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Biography/History

John Lewis Gaddis (1941- ) is a diplomatic historian noted for his analysis of the Cold War. He has spent his career at Ohio University and Yale University, and is the authorized biographer of noted diplomat and historian George F. Kennan.

Gaddis was educated at the University of Texas, earning his B.A. in 1963, M.A. in 1965, and Ph.D. in 1968. He taught briefly as an assistant professor at Indiana University Southeast before obtaining a position at Ohio University, Athens. At Ohio University, Gaddis was assistant professor of history (1969-1971), associate professor (1971-1976), professor (1976-1983), and distinguished professor of history (1983-1997). He also served as the director of their Contemporary History Institute from 1987 to 1993. Since 1997, Gaddis has been the Robert A. Lovett Professor of History at Yale University where he teaches courses in Cold War history, international studies, and biography. He has also taught as a visiting professor at the Naval War College, University Helsinki, Princeton University, and Oxford University.


Description

The John Lewis Gaddis Papers on George F. Kennan contain interviews conducted by Gaddis for his authorized biography of noted diplomat and historian George F. Kennan and include transcripts and recordings of the interviews. Gaddis interviewed Kennan, his family, and his colleagues in the United States government and in academia about the entire span of Kennan's life and career.

Access and Use

Access

Access to interviews for living individuals requires the permission of the interviewee. All other interviews are open for research use. Restricted interviews are noted in the contents listing below.

Restrictions on Use and Copyright Information

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Series 2: Interview Recordings (Box 2) contains 40 audio cassette tapes and 65 CDs. Access to this material follows the Mudd Manuscript Library policy for preservation and access to audiovisual materials.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

On deposit by John Lewis Gaddis. Materials were received periodically from 1982-2012. A large cache of interview transcripts and recordings were deposited at the Mudd Library in January 2012 [ML.2012.002].

Appraisal

No materials were separated from this collection during processing in 2009 or 2012.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

A collection at the Mudd Manuscript Library of particular relevance to the John Gaddis Papers on George Kennan is the George F. Kennan Papers. The Mudd Manuscript Library also has numerous other collections related to the Cold War and to United States diplomacy which can be located by selecting the subject "Cold War" or "Diplomacy" on the Princeton University Finding Aids Website.

Processing and Other Information

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); John Lewis Gaddis Papers on George F. Kennan, Box and Folder Number; Public Policy Papers, Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

Works Cited


Processing Information

This collection was first processed by Adriane Hanson in March 2009. Finding aid written by Adriane Hanson in March 2009 and updated by Maureen Callahan on April 16, 2013 to incorporate a January
2012 accession. Interview transcripts were interfiled alphabetically with Series 1, mp3 recordings were incorporated alphabetically in Series 2, and CDs were copied to web-based storage at this time.

Encoding
Machine-readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002 by Adriane Hanson on April 1, 2009.

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

Subject Headings

- Gaddis, John Lewis.
- Kennan, George F. (George Frost), 1904-2005.
- Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, N.J.)
- United States. Foreign Service.
- Communism -- Soviet Union.
- Cold War.
- Diplomatic and consular service, American -- Soviet Union.
- International relations.
- Soviet Union -- Politics and government.
- United States -- Foreign relations.
- United States -- Politics and government -- 20th century.
- Interviews.
- Cold War
- Diplomacy
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Series 1: Interview Transcripts, 1982 August 24-1995 December 13

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Black, Cyril E, 1987 November 24
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Bundy, McGeorge, 1986 December 17
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Series 2: Interview Recordings, 1982 August 24-1999 August 18

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