

**Robert C. Gallo Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Robert C. Gallo Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1959-2016

**Bulk Dates:** 2007-2015

**ID No.:** MSS85334

**Creator:** Gallo, Robert C., 1937-

**Extent:** 2,800 items

**Extent:** 8 containers

**Extent:** 3.2 linear feet

**Extent:** 90 digital files (17.54 GB)

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2006085334>

**Summary:** Virologist and co-discoverer of HIV. Correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, digital files, and writings relating to Gallo's research and career.

## 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

Gallo, Robert C.

### Organizations

Institute of Human Virology.

National Cancer Institute (U.S.)

National Cancer Institute (U.S.) AIDS Task Force Advisory Group.

University of Maryland at Baltimore.

### Subjects

AIDS (Disease)

AIDS (Disease)--Research.

Blood--Analysis.

Blood--Diseases--Research.

Blood--Diseases.

Cancer--Research.

Cancer.

HIV (Viruses)

HIV (Viruses)--Research.

Medical virology--Research.

Medical virology.

Nobel Prizes.

Retroviruses.

Virology--Research.

Virology.

### Occupations

Virologists.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Robert C. Gallo, virologist, were given to the Library of Congress by Gallo between 2006 and 2016, with an addition given by James B. Wyngaarden in 2009.

## Processing History

The papers of Robert C. Gallo were arranged and described by Colleen Benoit Kim in 2018.

Digital files were received as part of the Robert C. Gallo Papers on a variety of storage media, each of which was assigned a unique digital ID number. Use the digital ID number to request access copies of the files associated with each media. A description of the standard processes taken on all born digital records can be found in the Processing History Note: Born Digital Collection Material at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.digital>.

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Robert C. Gallo in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is reserved. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for further information.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Robert C. Gallo 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. Access to digital content is available onsite only in the Manuscript Reading Room and requires advanced notice. 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 or Digital ID number, Robert C. Gallo Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1937 Mar. 23	Born, Waterbury, Conn.
1959	B.A., Providence College, Providence, R.I.
1961	Married Mary Jane Hayes
1963	M.D., Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.
1963-1965	Intern and residence in medicine, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
1965-1968	Clinical associate, Medicine Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.
1968-1969	Senior investigator, Human Tumor Cell Biology Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.
1969-1972	Head, Section on Cellular Control Mechanisms, Human Tumor Cell Biology Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.
1972-1995	Chief, Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.
1982, 1986	Awarded Albert Lasker Award in Medicine
1984	Co-discovered the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
1988	Awarded Japan Prize
1991	Published <i>Virus Hunting: AIDS, Cancer, and the Human Retrovirus</i> . New York: BasicBooks

- 1995 Co-founder and director, Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland at Baltimore, Md.  
Professor of medicine and professor of microbiology and immunology, School of Medicine,  
University of Maryland at Baltimore, Md.  
Head, Tumor Biology Program, University of Maryland at the Baltimore Cancer Center,  
Baltimore, Md.
- 2011 Co-founded Global Virus Network

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Robert C. Gallo span the years 1959 to 2016, with the bulk of the material dating between 2007 and 2015. The collection is arranged into two groupings: Paper file and Digital file.

The collection documents Gallo's career as a virologist, especially his tenure as co-founder and director of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland at Baltimore during the late 1990s and early 2000s. The Paper file primarily reflects the later portion of Gallo's career, especially the years between 2007 and 2015, and comprises correspondence, newspaper clippings, and scripts and programs related to speeches and lectures Gallo gave at various events. Incoming and outgoing correspondence and newspaper clippings from 2008 and 2009 documents Gallo's response and the response of friends, colleagues, and the media to his exclusion from the 2008 Nobel Prize in Medicine awarded to discoverers of HIV and cancer viruses. To a lesser extent, the Paper file documents Gallo's early career at the National Cancer Institute and the research that led to his co-discovery of HIV, its connection to AIDS, and the development of the HIV blood test during the early 1980s. Records representing this time period include memoranda, correspondence, minutes of the AIDS Task Force Advisory Group, and to a small degree, writings by Gallo. In some cases, reagents and other research data is attached to the correspondence.

The Digital file is comprised primarily of video files featuring interviews with Gallo on a variety of television programs, PDF files containing proceedings from various conferences, and PowerPoint presentations. Dates range from 1984 to 2013, though like the Paper file, the vast majority of the files represent Gallo's career with the Institute of Human Virology. These files were removed from physical media associated with Gallo's papers and can be requested using the Digital ID.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged into two groupings: Paper file and Digital file and arranged chronologically therein.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1-8	Paper file
BOX 1	1959-1983 Oct. (10 folders)
BOX 2	1983 Nov.-1989 June (9 folders)
BOX 3	1989 July-1993 (8 folders)
BOX 4	1993-2006 (16 folders)
BOX 5	2007-2008 (7 folders)
BOX 6	2008-2010 (9 folders)
BOX 7	2010-2012 July (9 folders)
BOX 8	2012 Aug.-2016, undated (12 folders)
BOX DF	Digital file 1984, Video files, "Blood test for antibody in Dr. Gallo's laboratory, National Cancer Institute," Bethesda, Md., and news clips <b>Digital ID:</b> mss85334_112_002 1990 May 14, Video files, "Town Forum on AIDS," C-SPAN <b>Digital ID:</b> mss85334_112_005 2005, Video files, "100 Great Discoveries in Medicine," The Science Channel <b>Digital ID:</b> mss85334_112_004 2006 Sept. 8-10, PDF files of the proceedings from the Waldzell Meeting: A Global Dialog for Inspiration, Vienna, Austria <b>Digital ID:</b> mss85334_112_007 2006 Oct., Video files, <i>Roda Viva: O Brasil Passa Por Aqui</i> , interview with Gallo <b>Digital ID:</b> mss85334_112_009 2006 Nov. 17-21, PDF files of the proceedings from the Institute of Human Virology Annual International Meeting, Baltimore, Md. <b>Digital ID:</b> mss85334_112_008 2007 Nov. 1, PowerPoint presentations from the proceedings from the National Cancer Institute HIV/AIDS History and Future conference <b>Digital ID:</b> mss85334_112_010 2008 Sept. 11-13, PDF files of the proceedings from the Institute of Human Virology Annual International Meeting, Baltimore, Md. <b>Digital ID:</b> mss85334_112_011 2010, Video files, <i>La Bataille du Sida</i> , a film by Laurence Beauvillard and Laurent Firode <b>Digital ID:</b> mss85334_112_003 2013, Video files, Homer and Martha Gudelsky Distinguished Professorship in Medicine Investiture Ceremony, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md., 2013 <b>Digital ID:</b> mss85334_112_001