

# Guide to the Louis Lohr Martz Correspondence

YCAL MSS 881



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 881

**CREATOR:** Martz, Louis L. (Louis Lohr), 1913-2001

**TITLE:** Louis Lohr Martz Correspondence

**DATES:** 1966-1996

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Louis Lohr Martz Correspondence comprises Martz's correspondence with the American and British writers Iris Murdoch, Richard Hugo, David Ignatow, James Laughlin, Owen Slavitt, Diane Wakoski, and Robert Penn Warren. Six page proofs of works by Murdoch are included, as are writings by other correspondents.

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Louis Lohr Martz, 2000 and 2005.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Louis Lohr Martz Correspondence. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing in 2014, including rehousing and minimal organization. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole. Each acquisition is described separately in the contents list below, identified by a unique call number and titled according to month and year of acquisition.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

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

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## Biographical / Historical

Louis Lohr Martz (1913-2001) was Sterling Professor Emeritus of English at Yale University and acting director of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library (1972-1978).

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## Scope and Contents

The Louis Lohr Martz Correspondence comprises Martz's correspondence with the American and British writers Iris Murdoch, Richard Hugo, David Ignatow, James Laughlin, Owen Slavitt, Diane Wakoski, and Robert Penn Warren. Six page proofs of works by Murdoch are included, as are writings by other correspondents.

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## Arrangement

Organized into three groupings: May 8 2000 Acquisition, May 30 2000 Acquisition, and May 2005 Acquisition.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: May 2000 Acquisitions, 1969–1996

0.42 linear feet (1 box)

Former call numbers: Uncat MSS 21 and Uncat MSS 32

This portion of the collection is arranged alphabetically by author.

b. 1	Hugo, Richard	1980, undated
b. 1	Ignatow, David <i>2 Folders</i>  Contains correspondence, event invitations, and writings by Ignatow, including a typescript of the poetry volume <i>Leaving the Door Open</i>	1970–1994
b. 1	Laughlin, James <i>2 Folders</i>	1992–1996
b. 1	Slavitt, Owen	undated
b. 1	Wakoski, Diane	1969–1988
b. 1	Warren, Robert Penn <i>3 Folders</i>	1969–1970, 1980

**Series II: May 2005 Acquisition, 1966–1993***0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Former call number: Uncat MSS 773

This portion of the collection is arranged chronologically.

## Iris Murdoch Writings

b. 2	<i>Fairly Honourable Defeat</i> page proof	1970–1970
b. 2	<i>Henry and Cato</i> page proofs	1977–1977
b. 2	<i>Sacred and Profane Love Machine</i> page proofs	1974–1974
b. 2	<i>Three Arrows and the Servants and the Snow</i> page proofs, with autograph manuscript letter from Murdoch to Martz	1974–1974
b. 2	<i>Time of the Angels</i> page proofs	1966–1966
b. 3	<i>Unicorn</i> galley proofs	undated
Iris Murdoch Printed Material		
b. 3	Clippings and articles on Murdoch	1971–1993

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

American literature -- 20th Century  
British literature -- 20th Century  
Librarians -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
Teachers -- Connecticut -- New Haven

### **Occupations**

Librarians -- Connecticut -- New Haven -- 20th Century  
Teachers -- Connecticut -- New Haven -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Hugo, Richard, 1923-1982  
Ignatow, David, 1914-1997  
Laughlin, James, 1914-1997  
Martz, Louis L. (Louis Lohr), 1913-2001  
Murdoch, Iris, 1919-1999  
Slavitt, Owen  
Wakoski, Diane  
Warren, Robert Penn, 1905-1989