Dear Rousseau Association Members:

Happy New Year to all the members of the Rousseau Association/Association Rousseau!

This bulletin provides Rousseau Association news and business.

Included in the following pages are:

- Information about the 2007 colloquium
- Minutes of the 2007 business meeting
- Miscellaneous news
- An update of recent Rousseau Association member publications

*** Please also note the attached 2008 dues notice. ***

As you pay dues, please recall that the Rousseau Association provides its members with volumes based on Association colloquia as part of their dues. We obtain these volumes at a somewhat discounted rate from *SVEC* or other publishers, but these costs are still quite high. In addition, we have the unusual situation this coming year of publishing two volumes. *Because of the price of these volumes we can distribute these volumes only to members whose dues are currently paid-up for the last two years (2007 and 2008).*

Sincerely,

John T. Scott

Publications Director, Rousseau Association/Association Rousseau

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*President:* Christopher Bertram (University of Bristol)  
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*Publications Director:* John T. Scott (University of California, Davis)  
*Electronic Publications Director:* Zev Trachtenberg (University of Oklahoma)
Publication of *The Nature of Rousseau’s ‘Rêveries’*

The edited volume based upon the 2005 colloquium of the Rousseau Association will be published in March 2008. The volume is edited by John C. O’Neal and is titled *The Nature of Rousseau’s ‘Rêveries’: Physical, human, aesthetic.*

All Rousseau Association members who have paid their dues for the last two years (2007 and 2008) will receive a copy of the volume as part of their membership.

Please join me again in congratulating John O’Neal on this fine publication by the Rousseau Association.

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**Publication of *Rousseau and ‘l’Infâme’***

The edited volume based upon the 2003 colloquium of the Rousseau Association has just been accepted for publication by Rodopi Press. The volume is edited by Ourida Mostefai and John T. Scott. The volume is tentatively scheduled for publication in Fall 2008.

All Rousseau Association members who have paid their dues for the last two years (2007 and 2008) will receive a copy of the volume as part of their membership.
Please join me in thanking Michael O’Dea for hosting a stimulating colloquium this summer. He is presently beginning the process of putting together a volume based on the colloquium.

For those of you unable to attend the colloquium, the schedule was as follows.

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14h-16h

Brunstetter, Daniel, Université de Californie, Irvine. « The New World Tragedy : Rousseau’s Response to Voltaire’s Enlightenment »

Martin, Nathan, McGill University (Canada). « Rousseau and the philosophes on Music History »

Stern, Martin, Université Lille III. « “Voilà la véritable philosophie” : les conversions de Rousseau comme clef d’intelligibilité de sa relation aux “philosophes” ».

16h30-18h30

Kelly, Christopher, Boston College. « Rousseau and the Bad Calculations of the Philosophers »

Leddy, Neven, Université d’Oxford (G-B). « Adam Smith on Rousseau as an encyclopédiste : l’Amour, La Rochehoucauld, and a Reticent Scot »

Hanley, Ryan, Marquette University. « Smith and Rousseau on Freedom ».

Labrosse, Claude, Université Lyon II, UMR LIRE. Sujet à préciser (sans doute R et Hume)

samedi 30 juin 2007

8h30-10h30

Provencher-Gravel, Alexandre, Boston College (USA). « Une philosophie pour soi ».

Mineau, Caroline, Université Laval, Québec. « La fiction de l’autre dans le portrait de soi : le rôle du trio Grimm-Diderot-d’Holbach dans Les Confessions »

Mall, Laurence, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. « J.-J. l’artiste, Rousseau le sot, et Jean-Jacques Rousseau comme impossible et suprême philosophe »

Martin, Carole, Texas State University at San Marcos. « L’ultime répartie de Rousseau, ou ce que doit le “promeneur solitaire” aux entretiens de la promenade Vernet »
11h-12h30
Grange, Juliette, Université de Nancy. D’Alembert et Rousseau.

Termolle, Michel (HEPHO, Belgique). « Des propos sur Emile par d’Alembert ».

14h-16h
Van Staen, Christophe, Université Libre de Bruxelles. « L’Encyclopédie, “ouvrage unique et utile” ? Divergences entre Rousseau et les encyclopédistes dans leur conception de l’œuvre utile ».

Mostefai, Ourida, Boston College (USA). « Rousseau lecteur critique de l’Encyclopédie ».

Leone, Maria, IUFM de Lyon. « La Nouvelle Héloïse et ses lecteurs philosophes : quand l’écriture romanesque redéfinit les modalités du dialogue de Rousseau et de ses ‘ennemis’ ».

O’Dea, Michael, Université Lyon II, UMR LIRE. « Le mot philosophe dans la correspondance de Rousseau ».

16h30-17h30
AGM Rousseau Association

17h30-18h30
Conférence de clôture: J-F Perrin
Minutes of the 2007 Rousseau Association Business Meeting

Minutes for Rousseau Association general assembly: June 30, 2007  
Lyon, France  
Reported by John T. Scott, Publications Director

1. The minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting were approved.

2. Reports

   Publications Director Report: John T. Scott

   The Publications Director reported on progress on the publication of volumes based on the two previous Rousseau Association colloquia. The volume edited by John O’Neal based on the 2005 colloquium will be published by SVEC in early 2008. John O’Neal gave details for contributors regarding final formatting. John Scott reported that we anticipated a similar arrangement with the Voltaire Foundation on purchasing volumes at a discounted rate to be sent to Association members as part of their membership. The volume edited by Ourida Mostefai and John T. Scott based on the 2003 colloquium is under consideration for publication. Further news will be reported when available.

3. Discussion of 2009 colloquium

   Members discussed plans for the 2009 colloquium. Byron Wells reported that he was willing to direct the colloquium and had spoken with colleagues at UCLA about hosting the colloquium there. The topic of “Rousseau’s Legacy” was approved by the members.

4. Discussion of 2011 colloquium

   Members engaged in a preliminary discussion of the 2011 colloquium, with a tentative proposal by Christopher Bertram to hold the colloquium in Bristol on a topic relating to political writings such as those on Poland and Corsica.

5. Elections

   Elections for officers for 2007-09 were held with the following results:

   President: Christopher Bertram  
   Vice President: Michael O’Dea  
   Secretary-Treasurer: Sally Campbell  
   Publications Director: John T. Scott  
   Web Publications Director: Zev Trachenberg

Addendum: Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

   Sally Campbell could not be present at the meeting and submitted her report separately by email. The Association account contains $11,952.75. Membership is stable, with around 90 current dues paid members so far for 2007.
Miscellaneous News

* 2008 ASECS meeting, Portland, Oregon, March 27-30, 2008

Rousseau Association sessions:

Friday, March 28: 9:45-11:15  “Rousseau’s Lettre à d’Alembert sur les spectacles” - I

**Chair:** Byron R. WELLS, Wake Forest University


2. Melanie HOLM, Rutgers University, “Virtual Experience and Virtual Fraternity: Rousseau’s Readerly Epistemology”

3. Ourida MOSTEFAI, Boston College, “Écriture parisienne et écriture genevoise dans la *Lettre à d’Alembert*”


Friday, March 28: 4:15-5:45: “Rousseau’s Lettre à d’Alembert sur les spectacles” – II

**Chair:** Byron R. WELLS, Wake Forest University

1. Fayçal FALAKY, New York University, “L’Utile et l’agréable in *Julie*: Rereading the *Lettre à d’Alembert* through Rousseau’s Epistolary Novel”

2. Angela HUNTER, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, “Invito Spectatore: The Spectator and the Will to Love in the *Lettre à d’Alembert sur les spectacles*”


4. James SWENSON, Rutgers University, “The Rural Community and the City-State: On the Sociological Basis of Modern Republicanism”

Friday, March 28: 6:00-7:00: Business Meeting of the Rousseau Association
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 continue a semi-regular feature of the Bulletin that offers a list of recent publications by members. In the 2005 member bulletin, I included a list of recent member publications. The following is an update of that list based on information I have received from members.


Bruno Bernardi has recently published several works. 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 « raisonner 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.


Raymond Birn published several works, including two books. The first book, *Crisis, Absolutism, Revolution: Europe and the World, 1648-1789* (Peterborough, ON: Broadview Press, 2005), is an update of an earlier work of his that expands coverage of cultural history and places new emphasis upon the interaction of Europeans with the wider world. The second book, *La Censure royale des livres dans la France des Lumieres* (Paris: Odile Jacob, 2007) is a series of four lectures that he gave at the College de France in which he tries to show how the practice of royal book censorship, particularly between 1751 and 1763, actually promoted tolerance when confronted by attacks upon writers on the part of parlementary magistrates and Church officials. Finally, he contributed to a SVEC volume: “Book Censorship in Eighteenth-Century France and Rousseau's Response,” *SVEC*, 2005:01, pp. 223-245.


Jonathan Marks’ book, Perfection and Disharmony in the Thought of Jean-Jacques Rousseau was published by Cambridge University Press earlier in 2007. 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.


In 1761, Marie-Anne de La Tour wrote to Jean-Jacques Rousseau claiming to be the real-life embodiment of Julie d’Étange, the fictional heroine of La Nouvelle Héloïse. Rousseau and de La Tour went on to exchange 175 letters over some fifteen years. Since its first publication in 1803, this correspondence has been cited as evidence of widely varying conclusions: the neurotic meanness of Rousseau's character, the abuse to which Rousseau himself was subjected by the French reading public, even the psychosis eighteenth-century women risked by cultivating loss of self through novel reading. This study demonstrates that de La Tour was a woman writer eager for fame who pursued her goal through the vehicle of a private correspondence with a celebrity. Her project of creating a publishable "private" correspondence with a famous author raises theoretical issues of authorial intention relevant not only to eighteenth-century studies but also to epistolary studies, reader-response theory, and gender theory.


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, Lorraine Clark, Jean Starobinski, Marie-Hélène Huet, Pierre Saint-Amand, and Christine Roulston.


Recent scholarship has been increasingly drawing attention to Rousseau’s affinity for the thinker he variously described as “divine” and as his “master”: Plato. Rousseau’s Platonic Enlightenment argues that such praise was not idle. Rather, the Platonic influence on Rousseau is pervasive – and it helps to link the many apparently disparate elements of this thought. Although he was modern in important respects, Rousseau’s Plato was never far from his mind – and indeed, his battle with the philosophes replays Plato’s own debates with the sophists. The book includes careful examination of Rousseau’s intellectual context and an exploration of these themes in his enormous wake.

Rousseau Association

2008 Annual Dues Notice

If you have not done so already, please pay your 2008 Rousseau Association dues, as well as any 2007 dues you may still owe.

Regular dues are US $30.00.

Dues for students and retired members are US $15.00.

We currently have two payment options:

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

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Department of Political Science
Concord University
P.O. Box 1000, Faculty Box 69
Athens, WV  24712
USA

Or: pay electronically through PayPal. Go to www.paypal.com, click on _Send Money,_ and follow instructions (you will be required to open an account if you do not already have one). Payment should be directed to the following email address: campbellsh@suddenlink.net.

Please let me know if you need a receipt.

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

Thank you!