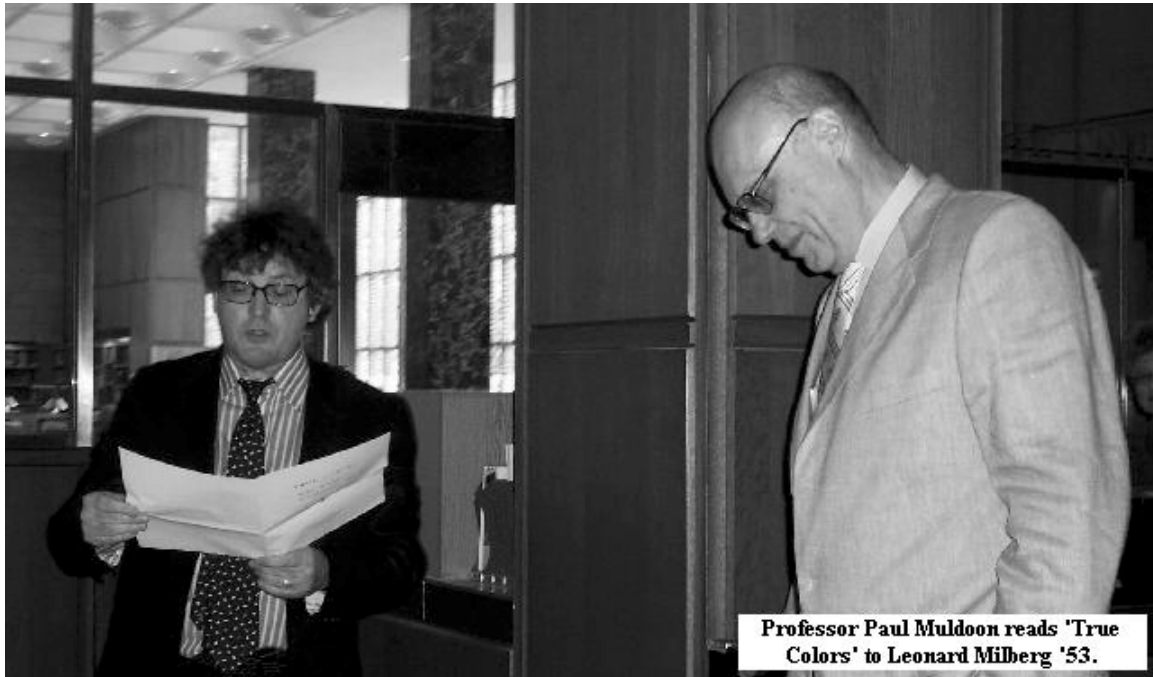


## University Honors Donor Leonard L. Milberg, '53



Leonard L. Milberg '53 declared in his 30th reunion book entry, "I have belatedly, but passionately discovered books, prints, and the Princeton University Rare Book Library." In the 20 years since, Milberg has shared the fruits of that passion with the University community. At a well-attended ceremony on May 30 in the Firestone Library lobby, amid cases filled with treasures suggesting the range of his collecting, President Shirley Tilghman and University Librarian Karin Trainer honored Milberg for his generosity.

Among the most striking items on display were selections from Milberg's collections of Early Views of American Cities (more of these brighten walls throughout the Library) and Nineteenth-Century American Drawings. Each of his book collections (assembled with the assistance of Howard Woolmer) has been dedicated to an outstanding member of the Princeton community: American Poetry and Irish Poetry, to Richard M. Ludwig, the recently deceased emeritus professor of American literature at Princeton; and Jewish American Writers, to former Princeton President Harold T. Shapiro. At the ceremony, President Tilghman announced that

Milberg's newest book collection, *Irish Playwrights*, will be dedicated to Paul Muldoon, recent Pulitzer Prize winner and the Howard Clark '21 University Professor in the Humanities.

The highlight of Friday's program was Muldoon's reading of an original poem, "True Colors," composed especially for the occasion. The assembled Reunioners, Friends of the Library, and friends of books applauded Muldoon's honoring of "our most willing bringer," who has given so much "above and beyond his fifty annual givings-back."

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