Princetoniana Committee Oral History Project
Records, 1994-2015: Preliminary Finding Aid

Summary Information

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Abstract: The Princetoniana Committee was formed by the Alumni Council in 1981 with the mission of proactively collecting worthy items of Princetoniana on the University's behalf. The Princetoniana Committee Oral History Project (POHP) Records consist of oral history interview transcripts from two separate oral history projects and related materials.
Location: This collection is stored onsite at the Mudd Manuscript Library.
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Biography/History

The Princetoniana Committee was formed by the Alumni Council in 1981 with the mission of proactively collecting worthy items of Princetoniana on the University's behalf. Since that time the Committee’s efforts have broadened to include sporadic exhibits, oral history projects, and a webpage containing information about Princeton traditions.

Description

The Princetoniana Committee Oral History Project (POHP) Records consist of oral history interview transcripts from three separate oral history projects and related materials. The first set of transcripts consists of interviews with prominent Princeton Alumni assembled for the 1996 book Going Back: An Oral History of Princeton. Also included are correspondence pertaining to the project and audio recordings of interviews. The second set of transcripts consists of oral history interviews undertaken by alumni to capture various aspects of Princeton’s history and includes Old Guard alumni, early alumnae, and others with significant Princeton connections. The project started in 2006 and is ongoing. Also included are interview release forms for the interview subjects. The third oral history project centers around individuals who lived in the Butler Apartments graduate students housing.

Access and Use

Access

The collection is open for research use.

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Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

Related Materials

Location of Copies or Alternate Formats
Digital files of some of the transcripts in Series 2 and Series 3 are accessible in the contents list.

Processing and Other Information

Preferred Citation
Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Collection Title, Box and Folder Number; Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

Encoding

Descriptive Rules Used
Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Subject Headings

- Baker, James Addison, 1930-
- Cain, Dean.
- Carril, Pete.
- Gesner, Clark.
- Kazmaier, Dick.
- Kopp, Wendy.
- Noor, Queen, consort of Hussein, King of Jordan, 1951-
- Princeton University. Alumni and alumnae.
- Princeton University. History.
- Princeton University -- Students -- Social conditions.
- Universities and colleges -- Alumni and alumnae -- New Jersey -- Princeton.
- Interviews.
- Audiocassettes.
- Compact discs.
- Princeton University
## Contents List


**Size:** 1.0 Linear Feet  
**Description:** Series 1 consists of interviews with prominent Princeton Alumni assembled for the 1996 book *Going Back: An Oral History of Princeton*. Also included are correspondence pertaining to the project and audio recordings of interviews.  
**Arrangement:** The arrangement of the records at the time of donation has been retained.

### Series 2: Princetoniana Committee Oral History Interviews, 2005-2014

**Size:** 0.84 Linear Feet  
**Description:** Series 2 consists of oral history interviews undertaken by alumni to capture various aspects of Princeton’s history and includes Old Guard alumni, early alumnae, and others with significant Princeton connections. The project started in 2006 and is ongoing. Also included are interview release forms for the interview subjects. Digital files of several of the interview transcripts are accessible in the list below. Additional transcripts will be added as they become available in digital format.  
**Arrangement:** Transcripts are arranged alphabetically by interviewee's last name.

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<td>John Bogle '51, 2013 February 6</td>
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**Description:** Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Emeritus.  
**Biography/History:** John Bogle was a graduate of the Class of 1951 and the founder of The Vanguard Group. His senior thesis project entitled, The Economic Role of the Investment Company has had a significant impact on the success of The Vanguard Group and in the area of Mutual Funds.
Description: Topics discussed in the Bogle interview include the influence of his advisor Dr. Phillip W. Bell and Dr. Paul Samuelson from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Bogle's senior thesis project and in his interest in investments.

Frederick Borsch '57, 2013 May 16

Biography/History: Dean Frederick Borsch '57 served as Dean of the Chapel from 1981 to 1988 and as an Interim Dean of Religious Life for the Chapel in 2007.

Description: Topics discussed in the Borsch interview include President Harold Dodds' contribution to the expansion of the Department of Religion and the increase of religious diversity under President Goheen and President Bowen.

John Brightman '55, 2008 October 10

Professor Victor Brombert, 2013 February 19

Donald Bryant '44, 2011 June 18

Alfred Bush, 2010 December 15

Biography/History: Alfred Bush is the retired Curator of Western Americana at Princeton University Library.

Edgar M. Buttenheim '44, 2011 May 5

Brendan Byrne '49, 2010 January

Renato (Ronnie) R. Carrazzai, 2011 July 21

Stuart Duncan '50, 2013 September 23

Ronnie Gail Emden '74, 2008 July 20

Harold Erdman '46, 2011 September 21

Richard Eu '44, 2014 October 28

Sally Ann Fields '73, 2014 June 21

Macon Paine Finley '77, 2010 February 19

John Fleming *63, 2009 May 13

Peter H.B. Frelinghuysen '38, 2010 January

Moore (Mosie) Gates, Jr. '48, 2011 June 18

Charles Gillispie, 2011 April 14

James Henderson '56, 2007 November 9

James Hester '46, 2011 November 16

A.C. (Reeves) Hicks '46, 2011 June 18
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<td>Robert Hollander ’55</td>
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<td>Biography/History: Robert Hollander ’55 is Professor of European Literature and French and Italian, Emeritus, Princeton University.</td>
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<td>Stan Katz</td>
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<td>Description: Stan Katz is Professor in Public and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School.</td>
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<td>Thomas Kean ’57</td>
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<td>James McPherson, 2012 May</td>
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<td>Biography/History: James McPherson is Professor of American History, Emeritus, Princeton University.</td>
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<td>Mary Nelson ’77</td>
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<td>Lee Neuwirth ’55 and James Tarlau ’70</td>
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Description: Lee Neuwirth ’55, Deputy Director of Institute for Defense Analysis in Princeton, and Jimmy Tarlau ’70, head of Students for a Democratic Society Princeton Chapter, recalling Princeton during the Vietnam War years.

Carol Obertubbesing ’73, 2008 May 30 3
Lydia Osborne h50 h74 h83, 2012 October 24 3
   Description: Assistant to the Director, Princeton Alumni Council, retired.

Charles R. Parmele III ’47, 2011 June 18 3
Robin Pearse-Drance ’73, 2014 June 21 4
Theodore K. Rabb *61, 2009 September 17 3
Robert H. Rawson, Jr. ’66, 2007 June 2 3
David Reeves ’48, 2011 June 18 3
Harvey Rothberg ’49, 2011 3
Neil Rudenstine ’56, 2009 3
Jocelyn Goldberg Schaible ’74, circa 2009 3
William Scheide ’36, 2007 June 1 4
Lisa W. Schmucki ’74, 2014 4
William Selden ’34, 2006 4
Jay Sherrerd ’52 and Anne Sherrerd *87, 2007 4
Paul Sigmund, 2012 4
   Biography/History: Paul Sigmund served as director of the Department of Latin American Studies and was professor emeritus of the Department of Politics at the university.
   Description: Topics discussed in the Sigmund interview include his contribution to the establishment of the Department of Latin American Studies and changes to the structure of the university during his tenure including co-education and the expansion of the administration.

John B. (Jack) Smiley ’49, 2011 4
Kathy Taylor ’74, 2009 4
Laurie Seligman Wallmark ’76, 2014 4
Malcolm Warnock ’25, 2005 4
Marina von Neumann Whitman , 2013 4
   Biography/History: Marina von Neumann Whitman is an economist and a former university trustee. She has served as Vice President of the General Motors Corporation and on the board of many other organizations. She is the

Description: Whitman's interview covers topics such as co-education, and individuals discussed include Whitman's father, John von Neumann Whitman, Eugene Wigner and Peter Panagos, as well as former University Presidents Bill Bowen and Harold Shapiro.

Hugh (Bud) Wynne '39, 2007
Wendy Zaharko '74, 2009


Size: 0.21 Linear Feet

Arrangement: No arrangement action taken or arrangement information not recorded at the time of processing.

Description: Series 3 consists of transcripts of interviews with individuals who lived at the Butler Apartments (which is scheduled to be razed in 2014) between 1965 and 2013. The interviews were conducted in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Subseries 3A, Butler Apartments Oral History Interviews from May and June 2013, 2013 May-June

accessionnumber: AR.2013.127

Description: Subseries 3A consists of transcripts of interviews with 16 individuals who lived at the Butler Apartments (which will be razed in 2014) between 1965 and 2013. The interviews were conducted in May and June of 2013; the interviewees include: Kristine Bietsch, Ph.D. candidate, 2015; Joe Danks *1968 and Carol Danks; Richard Darilek *1973; Johanna Goldman, Ph.D. candidate, 2015; Laura Kahn, Ph.D. candidate, 2015; Beth Kosiak *1993; Dawn LaValle Ph.D. candidate, 2014; Bill Lehrman *1989; Ricardo Reyes Heroles Ph.D. candidate, 2015, and Francesca Arienzo; Dan Zeltzer, Ph.D. candidate, 2015, and Elsat Kadem; Daniel Sanchez *2013; and Michael Zdilla *2005 and Gail Zdilla.

Arrangement: The transcripts are arranged alphabetically.


Description: Subseries 3B consists of transcripts of interviews with 30 individuals who lived at the Butler Apartments between 1951 and 2014. Topics discussed include living conditions, expenses, commuting, childcare arrangements, the international community, and the relationship with the surrounding Princeton neighborhood.

Arrangement: The transcripts are arranged alphabetically.

Title: Michael Axelrod *66 and Joyce Axelrod, 2014
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Title: David Baldwin *65, 2014
Box: 5
Biography/History: David Baldwin is a political scientist at the Woodrow Wilson School and is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations.

Description: The Baldwin interview includes an anecdote about former university president, William G. Bowen.

Adam J. Berger *95, 2014

Description: Topics addressed in the Berger interview include housing in the Graduate College and the international community at Butler.

Christine Blumauer, 2014

Biography/History: Christine Blumauer is the spouse of Sebastian Blumauer, Ph.D. candidate, 2017.

W. Michael Blumenthal *54 *56, 2014

Biography/History: W. Michael Blumenthal served as the United States Secretary of Treasury under the Carter Administration. He is also the founding Director of the Jewish Museum Berlin.

Christine Chalifoux, 2014

Biography/History: Christine Chalifoux is the spouse of Quincy Amoah, Ph.D candidate, 2018.

Sam Clark *14, 2014

Ronald Davidson *66 and Jean Davidson, 2014

Biography/History: Ronald Davidson is a former director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory and is a professor emeritus in the Astrophysical Sciences department.

Paul Firbas *01 and Carolina Firbas, 2014

John H. Fleming *87, 2014

Edward J. Groth III *71, 2014

Biography/History: Edward J. Groth III has conducted extensive research on the Hubble Space Telescope while serving on the faculty of the Physics department.

Curtis Hillegas *02, 2014

Biography/History: Curt Hillegas has served as Director of Research Computing and managed TIGRESS, the university’s Terascale Infrastructure for engineering research.

David N. Hingston *74, 2014

Edith Jeffrey, 2014

Biography/History: Edith Jeffrey is the spouse of Richard Jeffrey *57, who taught in the Philosophy department from 1974-1999.
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<td>Ulrich C. Knoepflmacher *61, 2014</td>
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<td>Biography/History: Ulrich C. Knoepflmacher is a professor emeritus in the English Department.</td>
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<td>Xiuyuan (Suzanne) Lu *97, 2014</td>
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<td>Robert H. Lupton *85, 2014</td>
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<td>Marina Mitchell *98, 2015</td>
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<td>Biography/History: Marina Mitchell has served as the chair of Graduate Alumni Annual Giving and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Princeton Association of New York City</td>
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<td>Michelle Nielsen, 2014</td>
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<td>Armond T. Perretta *74, 2014</td>
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<td>Tobias D. Robison *65 and Elaine Golden Robison *72, 2015</td>
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<td>Description: The Robison interview includes details of Elaine Golden Robison's collaboration with Associate Dean Paul Benacerraf in changing aspects of Butler's housing policy.</td>
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<td>Joseph V. Sullivan *82, 2014</td>
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<td>Description: Whitman discussed her experiences living at the Butler Apartments in the mid-1950s, including the austere living conditions, anecdotes about having former University President Bill Bowen and his wife as neighbors, as well as the impact of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 on her family.</td>
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