

## ARCHIVAL RESOURCES OF INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF PHILOSOPHY AT UT AUSTIN

A major resource for study in the humanities at UT Austin is **THE HARRY RANSOM CENTER**, one of the world's large and renowned repositories of manuscripts, rare books, and other materials in the fine arts and the humanities. Included in its riches are a number of manuscript collections that are of interest to students of philosophy. Eight of these collections draw on the posthumously assembled papers of individual philosophers (hypertext links lead to the corresponding "Finding Aid" for the collection):

- American Wittgensteinian philosopher and commentator **O. K. Bouwsma** (1898-1978), former member of the UT Austin Department of Philosophy.
- Philosopher and dramatist [Gabriel Marcel](#) (1889-1973), who is generally regarded as the first French existentialist—the collection includes over fifty notebooks in which Marcel recorded his daily thoughts and activities and worked out his philosophical ideas.
- Dublin-born Anglican philosopher **Leslie Paul** (1905-1985).
- Indian author and philosopher **Raja Rao** (1908-2006), former member of the UT Department of Philosophy.
- Select holdings for **Bertrand Russell** (1872-1970), including over one thousand of his letters to [Lady Ottoline Morrell](#)— in addition to manuscript drafts and notebooks.
- Spanish-American philosopher, poet, and critic **George Santayana** (1863-1952). <http://norman.hrc.utexas.edu/fasearch/findingAid.cfm?eadid=00850>
- Smaller group of manuscripts representing the work of the eminent British logician **L. Susan Stebbing** (1885-1943).
- Manuscripts, lecture and research notes, and correspondence files of philosopher and classicist **Gregory Vlastos** (1907-1991). <http://norman.hrc.utexas.edu/fasearch/findingAid.cfm?eadid=01135>  
Discussion of the Vlastos Archive, with description of its scope and content, has also appeared in the journal [Philosophical Inquiry](#), 40 (2016), 113-125.

In addition to the eight collections listed above, material on major philosophical figures is a significant component also in other special holdings at the Ransom Center:

- The [Carlton Lake Collection of French Manuscripts](#) contains correspondence and manuscripts by existentialist writers and thinkers **Jean-Paul Sartre** (1905-1980), **Simone de Beauvoir** (1908-1986), and **Albert Camus** (1913-1960).
- Research notes, drafts, and fair copies in the hand of philosopher **Jean-Jacques Rousseau** (1712-1778) appear in the [Ouvrage sur les femmes](#) collection. These materials were produced while Rousseau served as a research assistant for Louise Marie Madeline Fontaine Dupin on her ambitious but unfinished history of women.
- The Desmond Flower Collection of Voltaire, which consists of more than 1350 volumes of predominantly eighteenth-century works by, and relating to, French Enlightenment thinker and writer **François Marie Arouet de Voltaire** (1694-1778). <http://norman.hrc.utexas.edu/fasearch/findingAid.cfm?eadid=00796>

Rare books and microfilms documenting the **history of logic**, held at the Ransom Center, exceed eighteen hundred titles by more than twelve hundred of the authors listed in Wilhelm Risse's *Bibliographia Logica, 1500-1800*.

Scholars interested in **early modern philosophy** and **history of science** will find significant holdings in 16th - 18th century rare books as well as resources in documenting the chronology of publications in this period. (One may thus be in a position to identify, and perhaps also to examine, books that would have been available, for example, to Descartes or to Leibniz.)

Students in the **Joint Classics-Philosophy Graduate Program in Ancient Philosophy** will want to draw on the large Classics-related holdings at the Ransom Center. These comprise second-century Ptolemaic Greek papyri fragments, medieval manuscripts, early printed editions and translations, squeezes (paper impressions of classical inscriptions in stone), as well as extensive printed materials, including the libraries of several classical scholars.

Not at the Ransom Center but at UT Austin's **BRISCOE CENTER FOR AMERICAN HISTORY** researchers will find the papers of two other former members of the UT Austin Department of Philosophy:

- American pragmatist **Arthur E. Murphy** (1901-1962). <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/utcah/02538/cah-02538.htm>
- **Edmund L. Pincoffs** (1919-1992), highly regarded for his contributions to the philosophy of law and to virtue ethics. <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/utcah/03494/cah-03494.html>