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## Summary Information

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<b>Creator:</b>	American Broadcasting Network. Public Affairs Department
<b>Title:</b>	Seminar: American Civilization on the American Broadcasting Network records
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## Biographical / Historical

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In 1952, the Communications Materials Center of Columbia University Press and the American Broadcasting Network collaborated on a public service series that was one of 300 television classes offered to the general public. Franklin Dunham, Chief of Radio of the U.S. Department of Education, spearheaded the effort which included 80 colleges and universities, and 30 public and parochial schools throughout the United State of America. Seminar was patterned on the American Civilization course which studied the factors contributing to American civilization through the reading of great books. Viewers purchased a syllabus from Columbia University's School of General Studies for twenty-five cents and, over the course of semester, followed Professor Bigelow and his students as they discussed specific topics each week. Over three hundred students wrote for the booklet for the course that ran from October

1952 through May 1953. Though no credit was given to television viewers for the course, participants did have the option of requesting an exam--which would be graded free of charge. Western Reserve College in Cleveland, Ohio estimated that television-taught students scored 20%- 25 % higher than matriculated seminar participants. There are no statistics for the Columbia course.

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## Summary

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Thirty-three transcripts from the network broadcast of Seminar in 1952-1953.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in two series of scripts in order to easily distinguish between the first and second part of the semester.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Processing Information**

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### **Processing Information**

Finding aid written Susan Hamson 2012.

### **Accrual**

No additions are expected

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- America -- Civilization
- Bigelow, Donald N (Donald Nevius)

- American Broadcasting Company
- Columbia University

## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Seminar Programs:, 1952

Title/Description	Instances
Newspaper and magazine clippings, October 1952	box 1
<i>Civilization on Trial</i> , Arnold J. Toynbee,, October 4, 1952	box 1
<i>Communist Manifesto</i> , Karl Marx and Frederic Engels,, October 11, 1952	box 1
<i>Civilization and its Discontents</i> , Sigmund Freud,, October 18, 1952	box 1
<i>The City of God</i> , St. August ine and <i>Institutes of the Christian Religion</i> , John Calvin,, October 25, 1952	box 1
<i>Treatise of Civil Government</i> , John Locke,, November 1, 1952	box 1
<i>Wealth of Nations</i> , Adam Smith, November 8, 1952	box 1
<i>The Bloody Tenet of Persecution</i> , Roger Williams and <i>The Day of Doom</i> , Michael Wigglesworth,, November 15, 1952	box 1
<i>The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin</i> , November 22, 1952	box 1
<i>Declaration of Independence</i> and Selections of the Letters of Thomas Jefferson,, November 29, 1952	box 1
<i>Letters from an American Farmer</i> , Hector St. John de Crevecoeur,, December 6, 1952	box 1
<i>The Federalist</i> , Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, James Madison,, December 13, 1952	box 1
<i>Nature</i> , Ralph Waldo Emerson, December 20, 1952	box 1
<i>A Disquisition of Government</i> , John C. Calhoun,, December 27, 1952	box 1

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### Series II: Seminar Programs:, 1953

Title/Description	Instances
<i>Moby Dick</i> , Herman Melville, January 3, 1953	box 1

<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> , Harriet Beecher Stowe,, January 10, 1953	box 1
<i>Democracy in America</i> , Alexis de Tocqueville,, January 17, 1953	box 1
Review by Home Viewers, January 24, 1953	box 1
Review of the First Semester of "American Civilization", January 31, 1953	box 1
<i>Democratic Vistas</i> , Walt Whitman, February8, 1953	box 1
<i>The Gospel of Wealth</i> , Andrew Carnegie, February15, 1953	box 1
<i>The American</i> , Henry James, February22, 1953	box 1
<i>What Social Classes Owe to Each Other</i> , William Graham Sumner,, March1, 1953	box 1
<i>Progress and Poverty</i> , Henry George, March8, 1953	box 1
<i>Looking Backward</i> , Edward Bellamy, March15, 1953	box 1
<i>Pragmatism</i> , William James, March22, 1953	box 1
<i>The Autobiography of Lincoln Steffans</i> , March29, 1953	box 1
<i>The Education of Henry Adams</i> , Henry Adams,, April 12, 1953	box 1
<i>The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock</i> , T.S. Eliot,, April 19, 1953	box 1
<i>Babbitt</i> , Sinclair Lewis, April 28, 1953	box 1
<i>1919</i> , John Dos Passos, May 3, 1953	box 1
<i>TVA: Democracy on the March</i> , David Lilienthal,, May 10, 1953	box 1
<i>A Philosophy of Labor</i> , Frank Tannenbaum, May 17, 1953	box 1
<i>Art and Technics</i> , Lewis Mumford, May 24, 19853	box 1

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