

Smith Ely Jelliffe Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Smith Ely Jelliffe Papers

Span Dates: 1882-1977

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1885-1944)

ID No.: MSS57018

Creator: Jelliffe, Smith Ely, 1866-1945

Extent: 10,200 items ; 44 containers plus 1 oversize ; 18.0 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and German

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Neurologist, psychoanalyst, and educator. Correspondence, letterbooks, notebooks, genealogical material, biographical material, scrapbooks, photographs, articles, sketches, studies, newspaper clippings, memorabilia, and a diary relating primarily to Jelliffe's career and to his family.

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.

People

Bleuler, Eugen, 1857-1939--Correspondence.
Brill, A. A. (Abraham Arden), 1874-1948--Correspondence.
Eitingon, M. (Max), 1880-1943--Correspondence.
Ellis, Havelock, 1859-1939--Correspondence.
Emerson, Winifred Jelliffe--Correspondence.
Federn, Paul--Correspondence.
Fenichel, Otto--Correspondence.
Ferenczi, Sándor, 1873-1933--Correspondence.
Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939--Correspondence.
Goldschmidt, Helena Woodruff Jelliffe--Correspondence.
Hall, G. Stanley (Granville Stanley), 1844-1924--Correspondence.
Jelliffe family.
Jelliffe, Belinda, 1890-1979--Correspondence.
Jelliffe, Helena Dewey Leeming, -1916. Correspondence and diary.
Jelliffe, Smith Ely, 1866-1945.
Jones, Ernest, 1879-1958--Correspondence.
Jung, C. G. (Carl Gustav), 1875-1961--Correspondence.
Kraepelin, Emil, 1856-1926--Correspondence.
Laforge, René--Correspondence.
Leeming, Joseph--Correspondence.
Leeming, Thomas Lonsdale--Correspondence.
Lewis, Nolan D. C. (Nolan Don Carpentier), 1889-1979--Correspondence.
Long, Louise Jelliffe--Correspondence.
Menninger, Karl A. (Karl Augustus), 1893-1990--Correspondence.
Meyer, Adolf, 1866-1950--Correspondence.
Rado, Sandor, 1890-1972--Correspondence.
Rank, Otto, 1884-1939--Correspondence.
Reich, Wilhelm, 1897-1957--Correspondence.
Reik, Theodor, 1888-1969--Correspondence.
Schilder, Paul, 1886-1940--Correspondence.
Stekel, Wilhelm, 1868-1940--Correspondence.
Stragnell, Sylvia Canfield Jelliffe--Correspondence.
White, William A. (William Alanson), 1870-1937--Correspondence.

Subjects

Huntington's disease.
Medicine, Psychosomatic.
Mental illness.
Neurology.
Psychiatry.
Psychoanalysis.
Psychology, Pathological.
Psychotherapy.
Schizophrenia.

Places

Alaska--Description and travel.
Europe--Description and travel.

Titles

Journal of nervous and mental disease.
Nervous and mental disease monograph series.
Psychoanalytic review.

Occupations

Educators.
Neurologists.
Psychoanalysts.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Smith Ely Jelliffe, neurologist, psychoanalyst, and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by Arcangelo D'Amore and Nolan D. C. Lewis in 1976. Mr. and Mrs. Carel Goldschmidt deposited items in 1978, and Mrs. Goldschmidt gave additional material in 1981. The deposit was converted to a gift in 1979. Additional material was given by Robert Stragnell in 2001.

Processing History

The papers of Smith Ely Jelliffe were housed and listed circa 1981. The collection was expanded and partially reprocessed in 2010. The collection and finding aid were revised in 2011

Additional Guides

Part of the Jelliffe Papers are described in *The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress* 34, no. 4 (Oct. 1977): 360-363, 374.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Smith Ely Jelliffe in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Smith Ely Jelliffe are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|----------------|--|
| 1866, Oct. 27 | Born, Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| 1888 | Graduated, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| 1889 | Ph.D., College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1894 | Married Helena ("Lelie") Dewey Leeming (died 1916) |
| 1896 | Met William A. White |
| 1899 | Associate editor, <i>Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases</i> ; managing editor and owner, 1902-1945 |
| 1907-1912 | Clinical professor of Mental Diseases, Fordham University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1913 | Published with William A. White, <i>The Modern Treatment of Nervous and Mental Diseases</i> . Philadelphia, Pa.: Lea & Febiger Founded with William A. White, <i>Psychoanalytic Review</i> , the first English-language publication dedicated to psychoanalysis |
| 1915 | Published with William A. White, <i>Diseases of the Nervous System: A Text-Book of Neurology and Psychiatry</i> . Philadelphia, Pa.: Lea & Febiger |
| 1918 | Published <i>The Technique of Psychoanalysis</i> . New York: Nervous and Mental Disease Publication Co., the first book devoted to analytical technique |
| 1920 | Married Belinda ("Bee") Dobson |
| 1928 | Presided over session of July 21, third Conférence des Psychanalystes de Langue Française, Paris, France |
| 1939 | Published <i>Sketches in Psychosomatic Medicine</i> . New York: Nervous and Mental Disease Monographs |
| 1945, Sept. 25 | Died, Lake George, N.Y. |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Smith Ely Jelliffe (1866-1945) span the years 1882-1977, with the bulk dating from 1885 to 1944. The papers are organized into the following series: [Correspondence](#), [Notes](#), [Genealogical Material](#), [Biographical Material](#), [Scrapbooks](#), [Miscellany](#), [Memorabilia](#), [Addition](#), and [Oversize](#).

Jelliffe is often credited as one of the founders of American psychosomatic medicine. He was, however, more widely known for his translations of numerous European works in neurology, psychiatry, psychopathology, and psychotherapy, and the serials he owned and edited, *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, *Psychoanalytic Review*, and *Nervous and Mental Disease Monograph*.

The [Correspondence](#) series relates primarily to Jelliffe's career and includes correspondents such as Eugen Bleuler, A. A. Brill, M. Eitingon, Havelock Ellis, Paul Federn, Otto Fenichel, Sándor Ferenczi, Sigmund Freud, G. Stanley Hall, Ernest

Jones, C. G. Jung, Emil Kraepelin, René Laforgue, Nolan D. C. Lewis, Karl A. Menninger, Adolf Meyer, Sandor Rado, Otto Rank, Wilhelm Reich, Theodor Reik, Paul Schilder, Wilhelm Stekel, and William A. White. Also of interest is correspondence with botanists and letters received while in Germany in 1891. The letters and letterbooks are largely Jelliffe's correspondence to and from his wife, Helena ("Lelie") Dewey Leeming Jelliffe, daughter Helena Woodruff Jelliffe Goldschmidt, and sister Louise ("Lulu") Jelliffe Long.

The [Notes](#) contain journals, notebooks, a study of Huntington's chorea, lecture notes, and notes on articles concerning dementia praecox and other mental illnesses, all including many hand-drawn illustrations. Additional material related to the articles is found in the [Miscellany](#) series along with photographs, sketches by Jelliffe, and newspaper clippings.

The [Genealogical Material](#) and [Biographical Material](#) series contain notebooks of background information collected on various Jelliffe ancestors as well as autobiographical material on Jelliffe and correspondence from later years concerning genealogy. Photographs are also included in the [Biographical Material](#).

The [Scrapbooks](#) and [Memorabilia](#) series consist of bound volumes containing correspondence, photographs, printed ephemera, newspaper clippings, and plant material. The scrapbooks relate to European trips. Also in [Memorabilia](#) are printed matter and diplomas.

The [Addition](#) contains a diary of Helena Dewey Leeming Jelliffe and a notebook of Jelliffe's general observations. The general correspondence in the Addition was written mostly to and from family members including Jelliffe's first wife, Helena Dewey Leeming Jelliffe; their daughters, Winifred Jelliffe Emerson, Helena Woodruff Jelliffe Goldschmidt, and Sylvia Canfield Jelliffe Stragnell; his sister Louise ("Lulu") Jelliffe Long; brothers-in-law Thomas Lonsdale Leeming and Joseph Leeming; and second wife, Belinda ("Bee") Jelliffe; as well as family friends. Included also is a scrapbook from a trip to Alaska in 1905 containing printed ephemera and plant material.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in nine series:

- [Correspondence, 1889-1944](#)
- [Notes, 1886-1936](#)
- [Genealogical Material, undated](#)
- [Biographical Material, 1969-1977](#)
- [Scrapbooks, 1890-1929](#)
- [Miscellany, 1885-1937](#)
- [Memorabilia, 1882-1909](#)
- [Addition, 1885-1944](#)
- [Oversize, 1882-1896](#)

Description of Series

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Series</i> |
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| BOX 1-25 | <u>Correspondence, 1889-1944</u> Letters, letterbooks, a notebook, and miscellaneous correspondence interspersed with photographs and illustrations. Arranged by type of material with the miscellaneous correspondence arranged alphabetically. |
| BOX 26-29 | <u>Notes, 1886-1936</u> Notebooks, journals, articles, and a lecture. Arranged by type of material or title of article. |
| BOX 30 | <u>Genealogical Material, undated</u> Notebooks on Jelliffe family interspersed with photographs and correspondence. Arranged by volume number. |
| BOX 31 | <u>Biographical Material, 1969-1977</u> Autobiographical notes and typescript, photographs, and correspondence. Unarranged. |
| BOX 31-36 | <u>Scrapbooks, 1890-1929</u> Bound volumes containing correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and printed ephemera kept by the Jelliffe family relating to European trips. |
| BOX 37 | <u>Miscellany, 1885-1937</u> Family photographs, sketches by Jelliffe, articles, and newspaper clippings. Unarranged. |
| BOX 38-42 | <u>Memorabilia, 1882-1909</u> Bound volumes containing newspaper clippings, photographs, plant material, printed ephemera, and correspondence. Arranged chronologically as received with miscellaneous items at the end. |
| BOX 43-44 | <u>Addition, 1885-1944</u> Correspondence, diary, notebook, and scrapbook. Arranged alphabetically by type of material. |
| BOX OV 1 | <u>Oversize, 1882-1896</u> Diplomas. Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed. |

Container List

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| BOX 1-25 | Correspondence, 1889-1944 Letters, letterbooks, a notebook, and miscellaneous correspondence interspersed with photographs and illustrations. Arranged by type of material with the miscellaneous correspondence arranged alphabetically. |
| BOX 1 | Miscellaneous |
| BOX 1 | A-Bay |
| BOX 2 | Bea-Bow |
| BOX 3 | Bra-Ch |
| BOX 4 | Cl-Cz |
| BOX 5 | Da-Du |
| BOX 6 | Ea-Fi |
| BOX 7 | Fo-Gl |
| BOX 8 | Go-Hay |
| BOX 9 | He-I |
| BOX 10 | Ja-Ka |
| BOX 11 | Ke-Ku |
| BOX 12 | La-Ly |
| BOX 13 | Ma-Men |
| BOX 14 | Mer-My |
| BOX 15 | Na-Paz |
| BOX 16 | Pe-Ri |
| BOX 17 | Rob-Sch |
| BOX 18 | Se-Str |
| BOX 19 | Su-Vo |
| BOX 20 | Wa-White, William A. |
| BOX 21 | White, William A. |
| BOX 22 | White, William A.-Z |
| BOX 23 | Botanist letters, 1889-1892 (3 folders) |
| BOX 23 | Letterbooks |
| BOX 23 | Jelliffe, Smith Ely |
| BOX 23 | To Helena ("Lelie") Dewey Leeming Jelliffe (wife), pages 1-298, 1890-1891 |
| BOX 24 | To Helena Dewey Leeming Jelliffe, pages 299-548, 1891-1893 |
| BOX 24 | Schuendener's Laboratory, Berlin, Germany, notebook and letters, 1891; and letters from Helena Dewey Leeming Jelliffe and Helena Woodruff Jelliffe Goldschmidt (daughter), 1908-1910 |
| BOX 24 | Jelliffe, Helena Dewey Leeming ,to Jelliffe, 1890-1892 (2 folders) |
| BOX 24 | Letters |
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Correspondence, 1889-1944

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Contents</i> |
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| BOX 25 | To Helena Woodruff Jelliffe Goldschmidt and Louise ("Lulu") Jelliffe Long (sister), 1925-1944 |
| BOX 25 | With J. B. Lippincott Co. and Lea Brothers & Co., 1900-1903 |
| BOX 25 | Scrapbook of letters with photographs and clippings, 1935-1943 |
| BOX 26-29 | Notes, 1886-1936 Notebooks, journals, articles, and a lecture. Arranged by type of material or title of article. |
| BOX 26 | "Physical Signs of Dementia Praecox," undated |
| BOX 26 | Notebook |
| BOX 27 | Study of Huntington's chorea in families, undated (2 vols.) |
| BOX 28 | Journals (notes), 1901 |
| BOX 28 | Botany notes, vols. I-V and IX, 1886 |
| BOX 28 | "Plants of Prospect Park," 1889 |
| BOX 28 | "The Flora of Long Island," 1890 |
| BOX 28 | General, 1908 |
| BOX 29 | "Priority and Progress," vol. XLV, July 1917 |
| BOX 29 | European notes, vols. I-IX, 1891 |
| BOX 29 | "The Publication Way," 1932 |
| BOX 29 | "Mushroom Poisoning," 1936 Lecture, |
| BOX 29 | 1906-1909 (3 vols.) |
| BOX 30 | Genealogical Material, undated Notebooks on Jelliffe family interspersed with photographs and correspondence. Arranged by volume number. |
| BOX 30 | Jelliffe family notebook, vol. I |
| BOX 30 | Jelliffe, Thomas, land transfers made by, vol. II |
| BOX 30 | Taylor, Rachel Jelliffe, vol. III |
| BOX 30 | Jelliffe, James, notebooks, vol. IV |
| BOX 30 | Jelliffe, William, notebooks, vol. V |
| BOX 31 | Biographical Material, 1969-1977 Autobiographical notes and typescript, photographs, and correspondence. Unarranged. |
| BOX 31 | Autobiographical notes and typescript, and photographs, undated (2 folders) |
| BOX 31 | Correspondence, 1969-1977 (2 folders) |
| BOX 31-36 | Scrapbooks, 1890-1929 Bound volumes containing correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and printed ephemera kept by the Jelliffe family relating to European trips. |
| BOX 31 | European trips |

Scrapbooks, 1890-1929

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Contents</i> |
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| BOX 31 | 1890 |
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| BOX 37 | Miscellany, 1885-1937 Family photographs, sketches by Jelliffe, articles, and newspaper clippings. Unarranged. |
| BOX 37 | Photographs |
| BOX 37 | Class picture, other photographs, and negatives of Jelliffe |
| BOX 37 | Lake George, N.Y., vol. II, 1932-1937 |
| BOX 37 | "Arcady" estate |
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| BOX 37 | Articles |
| BOX 37 | "The Flora of Long Island," 1899 |
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| BOX 37 | Newspaper clippings and photographs |
| BOX 38-42 | Memorabilia, 1882-1909 Bound volumes containing newspaper clippings, photographs, plant material, printed ephemera, and correspondence. Arranged chronologically as received with miscellaneous items at the end. |
| BOX 38 | Bound volumes |
| BOX 38 | Vol. I, 1894-1898 |
| BOX 39 | Vol. II, 1898-1906 |
| BOX 40 | Vol. III, 1906-1907 |
| BOX 41 | Vol. IV, 1908-1909 |
| BOX 42 | Miscellaneous |
| BOX 42 | Printed matter |
| BOX 42 | Diplomas, 1882-1889, 1895-1896 <i>See also Oversize</i> |
| BOX 43-44 | Addition, 1885-1944 Correspondence, diary, notebook, and scrapbook. Arranged alphabetically by type of material. |
| BOX 43 | Diary, Helena Dewey Leeming Jelliffe, 1885 |
| BOX 43 | General correspondence, 1889-1894, 1920-1944, undated (6 folders) |
| BOX 43 | Miscellany, 1916-1920, undated |
| BOX 43 | Notebook of general observations, 1905-1944 |
| BOX 44 | Scrapbook of Alaska trip, 1905 |

Addition, 1885-1944

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Contents</i> |
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| BOX 44 | Bound volume |
| BOX 44 | Loose items |
| BOX OV 1 | Oversize, 1882-1896 Diplomas. Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed. |
| BOX OV 1 | Memorabilia |
| BOX OV 1 | Diplomas, 1882-1889, 1895-1896 (Container 42) |