

**The University of Missouri-Kansas City** (UMKC) Miller Nichols Library and Interactive Learning Center is the beneficiary of a combined \$5 million gift from the Miller Nichols Charitable Foundation and the Miller and Jeannette Nichols Foundation. The major commitment completes the private funding portion of Phase I for the project and enables Your UMKC: The Campaign for Kansas City's University to not only meet, but exceed its \$200 million goal. The Miller Nichols Library and Interactive Learning Center is the university's current highest capital private funding priority. The project, which will be completed in three phases, calls for the renovation of approximately 170,000 renovated square feet and the addition of 65,000 square feet of library, classroom, technology, and academic support spaces for the campus.

**George Washington (GW) University** has received \$2 million from the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to create an endowed archivist position at GW and establish an exhibition of its archives for public display to enhance research on 20th-century U.S. labor relations. The Teamsters archives, which date back to the early 1900s, also will reside at GW on permanent loan. The funding is the first part of a comprehensive Teamsters education and archives project in cooperation with GW. The archives include presidential papers from James R. Hoffa and James P. Hoffa, autographed political cartoons from the early 20th century, and several hundred photographs and memos from the labor and civil rights movements, such as a photo of Jimmy Hoffa with Martin Luther King, Jr., and telegrams from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The archives also contain a wire recorder, circa 1930s, believed to be one of the few remaining in the world.

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The archivist position will be responsible for cataloging the archives and acquiring additional important historical labor documents through GW's Gelman Library System. These initiatives will arrange the Teamsters archives, making public never-before-seen documents, letters, and photographs and provide access by researchers and labor history professionals to these records. The Teamsters Union was established in 1903 and represents more than 1.4 million men and women throughout the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

**Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET)** has been awarded a \$866,284 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which will be used to bolster the Gulf Coast Libraries Project, a three-year initiative to re-establish public libraries in Louisiana and Mississippi. The grant, part of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, will create staff capacity and strengthen staff skills in 16 public library systems in Louisiana and Mississippi that suffered severe damage and destruction from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. SOLINET, in partnership with the affected libraries, will provide staff to operate temporary library facilities in communities while permanent libraries are planned and rebuilt, as well as continuing education to build knowledgeable, skilled library staff to support these communities as they rebuild and recover. The two-year Staffing Gulf Coast Libraries Project will work in synergy with a multiyear project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

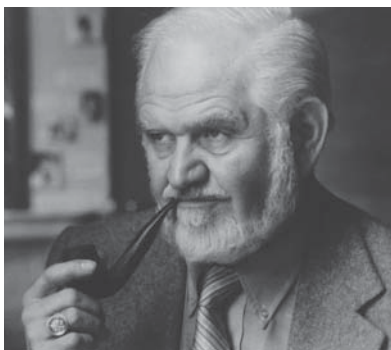
**The Texas Digital Library, a cooperative organization** of institutions of higher learning, has been awarded a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for \$824,686. Texas A&M University, as the lead institution for the project, wrote and submitted the grant proposal on behalf of the Texas Digital Library. Partner institutions include Texas Tech University,

University of Houston, and University of Texas-Austin. The grant will help fund the development and implementation of the Texas ETD Repository, a state-wide system for managing the entire life-cycle of electronic theses and dissertations from initial submission to final publication.

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## Acquisitions

**The personal collection of Robert Prosky,** veteran actor, has been acquired by George Mason University Libraries Special Collections and Archives. The Robert Prosky Collection consists of documents spanning Prosky's prolific career in theatre, film, and television that began more than 50 years ago. Materials include playbills, photos, scripts, articles, reviews, fan letters, personal correspondence, opening night gifts, media, and a scrapbook. The University Libraries hosted An Evening with Robert Prosky, where Prosky shared his experiences in appearing in more



Actor Robert Prosky

than 200 plays nationally and internationally and his 38 film and television roles, including Mrs. Doubt re, The Natural, Rudy, and Dead Man Walking.

**Six archival collections from Teachers College** related to the history of education and social reform, with a focus on New York, have been acquired by Columbia University's Rare Book & Manuscript Library. Among them are the records of four social agencies—Hudson Guild, Grosvenor Neighborhood House, the Children's Village, and the Wiltwyck School—and the papers of two individuals, Dan Carpenter, former executive director of the Hudson Guild, and Godfrey Dewey, noted spelling reformist. These collections document the history of the family, immigration, and social conditions in New York City from the mid-19th century to the present and relate well to Columbia University Libraries' holdings of primary source material in the area, such as the papers of Lillian Wald and the records of the Union Settlement Association of New York and the La Guardia Memorial House. *~*

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and symposia relating to ICA issues; and to critique methods and tools of analysis, ICA practice, history, and policies. It is international in scope, covering the globe and all aspects of the adoption triad. Access: Intadoptresearch@yahoo.com.

## Notes

1. Dong Soo Kim, A Country Divided: Contextualizing Adoption from a Korean Perspective, in *International Korean Adoption:*

*A Fifty-Year History of Policy and Practice*, ed. Kathleen Ja Sook Bergquist et al. (New York: Haworth Press, 2007), 8.

2. For example, Transracial Abductees ([www.transracialabductees.org](http://www.transracialabductees.org)) is a group that vehemently opposes international adoption and has some interesting articles and links; however, the Web site is not very current and thus was not selected for inclusion here.

3. International Adoption Clinic at the University of Minnesota, [www.med.umn.edu/peds/iac/](http://www.med.umn.edu/peds/iac/). *~*