

### ARMSTRONG DIGITAL PROJECT FINAL REPORT



Hannah Hwang, Kristina Smith and  
Nicole Abril with Sushmi

Student assistants (at left) prepared the Armstrong JFK research material for digitization, by dividing the 39 original notebooks into 112 smaller white binders (see below) needed for the Electronic Library personnel to use the book scanner. Each of the more

than 1,000 notebook tabs created by the Poage students, provided the dividing points for converting the scans into PDFs. The Electronic Library students divided the scans and created the PDFs. The individual PDFs were described and uploaded by Sushmi Chakraborty in CONTENTdm, the software used to organize the material for online access. All PDFs are available online at: [www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/armstrong](http://www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/armstrong)



Allyson Riley,  
Electronic Library,  
worked with the  
material during  
scanning and after  
with the digital files.

#### Project Statistics:

72 large 3-ring binders of materials divided into...  
200+ smaller white binders for scanning  
2,061 binder tabs = 2,061 PDFs  
101,180 pages scanned

### VAUGHAN APPOINTED TO SSA COMMITTEE

Benna Vaughan, Bullock archivist, has been elected to a 3-year appointment on the Scholarship Committee of the Society of Southwest Archivists. The committee awards five different scholarships annually, based on service to the society and to the larger archival community as well as to first-time attendees.

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THE STANDING COMMITTEE

### AN OPEN LETTER TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE

During the 2011 annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists, Ben Rogers will begin a one-year term as chair of the Congressional Papers Roundtable [CPR]. Ben's natural humility prevents him from drawing attention to this, hence this letter.

The CPR consists of about one hundred legislative archivists. It is the largest and most active organization of its kind. Ben was elected vice-chair/chair elect in a competitive election held during 2010. His election is testament to his national reputation for his creative and thoughtful leadership of Baylor's Poage Library. I often refer to Ben as the hardest working congressional archivist in the United States and I think that is a true characterization. But, he has also shown great vision in making the Poage one of the nation's outstanding congressional repositories.

Baylor is lucky to have Ben and the CPR will benefit greatly from his leadership during the coming year.

Herbert J. Hartsook, director, South Carolina Political Collections, University of South Carolina [Chair, CPR, 1992-1994]

### CONGRATS, GRADS!

Three student assistants graduated in May, and we thank them for their service and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Karlie Crosby from Spring, TX, who worked on the Jack Hightower Papers, earned her BA in Social Work.

Sushmi Chakraborty from Mumbai, India, graduate technical assistant, graduated with two Masters' in Business Administration and Information Systems.

Sam Chen from Wescosville, PA, graduate assistant working on the Jack Hightower Papers graduated with a Masters in Church-State Studies.

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## COMMEMORATION PLANNED FOR 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11

September 11, 2001 was a horrific day in American history. Yet through the tragedy of that day and the weeks to follow, stories of incredible heroism and sacrifice demonstrated the true American spirit. The W. R. Poage Legislative Library, Baylor University, is planning an exhibition to honor the courage and selflessness of the many men and women who came together to help their countrymen in a time of great need, and to remember those who paid the ultimate price and their loved ones. The commemorative exhibit will feature images from before, during and after the attacks as well as newspaper headlines and stories from the first few weeks after. The exhibit will also feature a look at how the places attacked have been or are being restored. A Wall of Remembrances will be part of the installation, and will contain handwritten cards added by exhibit visitors. The opening will be held Sunday, September 11, 2011, with a time to be determined.



Also in commemoration of the 10th anniversary, Baylor is planning other events the weekend of Sept. 9. If you live in the Waco area, we hope you can take part in these events. We will update our 9-11 website [[www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/9-11](http://www.baylor.edu/lib/poage/9-11)] as plans are finalized. If you have questions, please contact Ben Rogers at (254) 710-3540.

## NEW ENDOWMENT TO EXPAND POAGE COLLECTION

Library friends and supporters Skip and Sarah Dowdy have established an endowment to provide extra funds for the acquisition of unique materials for Poage Library. The John V. and Sarah C. Dowdy Poage Legislative Library Endowed Fund will allow the director to continue building an outstanding collection of research material in a variety of formats.

Skip (BSPE '66; JD '68) and Sarah (BA '64) are active and loyal alumni. The Dowdys, along with Skip's sister and her husband, Carol Sue and Forrest Roberts, created the John and JD Dowdy Research Grant in 1999 in honor of their parents. John Dowdy, Sr. represented Texas' 7th District from 1952-1972. His papers were deposited at the Poage Library shortly after his retirement. The Dowdy family has been faithful supporters of Poage Library.



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## 10-Year Anniversary of the Fall of the USSR

Poage Library in collaboration with the Keston Center for Religion, Politics and Society at Baylor opened the retrospective exhibit featuring Soviet memorabilia collected by Dr. Robert Platt and information about religious persecution provided by Baylor's Keston Center. The exhibit opened February 24 to a large gathering with many special guests: Robert and Ruth Platt; Dr. Michael Bourdeaux, founder of the Keston Institute (UK); Xenia Dennen, the current Keston Institute chair; former Congressman Chet Edwards; and Baylor President Judge Kenneth Starr. A reception featured Russian and Slavic foods was served as guests perused the exhibit, tried to name all the Soviet Republics, and signed up for prizes. The exhibit will run until the end of July.

More photos can be viewed at: [poagelibrary.winkflash.com](http://poagelibrary.winkflash.com)



Ben Rogers and Frances Olson



Dr. Bob Platt and Judge Starr



George Meyer and Judge Starr



Sasha Choulenina, Keston Center, (third from left) with her parents and friend



Joel, Sushmi, Rachel, Hannah, Kristina, Brittany, Mandi, Janai and Sam

## Poage 2011 Lecture

Dr. Anthony Champagne and Dr. Jim Riddlesperger, two of the authors of *The Austin/Boston Connection: Fifty Years of Democratic Leadership, 1937-1989*, were the featured speakers at the Poage Library Annual Lecture held on March 24. Forty-five local and out-of-town guests attended a lunch in honor of the authors at the Mayborn Museum Complex on the Baylor campus.

The 4 o'clock lecture provided insight into the current political environment by comparing it to the Congress during the time when there was relative ideological agreement between Democrat and Republican floor leaders. Former Congressman Chet Edwards (D-TX 1991-2011) was a special guest and enriched the discussion with his first-hand knowledge. A reception and book signing were held at the Poage Library after the lecture.

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Nicole hands out lecture programs.



Dr. Jim Riddlesperger



Dr. Anthony Champagne



Charlie Schnabel and Chet Edwards



Rick Busby and Dean of University Libraries Pattie Orr



Mimi Irwin has her book inscribed.