



Literary Series Steering Committee Records, 1952-1960

HC 22

Overview

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Scope and Content Note

This collection documents the Literary Series Steering Committee Records documents the committee's work at Hanover College during its most active years from 1952-1960. Included are correspondence, information about literary guest speakers, administrative notes, Literary Series Steering Committee notes and minutes, promotional materials, publicity, and brochures.

Historical Information

After the 1952 visit of William Carlos Williams to the Hanover Campus, students in the English department convened to create the Literary Series, a lecture series focused on hosting literary figures on the Hanover Campus for the purpose of spreading creative initiative amongst the student population. Managed by the Literary Series Steering Committee under the supervision of Dr. Leland Miles, the Literary Series was inaugurated on 22 April 1956, by the lecture of John Ciardi, a poet and poetry critic. Other speakers included Shakespearean scholar Hardin Craig, poet Randall Jarrell, anthologist and poet Louis Untermeyer, poet and critic Allen Tate, Historian Peter Viereck, Indiana University Professor of English Roy Battenhouse, editor Norman Cousins, dramatist Lillian Hellman, novelist Jessie Stuart, novelist, Budd Schulberg, linguist Harold Whitehall, and poet Langston Hughes. Information about the committee dwindles after the departure of Dr. Miles from Hanover in 1960.



Administrative Information:

Related Items:

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Acquisition:

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Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Date	Notes
1	1	Williams Carlos Williams	1952	Tape of William's morning and evening address JCEA Conference; photo of Williams and photo of him with students
1	2	John Ciardi	1956	Correspondence with Hanover faculty about Ciardi's visit; schedule of visit; guide sheet for visit; tape of morning address, "No Poetry, No Fun"
1	3	Literary Series Committee Correspondence	1956	Correspondence over future speakers and creation of events; Surveyed evaluation of several speakers; Hanover alumni news article; prices of speakers; Photographs of unknown individuals
1	4	Randall Jarrell	1956	Newspaper, Guide sheet; program; correspondence; newspaper clippings; comments on Jarrell's visit; photo of Jarrell at the Library of Congress
1	5	Louis Untermeyer	ca. 1956	Itinerary; Photo of Untermeyer
1	6	Allen J. Tate		Correspondence of committee; invitation; itinerary; newspaper photo of Tate
1	7	Peter Viereck	1954-1956	Newspaper; multiple works by Viereck; itinerary; correspondence in letters, postcards, and memos; Photo of Viereck
1	8	Lillian Hellman	1956-1958	Event booklet; correspondence
1	9	Roy W. Battenhouse	1958	Schedule of visit; Photo of Battenhouse



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1	10	Jesse Stuart	1959	Tape of speech "Why Write a Novel"; Itinerary; correspondence Book Cover; Magazine Article on Jesse Stuart; Photo of Stuart
1	11	Budd Schulberg	1959	Itinerary; newspaper; correspondence
1	12	Harold Whitehall	Late 1950s or early 1960s,	Newspaper article; itinerary
1	13	Stephen Spender	1959	Itinerary
1	14	Langston Hughes	1959-1960	Correspondence; Biographical Information; Texts/music by Hughes; memorandum; photo of Hughes
1	15	Paul Engle	1956-1958	Correspondence
1	16	Harry Golden	1959	Correspondence; lecture booklet
1	17	Miscellaneous Correspondence-Declines	1955-1959	Correspondence detailing unavailability of the artists: Tennessee Williams, Karl Shapiro, Herman Wouk, Robert Penn Warren, Norman Cousins, Brooks Atkinson, Paul Green, J.D. Salinger, Elizabeth Bishop, John O'Hara, Anne M. Lindbergh, Gwen Davenport, Arthur Miller, Alan Paton
1	18	Miscellaneous Correspondence-Acceptances	1956-1959	Correspondence detailing acceptances from artists: Herbert Gold, Louis Kronenberger. Robert A. Heinlein, Gwendolyn Brooks, Peter De Vries, John Crowe Ransom, E.E. Cummings; Odgen Nash; Horace Gregory; L. Adams; Robert Hillyer; Carl Sandburg; Hobart Mitchell and miscellaneous documents on him
1	19	Miscellaneous Booklets	1955-1956	Various booklets advertising famous artists
MD_5_2_3		Reel-to-reel	May 16, 1952	William Carlos Williams Morning Address
MD_5_2_4		Reel-to-reel	May 16, 1952	William Carlos Williams Evening Address
MD_5_2_5		Reel-to-reel	April 23, 1956	Ciardi Morning Address, "No Poetry, No Fun"
MD_5_2_6		Reel-to-reel	March 13, 1959	Jesse Stuart Ending Address, "Why Write a Novel."
PS3515.U274 A6 1959		Selected Poems	1959	Book written and signed by Langston Hughes. Located in Rare Books.