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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Bergel, Lienhard, 1905-1987
Creator:	Barzun, Jacques, 1907-2012
Creator:	Croce, Benedetto, 1866-1952
Creator:	Croce, Elena, 1915-1994
Creator:	Fowlie, Wallace, 1908-1998
Creator:	Hofmannsthal, Hugo von, 1874-1929
Creator:	Mann, Thomas, 1875-1955
Creator:	Quasimodo, Salvatore, 1901-1968
Creator:	Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr (Arthur Meier), 1917-2007
Creator:	Wellek, René
Creator:	Hauptmann, Johannes Friedrich
Title:	Lienhard Bergel papers
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Biographical Note

Lienhard Bergel (1905-1987) was born in Silesia, Germany, and emmigrated to the United States in 1931, where he obtained a position as Instructor in the German Department of the New Jersy College for Women. In 1935 he was refused reappointment because, he claimed, his anti-Nazi views conflicted with those of the Department Head, Johannes Friedrich Hauptmann. The matter was investigated by a special committee of Rutger's University in 1935 and again in 1986. Both panels found the discharge of Bergel justified. Bergel later went on to teach at Queens College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (1938-1974). His writings include *Cervantes in Germany*; *Croce, Blake, Goethe*; and *The Esthetics of Nihilism*.

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Biographical / Historical

Syliva Allen (nee Cook) Bergel (1906-2000), the wife of Lienhard Bergel taught German and in later years corresponded with those interested in resurrecting the Bergel-Hauptmann affair. Sylvia attended Barnard where she graduated in German. She went on to study German language and literature for two years at the University of Breslau. Sylvia later taught at New Jersey College in New Brunswick New Jersey later Rutgers She met Lienhard Bergel there and they both left after Lienhard was dismissed in 1935. Sylvia taught algebra and German at Kent Place School in Summit from 1936-1938 and then bought herself a camera and took up photography.

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Scope and Content

Correspondence, manuscripts, documents, photographs, printed material, and memorabilia. The cataloged correspondence is with Jacques Barzun, Benedetto Croce, Elena Croce, Wallace Fowlie, Thomas Mann, Salvatore Quasimodo, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., and René Wellek. There is manuscript material relating to the Bergel-Hauptman case and a number of Bergel's own essays and reviews. A copy of Bergel's German passport is included, as well as numerous family photographs and miscellaneous printed material. There is a cataloged photograph of Hugo von Hofmannsthal; and a gold Benedetto Croce centennial medal.

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Scope and Contents

Addition: Sylvia Bergel Papers: Correspondence; Manuscripts/writings of others; Subjects/ Topical; Documents; Photographs; Printed material.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 7 series.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Bergel, Mrs. Lienhard. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--2000.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Sylvia Bergel, 1988 and Thomas Bergel for the Estate of Sylvia Bergel, 2000.

Processing Information

Processed PL 04/21/88.

Processing Information

Revised Christine Lovelace 2004.

Accruals

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Controlled Access Headings

- Correspondence
- Memorabilia
- Photographic prints
- College teachers

Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Barzun, Jacques	box 1
Croce, Benedetto To Lienhard Bergel, 1866-1952	box 1
Croce, Elena To Lienhard Bergel, 1915-	box 1
Fowlie, Wallace To Lienhard Bergel	box 1
Mann, Thomas To Lienhard Bergel, 1875-1955	box 1
Quasimodo, Salvatore To Lienhard Bergel, 1901-1968	box 1
Schlesinger, Arthur, Jr. To Lienhard Bergel	box 1
Wellek, Rene , To Lienhard Bergel	box 1

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II. Cataloged Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Bergel, Lienhard, 1905-1987	box 1

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III. Cataloged Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
Bergel, Lienhard	box 1
Croce, Benedetto	box 1
Hofmannsthal, Hugo von	box 1

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IV. Arranged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Bergel , Lienhard To Croce Physical Description: (photocopies)	box 1
Bergel , Lienhard To Quasimodo	box 1
Bergel , Lienhard To various correspondents	box 1
Letters to Bergel, 1931-1985	box 1
Postcards to Bergel	box 1

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V. Arranged Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Bergel-Hauptmann case	box 1
Course material	box 1
Testimonial	box 1
Bergel manuscripts	box 2
Bergel manuscripts, and 3 manuscripts, in German, by others	box 3
Bergel's passport	box 3
Miscellaneous photographs	box 3
Miscellaneous printed material and a copy of W.H. Auden's The Enchaged Flood	box 3

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VI. Memorabilia

Scope and Contents

In the Vault

Title/Description	Instances
1. Gold Benedetto Croce centennial medal in presentation case	box 4

2. Mother-of-pearl barrel-shaped case with hinged top and bottom. 2.5 inches.	box 4
3. Rectangular bowl with stem and base, leaf pattern on lip. 2 ¼ x 2 x 2 ¼ inches.	box 4
4 Small base metal bucket, with handle and chain. 4 inches high.	box 4
5 Small base metal bowl on three legs. 2 inches diameter.	box 4
6. Clay figure of a goat at rest.	box 4

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VII. Sylvia Bergel Papers

Scope and Contents

The correspondence in this series was originally in chronological order but has been arranged by correspondent. Duplicates of correspondence and newspaper clippings were removed.

7.1 Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence , 1905-1987	box 5
Bergel, Lienhard Letters to the Editor, 1985	box 5
Bloustein, Edward, 1925-1989 and Rutgers University, 1985-1989	box 5
Greenberg, Michael, 1987-1992	box 5
Horn, Daniel, 1985	box 5
McCormick, Richard, 1916-, 1987-1988	box 5
Oshinsky, David, 1944-, 1985-1993	box 5
Parisi, Peter, 1941-, 1985-1989	box 5
Silver, Alan, 1914-1988, 1985-1989	box 5
Simon Wiesenthal Center, 1985	box 6
Zenchelsky, Seymour, 1987-1995	box 6
Letters to the Editor, 1985-1995	box 6
Various correspondence A-B	box 6
Various correspondence C	box 6
Various correspondence D-M	box 6
Various correspondence N-Z	box 6

Index to correspondence, 1985-1987	box 6

7.2 Writings by Others

Title/Description	Instances
Greenberg, Michael and Zenchelsky, Seymour "Anti-Semitism at Rutgers: the 1920s and 30s", 1993	box 6
Greenberg, Michael and Zenchelsky, Seymour "The Confrontation with Nazism at Rutgers: Academic Bureaucracy and Moral Failure", 1990	box 6
Oshinsky, David "Report on the Bergel-Hauptmann Case", 1986	box 6
American Civil Liberties Union "Reports of Investigators… on Trustees' Investigation into Dismissal of Lienhard Bergel from the German Department at the New Jersey College for Women", August 1935	box 6
Amercian Association of University Professors "Report on the Bergel Matter", February 1987	box 6
Special Trustees' Committee Report. "In the Matter of the Investigation of the Charges of Lienhard Bergel", August 1935 **Scope and Contents** [Copied 1985]	box 7
Bergel, Sylvia Research notes, Compiled 1985	box 7
Bergel, Syvlia Notes and drafts of correspondence, 1988	box 7
Bergel, Sylvia Bibliography of Lienhard Bergel's publications, 1989	box 7

7.3 Subject/Topical Files

Title/Description	Instances

7.3.1 Bergel-Hauptmann case

Title/Description	Instances
Letters of Hauptmann, Clothier and Corwin 1940-1941, Photocopied 1985	box 7

7.3.2. German Academy

Title/Description	Instances
Translation by Sylvia Bergel, 1985	box 7

7.3.3. FBI

Title/Description	Instances

FBI file on Johannes Hauptmann, Photocopied 1986	box 7

7.4 Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Faculty Questionnaire filled in by Lienhard Bergel, 1967 Physical Description: Photocopy,	box 7
Lienhard Bergel's teaching certificates, 1930	box 7

7.5 Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
Alan Silver Alan Silver's dog, 1989	box 7

7.6 Printed Material

Title/Description	Instances
Biographies photocopied from various sources	box 7
Newspaper clippings, 1933-1992	box 7

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