathan Marks’ book, *Perfection and Disharmony in the Thought of Jean-Jacques Rousseau* was published by Cambridge University Press earlier this year. Jonathan included the following description drawn from the promotional materials:

In *Perfection and Disharmony in the Thought of Jean-Jacques Rousseau,* Jonathan Marks offers a new interpretation of the philosopher’s thought and its place in the contemporary debate between liberals and communitarians. Against prevailing views, he argues that Rousseau’s thought revolves around the natural perfection of a naturally disharmonious being. At the foundation of Rousseau’s thought he finds a natural teleology that takes account of and seeks to harmonize conflicting ends. The Rousseau who emerges from this interpretation is a radical critic of liberalism who is nonetheless more cautious about protecting individual freedom than his milder communitarian successors. Marks elaborates on the challenge that Rousseau poses to liberals and communitarians alike by setting up a dialogue between him and Charles Taylor, one of the most distinguished ethical and political theorists at work today.

John C. O’Neal and Ourida Mostefai published a collection of articles on Rousseau’s *Confessions* and *Rêveries* for the MLA Approaches to Teaching series: *Approaches to Teaching Rousseau’s ‘Confessions’ and ‘Reveries’* (2004). In addition to their own contributions, the collection includes contributions by Jean Perkins, Mary Ellen Birkett, Guillemette Johnston, Christopher Kelly, Michael O’Dea, Byron Wells, Patrick Coleman, Raymond Trousson, Christie Macdonald, Sarah Herbold, Virginia Swain, Carl Fisher,


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2006 Annual Dues Notice

If you have not done so already, please pay your 2006 Rousseau Association dues, as well as any 2005 dues you may still owe.

Regular dues are US $30.00.

Dues for students and retired members are US $15.00.

We currently now have only one payment option:

Send a check or money order (made out to the Rousseau Association—in US dollars) to the following address:

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USA

We used to have a PayPal account as another payment option, but with the transition from the former secretary-treasurer, Laurence Cooper, I have been unable successfully to transfer the account to my address. I hope to have the account open and available in the near future. If you would like to use the PayPal option, please contact me to find out whether the account is ready:  scampbell@concord.edu

If you have any questions about your dues or membership status, please write to me at scampbell@concord.edu.

Thank you!