



The University Women's Club of The Ohio State University

125 Years of Service

January/February 2019

Breaking and Remaking Scripture: A 13th-century Bible Manuscript in Transition Presented by Dr. Eric J. Johnson

Dr. Johnson Profile

Dr. Eric J. Johnson is Associate Professor and Curator of Rare Books & Manuscripts at the Rare Books & Manuscripts Library, at The Ohio State University.

He teaches widely across the University's interdisciplinary humanities curriculum, with particular emphasis on manuscript studies and book history. Dr. Johnson holds a M.A. and PhD in Medieval Studies from the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of York (UK), as well as a MLIS from Rutgers University.



His research interests extend across the fields of medieval and Renaissance studies, codicology and bibliography, book history, the pedagogical uses of primary source materials in K-12 and university classrooms, and the digital humanities.



The University Women's Club (UWC) has a unique speaker lined up for our February 4th lunch meeting. Dr. Eric J. Johnson will give us a peek into the world of antiquities and ancient writings.

More than 10,000 Bible medieval manuscripts survive today in one form or another. These include individual fragments of larger volumes that once packaged the entirety of Scripture, along with dazzling illuminated images, together within a single set of covers.

In his presentation, Dr. Johnson will discuss the remains of an important early-13th century Bible manuscript and provide an account of its medieval origins, use and its passage

through history up to its destruction in September 1981.

In addition he will describe the subsequent dispersal of its original pages, and his ongoing efforts to trace these dispersed pieces in private and institutional collections around the world. Ultimately the goal is to reconstruct this invaluable witness to the early stages in the development of the modern Bible. Dr. Johnson will have examples of medieval Bibles with him to "illustrate" his talk, and attendees will be able to examine these unique artifacts for themselves.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the UWC's first luncheon of 2019 and learning much more about this fascinating undertaking by Dr. Johnson.

Luncheon Details

February 4, 2019 at the Ohio State University Faculty Club,

- Registration begins at 10:30 AM
- Lunch at 11:30 AM
- Program begins 12:30 PM

We will be using distributive seating for this meeting as well as April's Luncheon. (See details on page 3)

President's Post

The year is new, the hopes are new, the aspirations are new, but my warm wishes for happiness and prosperity remains the same for you and your families.

The New Year brings with it a fresh start, new opportunities and an exhilarating sense of rejuvenation. As we head into our 125-Year Celebration, may the new chapter we write for the UWC be even better than the last.

Tomorrow will be the beginning of an exciting new page as we secure the next 125 years for members yet to come...

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Toward that effort, the University Women's Club (UWC) has many initiatives underway. Let's take a look...

1. The number of scholarship recipients increased by 10 over the last 8 years
2. To increase awareness, the luncheon agenda includes a monthly update from Buckeye Bargains, our long-standing primary scholarship funding effort
3. In preparation for our 125-Year commemoration, the luncheon agenda includes segments from a historical timeline written and presented by our Historian, Sharyn Talbert
4. A 125-Year Ad Hoc Celebration Committee was established to plan for our year-long celebration
5. Volunteer opportunities increased and volunteer hours of UWC members will be documented bringing long-deserved credit to the UWC's give back to Ohio State
6. UWC is presently operating with a deficit budget. We conducted a comprehensive financial review to determine our current financial status and identify all financial resources available for funding the UWC's operating budget, and to recommend actions to secure the economic wellbeing of our future. To reinforce our precarious situation the Executive Committee met in November in a Financial Workshop to understand the findings of the review
7. A Financial Ad Hoc Committee was established from the broad membership to make current, financially stable assumptions for the future
8. Critical UWC governing documents recovered and secured to meet the increasing demands of government reporting on 501 (c)3 organizations
9. New luncheon contract struck with the Faculty Club, more favorable to the UWC by reducing financial exposure
10. With the assistance of OSU Capstone students, a new website is under construction for the UWC which will provide many cost-reducing and beneficial services to our members

The best thing about the New Year is having the feeling of renewed hope, the chance to get more of it right, and to enjoy the journey. May it bring surprises.

Thank you for everything you've done for the UWC and me this past year. I couldn't have asked for better friends to be by my side throughout it all.

The New Year is a new start, so, *ready...set...go!*

-Lynda Sirk



Honoring UWC Member Posthumously



The Ohio State University Faculty Club will present a rare opportunity to view and purchase the works of the late Columbus artist Dotti Lipetz in an exhibition titled *Retrospective*.

The exhibition, presented with the assistance of JA Baker LLC Appraisal & Estate Sales, will feature forty-two of Lipetz's works selected from her estate. The works include prints and woodcuts, for which Lipetz was well known, in addition to a number of mixed-media collages, some abstract and some more representational.

Those who knew Dotti Lipetz would share all her amazing attributes. Prolific creator. Lifelong learner. Devoted wife. Loving, nurturing mother. Contributor to the community. Beloved friend. She is described as having had a keen intellect and a seemingly endless thirst for knowledge. Her diminutive stature belied her larger-than-life personality and enthusiasm for art and the creative process. She delighted collectors with her passion for trying new approaches and imbuing her work with a sense of continuous renewal.

Her works are in numerous private collections and the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New York's Pratt Institute and the Columbus Museum of Art.

The solo exhibition will be on display from January 7 through February 22, 2019. Please call 614-292-2262 or email the club at facultyclubosu@yahoo.com for more information.

Financial Report

Year-end often brings a flurry of donations designated for the UWC Scholarship endowment. Not only are these donations tax deductible, but they also grow our endowment outside of the financial support of our unflinching contributions from Buckeye Bargains.

All of the year-end donations were designated for our general scholarship fund. UWC counts on every single donation, no matter the size, to help build our scholarship endowment.

Many thanks to our year-end donors!

-Chris Burton
Treasurer

Date	Amount
9/6/2018	\$ 25.00
9/8/2018	\$ 25.00
9/8/2018	\$ 25.00
9/8/2018	\$ 18.00
9/8/2018	\$ 100.00
9/8/2018	\$ 250.00
12/1/2018	\$ 25.00
12/30/2018	\$ 16.00
TOTAL	\$ 484.00

Hospitality Notes

Hello UWC Members,
Hope all had a wonderful holiday and everyone is looking forward to the February Luncheon! I have several updates for you.

Faculty Club Requirement Updates

UWC met with the Faculty Club to discuss room rental policy and guidelines. The policy for room reservations was discussed at length. Originally to sit upstairs UWC had to meet a minimum of 120 attendees. If we fell short of that number we were charged for the difference between our reservations and the 120. So if we have 105 at lunch, we are required to pay for 15 lunches (at \$16 per person) which nobody ate and which would be a big hit to our funds roughly at a cost of \$240. That is quite the penalty that UWC can't afford

However, after meeting with the Faculty Club management, arrangements have been made so we have the larger upstairs room for the rest of our meetings in 2019, however we still need to meet a minimum of 110 attendees. So it's so important to get your reservations in by the deadline!

February Luncheon

The strength of our group relies on the friendships and bonds made during IG activities and our luncheons. For the February meeting we will have distributive seating. As you register you will draw for a table number, we ask that you sit at that table for the meal. This will be the perfect way to meet new women and form new friendships.

Lunch menu for February 4

BBQ chicken breast with cheddar cheese & herb polenta, steamed broccoli. Cherry pie for dessert.

Please send in your reservation, *with payment*, to the Faculty Club by **January 28**, you will need to include mailing time so allow at least a week for the US Postal Service to deliver it!

Also remember to bring some extra money, as Bargain Box will have items for sale. Best wishes for a great new year, and look forward to seeing everyone at the February Luncheon.

-Dotty Willis
2nd Vice President, Hospitality Chair

Interest Group Snapshot

Active Adventurers

Urban Hike in German Village on December 12th by the numbers;

- 10 UWC members (5 people were new to our group!)
- 3.1 miles traveled
- 40 chilly degrees

However, a very enjoyable hike had by all!

Active Adventurers next hike will be February 22nd at Scioto Mile and Audubon Park. Please contact Mary Gustafson for details at mlgustafson@sbcglobal.net.



Back row: Judy Gallucci, Carole Williams, Kathy Olson, Diane Hageman, Tricia Herban, Janet Kusano
Front row: Lois Sellers, Dianne Clay, Jennifer Brown
Not shown: Mary Gustafson

Editor's Note

Newsletter and Calendar

Because this newsletter edition covers a two month period, January and February, the IG Calendar on the back page will contain only February events.

Please talk with your IG Chair or consult the Gray Book to ensure you have the latest information for your group's activities.

Also, I am looking for pictures and information on any IG group activity and will try to run them in the newsletter – space permitting.

Guidelines for submission:

- Pictures should be a JPEG or TIF file
- Include first/last names of those in photo
- Explain a little of the event
- Send to rrtcareer@gmail.com



-Robin Rasor Thompson
Newsletter Editor

Membership Notes

Recently the Membership Committee, lead by Carol Rachfal, convened to discuss membership makeup and strategize how to recruit new members to UWC. One of the things that makes UWC so vibrant is the diversity of our members and the diversity of their interests. Membership dues also provides funds for our operating budget. Our operationg budget is like your checking account, you can only spend what's in there. Obviously the more members we have, the bigger our budget (fatter our checking account) will be.

The committee reviewed membership statistics to learn more about our members. While stats can be a bit boring (just ask any OSU student in Stats 101) these numbers proved helpful.

The committee discovered that if a new member is going to leave UWC it is usually in the first 5 years. Over the past two years, according to Brenda Hosey, Membership Treasurer, we have gained 42 members but lost 58. Loss of members hits on two fronts, financially and reputationally.

We will be taking a closer look at membership and tactics to increase new members in future issues of the newsletter.

Membership Length	% of membership 2017-2018	% of membership 2018-2019
1—5 yrs	50%	41%
1—10 yrs	64%	71%
11—50 yrs	36%	28%

Buckeye Bargains Update

February News...

Winter is half way over, Valentine's Day is around the corner and there are only three more months before we take our summer break



A very happy BB customer!

at Buckeye Bargains (BB). We are currently busy preparing for the sale to be held at the February luncheon. We'll have a variety of items to choose from for those winter birthdays, your Valentine sweetie or just to treat yourself. If you have never bought anything from BB, you definitely need to stop at our luncheon sales table.

On Tuesday February 12th we are hosting the New Members Group. It is a great way to see the shop, learn a little about our fundraising efforts and have a personal shopping trip. What fun to have visitors on a Tuesday, as that is not a day when the customers shop. It will be winter outside but the shop will be decorated for Valentine's Day bringing some vibrant color to the sales floor. If you are a new member, join your friends and check us out.

Increased marketing endeavors and extended holiday shopping hours have brought new awareness to our shop. Students are finding that thrifting is a great way to stretch their shopping dollars and "vintage" is very trendy! Our customers love seeing what new treasures are brought out each week. Our Facebook page (Buckeye Bargains Thrift Store) continues to be a good marketing tool. Check it out!

April luncheon will be the Buckeye Bargains jewelry sale. Now is the time to clean our your drawers and help us turn your old jewelry

into scholarship money. We always have a need for brown grocery bags, shopping bags, tissue paper and bubble wrap. Also, we are able to get money for old cell phones. You can place items you wish to donate in the red bin. We bring it to every luncheon. We are a thrift store and dependent on donations from the members of UWC and their friends.

Thanks to everyone for donating, volunteering and shopping during the year. There is still time to visit and try volunteering before next



year. It is only 3-4 hours a month and there is something for everyone to do. We accomplish so much in our small windows of volunteering while establishing friendships and raising money for the UWC's main purpose— students scholarships!



Suggestion...
Why not consider wearing one of your Buckeye Bargain treasures to the February luncheon?

Financial Ad Hoc Committee Update

During the November Executive Committee a Financial Workshop commenced, so all members attending would understand the precarious financial situation of the University Women's Club and understand the importance of solidifying our financial strategy so we may continue operating far into the future. All attendees had a close look at our financial numbers for the past 10 years, with the chance to ask questions and clarify meaning of some the financial documents.

The Financial Ad Hoc committee is comprised of members who agreed to take part in this endeavor bring a wealth of experience within the UWC, by holding various offices, participating on committees but most importantly by caring about the future of the UWC. These seasoned members are balanced by newer members who bring a fresh perspective to our organization. In addition to the regular Executive Committee members, the Financial Ad Hoc Committee members, also attended the Financial Workshop.

Members include:

Carol Rachfal, 3-year member, Chair, President Elect

Diane Harry, 6-member

Earline Sullivan, 7-yr member, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, volunteer Buckeye Bargains

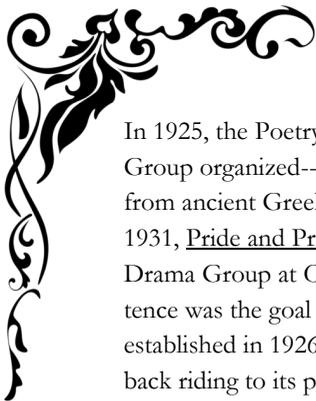
Manel Tuovinen, 40-year member, President, 1992, served as 1st, 2nd & 3rd Vice President, participated on finance committee as well as headed many other committees

Carole Williams, 3-year member, Recording Secretary

This committee is charged with getting UWC back on solid financial footing, anticipate future funds and put all findings together in a projection for financial sustainability as the UWC moves into the future. Their work begins in earnest January 2019.

-Carol Rachfal
President Elect

The History of the University Women's Club, part IV



In 1925, the Poetry Group formed and the Drama Group organized--members read a spectrum of plays, from ancient Greek to modern drama. In the fall of 1931, Pride and Prejudice was performed by the Drama Group at Campbell Hall. Swimming competence was the goal of the Physical Education Group, established in 1926. Two years later, it added horse-back riding to its programs.

In early 1932, the Music Group sponsored the Spring Concert of the University Symphony Orchestra, attended by three thousand in the packed Armory. Three hundred were turned away. The Music Group also established a costume wardrobe, to be a permanent holding of Music and Drama. In 1934, Evening Drama was established for members with small children. Nobel Prize-winning works were the subjects for discussion in the Literature Group.

In 1935, the Music Group had 74 members, and with 44 members, the Physical Education Group started a golf program. In 1936, Toymakers made its debut, an offshoot of the Social Service Group, creating toys for children in hospital wards.

During the inter-war period, UWC receptions and parties saw record turnout. At the end of 1925, the UWC hosted an elaborate Christmas party for all of the children of faculty members, but by 1930, the Christmas Party was limited to children under ten years,

an indication of the increase in the number of faculty members at

Ohio State. In 1929, 800 attended the Newcomer's Reception. In the spring of 1931, the Easter Egg Roll was held in Pomerene Hall because of inclement weather. In the spring of 1939, five hundred attended a reception honoring Ohio's new governor's wife, Mrs. John W. Bricker. In April of that year, the UWC honored the new president's wife, Alma Bevis, at a tea attended by over four hundred.

In 1930, The Faculty Club charged \$6.00 for the use of the Grand Lounge. Annual dues for a UWC membership were raised to \$2.00.

That year, the UWC presented vocational interviews for students interested in occupations other than teaching. Topics discussed were "The Two-Job Woman," and "Women in the Modern World."

Also in 1930, UWC founder Flavia Canfield died in New York.

-Sharyn Talbert
Historian



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Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, January 28, 2019
10—11:30 a.m.

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February 2019 *For the most current info please check your Gray Book or with your IG chair!*

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1st Week	Bridge Women's First Tuesday; Carolyn Patch home <i>Buckeye Bargains set-up</i>	Toymakers; Bring lunch, Grandview Heights Library <i>Buckeye Bargains Open</i>	Genealogy; The Origins of English Dialects, Dianne McKenzie home Mystery Book Club-No Activity	Crowns Clothing and Couture-No Activity	
2nd Week Gourmet; A Trio of Pasta Primi, w/Cheryl (Bubby) Garrett Out for Dinner!; (2/7) Cooper's Hawk, Julie Reed planner	Art; (2/8) See Day Trippers IG Bridge Women's Second Tuesday; Rita O'Brien home <i>Buckeye Bargains Set-up</i>	Garden; Orchids, Franklin Park Conservatory <i>Buckeye Bargains Open</i>	Out for Dinner! (See Monday of this week!) Bridge 101, Antoinette Beynen home	Day Trippers; 2/8, Franklinton Art Gallery Walking Tour & Lunch	International Dining; American Soul Food
3rd Week Music-No Activity	Antiques, What is it about Portraits?, Lucy Lloyd's Home <i>Buckeye Bargains Set-up</i>	Yarns and Stitches; Chris Swanson home Evening Drama; Everybody Reads, N. McCracken home Health and Wellness-No Activity <i>Buckeye Bargains Open</i>	Cosmopolitan; Surprising Culture of Vietnam by Lynda Sirk, Dianne McKenzie home	Literature; <i>Shepherd Avenue,</i> Goodale Landing	
4th Week Lunch Bunch; Potluck, Tricia Herban Home	The Walkabouts; No Activity <i>Buckeye Bargains Set-up</i>	Wine Tasting; Lisa McCurdy planner <i>Buckeye Bargains Open</i>	Cinema; Coordinator Donna Cavell	Scribblers; Antoinette Beynen home Active Adventurers, 2/22, Scioto Mile & Audubon Park	