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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Sonja Goldstein, 2000 and 2019. Accession 2021-M-0020 transferred from Yale Law School, 2021.

Conditions Governing Access

The majority of the materials are open for research. Student records and personnel records are restricted until 2097 as established by Yale Corporation regulations. <http://web.library.yale.edu/mssa/collections/research-use-of-yale-university-archives>.

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Preferred Citation

Joseph Goldstein Papers (MS 1787). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

Joseph Goldstein was born in 1923 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He received a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth in 1943 and entered military service during WWII. He served in the Civil Censorship Detachment of the Occupation General Headquarters in Occupied Japan where, as part of the Theatre Sub-Section, he evaluated and censored Japanese theatre productions and encouraged new shows featuring democratic themes. Following his military service, he completed his doctorate at the London School of Economics. There, he worked closely with Harold Laski writing a dissertation on British trade unions, earning his degree in 1950. He and his spouse, Sonja Goldstein, then entered the Yale School of Law. While in law school, the Goldsteins collaborated on a project studying the impact of the anti-communist publication *Red Channels* on those it named as communists.

Joseph Goldstein specialized in family law and is credited with being among the first to introduce interdisciplinary thinking to the legal profession. He taught at Yale Law School from 1956 to 2000 and authored or co-authored books in the areas of criminal law, constitutional law, and the intersection of law, psychiatry, and psychoanalysis. Joseph Goldstein died on March 12, 2000, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Scope and Contents

The papers consist of correspondence, topical files, research files, writings, speeches, and course materials that document the career of Joseph Goldstein. The papers include notes and correspondence from Anna Freud, with whom Goldstein co-authored three books, and records from projects he was involved with outside the legal profession, such as Friends of the Library of the Supreme Court of Israel. The papers include material on Goldstein's work in allied-occupied Japan in the 1940s as part of the Civil Censorship Detachment, Theatre Sub-Section; research files related to his work at the Yale Law School and his study of the anti-communist publication *Red Channels*; and correspondence documenting Goldstein's collaboration with economist Harold Laski. Additionally, the papers contain information on Goldstein's work with local New Haven legal organizations such as the New Haven Legal Assistance Association (NHLAA), as well as files related to the Yale Law School.

Arrangement

Original accession and two additions. Accession 2020-M-0016 is arranged in four groupings: Allied occupation of Japan: Civil Censorship Detachment (CCD), Theatre Sub-Section; Yale Law School; Harold Laski and London School of Economics; and Legal career. Accession 2020-M-0021 is arranged in three groupings: New Haven organizations, Personal files, and Yale Law School.

Collection Contents

Original accession

Correspondence and topical files		1965-1998, undated
b. 1	A-C	
b. 2	C-F	
b. 2, f. 51	Anna Freud - Family Law II Seminar, 1968 A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
b. 3	F-H	
b. 4	I-Z	
b. 5	Course materials [lecture notes, instructions for assignments]	1989-1999, undated

Accession 2020-M-0016: Additional Material

The accession is arranged in four groupings: Allied Occupation of Japan: Civil Censorship Detachment (CCD), Theatre Sub-Section; Yale Law School; Harold Laski and London School of Economics; and Legal career.

Allied Occupation of Japan: Civil Censorship Detachment (CCD), Theatre Sub-Section

Materials in this grouping document Goldstein's service as part of the Theatre Sub-Section of the Civil Censorship Detachment, part of the Occupation General Headquarters (GHQ) in Tokyo, 1945 to 1946.

b. 1, f. 1	Campaign to save the Office of Price Administration	1946
b. 1, f. 2	Civil Information and Education Section, Media Analysis Division, analysis reports	1946 March–1946 April
b. 1, f. 3	Civil Information and Education Section, Media Analysis Division, analysis reports	1946 May–1946 June
b. 1, f. 4	Play summaries and ephemera	Circa 1946
b. 1, f. 5	Reports, letters, ephemera	1946
Japanese language reference materials, guides, maps, and publications		
b. 1, f. 6	Japan information, maps, and guides	Circa 1946
b. 1, f. 7	Japanese language education	Circa 1946
b. 2, f. 1	<i>Grammar of Modern Written Japanese</i> , 3rd edition	1945
b. 2, f. 2	<i>Yokohama with USAS COM-C</i> illustrations	Circa 1945
b. 2, f. 3	<i>War and Construction: A Pictorial Record of the Second Year of the War of Greater East Asia</i>	1943

Yale Law School

Materials in this grouping document Joseph and Sonja Goldstein's time as students in the Yale Law School. The grouping consists primarily of course materials and extensive files related to their research project "Zeitgeist: An Exploratory Study of the Causes and Impact of *Red Channels* with Special Emphasis on Bigotry—A Problem in Psychological and Social Causation." For the study, the Goldsteins surveyed individuals in arts and entertainment who had been named as communists by the publication *Red Channels* about the impact it had on their lives and careers. Respondents to the survey included: Oscar Brand, Himan Brown, Vera Caspary, Ed Chodorov, Norman Corwin, Olin Downes, Shirley Graham Du Bois, Clifford Durr, Will Geer, Uta Hagen, Langston Hughes, Leon Janney, George Keane, Millard Lampell, Madeleine Lee, Samson Raphaelson, Anne Revere, Norman Rosten, William Shirer, Howard K. Smith, Robert St. John, Lionel Stander, Louis Untermeyer, Hilda Vaughn, and Irene Wicker.

Courses

b. 2, f. 4	General	1948–1953
b. 2, f. 5	Administrative process	1949

Yale Law School > Courses (continued)

b. 2, f. 6	Business units I and future interests	1951–1952
b. 2, f. 7	Labor law	Circa 1949
b. 2, f. 8	Lasswell, Harold Dwight	1951
b. 3, f. 1	Notebook	undated
b. 3, f. 2	Procedure IA, torts, introduction to public law, contracts	1948
b. 3, f. 3	Procedure IB	1949
b. 3, f. 4	Property I	1949
"Red Channels" study		
b. 3, f. 5	General	1952
b. 3, f. 6	Clippings and reference materials	1951–1952
b. 3, f. 7	Correspondence	1951–1952
b. 4, f. 1	Notes	1951–1952
b. 4, f. 2	Notes, reference materials, drafts	1951–1952
b. 4, f. 3	Proposal for study	1951
b. 4, f. 4	Questionnaire	1951–1952
<p>Harold Laski and London School of Economics</p> <p>This grouping includes correspondence documenting Joseph Goldstein's relationship with Harold Laski, with whom he worked as a student at the London School of Economics, as well as other materials related to Laski that were collected by Goldstein. Also included are materials related to Goldstein's research on British trade unions, personal correspondence between Joseph and Sonja Goldstein and Harold and Frida Laski, letters of introduction written by Laski for Joseph Goldstein, and correspondence and a transcript related to a 1961 BBC radio program about Laski, for which Goldstein was interviewed. Other Laski-related materials include: publications and manuscripts, newspaper clippings, and correspondence between Laski and other individuals. Included in the correspondence is a brief 1922 note to Laski from the poet Siegfried Sassoon.</p>		
b. 4, f. 5	Clippings	1945–1961
Correspondence		
b. 4, f. 6	Goldstein, Joseph and Sonja, with Harold and Frida Laski	1948–1991
b. 4, f. 7	Goldstein, Joseph, with Felix Frankfurter regarding Harold Laski	1950
b. 4, f. 8	Laski, Harold	1920–1949
b. 4, f. 9	Laski, Harold, and Louis D. Brandeis	1920–1929

Harold Laski and London School of Economics > Correspondence (continued)

b. 4, f. 10	Unidentified correspondent to Felix Frankfurter, regarding the Guffey Act, Carter v. Carter Coal Company, and John L. Lewis The unidentified author's first name is likely John, possibly someone who knew or studied with Frankfurter while he was a visiting professor at Oxford (1933-1934).	1936 May 20
b. 4, f. 11	Data on British trade union votes	1919-1924
b. 4, f. 12	Labour Party	1919-1950
b. 5, f. 1	Manuscripts	1943-1946
b. 5, f. 2	"Preliminary Draft of a World Constitution"	1947
b. 5, f. 3	Publications	1926-1950
b. 5, f. 4	Reports on antisemitism in Britain, Nazi occupation of Poland and Holland, and life in Terezín, Czechoslovakia	1942-1946
b. 5, f. 5	"The Theory of the Rule of Law and England"	1941
Legal career		
b. 5, f. 6	Goldstein, Joseph, "Best interests of the child" short writings and fragments	1987
b. 5, f. 7	Goldstein, Joseph, "The collective bargaining movement in the U.S." outline and readings	Circa 1950
b. 5, f. 8	Goldstein, Joseph, correspondence with Victor Reuther	1950-1952
b. 5, f. 9	Goldstein, Joseph, notes on interest in law	Circa 1948
b. 5, f. 10	Goldstein seminar, Research and Training Institute for Family Court Probation Officers, and related materials on juveniles and criminal justice (United States and Japan)	Circa 1970s
b. 5, f. 11	Notes on <i>Marbury</i>	Undated
b. 5, f. 12	Smith v. Organization of Foster Families for Equality and Reform (431 US816)	1976
b. 5, f. 13	Wiretapping: HR 477 and comments	1953-1954

Accession 2021-M-0020: Additional Material, 1954–1997

The accession contains material documenting Joseph Goldstein's work with local New Haven organizations, particularly the New Haven Legal Assistance Association (NHLAA), which provides legal services for New Haven County residents unable to afford or maintain legal counsel. Goldstein helped fund the organization in 1964 and served on its board from 1974 until his death in 2000. The accession also contains material relating to the Yale Law School, including various boards and committees Goldstein served on, as well as Goldstein's personal files.

The majority of the materials are open for research. Student records and personnel files are restricted until 2097 as established by Yale Corporation regulations. <http://web.library.yale.edu/mssa/collections/research-use-of-yale-university-archives>.

The accession is arranged in two groupings: New Haven organizations and Yale Law School.

New Haven organizations

Community Progress Inc. (CPI)

b. 1, f. 1-3	General	1964–1966
b. 1, f. 4	Dineen, Francis S.	1964–1981
b. 1, f. 5	Jones, Durrick O.K.	1964

Family Service of New Haven

b. 1, f. 6	General	1963–1964
b. 1, f. 7	Law committee	1961
b. 1, f. 8	Personnel committee	1961–1962
b. 1, f. 9	Hill Parents' Association	1968

New Haven Legal Assistance Association

Chronological files

b. 1, f. 10	1964	1964
b. 2, f. 1-6	1967–1969	1967–1969
b. 3, f. 1-5	1970–1974	1970–1974
b. 4, f. 1-4	1976–1978	1976–1978
b. 5, f. 1-5	1978–1982	1978–1982
b. 6, f. 1-2	1982–1986	1982–1986
b. 7, f. 1-6	1988–1997	1988–1997

Topical files

b. 8, f. 1-2	Bail	1966–1968
b. 8, f. 3	Board meetings	1965–1967

New Haven organizations > New Haven Legal Assistance Association > Topical files (continued)

b. 8, f. 4	Children's rights	1991
b. 8, f. 5	Committee on housing	1975
b. 8, f. 6	Complaints	1972
b. 8, f. 7	Connecticut Consortium of Legal Aid Contributions	1982-1984
b. 9, f. 1	Downtown policy planning	1970
b. 9, f. 2-4	Financial files	1964-1972
	Friends of Legal Services	
	General	
b. 9, f. 5	1974-1981	1974-1981
b. 10, f. 1-5	1980-1992	1980-1992
b. 11, f. 1	1980-1986	1980-1986
b. 11, f. 2	1990-1991	1990-1991
b. 11, f. 3	25th anniversary dinner	1989
b. 11, f. 4	Appointment to Board of Directors	1981-1983
b. 11, f. 5	Committee on institutional foundation and individual gifts	1981
b. 11, f. 6	Endowment committee	1989-1991
b. 11, f. 7	Finances	1981
b. 11, f. 8-9	History	1983-1991
b. 11, f. 10	Membership	1981
b. 11, f. 11	Minutes	1981
b. 12, f. 1	Judicial decisions	1966
b. 12, f. 2	Legal services for poor	1975-1976
b. 12, f. 3	Merger	1976
b. 12, f. 4-5	Model cities program	1960-1966
b. 12, f. 6	New York Knicks basketball exhibition game	1972
b. 12, f. 7-8	Office of Economic Opportunity	1964-1968
b. 12, f. 9	Panel office	1970
b. 13, f. 1-2	Research	1965-1970
b. 13, f. 3	South Central Connecticut Legal Services Corporation	1982-1985
b. 13, f. 4	Supreme Court briefs	1969

New Haven organizations > New Haven Legal Assistance Association > Topical files (continued)

b. 13, f. 5	Technical Assistance Program	1969
b. 13, f. 6	United Way	1971–1972
b. 13, f. 7	Yale Law School	Circa 1970s
Yale Law School		
b. 14, f. 1	General Contains correspondence and memorandums regarding political and legal issues and their potential effects on Yale Law School faculty.	1968–1972
b. 14, f. 2	Administration	1954–1957
b. 14, f. 3	Admissions	1972
b. 14, f. 4	Black Law Students Union	1968–1975
b. 14, f. 5	Budget	1970
Committees		
b. 14, f. 6	Ad hoc committee on credit toward graduation in foreign schools	1972
b. 22, f. 1	Admissions committee, test scores Student records are restricted until 2097 as established by Yale Corporation regulations. http://web.library.yale.edu/mssa/collections/research-use-of-yale-university-archives .	1966
b. 14, f. 7	Advisory committee on clinical education	1980
b. 22, f. 2-3	Appointments committee Personnel files are restricted until 2097 as established by Yale Corporation regulations. http://web.library.yale.edu/mssa/collections/research-use-of-yale-university-archives .	1954–1972
b. 14, f. 8	Capital fund planning committee	1960
b. 15, f. 1	Committee of committee chairmen	1969
b. 15, f. 2	Committee on associate deanship	1968
b. 15, f. 3	Comparative foreign and international law committee	1969–1970
b. 15, f. 4	Deanship committee	1974
b. 15, f. 5	Disciplinary committee	1967–1969
b. 22, f. 4	Disciplinary committee Student records are restricted until 2097 as established by Yale Corporation regulations. http://web.library.yale.edu/mssa/collections/research-use-of-yale-university-archives .	1967–1969
b. 15, f. 6-7	Discipline policy committee	1969–1970
Faculty committee		
b. 15, f. 8	General	1974–1975

Yale Law School > Committees > Faculty committee (continued)

b. 22, f. 5	Appointments Personnel files are restricted until 2097 as established by Yale Corporation regulations. http://web.library.yale.edu/mssa/collections/research-use-of-yale-university-archives .	1973–1974
b. 15, f. 9	Policy group	1974
b. 16, f. 1-4	Faculty of Arts and Sciences Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects	1972–1977
b. 22, f. 6	Governing board Personnel files are restricted until 2097 as established by Yale Corporation regulations. http://web.library.yale.edu/mssa/collections/research-use-of-yale-university-archives .	1969–1972
b. 16, f. 5	Graduate committee	1970
b. 23, f. 1-2	Graduate committee Student records are restricted until 2097 as established by Yale Corporation regulations. http://web.library.yale.edu/mssa/collections/research-use-of-yale-university-archives .	1970–1971
b. 17, f. 1	Law journal committee	1958–1966
b. 17, f. 2	Law, science, and medicine committee	1975
b. 17, f. 3	Lecture committee	1982–1987
b. 23, f. 3-5	New personnel committee Personnel files are restricted until 2097 as established by Yale Corporation regulations. http://web.library.yale.edu/mssa/collections/research-use-of-yale-university-archives .	1962–1965
b. 17, f. 4-6	Pelikan committee	1981–1984
b. 17, f. 7-8	Placement committee	1981–1987
b. 18, f. 1	University council committee on the law school	1970
b. 18, f. 2	Visiting lectures committee	1983–1984
Curriculum		
b. 18, f. 3	General	1960–1974
b. 18, f. 4	Criminal law division and exams	1963–1965
b. 18, f. 5	Law and psychiatry seminars	1957–1959
b. 18, f. 6-7	Tax policy course	1971–1972
b. 19, f. 1-3	Tax policy course	1971–1972
b. 19, f. 4	Dershowitz, Alan	1964–1972
b. 19, f. 5	Election strategy	Circa 1970s
b. 19, f. 6-8	Faculty	1963–1969

Yale Law School (continued)

b. 23, f. 6-9	Faculty Student records are restricted until 2097 as established by Yale Corporation regulations. http://web.library.yale.edu/mssa/collections/research-use-of-yale-university-archives .	1965–1975
b. 19, f. 9	Governance	1969–1970
b. 20, f. 1	Graduate studies	1965
b. 20, f. 2	Jewish appeal	1972
b. 20, f. 3	Lasswell	Circa 1970s
b. 20, f. 4	Legal aid and public defender program	1956–1960
b. 20, f. 5	Legislative services	1969–1970
b. 20, f. 6	Placement proposals	1981
b. 20, f. 7	Pollak, Louis	1969–1971
b. 20, f. 8	Program in law and modernization	1969–1971
b. 20, f. 9	Public defender	1965
b. 21, f. 1-3	Strike and impact report	1984–1987
b. 21, f. 4	Student representation to the faculty	1985
b. 21, f. 5	Yale Law Union	Circa 1970s

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

Community Progress, Inc.
Family Service of New Haven
Laski, Harold J. (Harold Joseph), 1893-1950

Names

Goldstein, Joseph, 1923-2000

Corporate Body

Yale University -- Faculty