

Guide to the William Louis Gaines Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1858

CREATOR: Gaines, William L.

TITLE: William Louis Gaines papers

DATES: 1937-2004

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9.5 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers of William Louis Gaines contain correspondence, topical files, and journals. Journals comprise the great majority of the collection and cover almost his entire life. The journals, often over six hundred pages per year, provide comprehensive details about the organizations where Gaines was employed, analysis of current events, personal information, and much introspection.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Estate of William Louis Gaines, 2005.

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Biographical / Historical

Born in Monticello, Indiana, William Louis Gaines attended Bowling Green State University (B.A., 1946) and the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (M.A., 1947). In 1951, he completed his doctoral dissertation in history at Yale University. For five years following, Gaines worked as an assistant political attache at the United States Embassy in London. In 1956, Gaines entered the field that he would become most associated with, international education. He served as executive secretary at the U.S.-U.K. Education Commission until 1961, when he became associate director of Commonwealth Fellowships. In these positions, Gaines administered scholarship programs that encouraged international exchange. From 1962 to 1970, Gaines was director of education at the African-American Institute, where he worked with both African and American universities. For the subsequent four years, he was a professor of history at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, concurrently serving first as dean of academic affairs, then as dean of international studies. From 1974 until his retirement in 1992, Gaines was President of the Institute of European Studies and the Institute of Asian Studies. Throughout his life, Gaines promoted intellectual achievement through international exchange. He died in February 2005.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The papers are arranged by type of material.

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Biographical | 1981, 1989 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Africa consultation | 1995-1997 |
| | Correspondence | |
| b. 1, f. 3 - 5 | General | 1945-1972, 1993-1997, undated |
| b. 1, f. 6 - 7 | Hennig, Calvin [and Ruth] | 1973-2004, undated |
| b. 1, f. 8 | D-Day 50th anniversary | 1994 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Institute of European Studies | 1983-1984, 1992-1994, undated |
| b. 2, f. 10 | Photographs | undated |
| b. 2, f. 11 - 15 | United States Information Agency (USIA): Namibia | 1993-1998, undated |
| b. 2, f. 16 | University of Nebraska, Lincoln | 1971-1973 |
| b. 3, f. 17 - 18 | Yale Graduate School Alumni Fund | 1992-2002 |
| b. 3, f. 19 | Miscellaneous | 1966, 1991, 1994, undated |
| | Journals | |
| b. 4, f. 20 - 25 | 1937-1944 | |
| b. 5, f. 26 - 29 | 1945-1951 | |
| b. 6, f. 30 - 38 | 1952-1956 | |
| b. 7, f. 39 - 47 | 1957-1959 | |
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| b. 10, f. 63 - 70 | 1965-1967 | |
| b. 11, f. 71 - 80 | 1968-1970 | |
| b. 12, f. 81 - 90 | 1971-1973 | |
| b. 13, f. 91 - 101 | 1974-1976 | |
| b. 14, f. 102 - 114 | 1977-1980 | |
| b. 15, f. 115 - 118 | 1981 English | |

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| b. 16, f. 119 - 131 | 1982-1984 |
| b. 17, f. 132 - 137 | 1985-1987 |
| b. 18, f. 138 - 151 | 1988-1990 |
| b. 19, f. 152 - 159 | 1991-1994 |
| b. 20, f. 160 - 166 | 1995-1997, 2002 |

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.

Genres / Formats

Journals

Names

Gaines, William L.

Corporate Bodies

African-American Institute
Institute of European Studies