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Collection Summary
Collection Title: Aaron Wildavsky papers
Date (inclusive): 1955-1995
Collection Number: BANC MSS 2003/257 c
Creators: Wildavsky, Aaron B.
Extent: Number of containers: 31 Linear feet: 38.75
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Abstract: The Aaron Wildavsky papers, 1955-1995, consist of writings, correspondence, speeches, and course materials. By far the greatest part of the collection is Wildavsky’s writings, which include drafts and correspondence about his own work and reviews of the work of others. The correspondence is primarily professional in nature, focusing on Wildavsky’s publications, teaching activities, visiting scholar programs, and speaking engagements. There are also a couple of cartons on speaking engagements and course materials, as well as a small amount of papers on Wildavsky’s Academic Senate activities.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English
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Alternate Forms Available
There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
- Political science
- Faculty papers
- Manuscripts for publication
- University of California, Berkeley. Dept. of Political Science
- University of California, Berkeley. Graduate School of Public Policy
- University of California, Berkeley. Survey Research Center

Acquisition Information
The Aaron Wildavsky papers were given to The Bancroft Library by Mary Wildavsky on June 11, 2003.

Accruals
No additions are expected.

System of Arrangement
Arranged to the container level.

Processing Information
Processed by Bancroft Library staff in 2007

Biographical Information
Aaron Bernard Wildavsky was born on May 31, 1930 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He attended Brooklyn College, obtained a Fulbright Fellowship to the University of Sidney, and in 1958 obtained his graduate degree from Yale. From 1958 to 1962 Wildavsky taught at Oberlin College. In 1962 he became professor of political science and public policy at the University of California, Berkeley. He was the chair of the political science department from 1966-1969. He was also the founding dean of the Graduate School of Public Policy (1969-1977) and on the staff of the Survey Research Center at Berkeley.

Wildavsky wrote or co-wrote 39 books and a number of articles about political culture, budgetary processes, and public administration. He died on Sept. 4, 1993 in Oakland, California.

Scope and Content of Collection
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Series 1 Writings 1955-1995
Physical Description: Cartons 1-22
Arrangement
Arranged as received.
Scope and Content Note
Consists of drafts, correspondence, and research for Wildavsky articles and books.

Carton 1, Folder 1-60
Writings, A-B 1967-1993, undated

Carton 2, Folder 1-52
Writings, B-C 1959-1994, undated

Carton 3, Folder 1-54
Writings, C-E 1967-1993

Carton 4, Folder 1-49
Writings, E-G 1964-1993

Carton 5, Folder 1-50
Writings, G-I 1972-1992

Carton 6, Folder 1-72
Writings, I-M 1955-1993
Series 1Writings 1955-1995

Carton 7, Folder 1-54  Writings, N-P 1961-1993
Carton 8, Folder 1-51  Writings, P 1958-1993, undated
Carton 9, Folder 1-41  Writings, P-R 1973-1993, undated
Carton 10, Folder 1-47  Writings, R 1968-1993, undated
Carton 11, Folder 1-54  Writings, S-T 1966-1992, undated
Carton 12, Folder 1-42  Writings, T-W 1960-1993, undated
Carton 15, Folder 1-35  But is it True?: A Citizen's Guide to Environmental and Safety Issues 1990-1993, undated
Carton 17, Folder 1-36  Joseph the Administrator; Risk and Culture: An Essay on the Selection of Technical and Environmental Dangers; Can We Know the Risks We Face? 1979-1993, undated
Carton 18, Folder 1-55  The Political Economy of Public Spending, research folders 1966-1984
Carton 19, Folder 1-58  Research folders (continued) for The political Economy of Public Spending; Blue Ribbon Sports Committee, Faculty Sports Associates 1983-1993, undated
Carton 20, Folder 1-112  Reprints 1955-1994
Carton 21, Folder 1-20  Reprints undated
Carton 21, Folder 21-79  Reviews of others’ works 1966-1993
Carton 22, Folder 1-38  Reviews of others’ works 1968-1993

Series 2 Correspondence 1969-1993

Physical Description: Cartons 23-28
Arrangement
Arranged as received.
Scope and Content Note
Consists of primarily professional correspondence.

Carton 23, Folder 1-6  Outgoing correspondence 1969-1990
Carton 23, Folder 7-40  Correspondence, A-C 1969-1990
Carton 24, Folder 1-27  Correspondence, B-F 1980-1993
Carton 25, Folder 1-28  Correspondence, D-G 1972-1993
Carton 26, Folder 1-21  Correspondence, H-N 1972-1993
Carton 27, Folder 1-26  Correspondence, O-T 1979-1993
Carton 28, Folder 1-7  Correspondence, U-Z 1979-1993
Series 3 Professional activities 1964-1993

Physical Description: Cartons 28-31

Arrangement

Arranged as received.

Scope and Content Note

Consists of speeches, engagements, invitations, biobibliographical materials, Academic Senate activities, and course notes.

Carton 28, Folder 8-23
Biobibliography 1964-1988

Carton 28, Folder 24-33
Academic Senate papers 1982-1990

Carton 29, Folder 1-99
Speeches, engagements, and invitations 1979-1992

Carton 30, Folder 1-157
Speeches, engagements, and invitations 1982-1990

Carton 31, Folder 1-40
Political Science course materials 1979-1993