Inventory of the Philip Whalen Correspondence,

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Collector: Whalen, Philip
Title: Philip Whalen Correspondence,
Date (inclusive): 1978-1987
Extent: 0.8 linear feet
Abstract: Philip Whalen (1923-2002), American poet of the beat generation, authored Like I Say, On Bear's Head, and The Invention of the Letter, among other works. This collection contains letters to Whalen from his fellow poets, Robert Creeley, Allen Ginsberg, Bernadette Mayer, Michael McClure, Alice Notley, Gary Snyder, and Anne Waldman.
Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.
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Collection number: D-492
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Biography
Philip Whalen (1923-2002) graduated from Reed College in 1951 on the GI Bill after serving in the Army Air Corps in World War II. It was at Reed that Whalen met and became friends with poets Gary Snyder and Lew Welch. Several years later, Whalen was one of the poets who read with Snyder and others at the historic Six Gallery reading in San Francisco on October 13, 1955. Allen Ginsberg first performed his poem, Howl, at the Six Gallery reading.
After spending several years in Japan, Whalen was ordained a Buddhist monk in 1973 and spent two decades in Zen Centers in San Francisco and New Mexico.
He passed away on June 26, 2002.

Scope and Content
The collection contains correspondence from poets, Robert Creeley, Allen Ginsberg, Bernadette Mayer, Michael McClure, Alice Notley, Gary Snyder, and Anne Waldman. The letters which span from 1978-1987 discuss topics such as poetry, fellow poets, and arrangements for poetry readings, among other topics.
The letters are arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Related collections
The Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley holds the Philip Whalen Papers.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Whalen, Philip--Archives
Creeley, Robert, 1926-2005--Correspondence
Ginsberg, Allen, 1926-1997--Correspondence
Mayer, Bernadette--Correspondence
McClure, Michael--Correspondence
Notley, Alice, 1945---Correspondence
Snyder, Gary, 1930---Correspondence
Waldman, Anne, 1945---Correspondence
Poets, American--20th century--Correspondence

Access
Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information

Processing Information
Sara Gunasekara processed these papers and created and encoded this finding aid. Student employee Linda Trach assisted with data entry work.

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