Collection Summary

Title: Lydia Nadejena Papers

Span Dates: 1907-1974
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1920-1960)

ID No.: MSS83878

Creator: Nadejena, Lydia, 1892?-1977

Extent: 2450 items
Extent: 7 containers
Extent: 2.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and Russian

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

LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm96083878

Summary: Russian émigré, historian of Russian medieval art, writer, and educator. Correspondence, journals, writings, research notes, photographs, and news clippings relating to her personal life and professional activities.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Barr, Alfred H., Jr., 1902-1981--Correspondence.
Bogoras, Waldemar, 1865-1936--Correspondence.
Bogoras, Waldemar, 1865-1936.
Kirchwey, Freda--Correspondence.
Krinkin, David Z., -1959--Correspondence.
Nadejena, Lydia, 1892?-1977.
Veniamin, Metropolitan, 1880-1961--Correspondence.

Organizations
Finch College.

Subjects
Art, Russian.
Russian language--Study and teaching.
Russians--United States--Newspapers.
Russians--United States.
Universities and colleges--New York (State)--New York.

Places
New York (N.Y.)--Newspapers.
Russia--Study and teaching.

Titles
Russkiĭ golos (New York, N.Y. : 1917)

Occupations
Authors.
Educators.
Historians.

Provenance

The papers of Lydia Nadejena, Russian émigré, historian of Russian art, and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1996 and 2000.
Processing History
The collection received preliminary processing at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The collection was fully processed at the Library of Congress in 2000.

Transfers
Russian books and periodicals concerning Russian art, icon painting, and theater have been transferred to the Library's Rare Book and Special Collections Division where they are identified as a part of these papers.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Lydia Nadejena is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Lydia Nadejena 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
Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: container number, Lydia Nadejena Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<tr>
<td>1892[?], Mar. 3</td>
<td>Born, Moscow, Russia</td>
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<tr>
<td>1909</td>
<td>Graduated, Classical Gymnasium, Tsaritsyn on the Volga, Russia</td>
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<td>1913</td>
<td>Graduated, Kiev Women's University, Kiev, Russia</td>
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<tr>
<td>1914</td>
<td>Ph.D. equivalent, Kiev Women's University, Kiev, Russia</td>
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<tr>
<td>1915-1916</td>
<td>Postgraduate student, University of Rome, Italy</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>Married David Z. Krinkin (died 1959)</td>
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<td>circa 1923-circa 1931</td>
<td>Art and theater critic and editor of the women's page, Russky Golos, Russian daily newspaper, New York, N. Y.</td>
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<td>1929</td>
<td>Assistant to Waldemar Bogoras, “Special Research Commission of Old and New Customs and Beliefs,” Leningrad University, Institute of Anthropology, Leningrad, Russia</td>
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<tr>
<td>1931-1934</td>
<td>Reader, translator, and consultant on foreign language publications</td>
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<td>1935-1937</td>
<td>Worked on various Work Projects Administration art projects</td>
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<td>1937-1938</td>
<td>Lecturer, New School for Social Research, New York, N. Y.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1939-1955</td>
<td>Head, History of Art Department, and director of Russian Studies, Finch College, New York, N. Y.</td>
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<td>1957</td>
<td>Grant recipient, Bollingen Foundation, research on history of Russian art</td>
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<tr>
<td>1958-1960</td>
<td>Russian language lecturer, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, N. J.</td>
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<td>1960</td>
<td>Russian language lecturer, Bennington College, Bennington, Vt.</td>
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<td>1962-1963</td>
<td>Russian language lecturer, Queens College, Flushing, N. Y.</td>
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<td>Died</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Lydia Nadejena (1892[?]-1977) span the years 1907-1974, with the bulk of the material dating from 1920 to 1960. The papers are in English and Russian and include correspondence, journals, writings, research notes, photographs, and news clippings organized alphabetically by type of material or by name of person or topic. The collection received preliminary processing at Fairleigh Dickinson University where notes were attached to Russian-language items describing or translating the contents. These notes have been retained.

Nadejena was born and educated in Russia. Two journals, photographs, and a few items of school ephemera date from her student days before the Russian Revolution. After the Revolution, she made the United States her home, becoming a naturalized citizen. Nadejena married David Krinkin, also a Russian émigré and a cofounder and long-time editor of *Russky Golos*, a Russian language daily newspaper published in New York City. Nadejena also worked at *Russky Golos* during the 1920s and early 1930s as an arts writer and editor of the women's page. Her marriage to Krinkin, however, was deeply troubled, as shown in their correspondence in the papers. After leaving the newspaper, Nadejena became increasingly involved in the field of art history, her specialty being medieval Russian art.

In 1929 Nadejena traveled to the Soviet Union to work with Waldemar Bogoras of the Institute of Anthropology at Leningrad University. His “Special Research Commission of Old and New Customs and Beliefs” combined the disciplines of art history, anthropology, and archeology. Nadejena's association with Bogoras defined her own approach to the study of Russian art and cultivated admiration for the Soviet Union. She also worked with Aleksandr Ivanovich Anisimov for whom she had great respect. Her papers contain correspondence with Bogoras, field notes, correspondence to her husband from the USSR, and miscellaneous items relating to her trip. Nadejena also worked for many years at Finch College, and a file in the collection concerns her employment there and disagreements with the college administration.

Nadejena's correspondence with other Russian émigrés illuminates some of the difficulties they encountered in their new lives in the West. Prominent correspondents represented in the papers include Alfred Hamilton Barr, director of the Museum of Modern Art, Freda Kirchwey, editor and publisher of *The Nation*, and Metropolitan Veniamin, Exarch of the Americas, the Russian Orthodox cleric sent to the United States by the Soviet controlled Orthodox church in Moscow.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of individual, organization, or topic.
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Bibliography on painting technique, research file, 1937-1939, 1945, undated  
Biographical material, 1939-1962, undated  
(2 folders)  
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(3 folders)  
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