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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Columbia University. Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Academic costumes and textiles collection
<b>ID:</b>	6259557
<b>ID:</b>	UA#0102
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1820s-2000s
<b>Physical Description:</b>	85.02 linear feet 56 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Academic costumes and textiles collection; Box Number; University Archives, Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Columbia University Libraries.

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## Summary

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This collection consists primarily of academic robes and hoods of various Columbia professors and administrators, especially those given to these individuals for honorary degrees at other universities. The collection also contains some other textile materials, including the Women's Banner or Butler Library Banner (in two parts), Columbia College banners and flags, and some crew sweaters. Additional textiles can be found in the University Artifacts Collection (UA#0016).

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in three series: Series I: Academic Costumes; Series II: Textiles; Series III: Class Flags.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

EAD finding aid (JR) Addition of Series III. Class Flags Added Box 48 2020-06-18 2020-09-29  
2022-08-16

### Restrictions on Access

Due to the nature of the items in this collection, access must be arranged with the University Archivist ([uarchives@columbia.edu](mailto:uarchives@columbia.edu)).

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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.

### Accruals

Materials have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact [uarchives@columbia.edu](mailto:uarchives@columbia.edu) for more information.

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## Related Materials

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Academic costume
- Textiles (visual works)
- Flags
- Columbia University
- Nevins, Allan, 1890-1971
- Low, Seth, 1850-1916
- Highet, Gilbert, 1906-1978
- Stone, Harlan Fiske, 1872-1946
- Cardozo, Benjamin N (Benjamin Nathan), 1870-1938
- Elizabeth, Queen, consort of George VI, King of Great Britain, 1900-2002
- Van Amringe, J. Howard (John Howard), 1835-1915
- Erskine, John, 1879-1951
- Eisenhower, Mamie Doud, 1896-1979
- Cordier, Andrew W (Andrew Wellington), 1901-1975
- Kirk, Grayson L. (Grayson Louis), 1903-1997
- Da Ponte, Lorenzo, 1749-1838
- Hogan, Frank Smithwick, 1902-1974
- Howson, Roger, 1882-1962
- Moore, John Bassett, 1860-1947
- Shotwell, James T., 1874-1965
- Stedman, Edmund Clarence, 1833-1908
- Columbia University -- Alumni and alumnae

## Collection Inventory

<b>Series I: Academic Costumes</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Dr. Wyndham B. Blanton - Hood (green and black)	box 1
Benjamin Cardozo	
Hoods (9)	box 7
Gown (Albany gown)	box 23
Gown (Supreme Court gown)	box 24
Andrew Cordier	
Gown (Columbia University), 1969 December 19	box 2
Hoods (2) (blue/white inside; purple outside)	box 2
Lorenzo Da Ponte	
Hood (white velvet border)	box 5
Gown (black, torn at shoulders)	box 5
Robe (black)	box 16
Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(Honorary Degree, Columbia University)	
Hood (black/light blue/white w/purple velvet trim), 1954 October 31	box 13
Robe (black w/purple velvet trim), 1954 October 31	box 13
Cap, 1954 October 31	box 21
John Erskine	
Hood (orange/purple/black w/ white velvet trim)	box 16
Hood (black/red/ w/ white velvet trim)	box 16
Hood (black/light blue/yellow velvet trim)	box 16
Hood (black/white/light blue w/ royal blue velvet trim)	box 16
Hood (black/white/ w/cream colored velvet trim)	box 16
Hood (black/brown-gold/white w/pink velvet trim)	box 16
Sash (light blue and yellow w/ white fur trim and red button)	box 17

Hood (black/purple/white w/salmon pink velvet trim)	box 17
Hood (black/purple/yellow w/light blue velvet trim)	box 17
Hood (black/royal blue w/salmon pink velvet trim)	box 17
Elbridge T. Gerry CC 1857 - Gown worn in Columbia College	box 11
Gilbert Highet	
<u>Language of the Material:</u> File	
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Hood and Gown (red)	box 1
Hood and Gown (Columbia University)	box 1
Hood	box 14
Hood (black/orange/white velvet trim)	box 14
Hood (yellow/black w/ white velvet trim)	box 14
Hood (University of Massachusetts)	box 14
Robe (red w/ greyish purple satin sleeves and front panels, Oxford University)	box 15
Cap (black velvet square, 2 gold buttons, and short gold tassel)	box 21
Cap (black velvet square, 2 gold buttons, and short gold tassel)	box 21
Cap (black wool square w/ black tassel, red interior)	box 21
Frank S. Hogan - Hood (gold and purple, Suffolk University), 1955 June 4	box 1
Roger Howson - Hoods (2) (black and white)	box 8
Grayson Kirk	
Hood (black/pink/dark green w/white velvet trim, University of North Dakota)	box 17
Hood (black/purple w/purple velvet trim, Williams College)	box 17
Hood (black, burgundy silk w/purple velvet trim, Waseda University, Tokyo)	box 18
Hood (black/burgundy/ w/purple velvet trim, Union College)	box 18
Hood (red and white/black w/ purple velvet trim, University of Wisconsin)	box 18
Hood (black/orange w/purple velvet trim, Waynesburg University)	box 18

Hood (black/orange and white w/purple velvet trim, Princeton University)	box 18
Hood (black/cardinal red w/purple velvet trim)	box 18
Hood (gold/white/black w/purple velvet trim, University of Tennessee)	box 19
Hood (purple/black w/ purple velvet trim, Northwestern University)	box 19
Hood (orange/black w/ purple velvet trim, Syracuse University)	box 19
Hood (burgundy/green/black w/ purple velvet trim, Washington University St. Louis)	box 19
Hood (purple/gold/black w/ purple velvet trim, Notre Dame University)	box 19
Hood (pink/black w/ burgundy velvet trim)	box 19
Hood (red/black w/ purple velvet trim, University of Pennsylvania)	box 20
Hood (yellow/light blue/black w/ purple velvet trim, University of Michigan), 1966	box 20
Hood (orange/black w/ purple velvet trim, Princeton University)	box 20
Hood (red/black w/ purple velvet trim, St. Lawrence University)	box 20
Hood (black/yellow w/ purple velvet trim, Johns Hopkins or Clark University)	box 20
Hood (white/green/black w/ purple velvet trim, Johns Hopkins or Clark University)	box 20
Hood (purple/black w/ purple velvet trim, New York University), 1953	box 22
Hood (white/light blue/black w/ purple velvet trim, Jewish Theological Seminary)	box 22
Hood (red/yellow/black w/ purple velvet trim, Denver University)	box 22
Hood (red, King's College - Halifax University)	box 22
Hood (brown/black w/ purple velvet trim, Brown University)	box 22
Hood (dark Green/black w/ purple velvet trim, Dartmouth College)	box 22
Hood (purple/black w/ purple velvet trim, Amherst College)	box 23
Hood (red/black w/ purple velvet trim, Bates College)	box 23



Gerry Lenfest - Hood	box 25
Seth Low	
Hoods (2) (Yale)	box 9
Hood (University of Pennsylvania)	box 9
Hood (Princeton)	box 9
Brander Matthews	
Gown (black)	box 7
Hood (white/black/purple)	box 7
Dr. W. McDermott	
Hood (olive green/black)	box 3
Gown (Columbia University)	box 3
Gown (red)	box 3
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(Estate of Arthur Jeffery)	
H.F. McGuire - Hood and Gown (Columbia University, initials in hood)	box 2
Rudolph P. Miller CE 1888 - Hood	box 7
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(Gift of Mary M. Miller)	
John Bassett Moore	
Hoods (5)	box 9
Gown	box 25
Allan Nevins	
Hood (green/white/black - Dartmouth College), 1936	box 2
Hood (Miami University, Ohio), 1937	box 4
Hood (University of Illinois), 1953	box 11
Hood (University of Rochester), 1955	box 11
Hood (Columbia University), 1960	box 9
Hood (Loyola University), 1961	box 11
Hood (University of California), 1963	box 4
Hood (Oxford University), 1965	box 4
Hood (orange/black/white - Occidental College), 1967	box 2

Hood (Columbia University)	box 9
Hoods (7)	box 10
Hood (Knox College, Illinois)	box 11
Hood (Union College)	box 11
Elizabeth Reynard, Barnard College	
Hood and Cap (blue/white/with fur)	box 7
Hood and Gown (Oxford University, blue and red)	box 6
James T. Shotwell - Hoods (5)	box 10
Edmund Clarence Stedman	
Hoods (2)	box 8
Gowns (black)	box 8
Hood (blue/black/white)	box 8
Harlan Fiske Stone	
Hood (Illinois College), 1953	box 5
Hood (University of Southern California), 1961	box 5
Percy Uris - Gown (Columbia University)	box 4
John Van Amringe	
Gown (black with purple velvet edging on sleeves and front of robe)	box 12
Hood (black/cream/pink)	box 12
Hood (black/white/light blue w/ royal blue velvet trim)	box 12
Unidentified owners	
B.I. - Cap (bronze tassel)	box 6
R.A.L. - Gown (blue)	box 6
G.F.R. - Hood and Gown (Columbia University)	box 4
Hood (purple and gold)	box 6
Hood (white and light blue)	box 6

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## Series II: Textiles

Title/Description	Instances
Bicentennial of Columbia Charter flag, 1987	box F06

Bicentennial of Columbia Charter flag, 1987	box F21
Columbia College flag	box F09
Columbia College flag	box F02
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(Image of Crown surrounded by CC with 1754 below) (4 flags)	
Columbia College flag	box F03
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(Image of Crown surrounded by CC with 1754 below) (2 flags)	
Columbia College flag	box F06
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(Image of Crown surrounded by CC with 1754 below)	
Columbia College flag	box F10
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(Image of Crown surrounded by CC with 1754 below)	
Columbia College 250th Anniversary flag	box F02
Columbia College 250th Anniversary flag	box F03
Columbia College alumni banners	
Columbia College banner (with yellow crown and white writing and with white fringe at bottom)	box 41
Columbia College banner (with white crown and writing, very long and narrow)	box 41
Columbia College Alumni Reunion Weekend banner (white stitched writing and yellow stitched crown)	box 41
Columbia College banner, 1932	box 44
Columbia College "C" sweaters, circa 1939	box 47
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 items	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(Arthur K. Dolittle, CC 1918)	
Columbia College Society of Graduates flag	box F05
Columbia Crew Sweaters, 1907	box 42
Columbia Football flag with crown	box F19

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Columbia Law Class of 1905 flag	box F01
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Mamie Eisenhower's gowns

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To access the gowns, you will need to make an appointment. For more information, please contact the University Archives at uarchives@columbia.edu.

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Mamie Eisenhower's gown worn for Columbia University President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Inaugural Ball, 1948	item T15
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Mamie Eisenhower's gown worn for her Columbia University Portrait, 1950s	item T15
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**Scope and Contents**

(Mrs. Eisenhower also wore this gown (her "Columbia" gown) when President Eisenhower was presented with the Alexander Hamilton Award, November 21, 1963.)

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John Erskine's World War I military uniforms	box 43
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**Scope and Contents**

(2 jackets, 1 pair of pants, 1 soft cap. "Educational Corps" patch on arm of each jacket.)

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King's Crown flag	box F15
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King's Crown flag	box F20
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Navy Wool Blazer	box 49
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**Scope and Contents**

Columbia shield patch is stitced on breast pocket. Box also contains royal blue braid to be pinned to a garment.

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ROLM Phone jacket, 1980s	box 48
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**Scope and Contents**

Commemorative jacket presented to Neil Sachnoff who headed up the selection and installation of what was then the first large scale IBM/ROLM college telecommunications installation in the country. Donated in Summer 2022.

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School of Engineering cardigan, 1960s-1980s	box 47
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**Scope and Contents**

(Light blue with school logo stitched in navy blue.)

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Women's Banner or Butler Library Banner Project, 1989      box 45 and  
Physical Description: 2 items      46

**Scope and Contents**

Laura Hotchkiss Brown GS 1989

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To access the banner, you will need to make an appointment in advance to ensure that the conservation staff will be available to assist with transportation, unrolling and re-rolling. For more information, please contact the University Archives at [uarchives@columbia.edu](mailto:uarchives@columbia.edu).

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**Series III: Class Flags**

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Columbia College Class of 1888	box F07
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Columbia College Class of 1900	box F01
Columbia College Class of 1903	box F07
Columbia College Class of 1904	box F01
Columbia College Class of 1904	box F21
Columbia College Class of 1905	box F01
Columbia College Class of 1905	box F08
Columbia College Class of 1906	box F07
Columbia College Class of 1909	box F20
Columbia College Class of 1915	box F01
Columbia College Class of 1916	box F08
Columbia College Class of 1918	box F08
Columbia College Class of 1918	box F20
Columbia College Class of 1919	box F20

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Columbia College Class of 1919	box F21
Columbia College Class of 1920	box F01
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Columbia College Class of 1923	box F13
Columbia College Class of 1925	box F17
Columbia College Class of 1926	box F16
Columbia College Class of 1928	box F18
Columbia College Class of 1929	box F16
Columbia College Class of 1929	box F17
Columbia College Class of 1930	box F18
Columbia College Class of 1931	box F06
Columbia College Class of 1933	box F14
Columbia College Class of 1934	box F14
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Columbia College Class of 1936	box F09
Columbia College Class of 1938	box F02
Columbia College Class of 1939	box F09
Columbia College Class of 1943	box F05
Columbia College Class of 1943	box F10
Columbia College Class of 1944	box F04
Columbia College Class of 1945	box F05
Columbia College Class of 1946	box F18
Columbia College Class of 1949	box F13
Columbia College Class of 1950	box F17
Columbia College Class of 1951	box F11
Columbia College Class of 1952	box F12
Columbia College Class of 1953	box F10
Columbia College Class of 1954	box F07
Columbia College Class of 1955	box F13
Columbia College Class of 1956	box F13

Columbia College Class of 1958	box F11
Columbia College Class of 1959	box F13
Columbia College Class of 1960	box F14
Columbia College Class of 1961	box F06
Columbia College Class of 1963	box F20
Columbia College Class of 1964	box F19
Columbia College Class of 1965	box F16
Columbia College Class of 1966	box F06
Columbia College Class of 1966	box F18
Columbia College Class of 1968	box F19
Columbia College Class of 1969	box F05
Columbia College Class of 1969	box F19
Columbia College Class of 1970	box F19
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Columbia College Class of 1974	box F11
Columbia College Class of 1975	box F14
Columbia College Class of 1976	box F06
Columbia College Class of 1976	box F22
Columbia College Class of 1978	box F10
Columbia College Class of 1979	box F11
Columbia College Class of 1981	box F06
Columbia College Class of 1981	box F14
Columbia College Class of 1981	box F15
Columbia College Class of 1983	box F15
Columbia College Class of 1984	box F15
Columbia College Class of 1985	box F04
Columbia College Class of 1986	box F17
Columbia College Class of 1988	box F09
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(2 flags)	
Columbia College Class of 1989	box F04

Columbia College Class of 1989	box F15
Columbia College Class of 1990	box F12
Columbia College Class of 1991	box F12
Columbia College Class of 1992	box F12
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(2 flags)	
Columbia College Class of 1992	box F21
Columbia College Class of 1993	box F03
Columbia College Class of 1994	box F03
Columbia College Class of 1995	box F08
Columbia College Class of 1996	box F21
Columbia College Class of 1997	box F22
Columbia College Class of 1998	box F03
Columbia College Class of 1999	box F10
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