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Make an investment in your career today that will pay off when you graduate — join a professional association! Associations have a great deal to offer and serve their members in a variety of ways, such as providing a forum for

education and setting professional standards of conduct. Seven out of ten Americans belong to at least one. For college students, there are a number of good reasons for joining a professional association. [More...](#)

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Information Services librarians **Jay Bhatt** and **Laura Moyer** have been busy with professional and campus activities lately, including authoring papers and appearing in panel discussions. Plus: Librarians march for peace! [More...](#)

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## E-Resources News and Reviews

### New E-Resources Available at Hagerty!

Hagerty Library now has a direct link to the **Foreign Doctoral Dissertations Database** from the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), which provides access to citations for foreign doctoral dissertations. The CRL is an international not-for-profit consortium of colleges, universities and libraries that makes available scholarly research resources to users everywhere. Additionally, full text coverage of the **Philadelphia Inquirer** is now available through the NewsBank database. Coverage includes complete full-text content from 1981 to the current issue, with local and regional news, including community events, schools, politics, government policies, cultural activities, local companies, state industries, and people in the community. [More...](#)



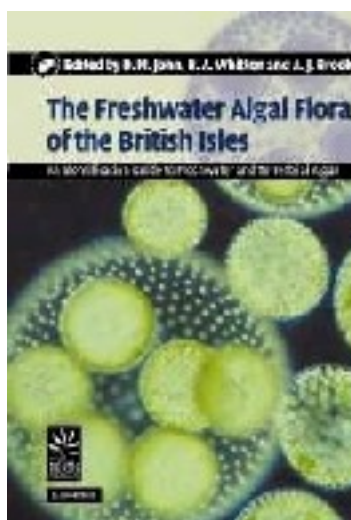
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countries. **The Nation Digital Archive** is a compendium of primary source material that includes every article, editorial, poem, and cultural review published in *The Nation* magazine. The American Council of Learned Societies' **History E-Book Project** contains over 500 full text books of high quality in the field of history. We'd love to hear what you think! [More...](#)

### New Books at Hagerty



This month, we take an eclectic international perspective in the new book room. **The Freshwater Algal Flora of the British Isles**, edited by John, Whitton, and Brook, is an encyclopediac reference guide to the primitive aquatic plants found in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Irish Republic, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Turning

from botany to fiction, Norwegian writer Jens Bjørneboe's **Moment of Freedom** is an overlooked masterpiece in world literature. Read [more](#) about it!

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The Dissertation database is searchable by author, title, institution name, year thesis was defended, language, subject/keywords, and/or translated title. As this database is still in the process of being constructed, not finding a match does not mean that CRL does not hold the dissertation. The CRL has more than 750,000 uncataloged foreign doctoral dissertations.

Contact Jay Bhatt, Engineering Librarian, at 215.895.1873 or [bhattjj@drexel.edu](mailto:bhattjj@drexel.edu) for help using this database.

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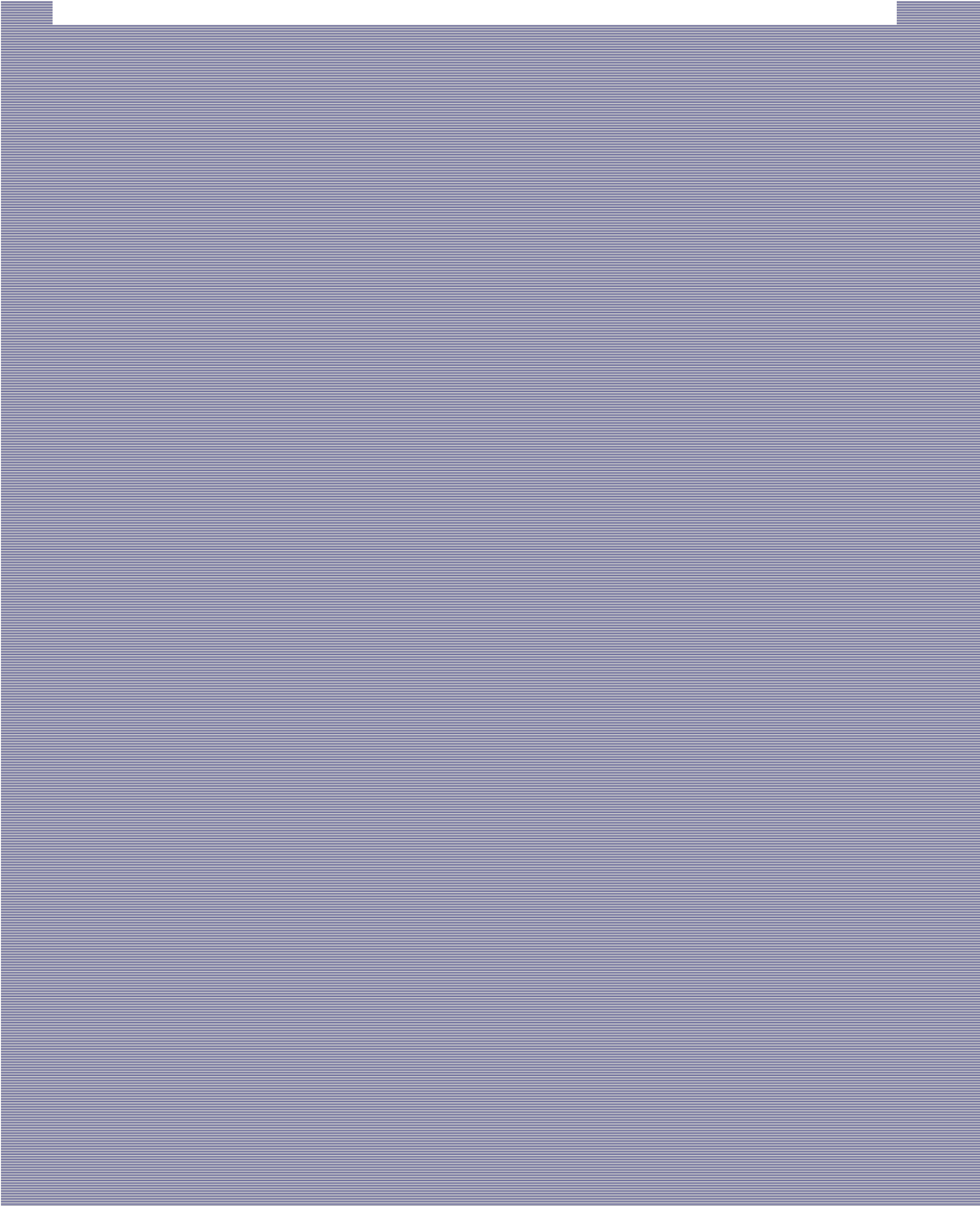
### All the Local News That's Fit to Print!

Hagerty Library now has full text coverage of the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) through the NewsBank database. Coverage includes complete full-text content from 1981 to the current issue, with local and regional news, including community events, schools, politics, government policies, cultural activities, local companies, state industries, and people in the community. Paid advertisements are excluded.

**The Philadelphia Inquirer**  
Found on Philly.com

For more information, contact Carl Anderson, Director of Electronic Resources, at 215.895.2771 or [Carl.Anderson@drexel.edu](mailto:Carl.Anderson@drexel.edu).

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**The goal of LibQUAL+™ is to define and measure library service quality across institutions and to create useful quality-assessment tools for libraries.** Service quality has always been a value for libraries; LibQUAL+™ provides a measure of that value. The current LibQUAL+™ instrument measures library users' perceptions of their libraries' service quality and identifies gaps between desired, perceived, and minimal expectations of service. LibQUAL+™ is one of several outcome-based assessment efforts begun under the ARL New Measures Initiative. Outcome measures show how well an organization serves its users: they demonstrate an institution's efficiency and effectiveness.

LibQUAL+™ will allow libraries to compare their service quality with other peer institutions, and to develop benchmarks and an understanding of best practices across institutions. The University Libraries can be more responsive to users' needs and provide services that are better aligned to users' expectations. The goal is to improve services to help users reach their learning and research objectives and effectively manage information resources.

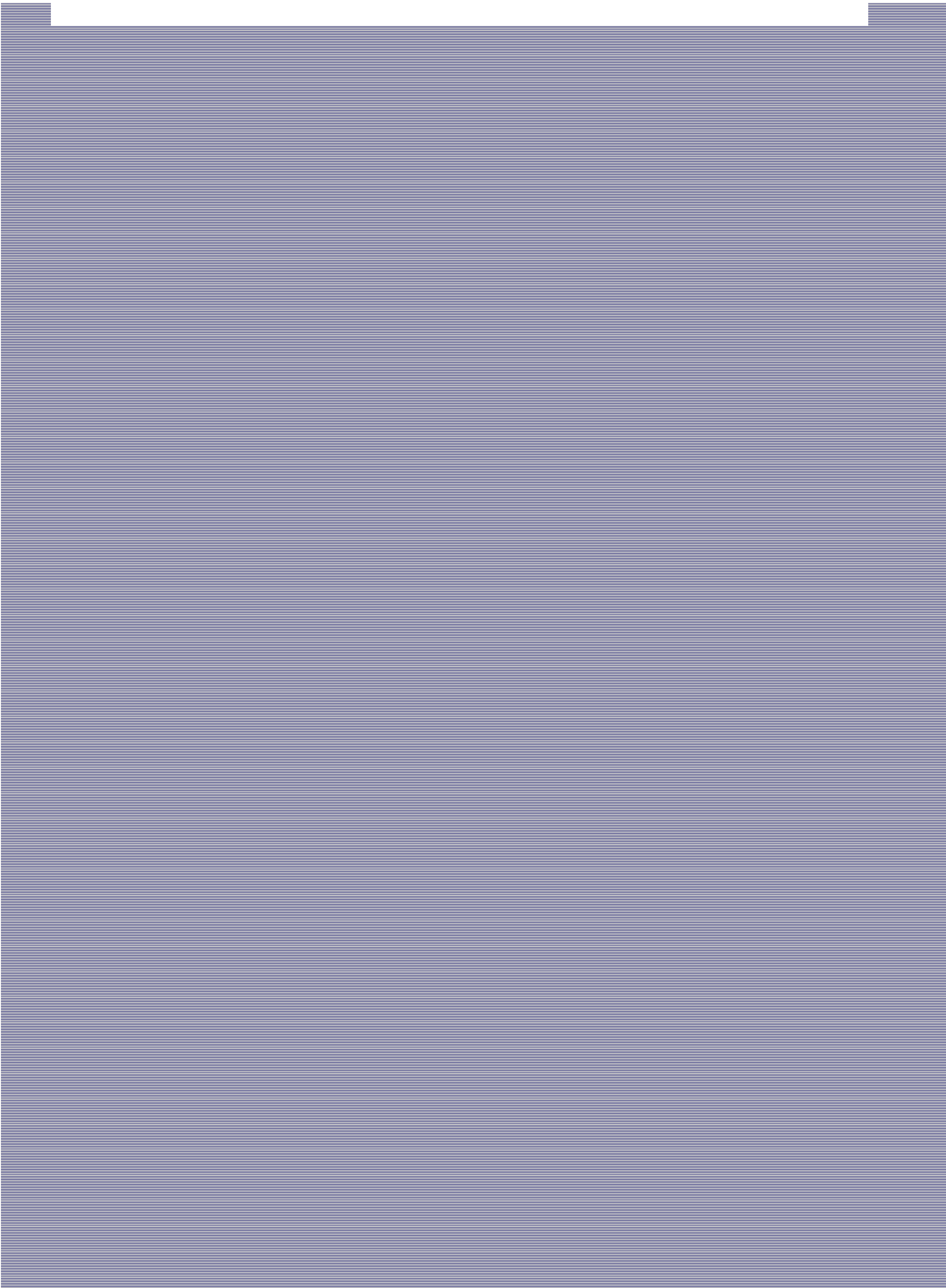
**Drexel students, faculty, and staff will be asked to take ten minutes to fill out the web-based survey.** Names and e-mail addresses will be chosen at random from the University's BannerWeb database. In addition to the fixed 25-items, respondents will be free to provide anonymous feedback, opinions, suggestions, comments, compliments, or rants.

Survey respondents who wish to add their e-mail addresses for an optional drawing will be notified if chosen to receive one of eight \$25.00 Barnes and Noble Gift Cards, which can be used at any Barnes and Noble store for any merchandise. In addition, the entire ARL project will have an incentive drawing for a PALM Pilot for those who wish to participate. (NOTE: All surveys are confidential. Names and e-mail addresses will be stripped from the survey data before being returned to the home institution.)

**The Libraries need your help to make this a successful project!** If you are chosen, please take the time to thoughtfully fill out the survey. The data will be correlated at Texas A&M and returned to Drexel University in June, when we will be able to examine it and compare it to similar institutions who have participated. At that time all the results will be made available over the web.

We look forward to your cooperation and thoughtful comments!

For more information, contact Ken Garson, Head of Access Services, at 215.895.2774 or [garsonkw@drexel.edu](mailto:garsonkw@drexel.edu).



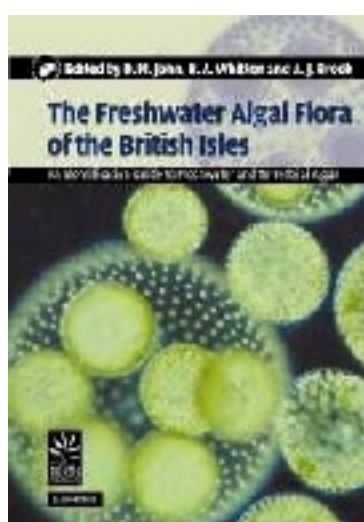
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## Selections From the New Book Room



***The Freshwater Algal Flora of the British Isles: An Identification Guide to Freshwater and Terrestrial Algae*** / D.M. John, B.A. Whitton, and A.J. Brook, editors.

[QK573.F74 2002](#)

The study of algae is called 'phycology', from the Greek word phykos meaning 'seaweed'. Algae is a general term for primitive plants, mainly aquatic, using chlorophyll in their photosynthesis but lacking the features such as a vascular system for internal transport of water and nutrients. Algae have been found in almost all environments where humans have been able to explore. Algae range in size from microscopic unicells less than 1 µm in diameter to kelps as long as 60 m. In marine and freshwater environments they are the main photosynthetic organisms. However, they are also found in soils, salt lakes, and hot springs, and some can grow in snow or on rocks or on the bark of trees.

The scope of this work encompasses over 1700 species of freshwater algae of the British Isles, which is defined as England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Irish Republic, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. The previous comprehensive work in this area was West and Fritsch's *Treatise on the British Freshwater Algae*, published in 1927. This work is the result of the collaboration of 26 international researchers, written and merged over a period of ten years. This process can be detected in the flow and style of the content but does not, however, distract from the subject matter or its utility.

Freshwater algae range from single-celled forms to aggregations of cells in chains (filaments), to colonies and tissue-like forms. Algae can be classified into six or more divisions (phyla) based on the chloroplast structure, pigment complement, carbohydrate storage product, cell covering, and other aspects of cellular organization. The book is roughly arranged by phyla, and then within each section a key is provided for further identification. There are extensive illustrations to accompany the keys.

A CD-ROM supplements the book. Here, all taxa are listed alphabetically and each is accompanied by one or more thumbnail-sized images. Habitat photographs are included where algae form conspicuous macroscopic growths or form plankton blooms. The images include the phylum name followed beneath by the genus, species, and subspecific name along with authority. Additional information includes the dimension, type of photograph (bright field, differential interference contrast, etc.), the copyright holder, and where the sample was collected (if known).

Weighing in at nearly five pounds, this book is not a field guide, but a lab guide. There is a useful chapter on field methods followed by a chapter on laboratory methods. As part of the supporting chapters found at the beginning of the book, the editors include a fascinating chapter on the history of British algal studies. Furthermore, the book wraps up with a glossary, an extensive list of references, and taxonomic and subject indices. This source is exhaustive in its coverage, illustrations, and aids to identification. Although one might be dissuaded from the value of this work beyond the British Isles, it should be pointed out that the freshwater algae as described in this work are commonly found throughout the world. Thus, this identification guide would be practical anywhere, particularly for researchers and students learning to identify algae. – *reviewed by Peggy Dominy*

(This review will be published in a slightly different form in a forthcoming issue of the *Bulletin of Plant Science*. -- ed.)

***Moment of Freedom*** / by Jens Bjørneboe; translated by Esther Greenleaf Mürer  
[PT8950.B528 F713 1999](#)

Norwegian author [Jens Bjørneboe](#) has had his works declared "masterpieces" in Europe, and yet he remains all but unknown in the United States. There are several reasons for this. First of all, Bjørneboe was living in the European "hinterlands" of Scandinavia, writing in a language that is seldom translated into English, and in whose literature we have shown little interest since the death of Ibsen. Secondly, much of Bjørneboe's work is not easy to read, not only because his writing is experimental but because one of his major themes is "The Evil;" he takes long, detailed looks at the basest sides of humanity, cataloging man's inhumanity to man for pages at a time. Thirdly, Bjørneboe committed suicide in 1976, just as *Moment of Freedom* was being made available in English for the first time. As a result, critics and reviewers had no author to interview or to quote or to provide a sense of the personality behind the book. Also, by the mid-1970s American sensibilities had taken a swing further to the right and Bjørneboe's radical social critique, which might have seemed more in place in the late 1960s and early 1970s, now seemed out of step with the times.



In spite of all this, *Moment of Freedom* is a masterpiece, and it is a book whose time has come once again. While our leaders seem stuck on a one-way track heading toward WWII with no regard for popular or world opinion, we need writers like Bjørneboe to point out the corruption and depravity that springs from absolute power, and the absurdity of decisions made by those who are morally bankrupt. Bjørneboe's writing has been compared to Kafka, Dostoevsky, Rabelais, and the Book of Revelation. If comparisons are needed, I would liken his writing style to the hypnotic, poetic quality found in the best of Thomas Pynchon, with a strong dose of the thematic of Günter Grass, another "difficult" European writer whose world view was formed by the experience of WWII. Since this is an experimental novel without a concrete plot, it is difficult to summarize. The narrator is a "Servant of Justice" who witnesses firsthand the hypocrisy of the powerful. His story is told in a series of diary entries, dreams, fantasies, memories, and drunken revels.

*Moment of Freedom* won the Norwegian State Prize for Culture, as well as a number of other awards. It is the first book in Bjørneboe's trilogy generally referred to as *The History of Bestiality*, which also includes *Powderhouse* and *The Silence*. It is a work that can seem overwhelmingly depressing and negative, while at the same time it paradoxically retains both a sense of humor and a sense of hope. The 1999 edition was faithfully translated by Philadelphiaian Esther Greenleaf Mürer and expresses both the meaning and the spirit of the original Norwegian text. *Moment of Freedom* is not for the faint-hearted, but those who are willing to look cold, hard reality squarely in the face will find it a rewarding adventure. – *reviewed by Alison Lewis*

(For further information about this writer and his works, see the website [Jens Bjørneboe in English](#) -- ed.)

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**BasicBIOSIS** is the pick of Sciences Librarian Peggy Dominy for “**best new resource for undergraduate bioscience students.**” BasicBIOSIS is a subset of Biological Abstracts, the flagship of the life sciences’ literature resources. It combines the core journals most pertinent to undergraduate research with general science and popular news publications and covers nearly every discipline in the life sciences, including genetics, biochemistry, biotechnology, public health, nutrition, botany, and the environment. It allows context-sensitive searching, which identifies the terms you want in relation to other keywords from the same source. You may also search fields such as Organism Name, Taxonomic Group, Diseases and Syndromes, Chemicals and Bio-chemicals, and even Geopolitical Location. In many cases you can link to the full text of the article.

Engineering Librarian Jay Bhatt sees the merger as **a boon for biomedical engineering students**. Many of the new resources will help provide them with the background necessary to excel in their field. These include:

**Books@OVID**, ia collection of electronic textbooks, drug references, and handbooks with a primary care focus. Each resource in the collection can be used individually, or topics can be searched across all sources. Examples of electronic books include: *Basic and Clinical Pharmacology*, *Heart Disease: A Textbook of Cardiovascular Medicine*, and *Hurst’s the Heart Online*

### **Evidence-based Medicine - Best Evidence &**

**Evidence-based Medicine - The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews** are two more databases available from Ovid. Best Evidence consists of two journals: ACP Journal Club and Evidence-Based Medicine. The editors screen the top clinical journals for studies that are both methodologically sound and clinically relevant. They write an enhanced abstract of the chosen articles and provide a commentary on the value of the article for clinical practice. Best Evidence contains the complete contents of the database dating back to 1991. The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews includes the full text of the regularly updated systematic reviews of the effects of healthcare prepared by The Cochrane Collaboration. Each issue of COCH contains new and updated reviews and protocols.

**Journals@Ovid Full Text** provides access to hundreds of scientific, technical, and medical journals from over 50 publishers and societies. Full Text availability is indicated by an icon. Examples include: *American Heart Journal*, *Spine*, *Sports Medicine*, and *Surgery*.

**MD Consult** provides access to over 36 medical texts, articles from more than 46 clinical journals, practice guidelines, drug information, 2,500 patient education handouts, CME, and daily medical updates. The resource includes reference books such as *Heart Disease: A Textbook of Cardiovascular Medicine*, and *Marriott’s Practical Electrocardiography*.

**Proquest Nursing Collection** contains the full text of articles from 250+ leading journals in nursing and allied health.

**Thieme** includes abstracts and full text from a selection of 32 English-language journals and 50 German-language journals in the fields of chemistry, biology, and medicine.

Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian Alison Lewis points out that **students taking psychology courses** may be interested in the article citations found in **CINAHL**, the Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature, **Proquest Nursing Collection**, and in **HealthSTAR**. **Advanced psychology students** should check out the full text resources available in Neurology, Psychiatry, and Psychology from **Thieme**. Also of interest is **HAPI** (Health and Psychosocial Instruments), which provides information on measurement instruments (questionnaires, etc.) for the health and psychosocial sciences, and is a nice complement to **Mental Measurements**. HAPI should also be of interest to **students of organizational behavior, and library and information science**.

While most of the newly accessible databases have a definite medical and biological spin, students enrolled in courses in other disciplines are not entirely overlooked! Those in Women’s Studies courses, as well as those in selected classes in History & Politics and Culture & Communication, may be interested in the **Contemporary Women’s Issues** database, which provides ample citations and ECO full text links for articles concerning Cultural Studies, Social Issues, and Women’s/Gender Studies.

The new Drexel University now has four libraries and all Drexel students, faculty, and staff can make use of the resources available at all of them. If you have any questions about any of the new electronic databases or any other library resource, please contact your **subject specialist librarian!**

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**Laura Moyer**, Information Services Librarian for the College of Information Science and Technology, co-presented a talk on "Librarians and the Information Commons: Innovative Strategies for Content Integration" at the Blackboard Users Conference, February 25-27, 2003, in Baltimore, MD. Co-presenters were Dr. Martha Smith of Drexel's College of Information Science and Technology and Chris Peeters of the Karel de Grote-Hogeschool in Antwerp, Belgium.

**Jay Bhatt**, Information Services Librarian for Engineering, is co-author of a paper appearing in *Educational Technology & Society* entitled "[The use of SMIRP for the rapid design and implementation of pedagogical constructs: Case study of a question-answer-reference framework.](#)" He also recently participated in two panel discussions, one on the essence of the Bhagavad Gita, a well known Indian scripture, at the invitation of Drexel's Cultural Diversity Student Association (CDSA) and the other on India and Indo-US relations, conducted by the Consul General of India at the invitation of DISHA, Drexel's Indian Students Association.



Several **Hagerty Library staff members** braved the cold weather to participate in the big peace march and protest held in Philadelphia on February 15, 2002.

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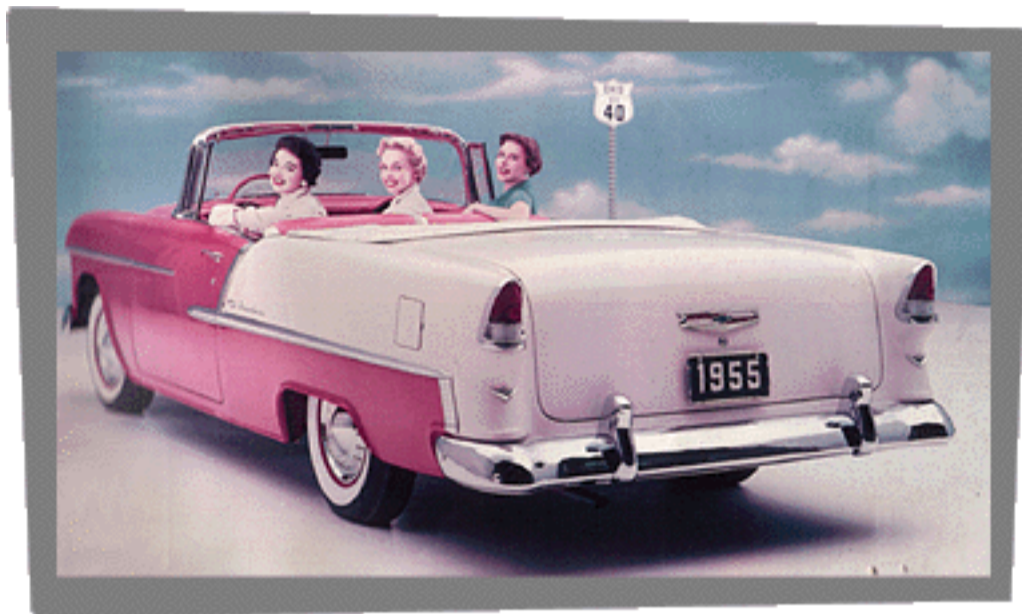
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The American Council of Learned Societies' [History E-Book Project](#) is now on trial! This database contains over 500 full text books of high quality in the field of history - books that remain vital to both scholars and advanced students, and are frequently cited in the literature. This trial runs to April 30th.

We're interested to know what you think about the electronic resources we have on trial. Please click [here](#) or on the image to the left to submit your review! You may also send questions, complaints and suggestions to the Electronic Resources Librarian, [Carl Anderson](#) (215.895.2771 or [carl.anderson@drexel.edu](mailto:carl.anderson@drexel.edu)). Be sure to include the name of the database you consulted.

New trials are arriving all the time! Check [Current Trials](#) for the latest information!

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Make an investment in your career today that will pay off when you graduate — join a professional association! Associations have a great deal to offer and serve their members in a variety of ways, such as providing a forum for education and setting professional standards of conduct. Seven out of ten Americans belong to at least one. As a college student, here are some of the benefits to you:

- Professional associations often have a tool for sharing job openings, either through special newsletters, the web site, or listservs/discussion boards.
- Being part of a professional association looks great on a resume. It demonstrates a commitment to the field you have chosen.
- An association's newsletter or journal, distributed only to members, keeps you current on new developments in your field—very handy when interviewing.
- Associations hold conferences for members, where you can network with other professionals and make important contacts.
- It's affordable! Most associations offer student discounts, both for membership and conference fees.
- Camaraderie. Meet fellow students and professionals, members of local chapters, and get involved.

Finding an association in your field of interest is easy. The [\*Encyclopedia of Associations\*](#) (REF HS 17 .E52x) lists nearly 23,000 associations. Hagerty Library has both electronic access and two hard copies (at the reference desk and in the Career Services room #130) of this resource. In the electronic version, you can search by subject categories, descriptor terms, or even SIC codes. Parts 1 & 2 of the first volume in the printed edition contain entries for each association divided into subject sections and then arranged alphabetically. Part 3 is a keyword index to help you find the entries in the first two parts.

**Bottom line:** Do yourself a favor. Seventy percent of the U.S. population is already taking advantage of the benefits that professional associations can provide. Don't miss out!

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The Career Services Collection is located in Room 130, on the first floor of Hagerty Library. For more information, contact Jodi VanMeter, Career Services Library Assistant, at 215.895.6843 or [jodivanmeter@drexel.edu](mailto:jodivanmeter@drexel.edu).

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The prints were a gift to CoMAD from industrialist and art collector John Ventre of Syracuse, New York. Mr. Ventre began his career bottling spaghetti sauce in the basement of his father's Italian restaurant, and over time developed this activity into a major bottling and canning business. His business success has allowed him to indulge in his passion for collecting art, and he is known for having one of the largest collections of Dali prints.

Last fall, the Leonard Pearlstein Gallery in Nesbitt Hall featured an exhibition of the prints, called "[Metaphors From the Deep](#)." Mr. Ventre was able to attend the opening of the exhibit and receive thanks from the University for his generous gift. According to Dr. Joseph Gregory, Director of the Pearlstein

Gallery, all of the prints have been authenticated as genuine works of the often-imitated Spanish surrealist.

Hagerty Library is pleased to be displaying these Dali prints and invites you to take a look at these sometimes beautiful and sometimes disturbing images the next time you visit.

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