



Archives of the History of American Psychology
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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to invite you to become a charter member of

The Friends of the Psychology Archives,

a new organization of people who believe that the history of psychology is important and who are willing to contribute to the support of the Archives' work to improve the history of psychology.

The Archives of the History of American Psychology is just short of 30 years old, and through those years the major income has been provided by The University of Akron, a state of Ohio university. The University and the State - as so many other systems - are having financial difficulties. The Library budget has been cut and the Psychology Archives, as part of the Library, has shared equally in the reduction of support. But, of course, the intake of materials, the preparation of finding aids, and service to scholars have not been reduced. In fact, the amount of work is growing, just as it has ever since we began.

So we are stuck between the rock of reduced income and the hard place of increasing archival work. I enclose a Financial Information Sheet with this letter. It displays the contrast between the budget for the affluent year of 1989 and the budget for the past three-lean-years. The difference between resources and expenses is currently being made up by withdrawals from the discretionary fund described on the financial sheet. This borrowing has short term utility but it is not sound practice in the long run.

The organization of the Friends of the Psychology Archives has been a goal since 1982, when a plan was developed to create an association interested in establishing and enlarging an endowment. This optimism was in response both to our desire to support scholarly research in the Archives and the goodwill that was expressed in the unsolicited monetary gifts that we received from time to time. These donors are recognized on the Financial Information Sheet.

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Unfortunately, circumstances postponed The Friends and now the original goal has been displaced by the need to supplement the support of routine responsibilities. This appears, at the moment, as the best means of preventing an undue time span between the accession of deposits and their availability to researchers. We have not dismissed the preference for an endowment and do anticipate an eventual return to the customary level of support from The University of Akron.

I hope that it will be possible for you to be generous to the Psychology Archives. A pledge card is enclosed. In return for a positive response you will be reinforced by enrollment as a Friend, and you will be sent a receipt to pacify the IRS. You will also receive the annual report for each year with a listing of other members of the Friends, a summary of the year's deposits, and the names of scholars who have used our resources. We will also send you a facsimile of the bookplate of Edward Chase Tolman "suitable for framing".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Popplestone". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

John A. Popplestone, Ph.D.

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Enclosures

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Financial Information Sheet

Budget Summary 1989-1993

YEAR	BUDGET (LESS FACULTY AND STAFF WAGES)	STUDENT ASSISTANT SHARE OF BUDGET
1989	\$25,784	\$15,200
1991	\$19,150	\$11,094
1992	\$14,202	\$8,865
1993	\$14,091	\$8,147

A 'Restricted Fund' from fees, sale of pictures, honoraria, etc. stood at \$10,639.26 at the beginning of the FY '92-'93. During that year it provided \$3,727.38 for student assistants.

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