Guide to the Shau Wing Chan Papers

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Call Number: SC0421

Creator: Chan, Shau Wing, 1907-1986.

Title: Shau Wing Chan papers

Dates: 1911-1994

Physical Description: 2.75 Linear feet (7 boxes)

Summary: Notebooks, exams, reading notes, and a draft of his thesis from his graduate studies, 1930-1933; professional and personal correspondence, 1938-1949, including letters pertaining to his immigration status; correspondence, memoranda, and reports pertaining to Stanford administrative and departmental matters, 1935-1982; and family papers, 1911-1994. Included in the family papers are extensive correspondence between Chan and his wife Anna during his trips away from home, 1938-1960; letters (many in Chinese) from his brothers Shou Yi Ch'en, 1937-1977, Stanley Hong (Shou Hong) Chan, 1938-1975, and Shau Wa (Wally) Chan, 1941-1950; correspondence of Chan's son Loren B. Chan with his parents and uncles, 1964-1989; personal documents of Anna Mae Chan, 1911-1994; Shau Wing Chan's passports and travel papers, 1937-1982; and some ephemera from China, 1925-1926.

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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Chan received his M.A. (1932) and his Ph.D. (1937) in English from Stanford University. He joined the Stanford faculty in 1938 and retired in 1972. He was instrumental in founding what is now the Department of Asian Languages, serving as its executive head from 1958-1962.

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Access Terms

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Chan, Loren Briggs, 1943-  
Chan, Shau Hong.  
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Stanford University. Department of Asian Languages. Faculty.  
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General note  
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