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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Tayler, Edward W., 1931-2018
<b>Title:</b>	Edward ("Ted") Tayler papers
<b>ID:</b>	13756960
<b>ID:</b>	MS#1968
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1950-2018
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3.25 Linear Feet 2 record cartons and 2 document boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Edward ("Ted") Tayler Papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Edward W. "Ted" Tayler was the Lionel Trilling Professor in the Humanities Emeritus and special lecturer in English and comparative literature. He passed away on April 23, 2018 at the age of 87. A Shakespeare and Milton scholar, Tayler — who specialized in poetry and prose of the 16th and 17th centuries — began teaching at Columbia in 1960 after completing a B.A. from Amherst College and a Ph.D. in English from Stanford University. While at Columbia, Tayler developed "Logic and Rhetoric," the predecessor to the Core Curriculum's "University Writing" course that is required of all Columbia College students. Tayler was known not only for his scholarship but also for his teaching, influencing countless students, including Tony Kushner CC '78, the playwright best known for his Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*.

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## Content Description

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Correspondence, teaching materials, lectures, publications, writings and student work of Edward W. "Ted" Tayler.

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### Publication Statement

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Literature -- History and criticism
- College teachers -- New York (State) -- New York
- Sovern, Michael I.
- Cole, Jonathan R.
- Rupp, George
- Rosenthal , Michael , 1937-

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## Collection Inventory

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### I. Subject Files, 1950-2018

Title/Description	Instances	
The Shakespeare Lectures:		
Extensive lecture notes for the Shakespeare class he taught from the 1960s to his retirement in 1999	box 4	folder 1-5

The Shakespeare Lectures - Spring Semester

#### Scope and Contents

Includes digitized copies of the lecture notes of Professor Edward W. Tayler's undergraduate Shakespeare course, which he taught over a four-decade span. One file includes every mark he made on his lecture pages, which had quite a lot of marginalia, and thus it's entitled "Edward W. Tayler - The Shakespeare Lectures - Spring Semester, including marginalia." The other file cuts out all the marginalia, containing only the matter of the lectures, a kind of reading copy. Appropriately enough, that file is entitled "Edward W. Tayler - The

Shakespeare Lectures - Spring Semester, without marginalia."

Scans of original documents, and three explanatory documents, complete the set.

6 Word files moved from 4GB USB drive in box 4, folder 6, to level 1, 2023. Can be accessed on a locked-down laptop in the RBML. Email [rbml@columbia.edu](mailto:rbml@columbia.edu) for more information.

Lit. Comp. Material, 1994, undated	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
2 folders	
<i>Measure for Measure</i> , 1954-1994	box 1
Nature of Macbeth's Evil Measure, undated	box 1
Conceit--Image--[ <i>To His Coy Mistress</i> ] [Andrew Marvell, 1621-1678], undated	box 1
Prose, Periods, Curses etc., undated	box 1
[John] Milton examples, 1941-1960	box 1
Reviews	
Press Reviews of manuscripts, 1966-1968	box 1
Ted Tayler--Reviews by, 1965-1995	box 1
Problem Plays, 1989, undated	box 1
Published Work	
Correspondence, 1997	box 1
Manuscripts, 1966-1986	box 1
"In Memoriam: Marjorie Hope Nicolson (1894-1981), 1981	box 1
"Shakespeare's <i>Measure for Measure</i> : Its Glassy Essence," <i>Cithara: Essays in the Judeo-Christian Tradition</i> , 37.1, 1997 November	box 1
"'Differing' Donne," <i>John Donne Journal</i> , vol. 21, 2002	box 1
Ted Tayler--Honors for, 1987-2007	box 1
Ted Taylor--Praise for and thanks to, 1985-2011	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
3 folders	
[David] Denby-- <i>The New Yorker</i> , 1987-1997	box 1

Presidential Teaching Award, Columbia University, 1990-1999	box 1
Teaching, PhDs--Trilling Chair, 1990-1993	box 1
[Arthur Oncken] Lovejoy--[Ronald S.] Crane--Notes, undated	box 1
Perspectivists Ideas--Articles and Notes, undated	box 1
God, Artist, Creator--Articles and Notes, 1947-1994	box 1
[John] Donne--Manuscript--Articles for--[Louis I.] Bredvold, [Thomas O.] Sloane etc., undated	box 1
[James] Barr--types time--articles and notes, undated	box 1
Student Letters, 1973-1996	box 1
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> <b>Conditions Governing Access</b> restricted until 2072	
Exams, 1952-1967	box 2
<b>Scope and Contents</b> 3 folders	
Unidentified manuscript, undated	box 2
Correspondence--General, 1990-2011	box 2
Wallace Kerrigan, 2002-2003	box 2
Notes, undated	box 2
<b>Scope and Contents</b> 7 folders	
Ted Tayler--Graduate School	
Notes, 1956	box 2
Papers, 1953-1959	box 2
Work, undated	box 2
Ted Tayler--Essays, undated	box 2
"Bugswords"--Dean's Day--Graduate School, 1994	box 2
Grants, Vita etc., 1964-1997	box 2
Assignments for Lit. Hum presentation, 1953-1959	box 2
Info. Charts for Shakespeare, undated	box 2
"Beowulf: A Translation from the Anglo-Saxon", undated	box 2

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[John] Milton--Note Cards, undated

box 2

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Correspondence--Benson "Barry" Bobrick and Prof. Ted  
Tayler, 1982-2018

box 3

**Scope and Contents**

4 folders

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