
Finding aid to the Rodolfo R. Schuller and Popol Vuh Papers MS.792

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Abstract: Ruldolf Schuller (1873-1932) was an Austrian linguist and philologist whose primary concentration was on Indian languages of Central and South America, and who was working on a translation of the Popol Vuh, the creation story from the Quiché (K'iche') Maya nation of Guatemala. Schuller corresponded heavily with Ruth Gaines (1877-1952), a writer and librarian at the Huntington Free Library in Bronx, New York to assist in working on a translation of the Popol Vuh. This collection consists of one folder of correspondence, notes, and a manuscript in English and Spanish. Correspondents include Ruth Gaines, Rudolf Schuller, F. W. Hodge, Oliver La Farge, and Wanda La Farge. Correspondence from 1932 regards the death of Schuller and the custodianship of his papers.

Language: English, German, Spanish.

creator: Gaines, Ruth, 1877-1952

creator: Hodge, Frederick Webb, 1864-1956

creator: La Farge, Oliver, 1901-1963

creator: Schuller, Rodolfo R., 1873-1932

creator: Schuller, Rudolf Riemel, 1873-1932

Access

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Acquisition

Donation from Ruth Gaines, 1947 July 31.

Biographical Note

Ruldolf Schuller (1873-1932) was an Austrian linguist and philologist whose primary concentration was on Indian languages of Central and South America. Schuller studied Indian tribes in Brazil, Bolivia, Mexico, and Peru during the early 1910s and 1920s. In 1924, Schuller served on the faculty of the National University in Mexico City, then moved to New Orleans. Schuller was working on a translation of the creation story of the Quiché (K'iche') Maya nation of Guatemala, the Popol Vuh, when he died in Colombia in 1932.

Schuller corresponded heavily with Ruth Gaines (1877-1952), a writer and librarian at the Huntington Free Library in Bronx, New York. Schuller enlisted Gaines for assistance in working on the Popol Vuh. Gaines also corresponded with Oliver La Farge, Oliver's wife Wanda La Farge, and Frederick W. Hodge of the Southwest Museum regarding Schuller's personal effects and manuscripts after he passed away.

Scope and contents

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Related Archival Materials

Rodolfo R. Schuller papers, 1492-1915, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., MSS39131.
<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms009150>

Rodolfo R. Schuller papers, #9172. Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library. (this appears to be the collection whose contents are listed in our file)

Rodolfo R. Schuller papers, circa 1912-1935, New York State Library, Albany, New York.

Oliver La Farge Collection, 1886-1966, University of Texas at Austin, TXRC00-A0.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

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