Addenda to the checklist of theses and dissertations on Bertrand Russell

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FURTHER TO THE list by Carl Spadoni published here three years ago (Winter 1984–85), we wish to add the following 39 titles for a total of 247 graduate works in Russell studies. "RA" indicates that a copy of the work is held in the Russell Archives. It should be noted that our holdings of all Russell theses are much more complete than they were in 1984. See the appendix for a list of the additions to the holdings of the first list. Mark Haslett, McMaster's Acquisitions Librarian, has worked with Sheila Turcon to obtain these copies. We are especially grateful to authors who have donated copies to the collection.

Readers may expect a further supplement to Spadoni's list. There is a bibliography of national theses bibliographies in Michael M. Reynolds' *Guide to Theses and Dissertations* (Phoenix, Arizona: Oryx Press, 1985), covering Algeria to Yugoslavia. Eventually the major national bibliographies will be searched (volunteers are needed) and the additional Russell theses listed here.

Readers might be interested in theses with more direct relationships with Russell himself. They fall into five classes. (*a*) He wrote only one thesis himself (though he toyed with the idea writing a second on economics). (*b*) He is not *known* to have supervised or been the advisor for any thesis. (*c*) He is known to have been on the examining committee for only three: C.D. Broad's fellowship dissertation (Cambridge, 1912), published as *Perception, Physics and Reality* (1914)[1]; Rupert Brooke's fellowship dissertation (Cambridge, 1912), published as *John Webster and the Elizabethan Drama*; and Ludwig Wittgenstein's PH.D. dissertation, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus* (Cambridge University, 1929).[2] Surely (*b*) is not null,[3] and (*c*) must have more than three members for someone who spent more than a few years in academia. The fourth class (*d*) concerns the theses about himself or his ideas that he read. This class is more numerous. He read Aiken, Fritz (PH.D.), Laric (an article based on his M.A. thesis), McCarthy, Quine (in revised form as *System of Logistic*), and Wiener. (*e*) As for other theses that Russell read, I know of only four. There are Jean Nicod's two theses, *La Problème logique de l'induction* (1923) and *La Géométrie dans le monde sensible* (1924). Russell prefaced both—the first in 1961, the second back in 1924. (Nicod's theses are not to be found in *Catalogue des thèses et écrits académiques* of France for 1924. He died between having them printed and defending them at the Sorbonne.[4]) There is Stanley V. Keeling's "La Nature de l'expérience chez Kant et chez Bradley" (Université de Monpellier, 1925). He also read (and admired) John Conrad Russell's B.A. thesis, "An Analysis of the Principal Occasions and Causes of Failure of Democracy" (Harvard, 1943; RA). The evidence for (*d*) and (*e*) is in the correspondence here, and the notes Russell sometimes made.

The *highly* academic questions discussed above have this justification: the answers extend our knowledge of what Russell read, and therefore of the possible influences upon his mind.

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[1] Russell later reviewed it, too, in *Mind*. See *The Collected Papers of Bertrand Russell*, Vol. 8: *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism and Other Essays, 1914–19*, ed. J.G. Slater (London and Boston: Allen and Unwin, 1986), pp. 125–31.

[2] Only the third of these theses is listed in Roger R. Bilboul, ed., *Retrospective Index to Theses of Great Britain and Ireland 1716–1950*, Vol. 1: *Social Sciences and Humanities* (Oxford: ABC-Clio Press, 1975). Nor are Russell and Whitehead's dissertations listed. It would seem that fellowship dissertations escaped the net of this compilation, although it may be that these entries were omitted because no copies of the theses are available (certainly the case with those of the authors of *Principia Mathematica*).

[3] Russell was appointed Wittgenstein's supervisor in June 1912, but although he worked on a thesis Wittgenstein didn't submit one and consequently wasn't given a B.A. See Brian McGuinness, *Wittgenstein: a Life; Young Ludwig 1889–1921* (London: Duckworth, 1988), pp. 96–7, 199–102.

[4] See André Lalande, Preface to *The Logical Problem of Induction*, in Nicod, *Geometry and Induction*, ed. R.F. Harrod (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1969), p. 169.

ADDENDA TO THE CHECKLIST

Abbott, Janet Ross. "British Reactions and Attitudes to the Cuban Crisis, 1962". M.A. University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, 1969. RA.

Anner, Gretchen. "Bertrand Russell's Theory of Judgment as Based on His Theory of Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description". M.A. University of Toronto, 1966. RA.

Barua, Dilip Kumar. "The Life and Work of Edward Carpenter ...". PH.D. University of Sheffield, 1966. RA.

Berkman, Joyce Avreh. "Pacifism in England: 1914–39". PH.D. Yale University, 1967. [There is a small section on Russell and World War I.]

Bierich, M. "Freges Lehre von dem Sinn und der Bedeutung der Urteile und Russells Kritik an dieser Lehre". PH.D. Hamburg University, 1951. RA.

Bowden, L.D. "The Theory of Logical Types". B.LITT. Oxford University, 1950. [Original ts. in RA has D.PHIL., Keble College, n.d.]

Bowne, Gwendolyn Duell. "The Development of the Philosophy of Logic from 1880 to 1908". PH.D. Ohio State University, 1963. RA.

Clementz, François. "La Constitution d'une epistémologie dans 'Les (?) de (?) de Bertrand Russell". PH.D.? Université de Paris, 1982.

Cooke, Justus Lee, III. "Wittgenstein and the Theoretic Spirit in Philosophy". PH.D. University of Virginia, 1986. RA.

Daniels, M.E. "The Nature of Logical Constructions and Their Bearing on Metaphysical Analysis". PH.D. Bedford College, London, 1933.

Daudel, Olivier. "L'Apport de la logique mathématique à l'argumentation (?) de Russel jusqu'au 1908". PH.D.? Université de Paris, 1981.

Edwards, David VanDeusen. "The Movement for Unilateral Nuclear Disarmament in Britain". B.A. Swarthmore College, 1962. R.A. [The author cites a personal interview with Russell in his bibliography.]

Gardner, Burdett Harmon. "Violet Paget: an Essay in Biographical Criticism". PH.D. Harvard University, 1954. RA. [9 pages, photocopied, of that part of the thesis concerning Russell, based on correspondence and a personal interview with him.]

Gillespie, Frank Stephen. "An Application of the Whitehead–Russell Axioms to Diophantine Analysis". M.A. University of Missouri, 1964. RA.

Hager, Paul John. "Continuity and Change in the Development of Russell's Philosophy". PH.D. University of Sydney, 1986. RA.

Heineman, Melvin Louis. "Bertrand Russell—the Plea for a 'Sane' Nuclear Politics". HON. B.A. Harvard University, 1960. RA. [Appendix B contains Russell's letters to the author.]

Henslee, Douglas Edward. "Ontology and Analysis". PH.D. University of Nebraska—Lincoln, 1984. RA.

Holmgren, Christine Lynn. "Bertrand Russell and the Paradoxes". M.A. California State University, Long Beach, 1982. RA.

Jespersen, Shirley Dubber. "Bertrand Russell and Education in Citizenship". ED.D. University of Houston, 1985. RA.

Johnson, George Malcolm. "The Capturing of Multitudes of Things at Present Fugitive: Psychobiography and Bertrand Russell's Creative Quest". M.A. McMaster University, 1985. RA.

Landini, Gregory Thomas. "Meinong Reconstructed versus Early Russell Reconstructed: a Study in the Formal Ontology of Fiction". PH.D. Indiana University, 1986. RA.

Laric, Ivan Gerald. "The Problem of the Relationship between Sensa and Objects—as Viewed by Some Contemporary British Philosophers—and Its Solution". M.A. George Washington University, 1953. RA. [There is correspondence with Russell concerning this thesis.]

———. "A Discussion of the Problem of Perception, as based upon Russell's *Human Knowledge*". HON. THESIS. George Washington University, N.D. RA.

Lepage, François. "Logique et analyse de la langue naturelle dans? les 'Principles' de Bertrand Russell". PH.D.? Université de Paris, 1978.

McLendon, Hiram James. "The Causal Theory of Perception". PH.D. Harvard University, 1949. RA. [There is correspondence with Russell concerning this thesis.]

Miah, Md. Sajahan. "Russell's Theory of Perception (1905–1919)". PH.D. McMaster University, 1987. RA.

Miura, Toshikiko. "The Philosopher's Wit and Anger: B. Russell against the Modern World". M.A. Tokyo University, 1984.

Najjar, Ibrahim Yusuf. "A Study of Russell's Theory of Desire in Connection with His Doctrine of Neutral Monism in *The Analysis of Mind*". PH.D. University of Toronto, 1985. RA.

Pineau, Lois Isabel. "Russell's Theory of Ordinary Names: a Reinterpretation". PH.D. University of Toronto, 1985. RA.

Ray, Binayendranath. "Consciousness in Neo-Realism". University of Dacca, 193?. [Published as a book: London, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras: Oxford U.P., 1935. RA.]

Rehkämper, Klaus. "Probleme der Referenz Definiter Beschreibungen: Kennzeichnungstheorien von Russell bis zur Gegenwart". M.A. University of Dusseldorf, 1986. RA.

Rodriguez Consuegra, Francisco. "El método en la filosofía de Bertrand Russell; un estudio sobre los orígenes de la filosofía analítica a través de la obra de Russell, sus manuscritos inéditos y los autores que más le influenciaron". PH.D. Univeridad de Barcelona, 1988. RA.

Schmid, Anne-Françoise. "Une Philosophie de savant: Henri Poincaré et la logique mathématique". PH.D. University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 1975. RA.

Stiers, Frank Clayton. "Democratic Control of Foreign Policy: the History of a Political Demand in Britain before and during World War I". PH.D. Washington University, St. Louis, 1971. RES. COLLS. [Discusses BR's involvement in the UDC.].

Szabó, Bernhard. "Die Chinesische Bewegung für neue Kultur und der Besuch Bertrand Russells, 1920/21". M.A. Friedrich Alexander University, Erlangen–Nürnberg, 1986. RA.

Tanović, Arif. "Principles of Humanism in the Philosophy of Bertrand Russell". PH.D. Belgrade University, 1961. [There is correspondence with Russell mentioning this thesis.]. Published as a book: *Bertrand Russell: Filozof i Humanist* (Sarajevo: Izdavacko Preduzeće "Veselin Masleša", 1972. RA.)

Tarter, Henry. "The Logical Analysis of *Principia Mathematica*". M.A. Columbia University, 1932. RA.

Tomasini Bassols, Alejandro. "A Comparative Study of Russell's and Wittgenstein's Logical Atomisms". M.LITT. Oxford University, 1984. RA.

Weimer, Donna S. "The Rhetorical Approach of Bertrand Russell: a Study in Method". M.A. Pennsylvania State University, 1983. RA.

APPENDIX

Adcock
Ahmed
Bachmann
Barlingay
Bowen
Clack
Cobitz
Copi
Dako
Dau
Dennison
Eastman (M.A.)
Feidi
Fitzgerald
Foster
Fritz (M.A.)
Gour
Hartt
Iglesias-Rozas
Johnsen
Johnson
Jolley
Kelleher
Khan
Kim
Leo
Lockridge
Long
Lowe
Lu
Lugton
Martin
Mattai
McKeever
Melton
Miller
Morrison
Mosmann
Myers, O.F.
Neidorf
Neser
Olds
Padia
Pepper
Quine
Rabenstein
Ray, R.K.
Ring
Robinson
Salema
Scheer
Schlagel
Shealy
Sherwood
Sibley
Skulsky
Steece
Thayer
Thomson
Thorsell
Tomasini (B.A.)
Tomasini (PH.D.)
Torrence
Washio
Weiss
Weitz
Wiener
Will
Woodman