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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Barber, Bernard
<b>Title:</b>	Bernard Barber papers
<b>ID:</b>	4078839
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0067
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1938-1988
<b>Physical Description:</b>	27 linear feet 59 manuscript boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Bernard Barber (1918-2006) was a Professor of Sociology at Barnard College for over 35 years, from 1952 until his retirement. He wrote several books, many articles, and was a pioneer in the sociology of science and the theory of social structure.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Bernard Barber papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## History

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Bernard Barber (1918-2006) was a Professor of Sociology at Barnard College for over 35 years, from 1952 until his retirement. He wrote several books, many articles, and was a pioneer in the sociology of science and the theory of social structure.

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## Scope and Content

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Correspondence, conference papers and notes, lectures, Barnard College administrative records, book review manuscripts, financial records for his research grants, book manuscripts, and his college notes. Correspondence with sociologists and other professional colleagues concerning his writing, teaching, and Barnard College administrative affairs, and with his friends. Major correspondents include Daniel Bell, Robert K. Merton, David Riesman, George Sarton, and Talcott Williams. There are also letters from Harry Elmer Barnes, Richard Hofstadter, Edward Kennedy, Margaret Mead, Ashley Montagu, and C.P. Snow.

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## Scope and Content

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Series 4: 1979-1988. These materials were added to the papers in 1988. This series consists of five categories pertaining to the professional career of Bernard Barber. The correspondence series contains a general chronological file, as well as alphabetical sets by correspondents and by topics. It also contains correspondence regarding Barber's books, which include *SCIENCE AND THE SOCIAL ORDER* (1953) and *SOCIAL STRATIFICATION* (1957). The Professional Activities category contains a wide range of files on Barber's work outside Columbia University, including service on various federal and private committees, such as the Drug Research Board of the National Science Council and the Human Subjects Review Committee, as well as his membership in a multitude of professional organizations, including the American Sociological Association, whose Ethics Committee he chaired from 1960-1976. The Manuscripts file contains published articles and typed drafts of articles for various sociological journals as well as several book reviews. The Research file contains Barber's scholarly work, including an extensive study of the practice of informed consent. The Teaching section contains material from Barber's career as a faculty member at Barnard College, Columbia University.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in four series.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Professor Barber, 1983; 1988.

### **Processing Information**

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 03/27/89.

### **Processing Information**

Collection is processed to folder level.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Sociology -- Study and teaching
- Sociologists
- College teachers
- Bell, Daniel
- Merton, Robert King, 1910-2003
- Riesman, David, 1909-2002
- Sarton, George, 1884-1956
- Williams, Talcott, 1849-1928
- Barnes, Harry Elmer, 1889-1968
- Hofstadter, Richard, 1916-1970
- Kennedy, Edward M. (Edward Moore), 1932-2009
- Mead, Margaret, 1901-1978
- Montagu, Ashley, 1905-1999
- Snow, C. P. (Charles Percy), 1905-1980
- Barnard College -- Faculty

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## **Collection Inventory**

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### **Series I. Cataloged Correspondence**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Barnes, Harry Elmer	box 1
Barzun, Jacques	box 1
Bell, Daniel	box 1
Brinton, Crane	box 1
Bundy, McGeorge	box 1
Bush, Vannevar	box 1
Carey, Hugh L.	box 1
Dirksen, Everett McKinley	box 1
Eiseley, Loren Corey	box 1
Flexner, James Thomas	box 1
Hofstadter, Richard	box 1
Javits, Jacob Koppel	box 1
Jessup, Philip Caryl	box 1
Kaempffert, Waldemar	box 1
Kennedy, Edward Moore	box 1
Kennedy, Robert Francis	box 1
Knopf, Alfred A.	box 1
Kristol, Irving	box 1
Krock, Arthur	box 1
Leuchtenberg, William E.	box 1
McWilliams, Carey	box 1
Matthiessen, Francis O.	box 1
Mead, Margaret	box 1
Mills, C. Wright	box 1
Mondale, Walter Frederick	box 1
Montagu, Ashley	box 1
Nagel, Ernest	box 1
Needham, Joseph	box 1
Nelson, Benjamin	box 1
Podhoretz, Norman	box 1
Pusey, Nathan M.	box 1

Reston, James Barrett	box 1
Rhine, Joseph Banks	box 1
Riesman, David	box 1
Rothschild, Edmund Leopold de	box 1
Sagarin, Edward	box 1
Sarton, George	box 1
Sarton, May	box 1
Snow, Charles Percy, Baron Snow	box 1
Scheinfeld, Amram	box 1

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## Series II. Uncataloged Correspondence, 1941-1979

Title/Description	Instances	
1941-1954 July	box 2	folder 1 to 6
1954 August-1957, 1954	box 3	folder 7 to 11
1958-1959	box 4	folder 12 to 15
1960-1961 September	box 5	folder 17 to 19
1961-1963 January	box 6	folder 20 to 23
1964 January-1964 May	box 7	folder 24 to 27
1964 May-1965 September	box 8	folder 28 to 31
1965 September-1967 May	box 9	folder 32 to 35
1967 May-1968 July	box 10	folder 36 to 39
1968 July-1970 March	box 11	folder 40 to 43
1970 March-1971 November	box 12	folder 44 to 47
1971 September-1973 February	box 13	folder 48 to 51
1973 March-1974 May		



	box 14	folder 52 to 55
1974 June-1975 September	box 15	folder 56 to 59
1975 October-1977 January	box 16	folder 60 to 63
1977	box 17	folder 64 to 66
1978 June-1979 May	box 18	folder 67 to 69

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### Series III. Uncataloged Manuscripts and Notes--A-Z

Title/Description	Instances
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Meeting, Chicago, Ethics,, 1970	box 19
"American Education and the Scientific Scene," 1958 July 28	box 19
<b>Scope and Contents</b> (Speech)	
"American Sociology in its Cultural Context,"	box 19
<b>Scope and Contents</b> (3 drafts)	
American Sociological Society	box 19
Sociology of Science Sessions, B. Barber, Chairman, 1957	box 19
Nominations and Elections, 1957	box 19
"Anti-Intellectualism," Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues	box 19
Benson, Lee--Wayne Center	box 19
"Brief Bibliography for the Sociology of Science"	box 19
Brookings Conference, 1973 September	box 19
Brookings Institute, Williamsburg, 1963 May	box 19
Bureau of Applied Social Research, 1954-1955	box 19
Case Methods of Instruction in American Professional Training"	box 19
"Concrete Sociology: A Study of Cases"	

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Council for Research in the Social Sciences <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 19
Daedalus, Ethics Conference, 1967	box 20
George H.G. Daniels Affair	box 20
Division of Labor in Science	box 20
Drugs and Society	box 20
Duodecim Theological Society	box 20
Eastern Sociological Society, Ethics of Social Research, 1980 March	box 20
Ethics Conference, New York Academy of Sciences, 1969 May	box 20
"Experimentation on Humans: Another Civil Rights Frontier?"	box 20
"Family Status, Local-Community Status, and Social Stratification," Pacific Journal of Sociology	box 20
Fellowship Applications, 1959-1960	box 20
"Floppy Eared Rabbits"	box 20
Flow of Scientific Information	box 20
Ford Foundation, Sociology of Science Seminar, 1953 September	box 20
Fulbright, History of Science	box 21
Glazer, Nathan, Article (Commentary comment}	box 21
Greap, Roy O., Ford Committee	box 21
Harvard Overseers Visiting Committee <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 21
History and Theory Review Article	box 21
Hoffman-LaRoche Conference, 1971 September	box 21
Ideas for Papers, Monographs, Books	box 21
Informed Consent Study	box 21
International Relations Theory Meetings, 1957	box 22
International Sociological Society (ISA) Paper, 1957	box 22
ISA Trend Report, Sociology of Science	box 22
Kinsey Report, Article	box 22
L-Dopa Study	box 22

Mount Sinai Course	box 22
Myth of the Rising Middle Class <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 22
National Institute of Health (NIH), Conference on Planning and Responsibility in Society,, 1969 October	box 22
National Science Foundation (NSF) <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 22
"Natural Science, Social Science and Value" <b>Scope and Contents</b> (Unpublished article)	box 23
Qak Ridge, 1963 Summer, 1963	box 23
Occupational Prestige Structure, Notes	box 23
"On the Relation between Culture and Social Structure"	box 23
Papworth Review, Medical Counterpoint	box 23
Parsons, Talcott <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 23
Pittsburgh--Ethical Problems, 1975	box 23
Princeton Social Mobility Discussion, 1965 November	box 23
Professions <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 23
Ramapo College Lecture, "Experimenting with Humans"	box 24
Reader, George, Project with	box 24
"Recent Trends in the Sociology of Knowledge and Science in the United States"	box 24
"Research on Injuries in Biomedical Research," New England Journal of Medicine Editorial	box 24
"Research on Research on Human Subjects"	box 24
Revista de Trabajo, Essay on Social Mobility Trends, Correspondence	box 24
University of Rhode Island talk, 1963 November	box 24
University of Rochester, Honors Exams, 1963	box 24
Roe, Anne, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Evaluation	box 24
Rose Monograph Series	box 24
Russell Sage Foundation	

<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 24
Salk Institute	box 24
Salzburg Seminar, 1956 Summer, 1956	box 24
Smithsonian Conference on Experimentation	box 24
Social Evolution	box 25
Social Roles of the Historian	box 25
Social Stratification	box 25
<u>Physical Description</u> : 7 folders	
"Social Work and Social Science"	box 25
"Sociology of Science," Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences article	box 25
Social Science Research Council, National Security Policy, Princeton, 1963 June	box 25
"Structure of Scientific Competition"	box 25
Technology and Culture, Program Committee, 1963	box 26
Technology and Values, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dallas,, 1968 December	box 26
"Tension, Conflict and Accommodation: Between Science and Humanism"	box 26
"Towards a New Social Policy on Dangerous Drugs"	box 26
"Towards a New View of the Sociology of Knowledge"	box 26
UNESCO Trend Report	box 26
Unity of Science, 1951 May	box 26
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## Series IV. Addition, 1979-1988

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1986-1988	box 30
Alphabetical by Correspondent	box 30
Alphabetical by Topic	box 31
Re: Books (Alphabetical by Title)	
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### Subseries IV.2. Professional Activities

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