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ON 15 October 1958 President Pusey announced the establishment by Harvard of the Carl H. Pforzheimer University Professorship. Paul H. Buck, Francis Lee Higginson Professor of History and Director of the University Library, has been appointed the first Carl H. Pforzheimer University Professor. The chair is endowed by the Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation, in memory of Carl H. Pforzheimer, New York investment banker and founder of the Pforzheimer Library of books and manuscripts in English literature. Carl H. Pforzheimer, Jr, '28, is President of the Foundation.

In announcing the Professorship, President Pusey stressed three reasons that render this gift to the University peculiarly significant. First of all, it bears witness to an affection and respect for Harvard on the part of a family that has been generously represented among the alumni of Harvard and the alumnae of Radcliffe, and is a fitting memorial to the founder of a library of great significance for scholarship. Second, it has enabled the University to appoint as first incumbent of the chair one who as Professor, as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, as Provost, and most recently as Director of the University Library, has made outstanding contributions not only to the Harvard community but to American education and to the cause of humanistic scholarship in the broadest sense. Finally, the gift makes it possible to associate a University Professorship with 'the great library which is the center of our University, for the new chair is in scope university-wide and on the frontiers of knowledge just as the library serves all parts of our community and touches the world of learning and of mind.'

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