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**TITLE:** Milton Irwin Roemer Papers

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers include correspondence, writings, topical files, and photographs, which document Milton Roemer's career as a health administrator, a professor of public health, and an advocate for national health insurance. The papers also highlight Roemer's work for the World Health Organization and the Saskatchewan Department of Public Health and include material concerning his loyalty case. These papers form part of the Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy Collection.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Milton Irwin Roemer, 1998. The papers were received following his death in 2001.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Milton Irwin Roemer was born in Patterson, New Jersey and earned his bachelor's degree in public health from the University of Michigan. He also studied sociology at Cornell University and received a medical degree from New York University. Roemer, an advocate for government supported health programs and health maintenance organizations, held positions in health administration with the United States Public Health Service, the World Health Organization, and the Saskatchewan Department of Public Health. He also taught at Yale University and the University of California Los Angeles. Roemer died on January 3, 2001.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1930s-2000

The papers are arranged as received. Office files represent those materials maintained by Roemer in his office at the University of California, Los Angeles, while Home files are those found in the Roemer home. Of particular note are the yearly files, which consist of correspondence, writings, and other materials that document the progression of Roemer's work and interests through his entire professional career.

#### Office files

|       |  |              |
|-------|--|--------------|
| b. 1  | American Medical Association - Los Angeles Welfare Planning Council                  | 1960s-1980s  |
| b. 2  | American Orthopsychiatric Association - American Hospital Association                | 1960s-1970s  |
| b. 3  | Consultations - International Health Jobs  | 1960s-1970s  |
| b. 4  | Institute of Industrial Relations - New York Academy of Medicine                     | 1960s-1970s  |
| b. 5  | Enrique Rozenblat/Argentina - Stanford Medical School                                | 1960s-1970s  |
| b. 6  | Martin Cherkasy tribute - Dr. Ted Tulchinsky   | 1960s-1990s  |
| b. 7  | Changing Health Care, Berkeley - Health insurance research questionnaire             | 1960s-1980s  |
| b. 8  | Research training - consultations  | 1960s-1990s  |
| b. 9  | Ambulatory Health Services: Organization, Problems and Future Models B Kreick, Mary  | 1960s-1990s  |
| b. 10 | Health Administration Development Program- Arizona/rural                             | 1960s-1990s  |
| b. 11 | International Health Coordinator - Pitzer College                                    | 1960s-1990s  |
| b. 12 | Hemisphere General - Eastern Europe  | 1960s-1990s  |
| b. 13 | Saskatchewan Utilization data - Prevention in Health Plans                           | 1950s-1990s  |
| b. 14 | Ideal Health Care System - Patient-centered Service (Russell Sage Fellow)            | 1970s-1990s  |
| b. 15 | Australia - Cornell University hospital administration research program              | 1950s-1990s  |
| b. 16 | Health and Society - Financing and control, National Health Care Programs, Las Vegas | 1950s-1990s  |
| b. 17 | Summary of activities - Art Carstens Memorial  | 1950s-1980s  |
| b. 18 | Health Insurance Plan of Los Angeles (HIPLA) - Sickness, absenteeism and HMOs        | 1960s-1980s  |
| b. 19 | Health Care Financing Administration - Group practice                                | 1960s-1980s  |
| b. 20 | Financing medical care for the aging - Johnson Foundation                            | 1960s- 1980s |
| b. 21 | Johnson Foundation (cont'd) - Division of Health Services                            | 1960s-1990s  |
| b. 22 | Division of Health Services (cont'd) - Guyana  | 1960s-1980s  |

## Office files (continued)

|              |  |             |
|--------------|--|-------------|
| b. 23        | National Health Insurance/San Diego - Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals                 | 1950s-1980s |
| b. 24        | Krieger, James - Office of Technology Assessment   | 1970s-1980s |
| b. 25        | Public health Chronic Disease Program - USA Health System  | 1950s-1990s |
| b. 26        | Job offers to me - Professional Step VII   | 1960s-1990s |
| b. 27        | Organization of Specific Services - National Health Insurance Proposals (1970s-1980s)                    | 1960s-1980s |
| b. 28        | Health Service Coordination in Guatemala - UNDP/WHO/FRG (BMZ) Study on HRD FOR PHC Joint Review, draft 2 | 1970s-1980s |
| b. 29        | Medical Care Costs and Services - Public Medical Care Programs   | 1960s-1970s |
| b. 30        | Health Insurance Legislation, the World Perspective - National Health Insurance Care Systems (HCOP)      | 1960s-1990s |
| b. 31        | Cornell HADP - Hospital Utilization Study  | 1950s-1990s |
| b. 32        | Health Care recommendations for Belize - PH206 lecture notes   | 1960s-1990s |
| b. 34, 33    | Course materials   |             |
| Yearly files |  |             |
| b. 35        | 1930s, 1942-1946   |             |
| b. 36        | 1947-1949  |             |
| b. 37        | 1950-1952  |             |
| b. 38        | 1953-1955  |             |
| b. 39        | 1956-1958  |             |
| b. 40        | 1959<br>English  |             |
| b. 41        | 1960-1961  |             |
| b. 42        | 1961-1962  |             |
| b. 43        | 1963-1964  |             |
| b. 44        | 1964-1965  |             |
| b. 45        | 1966-1967  |             |
| b. 46        | 1967-1968  |             |
| b. 47        | 1968-1969  |             |
| b. 48        | 1970-1972  |             |
| b. 49        | 1973-1975  |             |
| b. 50        | 1976-1978  |             |

## Yearly files (continued)

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|------------|---|
| b. 51      | 1979-1980   |
| b. 52      | 1981-1983   |
| b. 53      | 1984-1986   |
| b. 54      | 1986-1987   |
| b. 55      | 1988-1990   |
| b. 56      | 1991-1993   |
| b. 57      | 1993-1996   |
| b. 58      | 1996/1997-1999  |
| b. 59      | 2000<br>English   |
| Home files |   |
| b. 60      | International conference files, WHO, general files, photographs       |
| b. 61      | WHO   |
| b. 62      | Barbados, Burma, Czechoslovakia, PAHO, International health, lectures |
| b. 63      | WHO, publications   |
| b. 64      | International files, Alaska, Chile, Nicaragua, Norway                 |
| b. 65      | Misc.   |
| b. 66      | International, 1960s: Europe, Germany, Japan                          |
| b. 67      | Writings and personal activities                                      |
| b. 68      | Writings  |
| b. 70, 69  | Misc.   |
| b. 71      | Physicians Forum, HEW   |
| b. 72      | Thailand, Barbados  |
| b. 73      | WHO international conference files                                    |
| b. 74      | Cuba  |
| b. 75      | Reports and writings  |
| b. 76      | Personal, reports, topical files                                      |
| b. 77      | Publications  |
| b. 78      | State files   |
| b. 79      | Misc.   |
| b. 80      | Textbook  |

## Home files (continued)

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|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| b. 81                      | International health binders  | 1970s-1980s           |
| b. 82                      | Publications  |                       |
| b. 83                      | Misc.   |                       |
| b. 84                      | Textbook, writings  |                       |
| b. 85                      | Misc.   |                       |
| b. 86                      | WHO: health centers, Guatemala, Saskatchewan  |                       |
| b. 88, 87                  | Misc.   |                       |
| b. 89                      | Country files   |                       |
| b. 90                      | Misc.   |                       |
| b. 91                      | International   |                       |
| b. 92                      | International and personal  |                       |
| b. 93                      | WHO: Albania, Hungary, Poland   |                       |
| b. 94                      | Manuscripts and writings of others  |                       |
| b. 95                      | Medical care in Latin America   |                       |
| b. 96                      | Scrapbooks and writings   |                       |
| b. 97                      | Misc.   |                       |
| b. 98                      | WHO: Liberia, Latin America, Kuwait, medical care   |                       |
| b. 102, 101, 100, 99       | Misc.   |                       |
| b. 103                     | Misc. (but may be from office rather than home)   |                       |
| b. 104                     | Misc.   |                       |
| b. 105                     | State Health Insurance Task Force; Personal (including correspondence in an alphabetical run) |                       |
| b. 106                     | Courses and conference  |                       |
| b. 107                     | Health Services in Western Europe tour (1950); writings; Sigerist                             |                       |
| b. 108                     | Scrapbooks  |                       |
| b. 109                     | Personal  |                       |
| b. 111, 110                | Misc.   |                       |
| b. 112                     | Topical files   | 1940s and early 1950s |
| b. 116, 115, 114, 113, 117 | Misc.   |                       |



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|------------|--|-----------------|
| b. 1       | Speech   | 1946            |
| b. 1, f. 5 | <p>Documents secured in the 1980s and 1990s through the Freedom of Information Act regarding the loyalty investigation of Milton Roemer</p> <p>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.</p> | Circa 1948-1972 |
| b. 1       | <p>"Sigerist Circle" marked on outside of box. Folders containing more documents concerning loyalty of MIR and FBI files</p> <p>English</p>  | Circa 1962-1966 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | <p>Clippings, correspondence re: loyalty case</p> <p>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.</p>   | 1948-1954       |
| b. 1, f. 1 | <p>Passport case</p> <p>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.</p>  | 1952-1959       |
| b. 1       | Photographs  | 1948-1992       |

## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Subjects**

Medical policy  
Public health

### **Names**

Roemer, Milton Irwin, 1916-2001