

Special Collections at Yale

Are you looking for original primary sources for your senior essay? Take advantage of Yale's incredible holdings in the various special collections on campus.

- **Browse these resources to get a sense of what is available:**
 - Descriptions of Yale repositories: http://www.library.yale/special_collections
 - Database of archival collections and manuscripts: <http://webtext.library.yale.edu/>
 - Orbis, the online catalog, which contains brief records describing collections at Yale (Use "More Limits" function and limit by "Item Type" to "Archives and Manuscripts"): <http://orbis.library.yale.edu>
- **Feel free to contact the reference staff at the libraries that hold materials relevant to your subject area (see reverse of this handout for contact info.) Tell them what you are interested in pursuing and they will alert you to relevant collections.**
- **See below for some examples of essays that have been written over the past few years based on special collections materials held at Yale.**
- **See on the reverse for some examples of collections that would be good candidates for senior essay research.**

BEINECKE RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY:

"Schooling the Indian: Richard Henry Pratt and His Students at Carlisle"

"Mapping the West: Washington Hood and the Corps of Topographic Engineers"

"Mirabeau B. Lamar and the Republic of Texas"

"Creating Tacoma: The Northern Pacific Rail Road Selects a Western Terminus"

DIVINITY LIBRARY

"From Practical Philanthropy to Social Ethics: Jerome Davis, Liston Pope, and the Evolution of the Social Gospel"

"Ginling College: the Implicit Feminism of Women's Mission Work in China"

"To Save China: Wu Yi-fang and Christian Chinese Nationalism, 1927-1937"

"From Healer to Physician: The Hackett Medical College & Educating Chinese Women Doctors"

MEDICAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY

"Their Own Civil War : the Struggle of Homeopathic Physicians in the United States Army to Achieve Medical Pluralism, 1861-1865 ."

"Yellow Fever in New Haven, 1794"

MANUSCRIPTS & ARCHIVES

"From the 'Bland Leading the Bland' to the Mississippi Freedom Vote"

"Walking the Line of Diplomacy: The Mutual Failures of Chester Bowles and the United States in India, 1951-1969"

"What's in a Name: the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, 1965-1972"

"Disclosure of Holocaust Experiences: Reasons, Attributions, and Health Implications"

"Hiram Bingham and the Lost Treasures of Machu Pichu: Popular Archaeology, Imagined Imperialism and National Press in the Yale Peruvian Expeditions"

YALE ART GALLERY

"Printmaking and Artistic Theory in the Venetian Renaissance"

Use these email addresses to contact the reference staff at the various repositories.

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CENTER FOR BRITISH ART:
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DIVINITY LIBRARY:
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LEWIS WALPOLE LIBRARY:
walpole@yale.edu

MANUSCRIPTS & ARCHIVES
At Sterling Memorial Library
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MEDICAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY:
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MUSIC LIBRARY:
musiclibrary@yale.edu

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YALE ART GALLERY:
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BABYLONIAN COLLECTION
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A FEW EXAMPLES OF COLLECTIONS RELEVANT TO VARIOUS TOPICS:

See also: http://www.library.yale.edu/special_collections/essays.html

Environment:

MANUSCRIPTS & ARCHIVES, STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Paul Bigelow Sears Papers, 1910-1969: Sears was chairman of the Yale University Conservation Program from 1950 to 1960. He pursued research in paleobotany, specifically fossil pollens, while also publishing many works on conservation and ecology directed to a more general audience. The papers consist of correspondence; writings; topical research files; minutes, agendas, and other organizational papers; and teaching files, which document Paul Bigelow Sears' career as an educator, conservationist, author, and spokesman for the environment.

Military History / U.S. 20th-Century Politics & Economics

MANUSCRIPTS & ARCHIVES, STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Henry Lewis Stimson Papers, 1846-1966: Stimson served as Secretary of War under William Howard Taft, and was a special emissary to Nicaragua in 1927. Stimson was Governor General of the Philippines from 1927-1929. He was Secretary of State under Herbert Hoover, and was Secretary of War under Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman.

The papers consist of correspondence, letter books, speeches, articles, letters to the editor, statements prepared for presentation to Congress and substantial subject files with clippings, printed matter, reports, memoranda and photographs related to Henry Stimson's various public offices.

DIVINITY LIBRARY

Issues of Peace and War Pamphlet Collection: This collection includes material from more than 170 organizations as well as topically arranged materials. While the majority of the material is related to the issues of the Second World War, documents from as early as 1818 and as late as 1970 are included. The collection is particularly valuable for its focus on the contributions of American religious organizations and church leaders to the discussion and action surrounding such issues as conscientious objection, civilian public service camps, military training, disarmament, and reconstruction.

U.S. 20th-Century Politics & Economics / or Africa DIVINITY LIBRARY:

Archives of The Washington Office on Africa: The WOA was founded in 1972 to support the movement for freedom from white-minority rule in southern Africa. Its activities have included the monitoring of Congressional legislation and executive policies and actions, as well as the publication of action alerts and other documentation designed to advance progressive legislation and policy on southern Africa. Supported by church bodies and unions, the WOA has worked in partnership with colleagues in Africa, the Africa advocacy community in the United States, and grassroots organizations concerned with various aspects of African affairs. Publications, correspondence, reports, statements, and collected material document the work of the Washington Office on Africa and the issues addressed by its work.

Early Modern Europe (1500-1800)

BEINECKE RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY:

The Spinelli Archive: The Spinelli Archive comprises over 100,000 documents produced by the residents of the Palazzo Spinelli in Florence between the fifteenth and the eighteenth centuries. It includes original research materials for the study of economic, banking, agricultural, diplomatic, papal, political, and family history.