

# Guide to the Arnold Gesell and Colleagues Publications Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** Ms Coll 41

**CREATOR:** Gesell, Arnold, 1880-1961

**TITLE:** Arnold Gesell and Colleagues Publications collection

**DATES:** 1922-1991

**BULK DATES:** 1930-1959

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Arnold Gesell was head of the Psycho-Clinic and later of the Clinic of Child Development at the Yale School of Medicine from 1911 to 1948. Some of his former collaborators founded the Gesell Institute for Child Development in 1950 in New Haven to carry on his work. The collection contains non-book publications by Arnold Gesell and his collaborators as well as of some of the staff members of the Gesell Institute. Publications include not only reprints of professional articles, but also popular articles from newspapers, magazines, and newsletters of organizations; radio broadcasts; book reviews by Gesell; clippings of reviews of Gesell's books; and testimony for legislation. There are also some typescripts, possibly unpublished, and a small amount of manuscript material related to publications.

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## Requesting Instructions

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

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by the Child Study Center, 2012.

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### Custodial History

These materials were maintained by Louise Bates Ames, initially for Arnold Gesell and the Clinic of Child Development. The files may have been brought to the Gesell Institute of Child Development, since Ames continued to add materials and Arnold Gesell borrowed some of them after 1950.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

Yale does not own copyright.

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### Preferred Citation

Arnold Gesell and Colleagues Publications Collection, Historical Library, Harvey Cushing / John Hay Whitney Medical Library, Yale University

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### Processing Information

The files arrived in two long storage boxes. There is probably a missing storage container of Gesell reprints before 1937. Originally there was a folder for each reprint containing multiple copies. With a few exceptions, extra copies have been removed and files consolidated.

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## Biographical / Historical

Arnold Lucius Gesell, psychologist, pediatrician, and expert on infant and child development, was born in Alma, Wisconsin on June 21, 1880. He obtained a B. Phil. from the University of Wisconsin in 1903, a Ph.D. in psychology from Clark University in 1906, and an M.D. from Yale in 1915. From 1911 to 1930, he was Director of the Psycho-Clinic, associated with the Department of Pediatrics and the New Haven Dispensary. From 1930 to his retirement in 1948, he was Director Clinic of Child Development, which was initially part of the Institute of Human Relations. In 1948, Gesell's Clinic was closed and the staff dispersed. In its place, the Child Study Center was established under Milton Senn. Gesell remained a Research Associate in Child Vision at the Child Study Center from 1948 to 1950. Gesell was a pioneer in proposing detailed norms for the development of infants and children. He was also one of the earliest investigators to use motion pictures to capture infant and child behavior for research and education. Children were studied and filmed in within a dome-like structure, where researchers could view them from the outside. Several films were made for a wider audience and distributed through Encyclopedia Britannica Films. Gesell also created a number of instruments, tests, and scales for examining children. He was the first author of many books co-authored by staff members of the Clinic of Child Development, among them *The First Five Years of Life: The Preschool Years* (1940), *Developmental Diagnosis: Normal and Abnormal Child Development* (1941), *Infant and Child in the Culture of Today* (1943), and *The Child from Five to Ten* (1946). Many of his articles and some of his books were directed to parents and the general public. In 1950, Frances Ilg, M.D., Louise

Bates Ames, Ph.D., and Janet Learned, colleagues and co-authors of Gesell, created the Gesell Institute of Child Development, in New Haven, where they and colleagues published books, research papers, and articles for the public; provided developmental tests; and offered the services of a clinic. Early research at the Gesell Institute focused on the child from ten to sixteen, and on vision. Gesell was associated with the Institute until his death on May 29, 1961 in New Haven.

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## Scope and Contents

Series 1 includes a broad range of publications of Arnold Gesell from 1937 to 1956. They include not only reprints of professional articles, but also popular articles from newspapers, magazines, and newsletters of organizations; popular pamphlets; radio broadcasts; unpublished talks, book reviews by Gesell; clippings of reviews of Gesell's books; and testimony for legislation. There are also some typescripts, possibly unpublished, and a small amount of correspondence and manuscript material related to publications.

Series 2 includes publications, typescripts, and published dissertations of Gesell's students and colleagues at the Clinic of Child Development and the Gesell Institute. This series is much more incomplete than Series 1. These files appear to have been maintained by Louise Bates Ames, Gesell's assistant at the Yale Clinic of Child Development from 1933 to 1948. She received a Ph.D. under Gesell in 1936 and was later one of the founders of the Gesell Institute of Child Development.

Series 3 includes handwritten and typed annotated drafts of several sections of the book *The Embryology of Behavior* written by Gesell and Catherine S. Amatruda.

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## Arrangement

Organized in three series: 1. Publications of Arnold Gesell. 2. Publications of Colleagues and Students. 3. The Embryology of Human Behavior handwritten and annotated drafts. Series 1 is arranged according to the system of the Gesell Institute (see below), roughly chronological. Series 2 is arranged alphabetically by person.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Publications of Arnold Gesell, 1937-1959

Arranged according to the system used by the Yale Clinic of Child Development and the Gesell Institute. Numbers are sequential (some are missing). A number preceded by an A is an article, a number preceded by a B is a book, and a number preceded by Br is a book review. The earliest number in the collection is 211, published in 1937. See folder 1 for information on earlier numbers.

b. 1, f. 1	"List of Reprints Filed in Transfer File" Lists titles (not journals or dates) of publications numbered A-2 to A-205 and how many copies had been saved. Another page lists full citations of reprints for which there were no copies. A-1 was dated 1898.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 2	A-211 - A-214	1937
b. 1, f. 3	B-215 Reviews of <i>The Psychology of Early Growth</i> (1938) Arnold Gesell, Helen Thompson, and Catherine Strunk, <i>The Psychology of Early Growth, including Norms of Infant Behavior and a Method of Genetic Analysis</i> (New York: Macmillan Co., 1938).	1938
b. 1, f. 4	A-216 - A-219	1937-1938
b. 1, f. 5	A-220 - A-227	1938
b. 1, f. 6	B-230 Reviews of <i>Biographies of Child Development</i> (1939) Arnold Gesell, Burton M. Castner, Helen Thompson, and Catherine S. Amatruda, <i>Biographies of Child Development: The Mental Growth Careers of Eighty-Four Infants and Children. A Ten Year Study from the Clinic of Child Development at Yale University</i> (New York: Paul B. Hoeber, 1939).	1939
b. 1, f. 7	A-231 - A-239	1938-1939
b. 1, f. 8	A-240 - A-246	1938-1940
b. 1, f. 9	B-247 Staff Conferences on <i>The First Five Years of Life</i> (1940) Typed detailed minutes of staff meetings about aspects of this book. AG=Arnold Gesell, BMC= Burton M. Castner, CSA=Catherine Strunk Amatruda, EM=Edith Meyer, FLI=Frances Lillian Ing, JL=Janet Learned, HMH=Henry Marc Halverson, and HT=Helen Thomas.	1939 January 24 -1939 May 15
b. 1, f. 10	B-247 Reviews of <i>The First Five Years of Life</i> (1940) Arnold Gesell, Henry M. Halvorsen, Helen Thompson, Frances L. Ilg, Burton M. Castner, Louise Bates Ames, and Catherine S. Amatruda, <i>The First Five Years of Life: The Preschool Years</i> (New York; Harper & Brothers, 1940).	1940-1941
b. 1, f. 11	B-247a - B-247c Publications related to <i>The First Five Years of Life</i> (1940) Popular article, pamphlet, and radio talk based on <i>The First Five Years of Life</i> .	1940
b. 1, f. 12	A-248 - A-249	1940
b. 1, f. 13	Gesell correspondence on the World's Fair Exhibit Correspondence with Mr. A. Terhune, Eastman Kodak, and others concerning materials "for three key photographic assemblies representative of the applications of cinematography in the scientific study of Child Development."	1940 June

b. 2, f. 1	A-250 - A-259 Includes copies of B-257: [Arnold Gesell], <i>Booklet of General Instructions to accompany the Gesell Developmental Schedules</i> (New York: The Psychological Corporation, 1940),	1940-1941
b. 2, f. 2	A-260 - A-267 Includes a radio talk for the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.	1941
b. 2, f. 3	B-263 Reviews of <i>Wolf Child and Human Child</i> (1941) Arnold Gesell, <i>Wolf Child and Human Child: Being a Narrative Interpretation of the Life History of Kamala, the Wolf Girl, Based on the Diary Account of a Child who was Reared by a Wolf and Who Then Lived for Nine Years in the Orphanage of Midnapore, in the Province of Bengal, India</i> (New York: Harper & Brothers, [1941]).	1941
b. 2, f. 4	B-266 Memoranda related to illustrating <i>Developmental Diagnosis</i> (1941)	1940
b. 2, f. 5	B-266 Reviews of <i>Developmental Diagnosis: Normal and Abnormal Child Development</i> (1941) Arnold Gesell and Catherine S. Amatruda, <i>Developmental Diagnosis: Normal and Abnormal Child Development, Clinical Methods and Practical Applications</i> (New York: Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., 1941).	1941
b. 2, f. 6	A-270 - A-279	1941-1944
b. 2, f. 7	B-280 Reviews of <i>Infant and Child in the Culture of Today</i> (1943) Arnold Gesell and Frances Ilg, in collaboration with Louise B. Ames and Janet Learned, <i>Infant and Child in the Culture of Today: The Guidance of Development in Home and Nursery School</i> (New York: Harper & Row, 1943).	1943-1944
b. 2, f. 8	B-280 More reviews of <i>Infant and Child in the Culture of Today</i>	1943-1944
b. 2, f. 9	Br-282 - A-288 Includes mimeograph publication, <i>Child Adoptions in Connecticut</i> (New Haven: Child Welfare Association, 1943), a pamphlet on whether Connecticut women should engage in war work, and copies of notes on "Creative Behavior and Giftedness in Child and Adult."	1943
b. 3, f. 1	A-290 - A-298 Includes a mimeograph of a radio talk distributed by Yale University News Bureau: Arnold Gesell, "War Conditions Increase the Need for Child Guidance," October 24, 1943.	1943-1944
b. 3, f. 2	A-300 - A-303 Includes a mimeographed statement made at two conferences on employed mothers, "Individual Versus Group Care of Infants."	1944
b. 3, f. 3	B-304 Reviews of <i>The Embryology of Behavior</i> (1945) Arnold Gesell in collaboration with Catherine S. Amatruda, <i>The Embryology of Behavior: The Beginnings of the Human Mind</i> (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1945).	1945
b. 3, f. 4	A-332 - A-337 Reprints from A-305 to A-331 were not part of the collection.	1947

b. 3, f. 5	A-347 - A-349 Includes Arnold Gesell and Louise Bates Ames, <i>Guide to the Yale Films of Child Development</i> (Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica Films, 1945), and "Dr. Gesell of Yale tells why Senate Bill 117, eliminating compulsory investigation prior to adoption should not pass," published in an mimeographed issue of <i>Under the Golden Dome</i> by the Connecticut Child Welfare Associaton.	1947
b. 3, f. 6	A-350 - A-359	1947
b. 3, f. 7	A-361 - A-369	1947-1949
b. 3, f. 8	A-370 - A-379 Includes correspondence with Jarvis M. Morse, Director, Education Section, U.S. Savings Bonds Division; a typescript of Gesell's article, "The Psychology of the Money Sense."; and a typescript of the "The Clinical Diagnosis and Supervision of Infant Development," the Alpha Kappa Kappa Lectureship.	1947-1949
b. 3, f. 9	A-380 - A-389 Includes correspondence and a typescript concerning the publication of "The Development of Child Vision" in <i>Scientific American</i> , and at the request of the U.S. State Department, in a magazine, <i>Neue Auslese</i> , published jointly by the American and British Governments for distribution in Germany and Austria. This folder also contains a review of Arnold Gesell, Frances L. Ilg, and Glenna E. Bullis, <i>Vision: Its Development in Infant and Child</i> (New York: Paul B. Hoeber, 1949).	1949-1950
b. 3, f. 10	A-390 - A-399 Includes an English translation of the preface to the Italian translation of <i>The First Five Years of Life</i> .	1950
b. 3, f. 11	A-401 -A-403, A-407 Includes the <i>Brotherhood Week Newspaper Kit</i> (1952) by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which focuses on donating blood for the Korean War. In the kit is a typescript by Gesell, "Brotherhood Begins at Home."	1951-1952
b. 3, f. 12	A-411 - A-419 Includes a typescript translation of the preface for the Japanese edition of <i>The First Five Years of Life</i> .	1952-1954
b. 3, f. 13	A-420 - A-426 Gesell's last publication was an introduction to Louis A. Warren, <i>Lincoln's Youth: Indiana Years, Seven to Twenty-one, 1816-1830</i> (Indianapolis: Indiana Histoircal Society, 1959).	1953-1959
b. 3, f. 14	Miscellaneous Gesell's commentary for an unidentified document on the history of "mental deficiency." The comments contain biographical information and information on responses to "mental deficiency" in Connecticut and particularly, New Haven.	n.d.



## Series II: Publications of Colleagues and Students, 1922-1994

This series contains publications by colleagues and students of Arnold Gesell at the Yale Clinic of Child Development and the Gesell Institute. It includes several published dissertations by students working at the Clinic, and also papers by staff at the Gesell Institute after the death of Gesell in 1961. Some of the items were published in popular magazines and newspapers. The arrangement retains that of Louise Bates Ames, that is, alphabetically by first author.

b. 3, f. 15	Amatruda, Catherine Strunk Catherine Amatruda received an M.D. from Cornell in 1926. She served as a Research Associate and Assistant Professor in Child Deveopment from 1930 to 1948. She was an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics from 1948 to her death in 1949. Amatruda was Gesell's main collaborator.	1942, 1951
b. 3, f. 16	Apell, Richard J. Richard J. Apell, Doctor of Optometry, worked with Gesell at Yale on the Child Vision Research Project, and was associated with the Gesell Institute since its founding in 1950. In 1979, he was serving as Associate Director of the Gesell Institute.	1951, 1955, 1979
b. 3, f. 17	Bowen, Elisabeth	1978 and n.d.
b. 3, f. 18	Castner, Burton Menaugh Burton M. Caster received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1931 and was associated with the Psycho-Clinic and Yale Clinic of Child Development as a Research Assistant and Clinical Examiner from 1925 to 1940.	1929-1935
b. 3, f. 19	Cobb, Margaret Evertson	1922
b. 4, f. 1	Cockrell, Dura Louise	1930, 1935
b. 4, f. 2	Chase, Joan Ames	1965-1972
b. 4, f. 3	Gesell, Beatrice Chandler Beatrice Chandler Gesell was the wife of Arnold Gesell and co-author of <i>The Normal Child and Primary Education</i> (1912).	1937
b. 4, f. 4	Goodenough, Evelyn Wiltshire Evelyn Goodenough received an M.A. from Yale in 1939. See also Evelyn Goodenough Pitcher.	1957-1967 and n.d.
b. 4, f. 5	Gridley, Pearl Farwell	1933
b. 4, f. 6	Halverson, Henry M. Henry Marc Halverson received his Ph.D. from Clark University in 1922. He was a Research Associate at Yale, with a specialty in photography of child behavior, from 1926 to 1942.	1922-1932
b. 4, f. 7	Halverson, Henry M. Includes a typescript discussion at a meeting on January 21, 1938 at the Clinic of Child Development on Halverson's research on the sucking responses of infants.	1933-1938
b. 4, f. 8	Halverson, Henry M. Includes original data (n.d.) on "An experimental study of prehension by means of systematic cinema records of cube behavior."	1940-1944 and n.d.

b. 4, f. 9	Hellersberg, Elisabeth F.	1954, 1957
b. 4, f. 10	"Hellersberg Test" Mimeograph of Elisabeth Hellersberg, "The Horn-Hellersberg Test: A Personality Test Used for Testing the Individual's Relation to Reality," and separate test blanks. First copyrighted in 1945.	1961
b. 4, f. 11	Hillgard, Josephine Rohrs Hillgard received a Ph.D. from Yale in 1933.	1932, 1933
b. 4, f. 12	Hiscock, Ira V. Typescript: "A Study of Norms for Growth and Nutrition on the Pre-School Child." Hiscock was a member of the Department of Public Health at Yale School of Medicine.	1920s
b. 4, f. 13	Huang, I.	1943-1945
b. 4, f. 14	Ilg, Frances L. Frances Ilg, a pediatrician, received her M.D. from Cornell University in 1929. She was associated with the Clinic of Child Development from 1932 to 1950. She attained the rank of Assistant Professor of Child Development from 1937 to 1947. Ilg was a co-author of several of Gesell's books.	1944, 1948
b. 4, f. 15	Ilg, Frances L. Includes reprint of Frances L. Ilg, "The Gesell Institute of Child Development," <i>Connecticut State Medical Journal</i> , 17 (1953): 215-216.	1953-1972
b. 5, f. 1	Ilg, Frances L. -- Typescript talks and papers	1961 and n.d.
b. 5, f. 2	Keliher, Alice V. Includes a typescript report, "The Use of the Cinema in Education."	1929, 1932, and n.d.
b. 5, f. 3	Ling, Bing-Chung	1942
b. 5, f. 4	Liu, Phyllis	1991
b. 5, f. 5	Lord, Elizabeth Elizabeth Lord received her Ph.D. from Yale in 1929.	1930
b. 5, f. 6	Marquis, Dorothy Postle	1933
b. 5, f. 7	McElwain, Pauline	1937
b. 5, f. 8	McGinnis, John M. John M. McGinnis received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1929.	1930
b. 5, f. 9	Metraux, Ruth W. Ruth Metraux, who received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1941, was a Research Associate in Child Development from 1942 to 1948.	1944-1965
b. 5, f. 10	Meyer, Edith Edith Meyer obtained a D.Phil. in Leipzig in 1933. She was a Sterling Fellow in Psychology, 1938-1939, and a Research Assistant from 1940 to 1944. The folder contains typescripts, especially "Comprehension of Spatial Relations in Pre-School Children."	ca. 1939

b. 5, f. 11	Meyer, Edith Typescripts on perceptual and orientational behavior in conjunction with the <i>First Five Years of Life</i> project. "Not used"	1938
b. 5, f. 12	New Haven Rickets Study Typescript: "The Psycho-Developmental Consequences of Rickets (A Preliminary Summary and Report)." No author or date is given. The Rickets Study was carried out by the Department of Pediatrics.	1920s-1930s
b. 5, f. 13	Oak, Lura (Sawyer) "Digest" of her 1930 Yale Ph.D. dissertation, "Motor Difficulties of Left-Handed Children in Learning to Write and Draw."	1930
b. 5, f. 14	Padula, William V. William Padula, O.D., was Director of Vision Research at the Gesell Institute of Child Development. See also Apell, Richard J. (Box 3, folder 16).	1978-1979
b. 5, f. 15	Pasamanick, Benjamin Benjamin Pasamanick was a psychiatrist and educator. Several of his articles were co-authored with his wife, Dr. Hilda Knobloch.	1946-1966
b. 5, f. 16	Pitcher, Evelyn Goodenough See also Goodenough, Evelyn Wiltshire (Box 4, folder 4).	1963
b. 5, f. 17	Richardson, Helen M. Helen Richardson received her Ph.D. from Yale in 1931.	1934
b. 5, f. 18	Steinau, Barbara Hill	1965
b. 5, f. 19	Strayer, Lois Curry Lois Curry Strayer was a graduate student at Yale in 1929 but did not graduate.	1930
b. 5, f. 20	Streff, John Includes a typescript copy of John W. Streff, O.D. and Richard N. Walker, Ph.D., "Notes on a Perceptual Program for Schools: A Problem-Solving Approach," Gesell Institute of Child Development, 1972.	1972, 1977
b. 5, f. 21	Swan (Coleman), Carla This item is her published Yale Ph.D. dissertation working under Arnold Gesell.	1938
b. 5, f. 22	Thompson, Helen Helen Thompson received her Ph.D. from Columbia University and served as a Research Associate in the Psycho-Clinic and the Clinic of Child Development from 1926 to 1941. Her specialty was biometry and statistics. She was a co-author of several of Gesell's books. Later she was associated with the Gesell Institute.	1929-1964
b. 5, f. 23	Washburn, Ruth Wendell The 1929 item is a publication of part of her 1929 Ph.D. dissertation under Arnold Gesell at the Yale Psycho-Clinic.	1929, 1933

## **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**

Child development  
Child psychology  
Cinematography  
Infants  
Infants -- Development

### **Occupations**

Pediatricians  
Psychologists

### **Names**

Amatruda, Catherine Strunk, 1903-  
Ames, Louise Bates, 1908-  
Castner, Burton Menaugh, 1898-  
Franzen-Hellersberg, L., 1893-  
Gesell, Arnold, 1880-1961  
Halverson, Henry Marc, 1884-  
Ilg, Frances L. (Frances Lillian), 1902-1981  
Rodell, Janet Learned  
Thompson, Helen, 1897-

### **Contributors**

Gesell, Arnold, 1880-1961  
Gesell Institute of Child Development  
Yale University. Clinic of Child Development