

# 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.edu/special\\_collections](http://www.library.yale.edu/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 the reverse for some examples of collections that would be good candidates for senior essay research in your topic area.**

## 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"

## YALE ART GALLERY

"Printmaking and Artistic Theory in the Venetian Renaissance"

## 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"

## Some examples of collections relevant to:

### EUROPE : GREAT BRITAIN

See also: [http://www.librarv.vale.edu/special\\_collections/essavs.html](http://www.librarv.vale.edu/special_collections/essavs.html)

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

#### ARTS LIBRARY

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#### BEINECKE RARE BOOK & MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY:

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#### CENTER FOR BRITISH ART:

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#### DIVINITY LIBRARY:

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#### LEWIS WALPOLE LIBRARY:

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#### MANUSCRIPTS & ARCHIVES At Sterling Memorial Library

[mssa.assist@yale.edu](mailto:mssa.assist@yale.edu)

#### MEDICAL HISTORICAL LIBRARY:

[toby.appel@yale.edu](mailto:toby.appel@yale.edu)

#### MUSIC LIBRARY:

[musiclibrary@yale.edu](mailto:musiclibrary@yale.edu)

#### ORAL HISTORY, AMERICAN MUSIC:

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#### BABYLONIAN COLLECTION

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#### CENTER FOR BRITISH ART:

Housing approximately 30,000 volumes, the Center's Department of Rare Books and Manuscripts focuses on material relating to the visual arts and cultural life in the United Kingdom and former British Empire. The astonishingly diverse collection is comprised of works that describe all aspects of British life, customs, scenery, and travel, from the 16th century to the present. It includes artists' manuals, sporting books and manuscripts, works on costume, the military, entertainments and theatrical events, transportation, natural history and popular science, and illustrated children's books and games. Private press books—such as those produced by William Morris at his Kelmscott Press—complement a growing collection of contemporary artists' books by Ron King, Ken Campbell, and others. Researchers may also consult the broad collection of archival material relating to British artists of all periods. The extensive James Bruce archive, for example, contains journals, letters, drawings, and watercolors relating to his eighteenth-century expedition to discover the source of the Nile. Map lovers will find much of interest; the collection includes a comprehensive collection of early maps and atlases by all the great cartographers. Amongst the treasures are a unique pair of terrestrial and celestial globes made for the Bishop of Brixen, around 1521-22. The terrestrial globe is the third earliest surviving. Other riches include the earliest surviving manuscript map showing Sir Francis Drake's circumnavigation (ca. 1587).

#### BEINECKE RARE BOOK AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY:

**The Boswell Collection** documents the lives, activities, and interests of more than ten generations of Boswell family members. The papers span the dates 1428-1936, but the bulk of the material dates from the eighteenth century. The collection is divided into two parts. Part I, the James Boswell Papers, contains the papers of Johnson's biographer James Boswell. Part II, Boswell Family Papers, consists of material relating to the Boswell family. The Boswell Collection contains the correspondence, diaries, and manuscripts of James Boswell (1740-1795), Scottish lawyer, diarist, and author of the *Life of Johnson* (1791), as well as estate records, letters, personal and professional papers, and other materials documenting the lives and careers of ten generations of Boswells and their possession of the barony of Auchinleck.

#### MANUSCRIPTS & ARCHIVES, STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

**Sir William Wiseman Papers:** Sir William Wiseman (1885-1962): international banker working at Herndon's in London before World War I; during World War I served in the infantry as a lieutenant colonel, then in military intelligence; acted as liaison between British government and Wilson, and as advisor at the Paris Peace Conference; after World War I joined banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. in New York. The papers pertain to the period 1917-1919 and specifically to diplomatic relations between Britain and the U.S. during that period. Includes correspondence between Wiseman and Edward M. House; official telegrams of the British Foreign Office and of U.S. officials; British and American official and private memoranda on war matters and on problems of the Peace Conference; and reports and correspondence on Russia and on the Zionist movement. Important correspondents include: Gordon Auchincloss, Arthur James Balfour, Winston Churchill, Thomas G. Masaryk, Ignace Jan Paderewski, the Marquis of Reading, Cecil Spring-Rice and William Tyrrell. During World War II Wiseman was again engaged in intelligence operations for Great Britain and also devoted himself to war-relief work. A small amount of papers document some of these activities. Business and financial papers from his partnership in the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Company (1929-1955) include correspondence, particularly in relation to the promotion of capital investment in underdeveloped countries. Among the few personal items are several photographs, memorabilia, and letters from friends and his three daughters.

#### DIVINITY LIBRARY:

**Horace Waller Papers:** Waller was a British missionary who went to Africa in 1861 as Lay Superintendent of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. These papers document the Zambezi expedition of David Livingstone (1813-1873) and the early history of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. In 1864, Waller returned to England and became a member of the committee of the Anti-Slavery Society.

**Archives of British missionary societies:** The archives of numerous British mission agencies are available on microfilm or microfiche, include those of the Church Missionary Society, London Missionary Society, Baptist Missionary Society, Presbyterian Missionary Society, Methodist Missionary Society, and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.