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Collection Summary

Title: Leonard Downie Jr. Papers

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Creator: Downie, Leonard, Jr.

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Language: Collection material in English

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Summary: Journalist and editor. Correspondence, interoffice memoranda, interviews, speeches, writings, reports, notes, political ephemera, photographs, and other papers documenting Downie's career as a journalist and editor at the *Washington Post*. Subjects include national politics, domestic terrorism, international affairs, foreign policy, and the internal operations and culture of the *Washington Post*.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Leonard Downie Jr. were given to the Library of Congress by Leonard Downie Jr. in 2021.

Processing History

The papers of Leonard Downie Jr. were arranged and described by Andrea J. Briggs in 2022.

Transfers

Videotapes of Downie's television appearances have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of the Leonard Downie Jr. Papers. Patrons are encouraged to contact the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division in advance of a research visit.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the Washington Post Historical Collection (see <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms019001>).

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of Leonard Downie Jr. 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, Leonard Downie Jr. Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1942, May 1	Born, Cleveland, Ohio
1960	Married Barbara Lindsey (divorced 1971)
1964	B.A., journalism, The Ohio State University Summer intern, <i>Washington Post</i>
1965	M.A., political science, The Ohio State University
1965-1970	Reporter, <i>Washington Post</i>
1970-1971	Day city editor, <i>Washington Post</i>
1971	Married Geraldine Rebach (divorced 1997)
1971-1972	Recipient, Alicia Patterson Foundation Journalism Fellowship
1972-1974	Deputy Metropolitan editor, <i>Washington Post</i>
1974-1979	Assistant managing editor, Metropolitan, <i>Washington Post</i>
1979-1982	London correspondent, <i>Washington Post</i>
1982-1984	National editor, <i>Washington Post</i>
1984-1991	Managing editor, <i>Washington Post</i>
1991-2008	Executive editor, <i>Washington Post</i>
1993	Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, The Ohio State University
1997	Married Janice Glick
2008	Vice president at large, The Washington Post Co.
2009	Weil Professor of Journalism, The Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Arizona State University Founder and board member, Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc.
2020	Published <i>All About the Story: News, Power, Politics, and the Washington Post</i> . New York: PublicAffairs

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Leonard Downie Jr. (1942-) span the years 1961-2020 and document Downie's career of more than forty years with the *Washington Post* as a journalist and editor, along with his professional writings and materials that reflect the internal operations of the *Washington Post*. The papers are primarily in English. The collection is organized into six series: [Correspondence](#), [Personal File](#), [Subject File](#), [Washington Post](#), [Writings](#), and [Oversize](#).

Downie began working at the *Washington Post* in 1964, holding different reporting and editorial roles until ultimately replacing Benjamin C. Bradlee to serve as executive editor from 1991 until Downie's retirement in 2008. Under Downie's leadership, the *Washington Post* provided award-winning coverage of major national and regional news events, receiving twenty-five Pulitzer Prizes. Notable from Downie's work as a reporter are several investigative series on crime, courts, housing, and urban affairs, some of which were later adapted into his nonfiction books. Downie's dedication to ensuring "accountability journalism" in his work as a reporter and editor is well-documented in the collection, with files regarding the *Washington Post's* coverage of major news events of the second half of the twentieth century and material regarding the editorial and internal decisions made by Downie and other staff on how to ethically present that coverage. The collection also reflects the internal operations of the *Washington Post*, with material documenting the running of the newsroom in the form of policies and guidelines, staff memos and correspondence, and planning and business proposals. Notable figures represented throughout the collection include Philip Bennett, Benjamin C. Bradlee, Steve Coll, Katharine Graham, Robert G. Kaiser, and Bob Woodward.

The collection's series are listed and briefly described below. A fuller description of each series and a list of its contents can be accessed in the series descriptions within the container list.

The [Correspondence](#) series is comprised of personal and business letters and invitations both sent and received by Downie while employed at the *Washington Post*, including reader mail and invitations to various public and private events.

The [Personal File](#) contains biographical material, photographs, and press clippings and profiles of Downie in various publications and magazines, as well as tributes and retrospectives relating to Downie's retirement from the *Washington Post* in 2008.

The [Subject File](#) contains clippings and articles, notes, printed matter, correspondence, and other material covering twentieth century news events, committees and groups Downie served on, and files relating to individual organizations or people.

The [Washington Post](#) series is comprised of correspondence, staff memos, policy documents, clippings, photographs, proposals and reports, and budget materials related to the internal operations of the *Washington Post* newspaper and newsroom.

The [Writings](#) series contains drafts, notes and research, press clippings, printed matter, reviews, and correspondence with publishers and editors.

The remaining series contains [Oversize](#) material.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in six series:

- [Correspondence, 1986-2015](#)
- [Personal File, 1964-2019](#)
- [Subject File, 1972-2020](#)
- [Washington Post, 1966-2019](#)
- [Writings, 1961-2020](#)
- [Oversize, 1966-2012](#)

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

Bennett, Philip.
Bradlee, Benjamin C.
Brokaw, Tom--Interviews.
Clinton, Bill, 1946-
Clinton, Bill, 1946- --Relations with women.
Coll, Steve.
Downie, Leonard, Jr.
Graham, Katharine, 1917-2001--Interviews.
Graham, Katharine, 1917-2001.
Jennings, Peter, 1938-2005--Interviews.
Kaczynski, Theodore John, 1942-2023.
Kaiser, Robert G., 1943-
Lack, Andrew--Interviews.
Lewinsky, Monica S. (Monica Samille), 1973-
Matthews, Chris, 1945- --Interviews.
Rather, Dan--Interviews.
Spielberg, Steven, 1946-
Wilson, Valerie Plame.
Woodward, Bob, 1943-

Organizations

United States. Central Intelligence Agency--Officials and employees.

Washington Post Company.

Subjects

American newspapers--Washington (D.C.)
Cities and towns.
Courts.
Crime.
Domestic terrorism--United States.
Foreign news.
Housing.
International relations.
Investigative reporting--United States.
Iraq War, 2003-2011.
Jonestown Mass Suicide, Jonestown, Guyana, 1978.
Journalism--United States.
Journalism.
Journalistic ethics--United States.
Justice, Administration of.
Leaks (Disclosure of information)--United States.
Mass suicide--Guyana.
Newspaper publishing--Moral and ethical aspects.
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Political corruption--United States.
Press--United States.
Reporters and reporting--United States.
Scandals--United States.
Television journalists--United States--Interviews.
Terrorists--United States.
Urban policy.
Watergate Affair, 1972-1974.
World politics--20th century.

Places

United States--Foreign relations--20th century.
United States--History--20th century.
United States--Politics and government--20th century.

Titles

Post (Motion picture)
Washington post.

Occupations

Authors.
Editors.
Journalists.

Description of Series

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Series

BOX 1

Correspondence, 1986-2015

The Correspondence series is comprised of personal and business letters and invitations both sent and received by Downie while employed at the *Washington Post*, including reader mail and invitations to various public and private events.

Material types include correspondence, greeting cards, and invitations.

Arranged chronologically.

BOX 1-2

Personal File, 1964-2019

The Personal File contains biographical material, photographs, and press clippings and profiles of Downie in various publications and magazines, as well as tributes and retrospectives relating to Downie's retirement from the *Washington Post* in 2008.

Material types include printed matter, photographs, and two small enamel pins.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

BOX 2-9

Subject File, 1972-2020

The Subject File contains clippings and articles, notes, printed matter, correspondence, and other material covering twentieth century news events, committees and groups Downie served on, and files containing materials relating to individual organizations or people. Many of the files appear to have been assembled or added to by Downie as reference and research for his memoir, *All About the Story*, to provide background and context for the significant events in Downie's life and career, and include general notes, handwritten timelines, and notes from personal interviews on these topics conducted with former colleagues and associates. For many topics, the files reflect a snapshot of the *Washington Post's* general coverage of various news events and Downie's involvement and management in that coverage; these files also include *Washington Post* staff memos and internal correspondence. Organizational files include correspondence and meeting minutes. Major topics include Bill Clinton's political scandals, including his affair with White House intern Monica S. Lewinsky; the War in Iraq; the Valerie Plame Wilson affair and CIA leak; Downie's coverage of the Jonestown mass suicide; the Unabomber, including a copy of the Unabomber manifesto annotated by Downie; and Steven Spielberg's 2017 film *The Post*, including a draft of the movie's script annotated by Downie. Notable material relating to the Watergate affair include carbon copies of the original police incident reports of the Watergate Hotel break-in and a copy of Bob Woodward's handwritten notes during the June 18, 1972, arraignment of the individuals accused in the break-in.

Material types include clippings and articles, notes, printed matter, meeting minutes, and correspondence.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

BOX 9-14

Washington Post, 1966-2019

The Washington Post series is comprised of correspondence, staff memos, policy documents, clippings, photographs, proposals and reports, and budget materials related to the internal operations of the *Washington Post* newspaper and newsroom. This series is divided into two groups: the Career file and the Subject file. The Career file reflects the activities Downie participated in or contributed to while holding various positions during his career at the *Washington Post*, maintaining the arrangement of material as received. The Subject file includes material on topics such as individual newspaper features and sections, guidance on story and editorial decisions, newsroom operations and diversity, committee reports, and organizational infrastructure. A significant amount of files cover Downie's attendance at "Pugwash," the annual planning retreat for top management and senior

editors of the *Washington Post*. These include meeting agendas and minutes, presentation slides and notes, correspondence, planning proposals and reports, travel documents, statistics, and budget materials.

Material types include correspondence, staff memos, policy documents, clippings, photographs, proposals and reports, budget materials, meeting agendas and minutes, and presentation slides and notes.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

BOX 15-20

Writings, 1961-2020

The Writings series contains drafts, notes and research, press clippings, printed matter, reviews, and correspondence with publishers and editors. These include articles and essays written for the *Washington Post* and other publications, book reviews, manuscript notes, reports, and speeches and lectures. As part of Downie's research for his book *News About the News*, he conducted lengthy interviews with major television broadcast journalists and executives, including Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings, Andrew Lack, Chris Matthews, and Dan Rather. Also featured in this series are transcripts of recorded dialogues between Downie and Katharine Graham in which they discuss *Washington Post* coverage and editorial decisions as well as the impact of the economy on journalism.

Material types include drafts, transcripts, notes and research, press clippings, printed matter, reviews, and correspondence.

Arranged by type of material and alphabetically therein.

BOX OV 1-2

Oversize, 1966-2012

The Oversize series contains items separated from their original locations due to size.

Material types include printed matter, posters, and clippings and articles.

Listed and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the material was separated. The items are physically grouped and housed by size.

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The Writings series contains drafts, notes and research, press clippings, printed matter, reviews, and correspondence with publishers and editors. These include articles and essays written for the *Washington Post* and other publications, book reviews, manuscript notes, reports, and speeches and lectures. As part of Downie's research for his book *News About the News*, he conducted lengthy interviews with major television broadcast journalists and executives, including Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings, Andrew Lack, Chris Matthews, and Dan Rather. Also featured in this series are transcripts of recorded dialogues between Downie and Katharine Graham in which they discuss *Washington Post* coverage and editorial decisions as well as the impact of the economy on journalism.

Material types include drafts, transcripts, notes and research, press clippings, printed matter, reviews, and correspondence.

Arranged by type of material and alphabetically therein.

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