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Summary Information

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| Abstract: | Reid Hall is Columbia University's study abroad center in Paris, France. The university acquired Reid Hall in 1966 from the American University Women's Paris Club's Reid Hall, Inc., which had previously operated the building as a residence for American women studying in France. Columbia's School of General Studies took over the administration of Reid Hall and maintained a variety of semester and yearlong programs for Columbia students in French language, history, and culture. The collection contains the administrative records for Reid Hall and its programming. |

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Historical Note

In 1922, Elisabeth Mills Reid (Mrs. Whitelaw Reid) donated Reid Hall to found the American University Women's Paris Club. The club served as a residence and a space for cultural, social, and educational events for women traveling and studying in Paris. In 1929 Reid Hall, Inc. was founded to take over governance of the building and its programs. By the mid-20th century,

Reid Hall hosted a number of courses for American university students studying abroad. In 1966 it transferred ownership of the building and governance of Reid Hall, Inc. to Columbia University.

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Historical Note

Columbia operated Reid Hall out of its School of General Studies, creating a study abroad program that offered semester and year-long opportunities to Columbia and Barnard students as well as students from other colleges. In 1972 Barnard Professor Danielle Haase-Dubosc was appointed the Director of Studies on site in Paris, but the rest of the administration of Reid Hall continued out of Columbia's New York City Campus. From 1979 to 2006, Frank Wolf, Associate Dean of the School of General Studies oversaw academic aspects of Reid Hall's administration, including the Academic Advisory Council, which made decisions about courses, enrollment, and faculty.

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Historical Note

Beginning in 1975, events on French history and culture were sponsored regularly at Reid Hall through the Sterling Currier Fund, an endowment given by Edith Sterling Currier, a member of Reid Hall since before its acquisition by Columbia. French History Professor Robert Paxton became the Chairman of the Fund's board.

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Historical Note

In the 1980s, Reid Hall grew to be more financially stable and more integrated into Columbia University's academic programs. Two new programs opened, including the Art History Institute and the Graduate Student Research Institute. In 1995, when the School of General Studies reorganized, Reid Hall became part of the new Division of Special Programs. It remained there until the creation of Columbia's Global Centers in 2009.

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Summary

Included in the Reid Hall Records are documents related to the administration and operation of Reid Hall in Paris. These records cover Reid Hall from its founding by the American University Women's Paris Club as a center for educated women to visit and study to its acquisition by Columbia University in 1966 as a study abroad program center. Under Columbia, the program expanded to serve students from universities across the United States and to offer a range of academic and cultural programs for semester and yearlong study. The records contain meeting minutes and correspondence of various entities that held financial, operational, and academic governance of Reid Hall between 1922 and 1995 as well as documents related to the programming and events held there. The majority of the records come from the offices of Columbia administrators including the Office of the Provost and the School of General Studies.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 2 series.

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Administrative Information

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Restrictions on Access

All administrative records of the University are restricted for 25 years from the date of creation.

Restrictions on Access

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.

Accrual of Records

Additions are expected.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

1994.001, 1995.013, 2006.010.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Reid Hall Records were transferred from Columbia University. Five boxes were from the office of Frank Wolf in the School of General Studies, and six boxes were received from the office of the Provost in 2016.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Rachel Klepper. Finding aid written by Rachel Klepper in June 2018.

Processing Information

Records from three different sources were combined into one collection. Four folders from the office of Frank Wolf were not related to the administration of Reid Hall and were moved to the School of General Studies Records (UA# 0123).

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- Reid Hall (Paris, France)
- Columbia University. Reid Hall
- Columbia University. School of General Studies

Collection Inventory

Series I: American University Women's Paris Club, 1919-1975

Scope and Contents

Series I documents the origins and administration of Reid Hall as the American University Women's Paris Club prior to 1966. In 1922 Elisabeth Mills Reid (Mrs. Whitelaw) donated her house to the club, and it became a residential center for women studying and traveling abroad. Meeting minutes of the club's board and executive committees from 1919-1928 show the operational and funding priorities of Reid Hall in its early years. In 1929 a new body, Reid Hall Inc., was established to take over governance of Reid Hall. Series I contains the board meeting and annual meeting minutes of Reid Hall, Inc. from most years between 1929 and 1964. It also includes documents related to the transition of Reid Hall to Columbia University between 1964 and 1966 and correspondence with donors and members.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Various Education Organization Minutes, 1919-1928 | box 1 | folder 1 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Includes minutes of the American University Women's Paris Club, the International Federation of University Women, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, and the Committee for the Reception of Foreign Women Students | | |
| Edith Sterling Currier Estate, 1975 | box 1 | folder 2 |
| Reid Hall Inc. Board of Directors (Resignations, etc.), 1964 | box 1 | folder 3 |
| Permanent Reference File, Reid Hall, 1932-1947 | box 1 | folder 4 |
| Reid Hall Permanent File E.S. Currier, 1972-1973 | box 1 | folder 5 |
| Publications, 1970-1972 | box 1 | folder 6 |
| Reid Hall Correspondence, 1938-1972 | box 1 | folder 7-10 |
| Reid Hall Finances, 1924-1930 | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Reid Hall, Inc., 1929-1939 | box 2 | folder 1-11 |
| Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Reid Hall, Inc., 1940-1950 | box 3 | folder 31-38 |
| Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Reid Hall, Inc., 1929-1954 | box 2 | folder 12-25 |
| Minutes of the Finance Committee of Reid Hall, Inc., 1929-1956 | box 2 | folder 26-34 |
| Third Year Services, 1955-1961 | box 2 | folder 35 |
| Receipt Books, 1958-1964 | box 2 | folder 36 |
| Reid Hall, Inc. Organization Papers, 1922-1928 | box 3 | folder 1 |
| Women's Realty Corporation, 1927-1928 | box 3 | folder 2 |
| Form of Agreement in Regard to the Property, 1922 | box 3 | folder 3 |
| American University Women's Paris Club Constitution, 1922 | box 3 | folder 4 |

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| Reid Hall, Inc. Annual Meeting, 1929-1964 | box 3 | folder 5-30 |
| Reid Hall Guest Book, 1951-1960 | box 3 | folder 39 |

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Series II: Columbia University Administration of Reid Hall, 1927-1997

Scope and Contents

Series II documents Columbia University's administration of Reid Hall from 1966 until 1995. It includes meeting minutes and correspondence that show the continued governance and financial considerations of Reid Hall, Inc. after being taken over by Columbia as well as the Sterling Currier Fund which sponsored programs out of Reid Hall. This series also covers the academic coursework and programs at Reid Hall and associated decision-making processes by Columbia administrators.

Subseries II.1: Reid Hall Governance, 1927-1994

Scope and Contents

Subseries II.1 contains the financial and governance records of Reid Hall through its management of Reid Hall, Inc. These functions are documented through chronologically arranged administrative files and board meeting minutes from 1979-1990. It also includes correspondence and files from Deputy Provosts Michael Mooney and Paul Carter. Other materials relate to the operations of the Reid Hall building, such as contracts, security measures, and renovation plans, as well as to agreements with other universities in Paris.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Reid Hall, Inc. Fundraising, 1980-1985 | box 4 | folder 6 |
| Michael Mooney, Deputy Provost Correspondence, 1983-1991 | box 4 | folder 7-14 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Includes a folder of correspondence with Daniel Haase-Dubosc, Reid Hall Director | | |
| Reid Hall Program Correspondence, 1972-1982 | box 5 | folder 34 |
| Reid Hall Renovation Plan, 1991 | box 4 | folder 15 |
| Reid Hall Renovation Plan Loan Authorization, 1990 | box 4 | folder 16 |
| Reid Hall Guest Book Gift, 1990 | box 4 | folder 17 |
| Reid Hall Security re: Saddam Hussein's Threat, 1991 | box 4 | folder 18 |
| An Old House in Paris: The Story of Reid Hall (publication), circa 1969 | box 4 | folder 19 |
| Reid Hall, Inc. Certificate of Incorporation and Amendments, 1928-1980 | box 4 | folder 20 |
| By-laws and Amendments, 1928-1989 | box 4 | folder 21-22 |

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| Contract of Sale Elisabeth Mills Reid (Mrs. Whitelaw), 1920 | box 4 | folder 23 |
| Reid Hall renovation plan /University Women's Realty Corporation, 1927-1990 | box 4 | folder 24 |
| "Je Suis Americaine" - Especially in Paris, Columbia Magazine, 1983 | box 4 | folder 25 |
| Columbia and Paris VII Agreement, 1977-1978 | box 4 | folder 35 |
| Clumbia and Paris X Agreement, 1984-1988 | box 4 | folder 36 |
| Agreement with Sciences Politiques, 1987 | box 4 | folder 37 |
| Reid Hall Memberships, 1975-1991 | box 4 | folder 38 |
| Reid Hall Programs, Columbia Univeristy Bulletins, 1988-1991 | box 5 | folder 32 |
| Study Abroad Program Evaluations, Commission on Higher Education,, 1981 and 1989 | box 5 | folder 33 |
| Reid Hall American Business Program, 1987 | box 5 | folder 35 |
| Reid Hall Academic Affairs Committee Meetings, 1985-1989 | box 5 | folder 36 |
| Reid Hall Graduate Research Institute, 1984-1992 | box 5 | folder 37-38 |
| Reid Hall Board Meetings, 1979-1990 | box 6 | folder 12-23 |
| Reid Hall Administrative Files, 1962-1994 | box 7 | folder 1-21 |
| Reid Hall Advisory Committee, 1975-1993 | box 7 | folder 22 |
| Sterling Currier Fund, 1975-1978 | box 7 | folder 23 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Correspondence and memos between Paul Carter and members of the Sterling Currier Fund Advisory Committee | | |
| University Women's Realty Corporation Certificate, 1993 | box 7 | folder 24 |
| Etude prealable a des travaux de renovation du Reid Hall/ Preliminary study of the renovation,, 1988 | box 9 | folder 1 |
| Architectural Study with Drawings, 1988 | box 9 | folder 2 |

Subseries II.2: Sterling Currier Fund, 1970-1997

Scope and Contents

Subseries II.2 documents the administration and programs of the Sterling Currier Fund, an endowment set up by Edith Sterling Currier to "further the understanding within the Franco-American community" in 1975. The Fund sponsored conferences and events out of Reid Hall and Maison Française on

Columbia's Manhattan campus. The subseries includes proposals, agendas, and materials from these events as well as meeting minutes, financial records, and correspondence related to the fund.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Sterling Currier Fund Travel Policy Information, 1981-1990 | box 4 | folder 1 |
| Sterling Currier Fund Proposal Submission Guidelines, 1980 | box 4 | folder 2 |
| Sterling Currier Fund Correspondence, 1983-1990 | box 4 | folder 3-5 |
| Sterling Currier Fund Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, 1975-1990 | box 4 | folder 26 |
| Sterling Currier Fund Advisory Committee Meeting Materials, 1980-1982 | box 4 | folder 27-34 |
| Sterling Currier Fund Advisory Committee Meetings, 1980-1993 | box 6 | folder 1-11 |
| Reid Hall, 1970-1997 | box 8 | folder 10-13 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| From the office of Robert Paxton, Columbia History Department Chair and chair of the Sterling Currier Fund Advisory Committee | | |
| Robert Paxton's Reid Hall Files, 1970-1997 | box 8 | folder 14-19 |
| Le Temps des Constitutions 1787-1795, 1986 | box 5 | folder 1 |
| Conference on East Asian Studies, 1985-1988 | box 5 | folder 2 |
| Colloque Zola / Colloquium on Emile Zola: History, the Book, the Novel,, 1990-1991 | box 5 | folder 3 |
| L'An 2000 / The Year 2000 (proposed), 1986 | box 5 | folder 4 |
| The French Revolution and the Emancioatiion of the Jews, and the Declaration of the Rights of Man: France and the United States,, 1989 | box 5 | folder 5 |
| Public Policy and Dental Health in France and the United States (proposed),, 1990 | box 5 | folder 6 |
| Conference on De Gaulle and the United States, 1990 | box 5 | folder 7 |
| Citizenship and Military Service in France and the United States,, 1991 | box 5 | folder 8 |
| Revolutionary Etudes: Paris, 1830-1848, 1989 | box 5 | folder 9 |
| Quel environnement nous prepare le genie genetique?, 1990 | box 5 | folder 10 |
| Femmes et pouvoirs sous l'ancien regime, 1989 | box 5 | folder 11 |
| Revolutions, 1889-1989, 1989 | box 5 | folder 12 |

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| Refugees and the Right of Asylum in France and the United States,, 1985 | box 5 | folder 13 |
| Perceptions of Anti-Americanism in French Political Discourse,, 1985 | box 5 | folder 14 |
| Elliot Carter Musical Presentation, 1984 | box 5 | folder 15 |
| Urban Space and the Public Realm: Contemporary vs. Traditional Models,, 1984 | box 5 | folder 16 |
| Psychoanalysis in France and the U.S. Today, 1984 | box 5 | folder 17 |
| La femme du tiers monde et l'emploi, 1984 | box 5 | folder 18 |
| Visual Anthropology Colloquium, 1983 | box 5 | folder 19 |
| State Policy and Business Strategy: Reshaping the Economy in France and the U.S. in the 1980s,, 1983 | box 5 | folder 20 |
| Alain Germain Dance Company, 1983 | box 5 | folder 21 |
| American Film Festival, 1983 | box 5 | folder 22 |
| Histoires de Femmes a partir d'un journal (oral history videos),, 1983 | box 5 | folder 23 |
| Videos related to Histoires de Femmes a partir d'un journal Event,, undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 videocassettes (U-matic) | box 9 | folder 4-8 |
| American Women Painters in Paris, 1890-1950, 1982 | box 5 | folder 24 |
| The Women's Movement in France and the U.S., 1982 | box 5 | folder 25-27 |
| A Year in Power: Mitterrand's France, 1982 | box 5 | folder 28 |
| Power and Authority in the Seventeenth Century, 1981 | box 5 | folder 29 |
| Continuing Education in the United States and France, 1981 | box 5 | folder 30 |
| Memoires du Present (an audio-visual archive), 1981 | box 5 | folder 31 |
| The French in New York During World War II, Colloquium and Exhibit,, 1992 | box 8 | folder 1 |
| The New France and the New Europe of 1993, 1991 | box 8 | folder 2-4 |
| De Gaulle and the United States, 1990 | box 8 | folder 5-7 |
| A France of Pluralism and Consensus? Changing Balances in State and Society,, 1987 | box 8 | folder 8 |
| A Year in Power: Conference on Mitterrand's France, 1982 | box 8 | folder 9 |
| Events at Reid Hall, Paris, Sponsored by the Sterling Currier Fund (scrapbook),, 1976-1984 | box 9 | folder 3 |
| Books in French | box 9 | folder 9-12 |

Subseries II.3: School of General Studies, 1961-1993**Scope and Contents**

Subseries II.3 focuses on the administration of Reid Hall's academic programs and their association with broader university systems in the 1980s and 1990s. Until 2009, Reid Hall was operated under the School of General Studies, though its place within the school structure changed over time as it reorganized. Frank Wolf, originally Associate Dean of the School of General Studies and later head of the Division of Special Programs, which covered Reid Hall beginning in 1995, led this aspect of Reid Hall's work. These functions are documented through meeting minutes, correspondence, and other papers from the Academic Advisory Committee as well as memos on faculty, coursework, and salaries. There are also records from two programs that ran out of Reid Hall, both beginning in the mid-1980s: the Art History Institute and the Graduate Student Research Institute.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| Reid Hall, 1989-1993 | box 10 | folder 1 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Frank Wolf's administrative records including those pertaining to the Academic Affairs Committee | | |
| Academic Affairs Committee, 1987-1989 | box 10 | folder 2 |
| Reid Hall I, 1982-1992 | box 10 | folder 3 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Additional records from Frank Wolf including correspondence, budgets, salaries, memos, and bulletins. | | |
| Reid Hall II, 1982-1983 | box 11 | folder 1 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Additional records from Frank Wolf including correspondence, budgets, salaries, memos, and bulletins. | | |
| Academic Advisory Committee Correspondence, 1964-1975 | box 11 | folder 2-3 |
| Academic Advisory Committee, 1982-1987 | box 11 | folder 4 |
| Academic Affairs Committee Agendas & Minutes, 1984-1985 | box 11 | folder 5 |
| Art History Institute Proposal, 1985 | box 11 | folder 6 |
| Art History Poster, 1985 | box 11 | folder 7 |
| Art History Program, 1986-1992 | box 11 | folder 8-14 |
| Reid Hall Columbia/Barnard Agreement, 1970-1973 | box 11 | folder 15 |
| Barnard/Reid Hall Equivalency Chart, 1980-1982 | box 11 | folder 16 |
| Buiding Renovation Plan, 1988 | | |

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| Reid Hall Centennial, 1993 | box 11 | folder 20 |
| Committees on Instrucion Submissions and Responses, 1984 | box 11 | folder 21 |
| College Requirements, 1984 | box 11 | folder 22 |
| Courses and Course Development, 1984 | box 11 | folder 23 |
| Course Syllabi and Instructor Vitae, 1982-1983 | box 11 | folder 24 |
| Course Descriptions, 1983-1984 | box 11 | folder 25 |
| Enrollments - Other Schools, 1980-1981 | box 11 | folder 26 |
| Student Evaluations, 1988 | box 11 | folder 27-28 |
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| Reid Hall General Policies, 1982-1985 | box 11 | folder 32 |
| French Uni System - Courses Available, 1984 | box 11 | folder 33 |
| Historical: Bylaws and Amendments, 1961-1973 | box 11 | folder 34 |
| Interuniversity Language Consortium, 1984 | box 11 | folder 35-36 |
| Study Abroad Policies - Other Schools, 1984 | box 11 | folder 37 |
| Staff Vitae/Employee Info, 1980s | box 11 | folder 38 |
| Sterling Currier Fund: Guidelines, 1985 | box 11 | folder 39 |
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