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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1926-1936; 1966-1968
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.73 linear feet 6 document boxes and 1 half-sized document box.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	In English, French, German, Italian.
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains the minutes, correspondence, and reports of the Council for Research in the Humanities.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Council for Research in the Humanities Records; Box and Folder; University Archives, Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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## Biographical / Historical

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The Council for Research in the Humanities was officially established by the University Council at its meeting on February 21, 1928. The Research Council's founding was inspired by findings at a Conference on the Status of Humanistic Studies in the U.S. (Washington, D.C., December 10 and 11, 1926) under the auspices of the General Education Board. In short, the conference found that researchers in the area of the humanities were in need of better funding to aid their research and eventual publication. Despite the fact that humanistic research was considered important and significant, it was not as high profile as that done in the social or physical sciences and, therefore, not as well funded. By establishing the Research Council,

Columbia University was able to provide much needed financial aid to selected researchers in the humanities.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Allotments were to cover expenses incurred in the research process - everything from clerical assistance, to travel funds and photographic reproductions - and sometimes were extended to publishing costs. Initially this venture was funded by the General Education Board, through a three-year grant of \$112,500. When this grant ran out, funding was obtained from the Rockefeller Foundation. Later on, monies would also come from within the University itself. Many individuals received grants over the years, but among the more prominent researchers who received grants were Lynn Thorndike, Ruth Benedict, and Franz Boas. Grants continued to be distributed by the Research Council into the 1980s and very early 1990s.

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## Biographical / Historical

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The first Research Council consisted of nine members: Professors W.B. Dinsmoor, R.H. Fife, J.L. Gerig, L.R. Gray, G.P. Krapp, N.G. McCrea, S.B. Murray, H.W. Schneider, and Austin P. Evans. Professor Fife was elected Chairman and Professor McCrea was elected Secretary.

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## Summary

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The records are comprised primarily of correspondence concerning the proposals, reports, awards and financial allotments for specific projects. The correspondence files also include rejected projects arranged alphabetically by applicant. There is also some internal correspondence between the Council and the Secretary of the University, the Council and department chairs, meeting minutes and agendas, and annual reports of the Council.

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## Arrangement

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The files are arranged in three series.

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### Revision Description

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### Restrictions on Access

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### Restrictions on Access

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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### **Processing Information**

Papers processed Marilyn H. Pettit 2004.

### **Processing Information**

Papers re-processed Jocelyn Wilk June 2006.

### **Processing Information**

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Selected Related Material at Columbia**

[Council for Research in the Social Sciences records, 1922-1970 \[Bulk dates: 1925-1968\] \(UA#0127\)](#)

### **Selected Related Material at Columbia**

[Central Files, 1890-1984 \[Bulk Dates: 1890-1983\] \(UA#0001\)](#)

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- minutes (administrative records)
- Correspondence
- Reports
- Annual reports

- Awards
- Financial records
- Proposals
- Education, Higher
- Humanities -- Research
- Benedict, Ruth, 1887-1948
- Boas, Franz, 1858-1942
- Coykendall, Frederick, 1872-1954
- Fackenthal, Frank Diehl, 1883-1968
- Fife, Robert Herndon, 1871-1958
- Leland, Waldo Gifford, 1879-1966
- McBain, Howard Lee, 1880-1936
- Rusk, Ralph L (Ralph Leslie), 1888-
- Scarborough, Dorothy, 1878-1935
- Schapiro, Meyer, 1904-1996
- Thorndike, Lynn, 1882-1965
- General Education Board (New York, N.Y.)
- Rockefeller Foundation

## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Meetings, 1929-1937

#### Scope and Contents

Includes minutes, agendas and correspondence. Correspondence most often concerns meetings and the creation of minutes. A list of the original council membership is also found in this series. Three copies of the minutes from 1928-1937 have been kept as each version has unique handwritten notes in margins.

Title/Description	Instances	
Agenda, 1929-1936	box 1	folder 1
Correspondence and Memos, 1929-1933	box 1	folder 2
Minutes		
1928-1930 (copy 1), 1928-1930	box 1	folder 3
1931-1937 (copy 1), 1931-1937	box 1	folder 4
1928-1930 (copy 2), 1928-1930	box 1	folder 5
1931-1937 (copy 2), 1931-1937	box 1	folder 6
1928-1930 (copy 3), 1928-1930	box 1	folder 7
1931-1937 (copy 3), 1931-1937	box 1	folder 8
Resolutions, 1930s	box 1	folder 9

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## Series II: Projects, 1927-1968

### Scope and Contents

Includes award and rejection letters, budgets, and lists of projects for particular years. Project correspondence from the 1929-1933 includes some project proposals in addition to award letters and budgetary information. Correspondence concerning projects #1-108, spanning the years 1958-1964, were taken out of individual project files and placed together in three files. For these documents, when necessary, the project number from the folder was written in brackets at the top of the document. Multiple documents from one project file, even if they span more than one year, have been kept together. Correspondence is primarily with the Secretary of the University and/or the Chair of the Council.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence		
1929-1937	box 1	folder 10
President Butler, 1930-1936	box 2	folder 1
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Frederick Coykendall, 1929-1930	box 2	folder 3
F.D. Fackenthal, 1929-1933	box 2	folder 4
Funding, 1928-1933	box 2	folder 5
General Education Board, 1928-1933	box 2	folder 6
P.M. Hayden, 1930-1936	box 2	folder 7
C.J. Hayes, 1928	box 2	folder 8
Waldo G. Leland, 1932	box 2	folder 9
Howard Lee McBain, 1929-1932	box 2	folder 10
C.A. Manning, 1929-1930	box 2	folder 11
S.B. Murray, 1928-1932	box 2	folder 12
Projects #1-35, 1958-1963	box 2	folder 13
Projects #36-65, 1960-1965	box 2	folder 14
Projects #66-108, 1962-1966	box 2	folder 15
Rejected Projects, 1929-1935	box 2	folder 16
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E.H. Wright, 1928	box 2	folder 19
Correspondence and Budgets		



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Projects #173-211, 1967-1968	box 3	folder 5
Form Letters, 1928-1933	box 3	folder 6
General Information, 1929	box 3	folder 7
Internal Correspondence and Budgets, 1957-1966	box 3	folder 8
Lists of Awards, 1928-1933 1958-1967, 1928-1933, 1958-1967	box 3	folder 9
Organization, 1927-1928	box 3	folder 10
<b>Projects</b>		
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Barry, F.P., 1929-1936 30, 36, 1929-1936	box 3	folder 12
Benedict, Ruth, 1931-1937 39, 1931-1937	box 4	folder 1
Bongiari, Dino, 1930-1936 42	box 4	folder 2
Boas, Franz, 1927-1937 13, 26, 38	box 4	folder 3
Boas-Hertzog, 1929-1934 13, 1929-1934	box 4	folder 4
Boas-Weltfish, 1930-1934 26, 1930-1934	box 4	folder 5
Christy, Arthur E., 1933-1937 53, 1933-1937	box 4	folder 6
Clamens, Pierre E., 1932-1937 43, 1932-1937	box 4	folder 7
Coleman, A.P., 1928-1937 37, 1928-1937	box 4	folder 8
Coss, J.J., 1928-1937 56, 1928-1937	box 4	folder 9
Dinsmoor, W.B., 1929-1937 2a, 2b, 22, 1929-1937	box 4	folder 10
Evans, A.P. and W.W. Rockwell, 1929-1937 23, 1929-1937	box 4	folder 11
Fife, R.H., 1928-1937 3, 1928-1937	box 4	folder 12
Gerig, J.L., 1928-1937 14, 1928-1937	box 4	folder 13
Gibbs, W.E., 1930-1937 40, 1930-1937	box 4	folder 14
Gottheil, Richard, 1930-1936 35, 1930-1936	box 4	folder 15
Gray, L.H., 1929-1936 24, 1929-1936	box 4	folder 16
Gray, L.H., 1930-1937 32, 1930-1937	box 4	folder 17
Greene, E.R., 1929-1937 4, 1929-1937	box 5	folder 1
Greet, W.C., 1930-1937 1, 1930-1937	box 5	folder 2
Haller, William, 1929-1937 5, 1929-1937	box 5	folder 3

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Keyes, C.L., 1929-1937 6, 1929-1937	box 5	folder 7
Krapp, G.P., 1929-1936 15, 1929-1936	box 5	folder 8
Loomis, R.L. and L. Cons, 1933-1937 59, 1933-1937	box 5	folder 9
McCrea, N.G., 1928-1936 7	box 5	folder 10
McKeon, Richard, 1929-1937 8, 1929-1937	box 5	folder 11
Muller, H.F., 1929-1937 29, 1929-1937	box 5	folder 12
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Prezzolini, Guiseppe, 1929-1937 33, 1929-1937	box 5	folder 14
Puckett, W., 1929-1937 27, 1929-1937	box 5	folder 15
Randall, John H. Jr., 1932-1937 51, 1932-1937	box 5	folder 16
Reichard, Gladys A., 1930-1937 38, 1930-1937	box 5	folder 17
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Riccio, P.M., 1929-1937 29	box 5	folder 19
Roosbroeck, Gustave van, 1929-1935 25, 1929-1935	box 6	folder 1
Rusk, R.L., 1928-1937 9a, 9b, 1928-1937	box 6	folder 2
Scarborough, Dorothy, 1930-1936 41, 1930-1936	box 6	folder 3
Schapiro, Meyer, 1930-1937 31, 1930-1937	box 6	folder 4
Schinnerer, C.P., 1931-1935 10, 1931-1935	box 6	folder 5
Schneider, H.W., 1931-1937 11, 1931-1937	box 6	folder 6
Sprietsma, Cargill, 1934-1937 52, 1934-1937	box 6	folder 7
Swift, Emerson H., 1928-1937 48, 1928-1937	box 6	folder 8
Taupin, Rene, 1931-1932 44, 1931-1932	box 6	folder 9
Thorndike, A.H., 1930-1934 15, 1930-1934	box 6	folder 10
Thorndike, Lynn, 1929-1937 12	box 6	folder 11
Westermann, W.L., 1929-1938 21, 1929-1938	box 6	folder 12
Wolff, Samuel L., 1933-1936 58, 1933-1936	box 6	folder 13
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Research Council Agenda, 1933-1934	box 6	folder 15

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### Series III: Reports, 1928-1967

#### Scope and Contents

Includes annual reports of the Council to the University Council, drafts of some of these reports (so one can examine the evolution of the document), reports sent to the General Board for Humanities Studies, and financial statements for the organization. Also includes a report from a conference held in 1926 that ultimately led to the creation of the Council. There is a gap in annual reports between 1957 and 1961 and no report for 1967.

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Reports to University Council, 1928-1967 <u>Physical Description:</u> (4 folders)	box 7	folder 1-4
Conference on the Status of Humanistic Studies in the United States, 1926	box 7	folder 5
Financial Statements, 1930-1936	box 7	folder 6
Reports to the General Education Board in the Humanities, 1929-1930	box 7	folder 7

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