WHAT'S IN YOUR LIBRARY? A TIME TO HOLD AND A TIME TO FOLD

A little studied aspect of intellectual history are the books in the library of retired (and then some) academics. Over a six-decade career I am over the edge of being a hoarder. But no longer. Realizing that you can't take much with you, I have begun the final painful process of lightening the load. In moving from New England to Colorado and then to the Pacific Northwest, I had already given away hundreds of books as a result of being a researcher, book review editor, reviewer, teacher and reader for pleasure. I still have hundreds more. I recently donated the books below on social control, police, surveillance, privacy and information to the international Surveillance Studies Center at Queens University in Ontario started by David Lyon and his colleagues. I kept some classics, books by close students and colleagues and books I still wanted to read or am working from, but the shelves grow ever emptier, as books in other substantive areas await their turn.

In today's used book market obtaining individual books is easy and the cost of shipping is often greater than for the book itself. But compiling a library of books collected over generations across fields in specialized areas is much more difficult. It seemed wrong and wasteful to just break up a collection.

An insider tip for graduate students, given to me by S.M. Lipset when I marveled at the walls of books in his several studies: he revealed they had hardly all been read cover to cover—if they were read, or skimmed, that was as part of a defined research quest. That contrasts with literature professors who often reread a classic novel with each teaching.

Were the retiring to make equivalent lists available (and find a place where it made sense to donate them), some sociology of knowledge-field development articles might appear and those entering the field would be better informed of their history.

When the retiring have interests across cultures, time periods and disciplines, aspiring students might also see how little awareness and cross fertilization there is across hermetic social science disciplines involving the same topic, --let alone the even greater ignorance on the part of popular (mostly journalists) book writers ." Life is lived in small communities, however sustaining and narrowing. Yet, as Henry James said, "we work in the dark. We do what we can. We give what we have Alas....

Books With A New Home

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