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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Eldridge, Hope T. (Hope Tisdale)
<b>Title:</b>	Hope T. Eldridge papers
<b>ID:</b>	9461817
<b>ID:</b>	MS#1619
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1939-1991
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1950-1956
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 linear feet 2 document boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	Material is primarily in English with some French.
<b>Abstract:</b>	Hope T. Eldridge was a demographer and statistician at the United Nations, who was a victim of the McCarthy-era anti-communist accusations. The collection includes her personal correspondence and documents relating to her dismissal from the U.N.

### Preferred Citation

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

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## Biographical Note

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Hope Tisdale Eldridge was born June 18, 1904 in Mobile, Alabama. She received her B.A. in English from Barnard College, where she developed an interest in physical education. After receiving her degree from Barnard she attended the Boston Central School of Hygiene and Physical Education where she trained to become a physical education instructor. Eldridge became a professor of physical education at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina in 1927.

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## Biographical Note

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Eldridge held that position until 1938 when she began pursuing a career as a sociologist, both as a research assistant with the sociology department at the University of North Carolina, and through her employment with the North Carolina Works Progress Administration. In 1942 Eldridge took a position with the Census Bureau as a statistician, a post she held until 1947 when she took a position as a statistician for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. In 1950 Eldridge became the editor of the *Demographic Yearbook* published by the United Nations.

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## Biographical Note

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In October of 1952 Eldridge was ordered to appear before the Internal Security Subcommittee of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee where she was interrogated about her political affiliations and those of her associates. She refused to answer questions that may link her of her acquaintances with communist causes, asserting her first and fifth amendment rights. Her refusal to answer these questions led to her dismissal from her position with the United Nations. She and nineteen other applicants petitioned to be reinstated in their positions, a petition that they ultimately won.

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## Summary

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This collection contains personal correspondence relating to Hope T. Eldridge's dismissal from her position as a United Nations statistician. It also contains legal correspondence and official documentation, including statements, relating to her administrative tribunal following her dismissal from the U.N. This tribunal took place during the McCarthy-era anti-communist accusations in the early 1950s in the United States of America. The collection also includes academic writing, family correspondence, and photographs.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in 5 series.

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### Revision Description

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Eldridge family. Method of acquisition--Gift.

## Processing Information

Papers processed Pamela Casey, Mary Freeman, Manuel Bautista Gonzalez, Amy Meverden, and Emily Rinaldi 06/12/2012.

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## Accruals

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Anti-communist movements -- United States -- 20th century
- Correspondence
- United Nations
- United States. Bureau of the Census

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Correspondence, 1939-1986

#### Scope and Contents

The bulk of the correspondence dates from 1950-1955 and pertains to her dismissal from the U.N. and her administrative tribunal. Other correspondence pertains to family and personal concerns, some not written or addressed to Hope T. Eldridge.

Title/Description	Instances
Personal, 1939-1955	box 1

Physical Description: (10 folders)

Family, 1951-1986	box 1
Legal--Official, 1953-1956	box 1

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## Series II: Photographs, Undated

### Scope and Contents

Personal portraits of Hope T. Eldridge, includes one photograph with her husband, C. DeWitt Eldridge.

Title/Description	Instances
Photographs	box 1

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## Series III: Writings, Undated, 1942-1970

### Scope and Contents

Mainly Hope T. Eldridge's academic writings about demography, including one folder with clippings and correspondence about her 1946 article "Sex Ratio in the U.S."

Title/Description	Instances
Academic, 1942-1970 (mostly by H. Eldridge), 1942-1970	box 2
"Sex Ratio in the U.S.," 1946 (includes correspondence and clippings), 1946	box 2

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## Series IV: U.N. Dismissal, 1952-1991

### Scope and Contents

Statements, clippings, and printed material relating to Hope T. Eldridge's dismissal from the U.N. and her administrative tribunal. There is also material relating more generally to a series of McCarthy-era U.N. dismissals.

Title/Description	Instances
Hope Eldridge, 1952-1956 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 2
General (contains book)	box 2
General, 1952-1991	

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**Series V: 2014 Addition, 2014**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Henry Wallace Campaign Material	box 3
Hope Eldridge FBI File	box 3
Eldridge's Statement to the UN (and translations)	box 3
Clippings	box 3
Correspondence with Leonard Boudin (attorney)	box 3
Scales Case Material	box 3
Passport	box 3

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