

# Guide to the David Ernest Apter Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1806

**CREATOR:** Apter, David E. (David Ernest), 1924-2010

**TITLE:** David Ernest Apter papers

**DATES:** 1920-2002

**BULK DATES:** 1951-1960

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 27.5 linear feet (23 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of photographs taken by David E. Apter from 1951 to 1960 in the African countries of Ghana (formerly known as the Gold Coast), Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, and Benin (formerly known as Dahomey), during the buildup of nationalism and the start of independence. The photographs portray scenes of everyday life in these countries. The collection also includes two photographs of David Apter, taken by Eleanor Apter in 1953 in Achimota, Gold Coast, and by Larissa Leclair in 2002 at Apter's home in North Haven, Connecticut. The uprising in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China, in 1989, is documented with twenty-nine photographs by Apter. The materials also include photographs documenting Sanrizuka Hantai Dōmei in Japan, 1979-1982; slides of Europe, India and Mexico, 1956-1991; and research materials and correspondence on Africa, 1920-1972.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of David Apter, 2002, 2004, and 2010; transferred from Africana Collection Curator, 2014.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

David E. Apter was born on December 18, 1924, in New York City. He received his A.B. from Antioch College in 1950 and his M.A. (1952) and Ph.D. (1954) in Political Science from Princeton University. He taught at Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, the University of California at Berkeley and, since 1979, Yale University, where he was the Henry J. Heinz II Professor Emeritus of Comparative Political and Social Development and a senior research scientist in the political science and sociology departments. A former senior fellow of the Whitney Humanities Center, he was executive secretary of the Committee for the Comparative Study of New Nations at the University of Chicago and the director of the Institute of International Studies at Berkeley. At Yale, he was director of the social science division and chair of both the Council of African Studies, and the Department of Sociology. Apter authored numerous books, including *Ghana in Transition* (originally published as *Gold Coast in Transition* by Princeton University Press in 1955), *The Political Kingdom in Uganda*, and *Against the State: Politics and Social Protest in Japan*, and articles covering a wide range of subjects including comparative politics, political development, and the role of social protest, violence, and revolution in the political process. He spent considerable time studying political movements in Africa, China, Japan, and elsewhere. Apter died on May 4, 2010.

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## Scope and Contents

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## General

2002-M-089, box 1, 2002-M-089, box 2: and 2002-M-090, box 1 contained 33 photographic prints that were reported missing in May 2016.

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## Arrangement

Material is arranged by accession.

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## Collection Contents

### Accession 2002-M-089: Original accession

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Prints located in box 2 reported missing in May 2016.

b. 1	<a href="#">Photographs used in "Africa Photographs, 1952-1960" an exhibit staged in the Memorabilia Room, Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University, February 4 - March 8, 2002</a>	1951-1960
	Prints contained in this box were reported missing in May 2016.	
b. 2	<a href="#">Photographs used in "Africa Photographs, 1952-1960" an exhibit staged in the Memorabilia Room, Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University, February 4 - March 8, 2002</a>	1951-1960
	Prints located in this box were reported missing in May 2016.	

## Accession 2002-M-090: Additional Material

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Prints located in box 1 reported missing in May 2016

b. 1

[Photographs](#)

1951-1960, 2002

Prints located in this box were reported missing in May 2016.

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## Accession 2005-M-030: Additional Material

b.1      [Photographs from Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China](#)

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1989



**Accession 2010-M-072: Additional Material, 1920-1991**

	Papers	1920-1972
b. 1, f. 1	Africa, general	1955-1971
b. 1, f. 2	Democratic Republic of the Congo	1962
	Ghana	
b. 1, f. 3-4	Material from the Busia period	1952-1972
b. 1, f. 5	1920, 1960-1963	1920, 1960-1963
b. 1, f. 6	Senegal	1964
b. 1, f. 7	Tanganyika and Uganda	Undated
b. 1, f. 8-9	Uganda	1945-1962
	Photographs	1952-1982
b. 2, f. 1-3	Sanrizuka Hantai Dōmei (Sanrizuka Opposition Alliance) images published in <i>Against the State</i>	1979-1982
b. 3, f. 1-8	Africa original series	1952-1959
b. 3, f. 9-11	Japan Some images are 11x14" duplicates of Sanrizuka Hantai Dōmei photographs.	Circa 1980
	Slides Items have been removed from binders; original order was maintained.	1956-1991
b. 2, f. 4	Greece and Dubrovnik	1965, 1976
b. 2, f. 5-6	Italy	1964-1974, undated
b. 2, f. 7	Tasmania and Hobart	Undated
b. 2, f. 8	India: Malabari Coast, Cochin and environs	1987
b. 2, f. 9	Holland	1968
b. 2, f. 9	Buchwald, East Germany	1981
b. 2, f. 9	Israel	1974, 1978
b. 2, f. 9	Copenhagen	1956
b. 2, f. 10	Berlin before the Wall	1960
b. 2, f. 10	Prague	1961-1962
b. 2, f. 10	East Germany behind the Wall	1981
b. 2, f. 10	Jena and Dresden	1981
b. 2, f. 11	Austria, including Baden	Undated

## Slides (continued)

b. 2, f. 11	Slovakia	1960
b. 2, f. 11	Poland May Day Parade	1960
b. 2, f. 11	Bielefeld	1982
b. 2, f. 12	Russia, including Moscow	1979, 1991, undated
b. 2, f. 13	Madrid, Spain	1985
b. 2, f. 13	Mexico	1965

**Accession 2012-M-061: Additional Material, Circa 1965-1989**

The 2012-M-061 addition includes photographs from the Middle East, 1978; Peru and Bolivia, 1965; China, 1986-1989; and Japan, 1977-1981; as well as Wallingford and New Haven, Connecticut.

Photographs		
b. 1, f. 1-5	Africa	Undated
b. 2, f. 1-5	China	Circa 1986-1989
b. 3, f. 1-4	China or Japan	Circa 1977-1989
b. 4, f. 1	Connecticut Photographs include images of the neighborhood of Fair Haven Heights and the Quinnipiac river.	Undated
b. 5, f. 1-3	Connecticut	Undated
b. 6, f. 1	Egypt	Circa 1978
b. 7, f. 1	Iran	Circa 1978
b. 8, f. 1-4	Israel	Circa 1978
b. 9, f. 1-2	Japan	Circa 1977-1981
b. 10, f. 1	Japan	Circa 1977-1981
b. 11, f. 1-3	South America	Circa 1965
b. 12, f. 1-3	South America	Circa 1965
Slides		
b. 13, f. 1-2	China	Circa 1986-1989
b. 13, f. 3	China and Japan	Circa 1977-1989
b. 13, f. 4	Iran and Egypt	Circa 1978
b. 13, f. 5	Israel, Syria, and Damascus	Circa 1978

**Accession 2014-M-051: Additional Material, 1950-1969, 2011***1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)*

b. 1, f. 1	Afrique Oriental Francaise (AOF) constitutions	1950s
	Apter, David	
b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence	1950s-1960s
b. 1, f. 3	Interview with Kofi Busia	Undated
b. 1, f. 4	Manuscripts and Archives (MSSA) ceremony bringing his African photographs to the African collections	2001
b. 1, f. 5	Speaking engagements	1961
b. 1, f. 6	Writings	Undated
b. 1, f. 7	The United Nations and the Peace Corps	1960s
b. 1, f. 8	Carew, Jan, "The Coup in Ghana"	1966
b. 1, f. 9	Carnegie project on political developments in West Africa	1954-1955
b. 1, f. 10	Congo crisis	1960
b. 1, f. 11	French West Africa documents	1956-1960
b. 1, f. 12	French West Africa and Nigeria, political parties	1950s-1960s
b. 1, f. 13	<i>Forum Service: Congress for Cultural Freedom</i>	Undated
	Ghana	
b. 1, f. 14	Documents on Gold Coast independence	1950s-1960s
b. 2, f. 1	Convention People's Party (C.P.P.)	1950s-1960s
b. 2, f. 2	Miscellaneous	Undated
b. 2, f. 3	Nkrumah and the creation of a one-party state	1964
b. 2, f. 4	Peace Corps	1962
b. 2, f. 5	Young Pioneers	Undated
	Kenya	
b. 2, f. 6	Miscellaneous documents	1950s-1960s
b. 2, f. 7	Press Office handouts	1950s
b. 2, f. 8	List of Soviet Africanists	1960
b. 2, f. 9	Mulumba, Semakule, Manuscripts on the removal of the Kabaka, including the Kabaka's map of Uganda	1955
	Nigeria	
b. 2, f. 10	Action Group Congress Party	1940s-1960s

## Nigeria (continued)

b. 2, f. 11	Documents on preparations for independence	1940s-1960s
b. 2, f. 12	Interviews in Ilorin	Undated
b. 2, f. 13	National Convention of Nigerian Citizens	1960s
b. 2, f. 14	Nigerian National Democratic Party	1961
b. 2, f. 15	Nigerian People's Party	1961
b. 2, f. 16	Nigerian Youth Congress	1961
b. 2, f. 17	Northern People's Congress	1960s
b. 2, f. 18	Research for Development in West Africa. Nigeria, Ibadan.	1961
b. 2, f. 19	Rhodesia, Independence documents	Undated
Senegal		
b. 3, f. 1	Interterritorial Parties	1950s
b. 3, f. 2	Parti Africain de l'Indépendance (PAI)	1950s
b. 3, f. 3	Parti du Regroupement Africain (PAR)	1950s-1960s
b. 3, f. 4	Union Progressiste Senegalaise (UPS)	1960s
b. 3, f. 5	"The Responsibility of a Major University" (speech) English	1963
b. 3, f. 6	Signatories to the Organization of African Unity Charter	1963 May 25
b. 3, f. 7	Tanganyika, Study of African Leadership (Tanzania)	1960s
b. 3, f. 8	United States Department of State, Press releases concerning Africa	1959-1963
b. 3, f. 9	United States Senate Task Force on Africa, recommendations	1960
b. 3, f. 10	Williams, G. Mennen, Addresses on Africa	1963-1964

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## **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.

### **Geographic Names**

Africa

China -- History -- Tiananmen Square Incident,  
1989

Japan

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographs -- Africa

Photographs -- China

Photographs -- Japan

### **Names**

Apter, David E. (David Ernest), 1924-2010