

Paula Elkisch Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Paula Elkisch Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1924-1978

Bulk Dates: 1947-1978

ID No.: MSS59352

Creator: Elkisch, Paula

Extent: 725 items

Extent: 3 containers

Extent: 1.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and German

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81059352>

Summary: Psychoanalyst. Correspondence, notes, writings, and printed matter documenting Elkisch's work as a psychoanalyst and her study of German poet Rainer Maria Rilke.

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

Bardin, Shlomo, 1898-1976--Correspondence.

Elkisch family.

Elkisch, Paula.

Rilke, Rainer Maria, 1875-1926.

Subjects

Child psychiatry.

Psychoanalysis.

Places

United States--Emigration and immigration.

Occupations

Psychoanalysts.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Paula Elkisch, psychoanalyst, were donated to the Library of Congress by the Sigmund Freud Archives in 1980. Small additions were made in 1984 and 1985. Additional items were given by David J. Bardin in 2013.

Processing History

The papers of Paula Elkisch were arranged and described in 1999 by Laura J. Kells with the assistance of Brian McGuire. The finding aid was revised in 2009. An addition was processed and the finding aid revised in 2022 by Pang H. Xiong.

Other Repositories

Other papers of Paula Elkisch can be found in the Center for Jewish History, New York, N.Y.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Paula Elkisch is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

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

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Paula Elkisch Papers, Sigmund Freud Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Paula Elkisch was born in Berlin, Germany, on April 9, 1893. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1944. She was a psychoanalyst specializing in child psychiatry. She was married to Franz Elkisch, and they later divorced. Elkisch died December 13, 1978, in New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Paula Elkisch (1893-1978) span the years 1924-1978, with the bulk of the material dating from 1947 to 1978. They consist primarily of correspondence, notes, writings, and printed matter relating to Elkisch's work as a psychoanalyst. Included are several patient case files that Elkisch used as sources for published and unpublished writings. The writings include reprints of Elkisch's published articles on topics relating to child psychiatry, handwritten drafts of papers describing a few of her patient cases, and files relating to her apparently unfinished study of the German poet, Rainer Maria Rilke. A large portion of the collection is in English, but some material is in German.

The 2022 Addition includes two letters in German written by Elkisch and her husband, Franz Elkisch, to Shlomo Bardin on the topic of the Elkisch family's emigration to the United States.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material with the addition listed last.

Container List

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BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Cohn, Hilde, 1959, 1966, undated
BOX 1	Eissler, Kurt R., 1973-1976
BOX 1	Federn, Ernst, 1949
BOX 1	Federn, Paul, 1948-1949, undated
BOX 1	Holt, Lee E., 1978
BOX 1	Jones, Ernest, 1957
BOX 1	Miscellaneous, 1924-1929, 1978
BOX 1	Pfister, Oskar and M., 1954-1955
BOX 1	Simenauer, Erich, 1973, undated
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1933-1938, 1947, 1965-1978, undated
BOX 1	Patient case files
BOX 1	Ceruti, Theresa ("Mrs. D."), 1968-1978, undated (3 folders)
BOX 1	Michener, Jeannette ("Mrs. L."), 1967-1970, 1976-1978, undated (4 folders)
BOX 2	Michener, Jeannette ("Mrs. L."), 1967-1970, 1976-1978, undated (6 folders)
BOX 2	Michener, Jimmie ("George"), 1949, undated
BOX 2	Writings
BOX 2	Concerning
BOX 2	Becker-Modersohn, Paula, undated
BOX 2	"Mrs. D.," 1974-1978, undated (2 folders)
BOX 3	"Mrs. D.," 1974-1978, undated (2 folders)
BOX 3	"Mrs. L." and "George," 1976
BOX 3	Rilke, Ranier Maria, 1926-1927, 1934, 1949-1966, 1973-1978, undated (6 folders)
BOX 3	Miscellaneous, 1947-1949, 1956-1960, 1976-1979, undated (2 folders)
BOX 3	2020 Addition, correspondence to Shlomo Bardin, 1939