



ACRL Rare Book and Manuscript Section resolution congratulating Henry Snyder on his receiving the National Humanities Medal

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Henry Snyder had a notable career as a specialist in 18th century English history at the University of Kansas; in 1980-1981 he was President of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies. In 1978, he accepted an appointment as editor and director of the Eighteenth Century (now the English) Short Title Catalogue in North America, while continuing his academic career first at Louisiana State University and later at the University of California, Riverside, where he is currently Director of the Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research. Since 1990 he has also served as the director of the California Newspaper Project (CNP), and in 2000 he inaugurated Catálogo Colectivo de Impresos Latinoamericanos hasta 1851, for which he has received two grants from the National Science Foundation.

For the ESTC and CNP as well as other projects, he has raised nearly \$20 million in grants from the National Endowment for Humanities, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation, the H.W. Wilson Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the United States Department of Education, the Center for Research Libraries, The Swedish-American Foundation, and the California State Library.

Despite his busy schedule, Henry Snyder found time to attend faithfully the Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association (ALA) in order to make oral reports on the projects he directs to the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) at its twice-yearly Information Exchange.

In November 2007, in a ceremony at the White House, Henry Snyder received the National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush, one of ten persons to be so honored last year. The medal honors individuals or groups whose work has broadened citizens' engagement with the humanities or helped preserve and expand Americans' access to important resources in the humanities; the selection process is administered by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

RBMS congratulates Henry Snyder on receiving the National Humanities Medal, and expresses its enormous gratitude to him for his many contributions forwarding research in the humanities.