



During the month of March, almost two hundred and fifty items were added to our library collections. These items mainly consist of special collection entries, purchases & donations and research theses. Some notable titles include;

Books and Monographs:

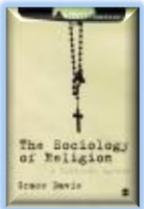


*Title:* [30-second philosophies : the 50 most thought-provoking philosophies, each explained in half a minute / consultant editor, Barry Loewer ; foreword, Stephen Law ; contributors, Julian Baggini ... \[et al.\]](#)

*Publication Info:* London : Icon, 2010

*Location:* College Street Library - 100

“I Think Therefore I Am, Existentialism, Dialectical Materialism? The Socratic Method and Deconstruction? Sure, you know what they all mean. That is, you've certainly heard of them. But do you know enough about them to join a dinner party debate or dazzle the bar with your knowledge? 30-Second Philosophies takes a revolutionary approach to getting a grip on the 50 most significant schools of philosophy. The book challenges leading thinkers to quit fretting about the meaning of meaning for a while and explain the most complex philosophical ideas - using nothing more than two pages, 300 words, and a metaphorical image. Here, in one unique volume, you have the chance to pick the potted brains of our leading philosophers and understand complex concepts such as Kant's Categorical Imperative without ending up in a darkened room with an ice pack on your head.” ([www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk))



*Title:* [The sociology of religion / Grace Davie](#)

*Publication Info:* London : SAGE, c2013

*Location:* Luke Wadding Library - 306.6

“Why is religion still important? Can we be fully modern and fully religious? In this new edition, Davie follows up her discussion of the meaning of religion in modern society and considers how best to research and understand this relationship. Exploring the rapid movements within the sociology of religion today, this revised and updated book:

- Describes the origins of the sociology of religion
- Demystifies secularization as a process and a theory
- Relates religion to modern social theory
- Unpacks the meaning of religion in relation to modernity and globalization
- Grasps the methodological challenges in the field
- Provides a comparative perspective for religions in the west
- Introduces questions of minorities and margins
- Sets out a critical agenda for debate and research.

The Sociology of Religion has already proved itself as one of the most important titles within the field; this edition will ensure that it remains an indispensable resource for students and researchers alike.” (Syndetic Solutions)



*Title:* [The dynamics of desistance : charting pathways through change / Deirdre Healy](#)

*Publication Info:* London : Routledge, 2012

*Location:* College Street Library - 364.8

“It is well-established that the majority of youth offenders cease to commit crime in early adulthood, but the mechanisms behind the shift from a criminal to a conventional lifestyle are not fully understood. The Dynamics of Desistance aims to contribute to this nascent area of inquiry by providing a phenomenological account of the psychosocial processes involved in desistance from crime. Drawing on a variety of methods, including in-depth interviews with repeat offenders and their probation officers, police records and psychometric scores, this book charts the early stages of a journey taken by individuals who exist in the liminal space between and between "crime and convention. A combination of quantitative and qualitative analysis is used to explore the shifts that occur in desisters' minds and lives as they make the often turbulent transition to a crime-free life, and the dynamic processes that occur at this psychosocial boundary are described. The theoretical and practical implications of the findings in this book are explored in relation to key issues in desistance literature, and as such this book provides a key resource for academics and students working with the area of probation, as well as practitioners involved in probation, social work and parole supervision.” (Syndetic Solutions)

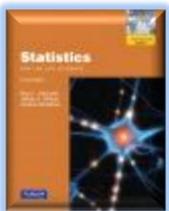


*Title:* [Prison policy in Ireland: politics, penal-welfarism and political imprisonment / Mary Rogan](#)

*Publication Info:* New York : Routledge, 2011

*Location:* College Street Library - 365.9417

“This book is the first examination of the history of prison policy in Ireland. Despite sharing a legal and penal heritage with the United Kingdom, Ireland's prison policy has taken a different path. This book examines how penal-welfarism was experienced in Ireland, shedding further light on the nature of this concept as developed by David Garland. While the book has an Irish focus, it has a theoretical resonance far beyond Ireland. This book investigates and describes prison policy in Ireland since the foundation of the state in 1922, analyzes and assesses the factors influencing policy during this period and explores and examines the links between prison policy and the wider social, economic, political and cultural development of the Irish state. It also explores how Irish prison policy has come to take on its particular character, with comparatively low prison numbers, significant reliance on short sentences and a policy-making climate in which long periods of neglect are interspersed with bursts of political activity all prominent features. Drawing on the emerging scholarship of policy analysis, the book argues that it is only through close attention to the way in which policy is formed that we will fully understand the nature of prison policy. In addition, the book examines the effect of political imprisonment in the Republic of Ireland, which, until now, has remained relatively unexplored. This book will be of special interest to students of criminology within Ireland, but also of relevance to students of comparative criminal justice, criminology and criminal justice policy making in the UK and beyond.” (Syndetic Solutions)



*Title:* [Statistics for the life sciences / Myra L. Samuels](#)

*Publication Info:* Upper Saddle River, N.J. ; Harlow : Pearson Education, 2012

*Location:* Luke Wadding Library - 570.15195

“Statistics for the Life Sciences, Fourth Edition, covers the key concepts of statistics as applied to the life sciences, while incorporating the tools and themes of modern data analysis. This text uses an abundance of real data in the exercises and examples, and minimizes computation, so that readers can focus on the statistical concepts and issues, not the mathematics. Basic algebra is assumed as a prerequisite.”

[www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)



*Title:* [Architectural technology / Stephen Emmitt](#)

*Publication Info:* Oxford : Wiley-Blackwell, 2012

*Location:* College Street Library - 721

This seminal text on applied research in architectural technology enlightens, informs, and challenges readers, focusing on the importance of research in developing the discipline and the profession. Contributors address how political, economic, social, environmental, and technological issues influence architectural technology -- acting as drivers for the creation of a better knowledge base and skills for practicing in a global economy. The focus throughout is on creating and realizing sustainable buildings that are constructed economically and function effectively and efficiently within their service life cycle." ([www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk))



*Title:* [Sport and exercise psychology : a critical introduction / Aidan P. Moran](#)

*Publication Info:* New York : Psychology Press, 2012

*Location:* Luke Wadding Library - 796.01

"Moran introduces undergraduate and graduate students in sport psychology, health psychology, sport science, physical education, kinesiology, and leisure management to sport and exercise psychology. With much of the material updated for this edition, he covers the nature, foundations, and current status of the field; research findings on motivation, anxiety, concentration, mental imagery, and expertise in athletes; group processes and team dynamics; and exercise behavior and the psychology of injury rehabilitation. The text has been rewritten and updated and also has many new references, photos, new critical thinking exercises, and revised, updated, and added suggestions for research projects, and includes contemporary examples and insights from leading athletes and coaches." (<http://booknews.com/>)



*Title:* [Research methods in creative writing/ edited by Jeri Kroll and Graeme Harper](#)

*Publication Info:* Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan, 2013

*Location:* Luke Wadding Library - 808.00721

"What research methods and strategies govern Creative Writing? What research lies behind it as an academic discipline? What conceptions of research determine the shape and outcome of the act of Creative Writing? Research Methods in Creative Writing provides a guide to modes and methods of Creative Writing research. It will be invaluable to prospective and current university staff and students in formulating research ideas, and in selecting appropriate strategies. The book will comprise an introduction to Creative Writing research, with a detailed account of the different notions of what research entails in Creative Writing. It will include chapters from Creative Writing researchers worldwide; and links to the programmes these researchers have devised to develop research among their students, from upper levels of undergraduate study to postgraduate study." (Syndetic Solutions)

## Theses:

A large collection of theses have been added to the collections recently. Most research theses should also be accessible through the Institute's repository. Disciplines include;

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