

Introducing the Richard W. Couper Press of the Hamilton College Library

The Hamilton College Library is pleased to announce the establishment of a new press that should be of interest to scholars in the field of communal societies. The press, named the Richard W. Couper Press of Hamilton College Library, will publish monographs and a periodical focused on communal societies, as well as other publications related to its special collections.

The mission of the Richard W. Couper Press

The Richard W. Couper Press is the publishing arm of Hamilton College Library (HCL). The initial focus of the press will be a monographic series related to American intentional communities. An editorial board composed of academic and independent scholars, librarians, and rare book specialists will manage the series.

The Couper Press, through its *American Communal Societies Series*, will provide a venue for the publication and dissemination of new scholarship on communal societies as well as critical editions of important works of communal literature and history. The press is especially interested in works with connections to the communal groups represented in HCL's Communal Societies Collection.

The press honors the late Richard W. Couper, former president and CEO of the New York Public Library, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, deputy commissioner of higher education with the New York State Education Department, alumnus and life trustee of Hamilton College, and great friend and benefactor of the Hamilton College Library.

Publications

The Richard W. Couper Press will publish works related to the holdings of HCL's special collections. It will issue three types of publications:

1. MONOGRAPHS – The Couper Press will publish a monographic series called the *American Communal Societies Series* devoted to the study of American intentional communities. The publications will be peer-reviewed, scholarly works of 150 to 300 pages in length. The press will publish new scholarship in the field as well as critical editions of important historical works. It will publish two monographs per year, beginning in 2007.

This monographic series will be published under the direction of an editorial board consisting of academic and independent scholars, rare books specialists, and a representative of HCL. The editorial board will have the authority to solicit, review and select manuscripts for publication.

Editorial Board for the *American Communal Societies Series*:

- Elizabeth A. De Wolfe, associate professor of American studies, University of New England (series editor)
- Walter A. Brumm, retired professor of sociology, California University of Pennsylvania
- Jane Crosthwaite, professor of religion, Mount Holyoke College
- Scott De Wolfe, co-owner of De Wolfe & Wood Rare Books, Alfred, Me., with special expertise and experience in communal societies
- Randall L. Ericson, Couper librarian, Hamilton College
- Christian Goodwillie, curator, Hancock Shaker Village, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Etta Madden, professor of English, Southwest Missouri State University
- David D. Newell, Ashfield, Mass., book dealer specializing in Shaker and other communal groups

To make inquiries or submit manuscripts, contact Dr. Elizabeth De Wolfe at edewolfe@une.edu.

2. PERIODICALS – The Couper Press will issue a periodical, titled the *American Communal Societies Quarterly*. This periodical will include scholarly articles, reprint important historical documents, and

showcase the Communal Societies Collection of HCL. The Couper Librarian of the Hamilton College Library will serve as editor of the *ACSQ*. A preview issue will be available in September 2006 with the first volume starting in 2007.

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3. OCCASIONAL PUBLICATIONS – The Couper Press will issue other publications from time to time in a variety of formats. Some of these publications will be of general interest, while others might be directed to the Hamilton College community.