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1963-1968 Assistant professor, Department of Social Relations, Harvard University
1968-2000 Associate professor and professor, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
1973 Author, Soviet and American Society: A Comparison
1981  Author, Political Pilgrims: Travels of Western Intellectuals in the Soviet Union, China, and Cuba, 1928-1978
1983  Author, The Many Faces of Socialism: Comparative Sociology and Politics
1992  Author, Anti-Americanism: Critiques at Home and Abroad, 1965-1990
1992  Author, Decline and Discontent: Communism and the West Today
1999  Author, Political Will and Personal Belief: The Decline and Fall of Soviet Communism
2002  Author, Discontents: Postmodern and Postcommunist
2006  Author, The End of Commitment: Intellectuals, Revolutionaries and Political Morality
2009  Author, The Only Superpower: Reflections on Strength, Weakness, and Anti-Americanism
2011  Author, Extravagant Expectations: New Ways to Find Romantic Love in America

Scope and Content of Collection

The Paul Hollander Papers in the Hoover Institution Archives consist of materials donated by Hollander in 2007, with subsequent increments. They document only a portion of Hollander's work as a sociologist and author. This work concentrated on the study of the political commitment of intellectuals, Western fellow travelers of the Soviet Union and other Communist bloc countries, sources of anti-Americanism within the United States and abroad, and leftist disillusionment in the wake of the collapse of Communist regimes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The largest volume of material in the collection is in the Research Projects and Proposals series. This series is especially notable because of its inclusion of much sociological raw data, accumulated and used by Hollander in some of his books, but susceptible to further analysis and use. Substantial data from five projects are included in the collection. The most voluminous data are in the form of questionnaire responses by American visitors to the Soviet Union in 1966. Hollander made use of this data in his book Anti-Americanism: Critiques at Home and Abroad, 1965-1990 (1992) and in a journal article in Society (2007). A second bloc of questionnaire responses on attitudes toward the United States was submitted by Canadian academics in 1989. A third bloc of questionnaire responses on political attitudes was made by members of the conservative National Association of Scholars in 1995.

In 1994 Hollander elicited free-form written replies from readers of an ad he placed in The Nation. American supporters of the Soviet Union or other Communist bloc countries were invited to describe the sources of their political commitment and how they had modified or reassessed it in the light of world events. Hollander drew upon these replies, present in the collection, in his book The End of Commitment: Intellectuals, Revolutionaries and Political Morality (2006). Another group of transcripts and summaries of interviews of intellectuals from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe was made about the same time, dealt with the same questions, and is also present in the collection.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Americans--Communist countries.
Communism and intellectuals.
Intellectuals--United States.

Box: 1  Correspondence, 1967-2007.
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence arranged alphabetically by correspondent

Box/Folder: 1 : 1  General, 1967-2007
Box/Folder: 1 : 2  Ethics and Public Policy Center (Ernest W. Lefever), 1985-1989.
Scope and Content Note
Includes proposal for publication on the Institute for Policy Studies and related correspondence

Box/Folder: 1 : 3  Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, 1984-1986
Box/Folder: 1 : 4  Horowitz, Irving Louis (Transaction Books), 1987-2003
Box/Folder: 1 : 5  John M. Olin Foundation, 1982-1989
Scope and Content Note
Conference papers, programs, correspondence and press coverage, arranged chronologically by event

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Scope and Content Note
Conference papers and abstract

Box/Folder: 1 : 7  Interdisciplinary Social Science Conference of Hungarian and Hungarian-Born Political Scientists and Sociologists, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 1988 May 15-20.

Scope and Content Note
Program and correspondence


Scope and Content Note
Program, correspondence and press coverage

Box/Folder: 1 : 9  Late Cold-War Perception Roundtable (Rand Corporation), Washington, D.C., 1998 July 9-10.

Scope and Content Note
Letter and list of participants

Box: 2  Speeches and Writings, 1973-2008.

Scope and Content Note
Typescripts, with associated correspondence and reviews, arranged chronologically

Box/Folder: 2 : 1  Soviet and American Society: A Comparison, Publisher correspondence, 1973
Political Pilgrims: Travels of Western Intellectuals to the Soviet Union, China, and Cuba, 1928-1978, 1981

Box/Folder: 2 : 2  Correspondence. Includes publisher correspondence, reactions of readers, and reactions to reviews

Box/Folder: 2 : 3  Italian edition, 1988

Box/Folder: 2 : 4  Preface. Typescript (in English) and correspondence
Reviews (in Italian, with some English translations). Includes some correspondence

Box/Folder: 2 : 5-7  The End of Commitment: Intellectuals, Revolutionaries and Political Morality, Typescript, 2006

Box/Folder: 2 : 8  Hungary under Communism, 2008

Scope and Content Note
(Internet Global Museum on Communism contribution). Typescript and correspondence

Box: 3-4  Academic Course Materials, 1961-1999.

Scope and Content Note
Course outlines, reading lists, examination questions, lecture notes and student papers, arranged alphabetically by course

Political Sociology courses

Box/Folder: 3 : 1  Course outlines and reading lists

Box/Folder: 3 : 2  Examination questions

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Box/Folder: 3 : 4  Social Problems courses. Course outlines, examination questions and lecture notes

Box/Folder: 3 : 5  Sociology of Crime and Deviance courses. Course outlines and examination questions

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Scope and Content Note
Proposals, correspondence, questionnaire responses, interview transcripts and summaries, and other written responses, regarding social science research projects, arranged chronologically

Soviet Travel Project, 1966
Scope and Content Note
In this project Hollander asked American travelers to the Soviet Union to fill out questionnaires assessing their knowledge of and attitude toward the Soviet Union and their attitude toward the United States before and after their trips. The questionnaires were distributed to two groups of travelers, one to participants in a person-to-person exchange program sponsored by the Citizen Exchange Corps, and the other to members of the American Mathematical Society attending an international conference in Moscow. Hollander made use of the responses in his book Anti-Americanism: Critiques at Home and Abroad, 1965-1990 (1992) and in a Society journal article (2007)

Correspondence
General
American Mathematical Society
Citizen Exchange Corps

Background material regarding social science surveys in general and regarding travelers to the Soviet Union in general
Preparatory material. Notes, questionnaire drafts and coding materials, and lists of survey participants

Pilot questionnaires

Questionnaire responses by Citizen Exchange Corps group participants before trip (contd.)
Questionnaire responses by Citizen Exchange Corps group participants before trip
Questionnaire responses by Citizen Exchange Corps group participants before trip (contd.)
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Questionnaire responses by American Mathematical Society group participants before trip (contd.)
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Questionnaire responses flagged by Hollander as exemplifying positive assessments of the United States
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Box/Folder: 12 : 6  Blank questionnaires
Box/Folder: 13 : 1  Blank questionnaires (contd.)
Box/Folder: 13 : 2  Tabulations of responses
Box/Folder: 13 : 3  Cult of Personality in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe Project Proposal, 1975
Scope and Content Note
Proposals and correspondence

Scope and Content Note
Proposals and correspondence

Canadian Academic Survey Project, 1989
Scope and Content Note
In this project Hollander asked faculty members of Canadian universities to fill out questionnaires assessing their attitudes toward the United States

Box/Folder: 13 : 5  General. Correspondence and coding data
Box/Folder: 13 : 6  Questionnaire responses
Box/Folder: 14 : 1-2  Questionnaire responses (contd.)

Scope and Content Note
Project to interview intellectuals and former party or government officials in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe regarding disillusionment with communism

Box/Folder: 14 : 5  General. Proposals and correspondence
Box/Folder: 14 : 6  Interview transcripts and summaries

Scope and Content Note
Project to solicit free-form written responses (letters or essays) from American leftists regarding their political commitments and reassessments of commitments. Hollander made use of the responses in his book The End of Commitment: Intellectuals, Revolutionaries and Political Morality (2006)

Box/Folder: 15 : 1  General. Notes, proposals and correspondence
Box/Folder: 15 : 2  Responses flagged by Hollander as indicating change of attitude
Box/Folder: 15 : 3  Responses flagged by Hollander as indicating modified commitment
Box/Folder: 15 : 4  General
Box/Folder: 15 : 5  Amery, Al. Lengthy memoir regarding experiences as a member of the Communist Party, U.S.A. and as a member of the International Brigades in the Spanish Civil War
Box/Folder: 15 : 6  Responses flagged by Hollander as indicating no change of attitude

National Association of Scholars Project, 1995
Scope and Content Note
In this project, commissioned by the National Association of Scholars, Hollander asked members of the association to fill out questionnaires assessing their political attitudes and reasons for joining the association

Box/Folder: 15 : 6  Correspondence and background material
Box/Folder: 15 : 7  Questionnaire responses
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Box/Folder: 16 : 3  Transcribed responses
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Scope and Content Note
Correspondence regarding proposed book on literature and society