

Jerome Davis papers, 1914-1963

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Davis, Jerome, 1891-1979
Title	Jerome Davis papers
Dates	1914-1963 (inclusive) 1914 1963
Quantity	20 linear feet, (18 containers)
Collection Number	Ax 022
Summary	Jerome Davis (1891-1979) was an international activist for peace and social reform, labor organizer, and sociologist, who taught at Dartmouth and Yale Divinity School. The collection contains manuscripts of and correspondence relating to 17 books, manuscripts of articles and reviews, speeches, diaries for 1915 and 1942, and correspondence concerning lectures and course notes.
Repository	University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives. UO Libraries--SPC, 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 Fax: 541-346-3485 spcarref@uoregon.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room. Glass plate negatives and lantern slides are restricted due to the fragility of the format. All decisions regarding use will be at the discretion of the curator for visual materials.
Additional Reference Guides	Paper finding aid with additional information is available in Special Collections and University Archives.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for production of this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

Content Description

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The collection is organized into the following series: Correspondence, Manuscripts, Lectures, Critical Correspondence, Miscellaneous.

The manuscripts series is divided into book, articles, newspaper articles (1943-1944), speeches (1919-1955), prayer and sermon sections. The book-length manuscript section is organized alphabetically by title of work and each entry may include notes, correspondence, research, drafts, reviews and publicity files. The articles are also filed alphabetically by title.

The lectures series includes correspondence and debate, symposia and conference documents, 1918-1954.

The miscellaneous series includes biographical material, course and lecture notes, Russian posters, publications, diaries (1915; 1942) and an address book.

The photographs included in the collection concern personal and professional subjects including images of Gandhi during his vigil for his wife, the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain, cooperative shops in Scandinavia, and an extensive series of lantern slides that were used to illustrate a lecture on Russia.

The correspondence series is organized alphabetically by person or organization and the critical correspondence series covers the years 1918-1937.

Major correspondents are: American Federation of Teachers, American Friends Service Committee, American Sociological Society, Connecticut Federation of Churches, Maurice N. Eisendrath, Farrar and Rinehart (publishers), William Grenfell, Julius Hecker, Reinhold Niebuhr, Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt.

There are also files of correspondence and documents relating to the Brightwater cooperative project, Bath, Maine (1925-1932); the Connecticut Legislative Commission on jails (1916-1938); Davis vs. Curtis Publishing Company (1939-1950); the Langrock Clothing Company arbitration case, New Haven, Connecticut (1933-1934); Promoting Enduring Peace, Inc. (1947-1959); the Sacco-Vanzetti case (1927); the Toledo, Ohio, vice investigation (1933-1934); Yale University (1922-1936); the Y.M.C.A. International Committee for Work with Prisoners of War (1916- 1918) ; the Y.M.C.A. World's Committee on Prisoners of War (1941-1944).

Historical Note

Jerome Davis (1891-1979) was born in Kyoto, Japan to Jerome Dean Davis and Frances Hooper Davis, both missionaries. Davis married Mildred Rood in 1920 and had three children. Davis attended Oberlin College, Columbia University, and the Union Theological Seminary.

Davis worked on the world's committee of the YMCA in Russia from 1916-1918. He worked again for the YMCA in Canada where he was the director of POW camps, 1940-1943. He was also a visiting professor and lecturer at Japanese universities.

Davis became an international activist for peace and social reform, labor organizer, and sociologist, teaching at Dartmouth and Yale Divinity School. He was denied tenure in a controversial case related to his Socialism and relationships with Bolshevik leaders.

Use of the Collection

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

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Processing Note

Collection processed by staff, 1968.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Detailed Description of the Collection

1.: Papers, undated

Box1-12

17 linear feet

2.: Photographs (PH099), not yet assigned

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3 linear feet

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
1	Case of Russian lantern slides	
2	Russian lantern slides	
3	Negatives	
4	Personal snapshots and 35mm negatives	
5	International Work	
6	International and family album (oversize prints)	

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Labor movement--United States
Pacifists--United States
Pacifists--United States--Correspondence
Socialism--United States--History--20th century
Sociologists--United States
Sociologists--United States--Correspondence
Teachers--United States
Teachers--United States--Correspondence

Personal Names :

Davis, Jerome, 1891-1979--Correspondence

Form or Genre Terms :

Correspondence
Lectures
Manuscripts for publication

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