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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Robbins, Herbert
Title:	Herbert Robbins papers
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Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Herbert Robbins Papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Robbins developed several widely used statistical techniques and is best known for the book "What Is Mathematics?" which he wrote with the mathematician Richard Courant. Published in 1941, the book was praised by Albert Einstein. It surveyed a wide range of advanced mathematics in a manner understandable to nonmathematicians.

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Summary

This collection consists of the papers of Herbert E. Robbins (1915-2001), Professor of Mathematical Statistics at Columbia University.

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Revision Description

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Restrictions on Access

This collection has no restrictions.

Processing Information

Collection-level record describing unprocessed material made public in summer 2018 as part of the Hidden Collections initiative.

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Statistics
- Personal papers
- Mathematics
- Robbins, Herbert
- Columbia University. Department of Mathematics

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Box 1	box 1
Scope and Contents	
Early work and lectures; World War II work; correspondence from 1943 on; Argonne Lab affirmation	
Box 2	box 2
Scope and Contents	
Correspondence; manuscripts; elections	
Box 3	box 3

Scope and Contents

Lectures on Probability (1941 and 1965); Topology
lecture; Exams; Syllabi

Box 4

box 4

Scope and Contents

Speaking invitations; papers in honor of Robbins;
clippings; printed material by Robbins

Flat box

box Flat box

Scope and Contents

Photographs and posters