

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS, THE WOODROW
WILSON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY, AND THE
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA PRESS PARTNER TO
CREATE DIGITAL EDITION OF THE PAPERS OF
WOODROW WILSON**

October 1, 2015: PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS (PUP), the WOODROW WILSON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY (WWPL), and the UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA PRESS (UVaP) announced today an agreement to create *THE PAPERS OF WOODROW WILSON DIGITAL EDITION* (PWWDE). Edited by Arthur S. Link and published by Princeton University Press, *The Papers of Woodrow Wilson* will be digitized and made available online in UVaP's Rotunda American History collection, with the permission of PUP and the generous support of friends of the WWPL.

“This partnership among two university presses and a presidential library harnesses the intellectual investment and publishing expertise represented in the great documentary editions of the last century,” said Peter Dougherty, Director of Princeton University Press, “and makes them more accessible and valuable through this century’s digital technologies.”

Princeton University Press published the print edition of the *Papers of Woodrow Wilson*, consisting of 69 volumes with a 5-part index, between 1966 and 1994. The edition’s editor, Arthur Stanley Link (1920–1998), Edwards Professor of History Emeritus at Princeton University, was widely considered a pioneer in the field of documentary editing as well as the foremost scholar of Woodrow Wilson, the 28th President of the United States. The Link edition includes Wilson’s personal correspondence, academic works, and speeches, minutes of the Paris Peace Conference, and diary entries of close associates Edward House, Cary Grayson, and

Josephus Daniels, totaling approximately 38,400 documents from a vast range of government and academic sources. The most significant sources of Wilson material in the published volumes are stored in the Library of Congress and Princeton University. The *Journal of American History* described the *Papers of Woodrow Wilson* as “an unprecedented illumination of Wilson’s activities and ideas.”

Woodrow Wilson is one of the most accessible presidents in American history due to the precise organization, annotation, and indexing of the *Papers of Woodrow Wilson*. The Rotunda digital edition will enhance discovery of Wilson’s papers by adapting the documents, annotation, and indexing created by Arthur Link and his fellow editors to a state-of-the-art electronic publishing platform. “Inclusion in Rotunda not only provides the most up-to-date digital publishing technology,” said Mark H. Saunders, Director of UVaP. “It puts the Wilson material in conversation with other important figures in American political history, from the Founding Fathers to participants in the civil rights and Vietnam eras. Comparing the view of Thomas Jefferson, Woodrow Wilson, and Lyndon Johnson on a subject such as race or presidential power can provide new scholarly insights that were hard to imagine in an age of analog information or siloed digital repositories.”

The WWPL anticipates digitizing further materials in its collection and the collection of the Library of Congress, including a selection of Wilson’s correspondence during World War I and documents from Wilson’s later public career, and making them available in the coming years. “There is a vast array of important Wilson material that could not be included due to the constraints of a print edition,” said [Don W. Wilson, President of WWPL Foundation](#). “Those documents will now be made available to scholars, students, and the interested public.” Additional collections held at Princeton University, among them letters

between Woodrow Wilson and his wives, Edith and Ellen, and his daughter Jessie Sayre, would also be added to the *PWWDE*.

Princeton University Press

Princeton University Press is an independent publisher with close connections, both formal and informal, to Princeton University. As such it has overlapping responsibilities to the University, the academic community, and the reading public. Its fundamental mission is to publish scholarship (through print and digital media) both within academia and to society at large. It seeks to publish the innovative works of the greatest minds in academia, from the most respected senior scholar to the extraordinarily promising graduate student, in each of the disciplines in which it publishes. Through the publication of works of scholarly significance, Princeton University Press fulfills part of the mission of Princeton University by furthering its fundamental commitment to the dissemination of knowledge.

The WWPL

Founded in 1938 by Edith Bolling Wilson, the President's widow, the **Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library** is a non-profit presidential library independent of the federal system. The Library strives to improve national civic health through the study of Wilson's ideals, legislation, and international peace efforts. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums for more than 30 years, the museum has become a place where scholars and a broad spectrum of citizens turn to understand Woodrow Wilson and his influence on the international stage. The Library hosts an average of 21,000 visitors per year, and conducts a variety of programming to engage the public in historical and civic matters. The study of Wilson's philosophy of international cooperation and world peace is particularly timely for officials, scholars, and

citizens of all nations as we experience the widespread threats of terrorism and world unrest.

University of Virginia Press

The University of Virginia Press was founded in 1963 to advance the intellectual interests not only of the University of Virginia, but of institutions of higher learning throughout the state. A member of the Association of American University Presses, UVaP currently publishes sixty to seventy new titles annually, which are approved by the Board of Directors after a rigorous process of peer review. The UVaP editorial program focuses primarily on the humanities and social sciences with special concentrations in American history, African American studies, literature, architecture, and regional books.

Rotunda was created for the publication of original digital scholarship along with newly digitized critical and documentary editions in the humanities and social sciences. Rotunda collections combine the originality, intellectual rigor, and scholarly value of traditional peer-reviewed university press publishing with thoughtful technological innovation designed for scholars and students.