Descriptive Summary

Title: Joseph L. Mankiewicz papers
Date (inclusive): 1922-1992
Date (bulk): 1949-1970s
Collection number: 1392
Creator: Mankiewicz, Joseph L.
Extent: 45 linear feet of papers. 1.9 linear feet of photographs.
Repository: Margaret Herrick Library. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Languages: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Rosemary Mankiewicz, 2008

Biography
Joseph L. Mankiewicz was an American screenwriter, director, and producer active in film from 1929 to 1972. Mankiewicz received Academy Awards for writing and directing A LETTER TO THREE WIVES (1949) and for writing and directing ALL ABOUT EVE (1950).

Collection Scope and Content Summary
The Joseph L. Mankiewicz papers span the years 1922-1992 (bulk 1949-1970s) and encompass circa 47 linear feet. The collection includes comprehensive production files and scripts for such films as THE BAREFOOT CONTESSA (1954), CLEOPATRA (1963), GUYS AND DOLLS (1955), A LETTER TO THREE WIVES (1949), NO WAY OUT (1950), THE QUIET AMERICAN (1958), and SLEUTH (1972). There are files on unproduced films, as well as contracts, correspondence, scrapbooks, and photographs. Extensive documentation on the famous 1950 struggle for control of the Screen Directors Guild is of interest. The photograph series consists of photographic prints and negatives of motion picture production and biography images.

Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Production files, subseries A-B as follows: A. Produced; B. Unproduced; 2. Stage files; 3. Subject files; 4. Other papers; 5. Oversize; 6. Scrapbooks; 7. Photographs, subseries as follows: A. Biography; B. Biography-Family; C. Motion picture production; D. Subject; E. Subject-General; F. Subject-Portraits

Indexing Terms
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