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Summary Information

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Abstract:	This collection contains records of the Department of History of Columbia University from the 1890s to the 1950s.

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Historical Note

The School of Political Science began offering history courses to Columbia students in the 19th century. Francis Lieber was hired as the first Professor of History and Political Science leading to the beginning of the teaching of history at Columbia. Yet, the Trustees did not establish a separate Department of History until November, 1896. For further information on the development of the Department of History, see *A History of the Faculty of Political Science*, by R. Gordon Hoxie, et al., 1955, pp. 207-249.

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Historical Note

The collection contains correspondence representing periods of tenure of five professors of history. Following are brief outlines of their careers at Columbia University. Frederick Barry (1876-1943), first holder of a chair in the United States devoted entirely to the History of Science, began teaching at Columbia in 1912 and taught until his death in 1943. Jacques Barzun (b. 1908) began lecturing in Columbia College in 1928 and remained at the University through his entire academic career. He became professor emeritus in 1975. The Department appointed Carlton J. H. Hayes (1882-1964) in 1907, before receiving his Ph.D. He became Seth Low Professor Emeritus in 1950. Austin P. Evans (1884-1962) began teaching at Columbia in 1915. He remained at Columbia until his retirement in 1951. John A. Krout (1897-1979) began teaching history at Columbia in 1922. He became Dean of Graduate Faculties in 1949, later Provost and eventually Vice-President of the University. He retired in 1958.

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Scope and Content

The collection consists primarily of correspondence pertaining to the administration of the History Department for the late 1920s through the 1950s. Though the correspondence is incomplete, the most comprehensive period represented in the collection is for the 1930s and 1940s. Correspondence relates to general administrative matters including curriculum decisions, faculty appointments, Summer Session arrangements, and recommendations. The correspondence is maintained in its original order according to the name of the Executive Officer or faculty member at the time. In addition to correspondence of Executive Officers, some of the correspondence is from Jacques Barzun, professor of history, and Dixon Ryan Fox, director of the Summer Session program for the department. Below is a time line of the Executive Officers represented in this collection.

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The collection also contains grade reports and attendance records for the 1890s through the 1920s. Professor Frederick Barry's grade reports for students of his History of Science courses were foldered separately and temporarily restricted. In addition, the collection includes monthly financial statements for the department for the late 1950s and English

composition and cooperative exams for the department. The exams, except for exam blanks and instructions, were temporarily restricted.

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The folders are arranged alphabetically by folder title or last name of the professor represented in the correspondence. Correspondence within the folders is either arranged chronologically or alphabetically by surname of the correspondent. The original order of the correspondence has been maintained. Correspondence can be found under the name of the correspondent or by name of a subject or organization such as University Extension, Florida, and Registrar.

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One issue of particular note, discussed in the correspondence between John A. Krout and Robert D. Calkins of the Business School, is on how to involve students in graduate training for wartime government service.

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Restrictions on Access

A few folders contain personal information and are restricted. See finding aid for details.

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This collection is located off-site. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

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Controlled Access Headings

- History -- Study and teaching
- Correspondence
- Examinations (documents)
- Evans, Austin P (Austin Patterson)

- Krout, John A (John Allen), 1896-1979
- Hayes, Carlton J. H (Carlton Joseph Huntley), 1882-1964
- Barzun, Jacques, 1907-2012
- Barry, Frederick, 1876-1943
- Fox, Dixon Ryan, 1887-1945
- Columbia University -- Administration
- Columbia University. Department of History

Collection Inventory

Series I: Department of History Records, 1890-1959

Title/Description	Instances	
Attendance and Grade Reports, 1890-1922 Physical Description: (2 Folders)	box 1	folder 1 to 2
Frederick Barry Grade Sheets		
For History of Science, 1923-1942	box 1	folder 3
For History of Science e107/e108, 1929-1934	box 1	folder 4
For History Seminars, 1933-1942	box 1	folder 5
History of Science Projects, 1943	box 1	folder 6
Jacques Barzun		
Correspondence, 1939-1953 undated, 1939-1953, undated Physical Description: (4 Folders)	box 1	folder 7 to 10
Financial Statements, 1951-1953	box 1	folder 11
Departmental Requisitions, 1958-1959	box 1	folder 12
Austin P. Evans Correspondence, B-W, 1937-1938 Physical Description: (3 Folders)	box 1	folder 13 to 15
Exams		
Cooperative English Test, A-Z, 1939 Physical Description: (2 Folders)	box 1	folder 16 to 17
Cooperative English Test Information, 1938-1939	box 1	folder 18
English Composition, 1939	box 1	folder 19
English Composition with Blue Books, 1939	box 1	folder 20
English Tests, Unused, 1939-1941	box 1	folder 21
Carlton Hayes		

Summer Session Correspondence, A-Z, 1930	box 1	folder 22
Correspondence, A-F, 1940-1943	box 1	folder 23
Correspondence, G-W, 1940-1943 Physical Description: (2 Folders)	box 2	folder 1 to 2
John A. Krout		
Assorted Materials, undated	box 2	folder 3
Correspondence, A-Z, 1942-1945 Physical Description: (9 Folders)	box 2	folder 4 to 12
Monthly Financial Statements, 1958-1959 Physical Description: (2 Folders)	box 2	folder 13 to 14
Notes	box 2	folder 15
Summer Session Correspondence, 1926-1934 undated, 1926-1934, undated Physical Description: (7 Folders)	box 2	folder 16 to 22

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