

To: Members of the Divinity School Community
From: Beth Bidlack, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy
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Re: What's happening in the Library (news for Winter 2009)

Happy New Year! This quarter I would like to highlight a few exhibits in the [Special Collections Research Center](#) (SCRC), the new interface for the online [Goodspeed Manuscript Collection](#), and some recent purchases by the [Center for Research Libraries](#) (CRL). As in previous quarters, I will offer several workshops during the next few weeks, including "Starting Your Dissertation" (which provides tips on how to organize your citations and research and how to locate new resources) and "Finding Resources in Religious Studies" (which provides an overview of the Library's resources in religion, including where to find them and how to use them). Once I have finalized the times for these workshops, I will post a message to the DSA list. In addition, I am available for one-on-one research consultations and class visits to Swift Hall.

You are invited to the Library's contribution to [MLK week](#). In the SCRC at Regenstein Library from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM on Friday, January 16th, library staff will host a talk and tour of the [current exhibit](#) in the main gallery, "Integrating the Life of the Mind: African Americans at the University of Chicago, 1870-1940." Light refreshments will be served. While you are in SCRC, be sure to check out our other exhibits, "East European Jews in the German-Jewish Imagination from the Ludwig Rosenberger Library of Judaica," which is on display in the Rosenberger Library of Judaica Gallery in the SCRC, and "Our Lincoln: Bicentennial Icons from the Barton Collection of Lincolniana," which is on display in the SCRC alcoves gallery from January 14-February 22.

The interface for the online [Goodspeed Manuscript Collection](#) has a new look. High-quality, zoomable images of the manuscripts, with thumbnail navigation and information about each item, are being made available online as they are completed. Users can browse within individual manuscripts and across the Collection. Digitization of additional manuscripts will continue through September 30, 2009. We invite you to explore the site and send your feedback to goodspeed@lib.uchicago.edu.

Among the list of purchases this year in the [Center for Research Libraries Purchase Proposal Program](#) are several titles in religious studies. Because the University of Chicago Library is a member of CRL, you can use these microform collections via interlibrary loan or by making an appointment to visit the [CRL reading room](#), which is located in Hyde Park.

**American Religions Collection - Series 2: Nontraditional American Religions:
Eastern Religions: Buddhism, Shintoism and Japanese New Religions.**

Gale Cengage / Primary Source Microfilm

<http://www.gale.cengage.com/servlet/ItemDetailServlet?region=9&imprint=000&titleCode=PSM334&cf=n&type=3&id=229921>

47 reels.

From the holdings of the American Religions Collection, Department of Special Collections, Donald C. Davidson Library, University of California, Santa Barbara, this large and unique collection covers alternative religious movements and practices.

**American Religions Collection - Series 3: Nontraditional American Religions:
Eastern Religions: Hinduism, Sikhism, and Sant Mat.**

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<http://www.gale.cengage.com/servlet/ItemDetailServlet?region=9&imprint=000&titleCode=PSM334&cf=n&type=3&id=240158>

52 reels.

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**Incunabula: The Printing Revolution in Europe 1455-1500 - Unit 56 & 57: Bibles
and Commentaries parts 1 & 2.**

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<http://www.gale.cengage.com/servlet/ItemDetailServlet?region=9&imprint=745&titleCode=PSM7&type=2&id=191734>

855 fiche.

**Incunabula: The Printing Revolution in Europe 1455-1500 - Unit 58 & 59: Bibles
and Commentaries parts 3 & 4.**

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<http://www.gale.cengage.com/servlet/ItemDetailServlet?region=9&imprint=745&titleCode=PSM7&type=2&id=191734>

888 fiche.

Introduction and selection: Dr. Kristian Jensen (Head of Incunabula, the British Library, London). Bibles and commentaries were an important part of 15th century printing, and this collection brings together a wide range of them. As well as numerous Latin editions, including the 42-line "Gutenberg" Bible of 1454/5 and the 36-Line Bamberg Bible, there are Czech, French, German and Italian translations. The set includes books printed in Rome, Venice, Paris, Lyons, Louvain, Strasbourg, Basel, Cologne, Nuremberg, Speyer, Bamberg and Mainz and works by commentators such as Nicolaus de Lyra, Johannes Marchesinus, Aurelius Augustinus and Gregorius I.

I can be reached by email bbidlack@uchicago.edu, by phone 773-702-8442, or in person in JRL (Joseph Regenstein Library) room 461. If you have any questions or concerns about the Library, please don't hesitate to contact me. Best wishes for winter quarter!