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Collection Summary

Title: E. A. Goldenweiser Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1911-1952

Bulk Dates: 1930-1945

ID No.: MSS23010

Creator: Goldenweiser, E. A. (Emanuel Alexandrovich), 1883-1953

Extent: 1,500 items

Extent: 9 containers

Extent: 3.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Economist. Correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, writings, speeches, and other papers relating chiefly to Goldenweiser's service as director of the Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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

Acheson, Dean, 1893-1971--Correspondence.

Brandeis, Louis Dembitz, 1856-1941--Correspondence.

Douglas, Paul H. (Paul Howard), 1892-1976--Correspondence.

Eccles, Marriner S. (Marriner Stoddard), 1890-1977--Correspondence.

Glass, Carter, 1858-1946--Correspondence.

Goldenweiser, E. A. (Emanuel Alexandrovich), 1883-1953.

Keynes, John Maynard, 1883-1946--Correspondence.

Rist, Charles, 1874-1955--Correspondence.

Vinson, Fred M., 1890-1953--Correspondence.

Young, Ralph A. (Ralph Aubrey), 1901- --Correspondence.

Organizations

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (U.S.)

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (U.S.). Division of Research and Statistics.

Subjects

Economics.

Finance, Public--United States.

Places

United States--Economic policy--20th century.

Occupations

Economists.

Acquisition Information

The papers of E. A. Goldenweiser, economist, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Pearl (Ann) Allen Goldenweiser, in 1955. An addition was given by Margaret Kamarck, in 1977.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1955 and expanded after the gift of an addition in 1977. The finding aid was revised in 2013. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of E. A. Goldenweiser is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of E. A. Goldenweiser 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, E. A. Goldenweiser Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

| Date | Event |
|---------------|--|
| 1883, July 31 | Born, Kiev, Russia |
| 1902 | Graduated, First Kiev Gymnasium, Kiev, Russia Immigrated to the United States |
| 1903 | A.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y. |
| 1905 | M.A., Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. |
| 1907 | Ph.D., Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Naturalized as American citizen |
| 1907-1910 | Special investigator, United States Immigration Commission |
| 1910-1914 | Special agent, United States Census |
| 1914-1919 | Statistician, United States Department of Agriculture |
| 1919-1924 | Assistant statistician, Federal Reserve Board |
| 1925 | Assistant director, Division of Research and Statistics, Federal Reserve Board |
| 1926-1945 | Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Federal Reserve Board |
| 1946 | Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J. |
| 1949 | Published <i>Monetary Management</i> . New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co. |
| 1951 | Published <i>American Monetary Policy</i> . New York: McGraw Hill |
| 1953, Apr. 21 | Died, Princeton, N.J. |

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Emanuel Alexander Goldenweiser (1883-1953) span the years 1911-1952, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period from 1930 to 1945. The collection relates almost wholly to financial and economic affairs with major emphasis on Federal Reserve Board matters. Correspondents include Dean Acheson, Louis D. Brandeis, Paul H. Douglas, Marriner Eccles, Ralph A. Young, Carter Glass, John Maynard Keynes, Charles Rist, and Fred M. Vinson.

The papers are organized into [General Correspondence](#) and [Subject File](#) series.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in two series:

- [General Correspondence, 1919-1952](#)
- [Subject File, 1911-1952](#)

Description of Series

Container

Series

BOX 1

General Correspondence, 1919-1952

Letters sent and received.
Arranged chronologically.

BOX 1-9

Subject File, 1911-1952

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, speeches, congressional testimony, writings, and miscellaneous material.
Organized largely as received.

Container List

| Container | Contents |
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| BOX 1 | General Correspondence, 1919-1952 Letters sent and received. Arranged chronologically. |
| BOX 1 | 1919-1951 |
| BOX 1-9 | Subject File, 1911-1952 Correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, speeches, congressional testimony, writings, and miscellaneous material. Organized largely as received. |
| BOX 1 | <i>American Monetary Policy</i> (1951) |
| BOX 1 | Working papers, reviews, and correspondence, 1950-1952 |
| BOX 1 | Research material and notes |
| BOX 1 | “Comments on Research and Policy Speech,” letters mainly relating to Goldenweiser’s speech before the American Statistical Association (Dec. 9, 1943), 1943-1944 |
| BOX 1 | “Confidential Memoranda,” 1922-1933, and one 1946 paper; Governor’s Conference, 1924; Federal Reserve Board meetings; Open Market Committee reports, credit policy discussions, etc. |
| BOX 2 | Federal Reserve Board |
| BOX 2 | Banking and currency plans, letters and memoranda, 1932-1947 |
| BOX 2 | Glass, Carter, unpublished paper by Glass defending his <i>Adventure in Constructive Finance</i> against Samuel Untermyer, 1938 |
| BOX 2 | Glass Committee hearings, preparation for testimony and summary of hearings, 1931 |
| BOX 2 | Government Securities, memoranda by Goldenweiser and others, 1934-1937 |
| BOX 2 | Margin Regulations T and U bound volume, short history by Parry, 1949 |
| BOX 2 | “Memoranda re Credit Situation,” 1925-1929 |
| BOX 2 | Memoranda, reports, statements, etc., 1924-1952 |
| BOX 2 | Monetary Policy and Currency Stabilization, correspondence and memoranda, 1925-1952 |
| BOX 3 | Open Market Committee, memoranda and reports, 1923-1952; and “Statements by Mr. Goldenweiser,” 1936-1945 |
| BOX 3 | “Summary Report on Branch, Group, and Chain Banking,” 1932 |
| BOX 3 | Treasury Department, letters and memoranda between Federal Reserve Board and Treasury Department, 1919-1948, and “Treasury Financing,” 1942-1945 <i>See also Container 6, Writings by Goldenweiser</i> |
| BOX 4 | International negotiations |
| BOX 4 | Correspondence, reports, etc., 1930-1946 |
| BOX 4 | “Bretton Woods,” reports and summaries of Bretton Woods Conference, 1944 |
| BOX 4 | “Currency Negotiations re Economic Conference, 1933,” correspondence and memoranda |
| BOX 4 | “Monetary Agreements,” 1944-1945; currency stabilization plans; British loan of 1945; Lord John Maynard Keynes’s speech to House of Lords, Dec. 1945 |
| BOX 4 | “Report on European Central Banks,” Goldenweiser’s report on a trip, summer 1945 |
| BOX 4 | Joint Committee on the Economic Report |

Subject File, 1911-1952

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| BOX 4 | Correspondence between Federal Reserve Board and Committee, transcript of Hearings, Dec. 10, 1949 and Mar. 26, 1952 |
| BOX 4 | Miscellany, including letters, printed material, notes, etc., 1926-1952, undated |
| BOX 5 | <i>Monetary Management</i> (1949) |
| BOX 5 | Pre-publication comments, letters, notes, etc., 1948-1949 |
| BOX 5 | Reviews, notes, and correspondence, 1949 |
| BOX 5 | “Palestine,” correspondence with directors of Anglo-Palestine Bank, 1947-1949 |
| BOX 5 | Reserves |
| BOX 5 | “Asset Reserves Article,” undated |
| BOX 5 | “Gold reserves,” correspondence and reports, 1925-1940 |
| BOX 5 | “Material on reserves,” covering letter, 1949 |
| BOX 5 | July 13 |
| BOX 5 | July 20 |
| BOX 5 | “Reserves Plans,” 1948 |
| BOX 5 | Transamerica Corp., correspondence and hearings, 1949 |
| BOX 5 | Viner proposal, material on article including correspondence, 1951 |
| BOX 6 | Writings by Goldenweiser, including articles, course and seminar notes, clippings, and sheets from the <i>Federal Reserve Bulletin</i> , 1936-1952 <u><i>See also Container 3, Treasury Department</i></u> |
| BOX 7 | Personal and confidential notes, 1936-1942 |
| BOX 7 | “Transamerica notes” |
| BOX 7 | “Bank holiday,” 1933 |
| BOX 7 | “La Politica Monetaria Deglie Stati Unita” |
| BOX 8 | Published statements and writings, 1911-1952 |
| BOX 9 | Miscellaneous statements and writings, 1914-1951 |