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Richard Rorty (1931-2007) was a pragmatist philosopher, critical theorist, and public intellectual. This collection comprises manuscripts, teaching files, professional correspondence, research notes, biographical material, and ephemera. It also includes some family papers and correspondence, as well as writings dating to his youth. The collection includes digital files transferred from Rorty's computer disks and made available to researchers electronically.

Access

The collection is open for research, with the exception of some materials relating to students in Series 5, Teaching files. Restrictions on the earliest of these student records will be lifted beginning in 2033.

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Acquisition Information


Processing History


Historical Background

Richard McKay Rorty (1931-2007) is commonly described as one of the most influential thinkers of his era. A philosopher with a remarkably broad intellectual range, his work included the development of a distinctive brand of pragmatism as well as significant contributions to literary criticism, political theory, and other scholarly fields. He was also a public intellectual, writing for such publications as The Nation and The Atlantic.

Rorty was born on October 4, 1931, in New York City. The son of writers and activists James Rorty and Winifred Raushenbush Rorty (and the grandson of prominent Social Gospel theologian Walter Rauschenbusch), he later wrote in an autobiographical sketch, "At 12, I knew that the point of being human was to spend one's life fighting social injustice." His family moved to Flatbrookville, New Jersey, when he was a child.

Rorty enrolled in the University of Chicago at age 15, eventually earning his B.A. (1949) and M.A. (1952) in philosophy, studying under Rudolf Carnap, Charles Hartshorne, and Richard McKeon. After completing his Ph.D. (1956) at Yale University with the dissertation, "The Concept of Potentiality," supervised by Paul Weiss, Rorty served two years in the army before receiving his first academic appointment at Wellesley College. From 1961 to 1982 Rorty taught in the philosophy department at Princeton University before moving to the University of Virginia as Kenan Professor of the Humanities. In 1998, Rorty accepted his final academic position at Stanford University in the Department of Comparative Literature.

While Rorty gained scholarly attention with his article, "Mind-Body Identity, Privacy and Categories," (1965) and his edited anthology The Linguistic Turn (1967), his most provocative work was yet to come. By combining what he learned from

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analytic, continental, and pragmatist philosophers, Rorty developed an “anti-Philosophy” that emphasized the historical contingency of philosophy as one literary genre beside the sciences and arts. His version of anti-essentialism and anti-foundationalism was developed in such important works as Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature (1979); Consequences of Pragmatism (1982); Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity (1989); Achieving Our Country (1998); Philosophy and Social Hope (2000); and four volumes of his philosophical papers: Objectivity, Relativism, and Truth (1991), Essays on Heidegger and Others (1991), Truth and Progress (1998) and Philosophy as Cultural Politics (2007). The social and political consequences that emerge from this version of neopragmatism, Rorty contended, are those of a romantic liberalism that promotes justice and democracy by reducing cruelty and increasing solidarity through the redescription of our contingent vocabularies.


1931 Born on October 4th, in New York City
1946 Enrolls in University of Chicago just before his fifteenth birthday
1949 B.A., University of Chicago
1952 M.A., University of Chicago
1956 Ph.D., Yale University (dissertation: “The Concept of Potentiality”)
1957-1958 Army of the United States
1958-1961 Instructor and Assistant Professor, Wellesley College
1961-1982 Assistant, Associate, and Full Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University
1967 The Linguistic Turn (ed.) published by the University of Chicago Press
1968-1969 American Council of Learned Societies fellowship
1973-1974 Guggenheim Fellowship
1979 Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature published by Princeton University Press
1979 President, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division
1981-1986 MacArthur Fellowship
1982 Consequences of Pragmatism published by the University of Minnesota Press
1982-1998 University Professor of the Humanities, University of Virginia (named Professor Emeritus, 1998)
1985 Philosophy in History (edited with J.B. Schneewind and Quentin Skinner) published by Cambridge University Press
1986 Northcliffe Lectures, University College, London
1987 Clark Lectures, Trinity College, Cambridge
1989 Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity published by Cambridge University Press
1990-1991 National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship
1992 The Linguistic Turn published in second, enlarged edition by the University of Chicago Press
1994 Hoffnung statt Erkenntnis: Einleitung in die pragmatische Philosophie (three lectures delivered in Vienna and Paris in 1993) published by Passagen Verlag
1997 Truth, Politics and ‘Post-Modernism’ (Spinoza lectures, University of Amsterdam) published by Van Gorcum
1997 Massey Lectures, Harvard University
1998-2007 Professor of Comparative Literature, Stanford University (named Professor Emeritus, 2005)
2000 Philosophy and Social Hope published by Penguin
2006 Take Care of Freedom and Truth Will Take Care of Itself, Interviews with Richard Rorty (edited and with an introduction by Eduardo Mendieta) published by Stanford University Press
2007 Philosophy as Cultural Politics: Philosophical Papers IV published by Cambridge University Press
2007 Awarded the Thomas Jefferson Medal for Distinguished Achievement in the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences by the American Philosophical Society
2007 Dies on June 8 in Palo Alto, California, at age 75
2010 The Philosophy of Richard Rorty (edited by Randall E. Auxier and Lewis Edwin Hahn) published by Open Court
includes some family papers and correspondence, as well as writings dating to his youth. The collection includes digital files transferred from Rorty's computer disks and made available to researchers electronically at UCspace @ the Libraries. Included are: manuscripts and typescripts of published writings, conference papers, invited lectures, public speeches, and other intellectual work; incoming and outgoing professional correspondence, including manuscripts sent to him by colleagues; teaching files including lecture notes, syllabi, assignments, and exams; professional activities files; research notes and other materials; and some biographical material including posters and programs for public lectures and symposia, printed materials such as reviews of Rorty's work and articles about him, and a very small number of photographs. The collection also includes a significant amount of family correspondence, dating to Rorty's childhood, as well as his earliest writings. There are also some papers relating to his parents and some members of his extended family.

Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged in 8 series:

Series 1. Early life and family papers, 1863-2000 (Bulk, 1942-1979), 2.4 linear feet
Series 2. Writings, 1961-2000, 3.4 linear feet
Series 5. Teaching files, 1958-2002, 3.6 linear feet
Series 6. Professional activities, 1965-1999, 1.4 linear feet
Series 7. Biographical material, 1964-1997, 0.9 linear feet
Series 8. Born-digital files, 1988-2003, 0.2 linear feet and 1027 digital files

Processing Note
In order to facilitate access to the collection, processing work on it was expedited. Manuscripts were filed and described by working title, professional correspondence was filed by the approximate year and the first letter of the correspondent's name, date ranges were sometimes approximated, and other steps were taken to ensure the materials could be made available for research in a timely fashion. In 2012, approximately ten modifications were made to the arrangement of the correspondence based on feedback from two Rorty scholars, who identified correspondent surnames as they researched the Rorty papers.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Theorists.
Philosophers.
Philosophy, American -- 20th century
Critical theory -- Archives.
Rorty, Richard -- Archives
Rorty, Richard
Early life and family papers Series 1 1863-2000 bulk

Physical Description: 2.4 Linear Feet

Richard Rorty was the son of Winifred Raushenbush Rorty (1894-1979) and James Rorty (1890-1973), both writers and activists on the left. When Richard was born in 1931 they lived in New York City, but they moved to Flatbrookville, New Jersey, when he was a child. He was close to his parents and many of the members of his extended family, including his fathers' sisters, writers Eva Beard and Marion Bullard, both of Woodstock, New York.

At age 15, he began attending the University of Chicago, where he earned his BA (1949) and MA (1952). From there, he entered Yale where he earned his Ph.D. (1956) with the dissertation, "The Concept of Potentiality." He served in the military from 1957-1958.

He married fellow philosophy graduate student Amélie Oksenberg, the daughter of Klara and Israel Oksenberg, in 1954. Their son, James (Jay), was born in 1961, and the couple divorced in 1972. A short time later, Richard married Mary Varney, who had earned her Ph.D. in philosophy from Johns Hopkins in 1970, and the couple had two children, Patricia and Kevin. When he died of pancreatic cancer at age 75, Richard Rorty was survived by his wife and children.

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series includes writings and academic work by Richard Rorty from early childhood through his graduate work; correspondence with his parents, relatives and others; and the papers of some members of his extended family. Subseries 1.1 includes issues of the Minisink Valley News, a newsletter Rorty edited as a child; academic work including drafts and notes for his Ph.D. dissertation "The Concept of Potentiality:" and other papers and correspondence dating to the period previous to the start of his professional life as an academic. Subseries 1.2 consists of the letters to and from his parents, James Rorty and Winifred Raushenbush Rorty. Subseries 1.3 includes family papers: correspondence, records, and writings he received and collected. This subseries includes materials collected by Rorty that relate to, or were created by, members of his immediate and extended family. Included is a large amount of correspondence between Rorty and family members, but there is also a significant amount of other material created and collected by members of his family, most notably his father, James Rorty.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged in 3 subseries:
Subseries 1. Early writings and other materials
Subseries 2. Correspondence with parents
Subseries 3. Family papers

Within each subseries, files are arranged alphabetically.

Processing Note

In order to expedite access to the collection, this series were minimally processed. Dates are approximate, folders have wide and overlapping date ranges, and materials are not arranged in any order within folders. Some undated manuscripts were included in this series under the assumption they were written before the start of Rorty's professional career.

Early writings and other materials Subseries 1.1 1939-1983 bulk

box 1, folder 1 - Academic notes on various subjects undated
box 1, folder 2 - Biology papers and notes 1946-1948 and undated
box 1, folder 3 - "The Concept of Potentiality" and other Ph.D. work: notes and drafts circa 1953-1956
box 1, folder 4-5 - "The Concept of Potentiality:" notes and chapter drafts circa 1954-1956
box 1, folder 6-7 - Correspondence from various senders 1946-1983 and undated bulk
box 2, folder 1 - Employment applications: correspondence 1948-1952
box 2, folder 2 - Graduate study in Paris: application materials and correspondence 1951
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**Correspondence with parents Subseries 1.2 1940-1979**

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<td>Poems and other writings, unsigned undated</td>
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Rorty, James: letters to L.R. (Leo Rich) Lewis 1913-1940

Scope and Contents
Includes letters written while serving in the military during World War I.

box 6, folder 1

Rorty, James: letters to H.L. Mencken 1939

box 6, folder 2

Rorty, James: World War I correspondence and other materials 1918-1919

box 6, folder 3

Rorty, Jay and Patricia: writings for them by family members, and other materials 1961-1996 and undated

box 6, folder 4

Rorty, Malcolm C.: writings and other materials 1928-1934 and undated

Historical Background
Malcolm C. Rorty, the brother of James Rorty, was a statistician and held executive positions at AT&T and ITT.

box 6, folder 5

Rorty, Mary Varney: correspondence and other materials 1974-1977 and undated

box 6, folder 6

Rorty and Rauschenbusch families: clippings, correspondence, and other materials 1863-1985

Historical Background
Winifred Rorty changed the spelling of her maiden name (which she used professionally) from Rauschenbusch to Raushenbush.

box 6, folder 7

Rorty, Winifred (Raushenbush): writings, clippings, correspondence, and other materials 1918-1979

box 6, folder 8

Rorty, Winifred (Raushenbush): biography of her and related correspondence 2000

Writings Series 2 1961-2000 and undated

Physical Description: 3.4 Linear Feet

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series primarily includes drafts (manuscripts, typescripts, computer print-outs, and proofs) of writings: scholarly and magazine articles, book chapters, papers, book reviews, contributions to reference volumes, speeches, and invited talks. Included are some of Rorty's writings in translation and his prefaces and introductions to volumes of such writings. In some cases drafts are accompanied by related notes or correspondence. Some proofs include corrections. Also included in this series are some writings in their final printed form: offprints, clippings, journal issues, newspaper and magazine issues. This series also includes one audio recording of an invited talk.

Arrangement
This series is arranged in 2 subseries:
Subseries 2.1. Manuscripts
Subseries 2.2. Printed material and audio recording
Manuscripts Subseries 2.1 1961-2000 and undated

Subseries Arrangement
This subseries is arranged in the following order:
1. Articles, book chapters, and other writings: arranged alphabetically by the title of the work.
2. Book reviews: arranged alphabetically by the last name of the author reviewed.
3. Conference papers and public lectures: arranged alphabetically, primarily by the name of the conference or sponsoring institution.

Processing Information
During processing, manuscripts were generally filed by working title, so different versions of the same finished work may be filed in separate folders. In general, titled manuscripts were filed under "Articles, book chapters, and other writings." Untitled conference papers and papers found among other conference materials, along with public speeches and remarks, were filed under "Conference papers and other public lectures." These were filed according to the relevant conference, event, or sponsoring institution.

Articles, book chapters, and other writings

box 7, folder 1
"An Anti-Representationalist View: Comments on Miller, Van Fraassen, and Churchland:" draft 1990

box 7, folder 2
"Aristotle," article for the American People's Encyclopedia: drafts and correspondence 1964

box 7, folder 3
"Cartesian Epistemology and Changes in Ontology:" draft undated

box 11, folder 12
"Changing World-Views and Scholastic Quibbles: An Answer to the Question 'What is Philosophy?:'" typed draft circa 1997

box 7, folder 4
"Consciousness, Intentionality, and Pragmatism:" draft and correspondence 1990

box 7, folder 5
Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity, preface to the Russian translation: draft and correspondence 1995

box 7, folder 6
Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity, preface to the Serbian translation: draft and other materials circa 1993-1995

Scope and Contents
Includes correspondence and publications related to the Belgrade Circle.

box 7, folder 7
"The Contingency of Our Language:" draft undated

box 7, folder 8
"The Continuity Between the Enlightenment and "Postmodernism"" and German translation: drafts and notes undated

box 7, folder 9
"The Current State of Philosophy in the U.S.:" draft 1994

box 7, folder 10
"Davidson's Mental-Physical Distinction:" proof with notes circa 1999

box 7, folder 11
"Deconstruction," article for the Cambridge History of Literary Criticism: edited proof and correspondence 1994

box 7, folder 12
"Derrida on Language, Being, and Abnormal Philosophy:" draft and correspondence 1977

box 7, folder 13
"Does Academic Freedom Have Philosophical Presuppositions?" German translation: proof and correspondence 1994

box 7, folder 14
"Duties to Self and Others: Comments on Nehamas:" drafts and other materials 1995 and undated

Scope and Contents
Includes "Response to Nehamas," draft, and Alexander Nehamas's paper, "What Should We Expect From Reading? (There are Only Aesthetic Values)" draft.

box 7, folder 15
"Education, Socialization, and Individuation: Replies to Commentators:" draft and correspondence 1989

Scope and Contents
"Education, Socialization, and Individuation" is a reprint of "Education Without Dogma."
"Empiricism, Extensionalism, and Reductionism:" drafts, notes, and reviewers' copies circa 1963

"Existential Necessity and Kantian Unconditionality: A Response to Harald Kohl:" draft 2000

"Failed Prophecies, Glorious Hopes:" proof with corrections 1999

"Fraternity:" draft and correspondence 1996

"Freedom as Higher Than Being:" draft undated

"Half a Million Blue Helmets?" draft, offprint, and correspondence 1995-1996

"Heidegger Against the Pragmatists:" draft undated

"Heidegger's Litany:" draft undated

Published as chapter 5 of Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity.

"Hoffnung statt Erkenntnis:" drafts and correspondence 1994

Scope and Contents
Consists of three lectures delivered in Vienna and Paris. Later published in English as chapters 2-4 of Philosophy and Social Hope.

"Holism, Intentionality, and the Ambition of Transcendence:" drafts, notes, and reviewers' copies circa 1992-1993

"How Relevant is 'Postmodern' Philosophy to Politics?" draft 1998

"The Incommunicaibility of 'Felt Qualities':" drafts undated

"In Defense of Eliminative Materialism:" draft and correspondence 1969

"The Inspirational Value of Great Works of Literature:" drafts and correspondence 1996

"Intellectual Historians and Pragmatist Philosophy:" corrected draft and correspondence 2000

"The Intellectuals and the Poor:" draft 1996

"Intuition:" drafts and notes undated

"Is 'Cultural Recognition' a Useful Concept for Leftist Politics?" draft 1999

"Is Derrida a Transcendental Philosopher?" draft 1989


"Kant as a Critical Philosopher:" partial draft undated

"Kripke on Mind-Body Identity:" draft and correspondence 1973 and undated

"Kuhn, Thomas S.," contribution to A Companion to the Philosophy of Science: draft and correspondence 1993-1994

"The Limits of Reductionism:" drafts undated

"Locke, Global Historicity and Linguistic Idealism" and German translation: drafts undated

Published as chapter 14 of Truth and Progress.

"Matter and Event:" drafts, notes, offprint, and correspondence 1963, 1976 and undated

"Metaphilosophy:" draft 1974

"Mind-Body Identity and Irreducible Properties:" drafts, comments, and correspondence 1964 and undated

"Mind-Body Identity, Privacy, and Categories:" drafts and notes circa 1965

L'Espoir au Lieu du Savoir. Hope in Place of Knowledge (Philosophy and Social Hope). Draft of French translation from German: draft, correspondence, and contracts 1994

"The Overphilosophication of Politics:" proof and correspondence 1999

Pale Fire, Introduction: proof and research materials 1991

"The Paradox of Definitism:" drafts and notes undated

"The Philosopher as Expert:" drafts and correspondence 1963 and undated
Philosophy and Social Hope, Part 2: drafts, proofs, and other materials 1994
Scope and Contents
Includes "Truth Without Correspondence to Reality," "A World Without Substances or Essences," and "Ethics Without Principles."

"Philosophy and the Dangers of the Twenty-First Century:" draft and correspondence 1994

"Philosophy and the Future:" draft and correspondence 2000
Scope and Contents
This essay serves as the introduction to the collection of German translations, Philosophie und die Zukunft.

Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature: notes and partial draft undated


"Pragmatism and Religion:" draft circa 1996
Scope and Contents
This was the first lecture given as visiting faculty at the University of Girona, Spain.

"Pragmatism, Categories, and Language:" drafts undated

"Pragmatism, Davidson, and Truth," section I: drafts and correspondence 1985
Scope and Contents
Published as chapter 5 of Objectivity, Relativism, and Truth.

"Pragmatism, Pluralism and Postmodernism:" draft 1998

"Pragmatism Without Method:" draft undated

"Pragmatisme, Moralité, et Imagination:" draft and notes undated

"A Pragmatist View of Contemporary Analytic Philosophy:" draft 1999

"Putnam on Truth:" draft 1989

"Rational Beauty, Non-discursive Sublimity, and the Community of Philosophers:" drafts 1988 and undated

"Realism, Categories, and the 'Linguistic Turn':" drafts, correspondence, and notes 1961-1962 and undated

"Realism, Anti-Realism, and Pragmatism: Comments on Alston, Chisholm, Davidson, Harman, and Searle:" draft 1991

"Recent Metaphilosophy:" draft and notes 1961

"Redemption from Egotism: "James and Proust as Spiritual Exercise:" draft 2000

"Reductionism" and related writings: drafts and notes undated

"Relations, Internal and External:" draft and correspondence 1965

"Religious Faith, Intellectual Responsibility, and Romance" and French translation: draft and proof undated

"A Reply to Six Critics:" proof circa 1984

"Solidarity or Objectivity:" draft undated

"The Subjectivist Principle and the Linguistic Turn:" notes undated

"Trapped Between Kant and Dewey: The Current Situation of Moral Philosophy:" draft 2000

"Universality and Truth:" draft with notes 1993

"Verification and Transcendental Arguments" and "Criteria and Necessity," German translations: drafts 1976-1977

"What is Dead in Plato:" draft undated

Book reviews

"Aron, Raymond: Introduction to the Philosophy of History," review: draft circa 1961
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<td>Comments on papers by other scholars: drafts undated Scope and Contents Includes papers commenting on work by Ammerman, Armstrong, Gunderson, Hartshorne, Held, MacIntyre, Marcovic, and Ricoeur.</td>
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<td>Globalization and Cultural Identity conference: draft of remarks undated</td>
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Husserl symposium (Vienna): radio program transcript 1985
Language of Material: The transcript is in German.

International Center for Semiotic and Cognitive Studies workshop (University of San Marino, 1993): notes and other materials 1990-1993 and undated

Labor Teach-in (Columbia University): speech and other materials 1996


Philosophy's Relation to the Humanities conference: paper outline 1998

The Tradition of Western Philosophy and Pragmatism seminar (Otani University): introductory remarks 1999

William Alanson White Institute: panel remarks 1995

"Wittgenstein and Heidegger," lecture (Frankfurt): notes undated

World Congress of Philosophy (Moscow): paper and other materials 1993

Scope and Contents
Paper is titled "Philosophy and the Future."

Printed material and audio recording Subseries 2.2 1963-2000 and undated

Subseries Arrangement
This subseries is arranged with printed material first, in chronological order, followed by the audio recording.

Printed material 1963-1999
Printed material 2000 and undated
"Cultural Politics and the Question of the Existence of God": audio recording 2002

July 17
Scope and Content Summary
Recording of lecture at Calvin College.

Use copy 2002
Physical Description
Compact disk.

Archival preservation compact disk 2002
Physical description
Archival gold compact disk.
Access
Access to the preservation copy of the compact disk is restricted.

Archival original cassette 2002
Processing
This cassette is being preserved in order to make a high-quality recording for inclusion in digital repository.
Physical description
Audio cassette tape.
Access
Access to the original audio cassette is restricted. For access, users may request use copy.
Correspondence Series 3 1955-2001 bulk

Physical Description: 10.8 Linear Feet

Series Scope and Content Summary

Correspondence includes letters and cards received and duplicates of letters sent. Other received materials include manuscripts and offprints signed by the author. The bulk of the correspondence is from scholars and colleagues, but also includes letters from publishers and other institutional correspondents. Among the hundreds of philosophers and other scholars represented are Barry Allen, Annette Baier, Richard Bernstein, Robert Brandom, Hubert Dreyfus, Milton Fisk, Raymond Geuss, Katherine Kearns, Bruce Kuklick, Juergen Habermas, Ian Hacking, Maurice Mandelbaum, Gerald J. Massey, Alexander Nehamas, Jacques Poulain, J.B. Schneewind, Quentin Skinner, and Gregory Vlastos. Also represented are public figures such as judge and legal scholar Richard Posner and U.S. Senator Bill Bradley.

Series Arrangement

Correspondence is first filed alphabetically, then chronologically within that alphabetical arrangement.

Processing Information

When they arrived in the Department of Special Collections and Archives, Rorty's papers contained a large amount of unfiled correspondence, as well as correspondence filed only by year or year range, scattered throughout the collection. In keeping with the order in which Rorty kept a significant portion of his filed correspondence, the bulk of this unfiled material was filed during processing either by 1.) the first letter of the last name of the sender/recipient, manuscript author, or subject of the letter; or 2.) by the organization, institution, publisher, or publication title with which the correspondent was affiliated; or 3.) by topic. Secondary to this alphabetical structure, correspondence is filed roughly chronologically. Following is a more detailed explanation of the two aspects of this filing system:

Alphabetical filing

In cases when letters were filed under the name of a university or a university press, these were filed under the name of the specific university (not under "U"), and in some cases the specific campus. In a few cases, Rorty kept individual folders for particular correspondents or subjects, and this practice was maintained during processing, with these folders filed after the single-letter labeled folders. However, he also filed letters for these named correspondents in the first-letter files, so researchers should not assume all letters to or from these individually-name correspondents are in their named file. For the unfiled letters that did not provide the last name of the correspondent, a minimal attempt was made to identify them and file under the last name. When this failed, the letter was filed by the first name. (Researchers who are able to identify these correspondents or who find misfiled correspondence should bring this to the attention of Special Collections and Archives staff).

Chronological filing

Within their alphabetical groupings, correspondence is grouped by year or range of years. These dates are approximate, however; particularly in cases where correspondence on the same subject was exchanged over a period of time and Rorty kept these letters together, these letters filed together in an attempt to maintain context wherever possible. Dates of folders overlap due to the method of organizing unfiled correspondence and integrating it into filed correspondence. Undated correspondence is filed at the end of the range for that letter of the alphabet. Within folders, letters are not arranged in any order.

box 15, folder 3-6
box 16, folder 1-4
box 16, folder 5-6
box 17, folder 1-6
box 18, folder 1-5

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A 1982-1995 and undated
B 1960-1971
B 1971-1983
B 1982-1998 and undated
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<td>box 19, folder 1</td>
<td>Baier, Annette 1980-1990 and undated</td>
<td></td>
<td>Includes manuscripts, offprints, and other materials</td>
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<td>box 19, folder 2</td>
<td>Bradley, Bill (U.S. Senator) 1987-1995</td>
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<td>In addition to correspondence, includes texts of some of Bradley's speeches, newsletters, and other materials.</td>
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<td>Cambridge University Press and other publishers 1968-1994</td>
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<td>In addition to correspondence, includes contracts and other materials.</td>
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<td>box 21, folder 2</td>
<td>Chicago (University of) Press 1964-1969</td>
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<td>In addition to correspondence, includes contracts and reviews of <em>The Linguistic Turn</em>.</td>
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<td>Dreyfus, Hubert 1979-1985</td>
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<tr>
<td>box 22, folder 3-9</td>
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<td>All reproduction of materials written by Jacques Derrida must be authorized by designates of his heirs. Contact Special Collections and Archives for more information.</td>
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<td>Folder consists of three letters addressed to Rorty from Jacques Derrida.</td>
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<td>box 23, folder 7-8</td>
<td>Fisk, Milton 1965-1989</td>
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<td>In addition to correspondence includes manuscripts and comments.</td>
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<td>H 1986-2001 and undated</td>
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<td>box 27, folder 5-6</td>
<td>I 1963-1997 and undated</td>
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<td>In addition to correspondence, includes writings by Habermas (drafts and print)</td>
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<td>J 1961-1976</td>
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Includes drafts, offprints, and note.

Scope and Contents
In addition to correspondence, includes royalties statements.

Includes drafts with notes.

Scope and Contents
In addition to correspondence concerning translations of Rorty's writings, includes contracts.

Includes manuscripts.

The signatures on these letters are absent or illegible.
Notes and research materials Series 4 1962-1999 and undated

Physical Description: 1.6 Linear Feet

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series includes primarily typed or handwritten notes on various topics. Many of these notes may have been written for teaching; however, they were not found in files that would indicate for which course or seminar. Other notes may have been made in preparation for writing. Also included are some writings by Rorty's contemporaries that comment on his work. There is a small amount of printed material on various topics, mostly photocopies of journal articles and book chapters, that contains Rorty's marginalia.

Series Arrangement

This series is arranged in 2 series:

Subseries 4.1. Notes, topical

Subseries 4.2. Writings by contemporaries and other research materials

Appraisal Note

A very small amount (approximately .2 linear feet) of research material was discarded. This included photocopies of articles with no annotations or marginalia and offprints of articles that were not inscribed by their authors.

Processing Information

Notes were sorted by topic and filed in this series if there was no indication to which course, seminar, or writing they pertained.

Notes, topical Subseries 4.1 1962-1999

Subseries Arrangement

This subseries is arranged alphabetically by the topic of the notes.

- Adler, Mortimer, J.: notes undated
- Analytical philosophy: notes undated
- Aristotle: notes and articles undated
- Arnold, Matthew: article 1988
- Ayer, James, and Royce: notes undated
- Bibliographic research: printouts and photocopies 1993 and undated
- Bloom, Harold: notes undated
- Brandom, Robert: notes undated
- Bubner: notes undated
- Culler, Jonathan: notes and article 1983 and undated
- Davidson, Donald and Paul de Man: notes undated
- Derrida, Jacques: notes undated
- Dewey and Peirce: notes undated
- Dreyfus, Hubert: notes undated
- "The End of Philosophy and the Task of Thinking:" lecture notes undated
- Epistemology: notes undated
- Ethnocentrism: notes undated
- Fichte: notes undated
- Fish, Stanley: notes undated
- Føllesdal: notes undated
- Grunbaum, Freud, and others: notes undated
- Heidegger, Martin: articles with notations 1979-1988 and undated
- Heidegger: notes undated
- Heidegger, Gadamer, and Derrida: notes undated
- Heidegger, Husserl, and Sartre: notes undated
- Heidegger: lecture notes by Hubert Dreyfus undated
- Heideggerian terms: glossaries undated
- Hesse: notes undated
- Historicism: notes undated
box 43, folder 11  | Hume: notes and annotated book chapter undated
box 43, folder 12 | Ideas for papers: typescripts undated
box 43, folder 13 | Jaspers: notes undated
box 43, folder 14 | Kant and Descartes: notes undated
box 43, folder 15 | Kuhn, Feyerabend, Davidson, Habermas, Foucault, Gadamer, and Heidegger: notes undated
box 43, folder 16 | Leibniz: notes on lectures by Hampshire undated
box 43, folder 17 | Kant and Hegel: notes undated
box 43, folder 18 | Kierkegaard: notes undated
box 44, folder 1  | Lacan: notes undated
box 44, folder 2  | Locke: notes undated
box 44, folder 3  | Mill: notes undated
box 44, folder 4  | Morality, moral relativism, and ethical relativism: notes and article 1999 and undated
box 44, folder 5  | Nabokov, Vladimir: photocopies 1962
box 44, folder 6  | Nietzsche: notes undated
box 44, folder 7  | "Omniscience and Freedom:" lecture notes undated
box 44, folder 8  | Peirce, Benjamin: notes undated
box 44, folder 9  | Phenomenology and existentialism: notes and bibliography undated
box 44, folder 10 | "Philosophy Among the Humanities:" brief note undated
box 44, folder 11 | Plato: notes and articles 1982-1986 and undated
box 44, folder 12 | "Popular Lectures:" notes (from folder so labeled) undated
box 44, folder 13 | Public intellectuals: notes undated
box 44, folder 14 | Royce: notes undated
box 44, folder 15 | Searle: notes undated
box 44, folder 16 | Tillich: notes undated
box 44, folder 17 | "Time and the World Order:" notes undated
box 44, folder 18-19 | Various topics: lecture notes undated
box 45, folder 1-3 | Various topics: notes and note cards undated
box 45, folder 4  | Wiggins: notes undated

**Writings by contemporaries and other research materials** Subseries 4.2 1974-1993

Subseries Arrangement
This subseries is arranged alphabetically.

box 45, folder 5 | Articles and papers responding to Rorty's work: drafts 1982-1992 and undated
Scope and Contents
Includes manuscripts by Nehamas, Rumana, and other scholars.

box 45, folder 6 | Articles and papers responding to Rorty's work: drafts 1980 and undated
Scope and Contents
Includes manuscripts by Fancher, Laclau, Leist, Levi, MacIntyre, and McCarthy.

box 46, folder 1 | Articles and papers responding to Rorty's work: drafts and photocopies 1980 and undated
Scope and Contents
Includes manuscripts and published work by Bernstein, Brunkhorst, Chappell, Derrida, and Donovan.

box 46, folder 2 | Articles and papers responding to Rorty's work: drafts, print-outs and correspondence 1982-1993 and undated
Scope and Contents
Includes manuscripts and published work by Melvil, Peden, Pettit, Posner, and unidentified writer.
**Articles responding to Rorty's work: offprints, photocopies, and journal issues 1982-1995 and undated**

**Box 46, Folder 3**

**Writings by contemporaries and other research materials Subseries 4.2 1974-1993**

**Box 46, Folder 4**

- **Brandom, Robert: book review draft and several articles (print) 1976-1988 and undated**
- **"Contemporary Philosophy of Mind:" photocopy with notes 1982**
  
  **Scope and Contents**
  
  Highly annotated copy of Rorty's own article.
  
**Box 46, Folder 5**

- **Field, Hartry: offprints and photocopies 1974, 1978**
- **Graff, Gerald: articles (photocopies) 1980-1986 and undated**
- **Kripke, Saul. "Identity and Necessity:" offprint undated**
- **La Modernité en Question chez J. Habermas et R. Rorty conference (Centre Culturel International de Cerisy, Paris): conference programs, paper abstracts, and other materials 1993**

  **Language of Material:** The materials are in French.
  
  **Scope and Content Summary**
  
  "Universalism and Pragmatism," the paper which is listed as Rorty's contribution to this conference, was not found during processing and is not included here. Included are abstracts of papers by Juergen Habermas and Alan Montifiore. The latter has a very small amount of notes by Rorty.

**Box 46, Folder 6**


  **Scope and Contents**
  
  Includes offprint of Rorty's article and draft of response from unidentified critic.

**Teaching files Series 5 1958-2002**

**Physical Description:** 3.6 Linear Feet

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series includes syllabi, lecture notes, exams, student evaluations of teaching, background research materials, lists of books ordered, correspondence, student files, and other materials related to courses taught by Rorty at Wellesley College, Princeton University, the University of Virginia, and institutions where he was on the visiting faculty.

**Series Arrangement**

This series is arranged in 2 subseries:

- Subseries 5.1. Course materials
- Subseries 5.2. Student files

**Course materials Subseries 5.1 1958-2001**

**Subseries Arrangement**

This subseries is arranged alphabetically, primarily by the title of the course.

**Box 46, Folder 11**

- **Comparative Literature courses, Stanford University: syllabus and exam 2001**

**Box 46, Folder 12**

- **Crisis and the Imagination (European Cultural Studies 320), Princeton University: notes, course evaluations, syllabi, and other materials 1975-1976**

**Box 47, Folder 1**

- **Deconstruction (Studies in Criticism and Theory 863), University of Virginia: notes, reading list, and other materials 1988**

**Box 47, Folder 2-5**

- **Early Modern Philosophy (Philosophy 332), Princeton University: syllabi, notes, assignments, and other materials 1979-1981**

**Box 47, Folder 6**

- **Epistemology (Philosophy 313): lecture notes undated**

**Box 47, Folder 7**

- **Freud and Philosophy (Humanistic Studies 954): syllabus, correspondence, and other materials 1984**

**Box 47, Folder 8**

- **Hegel, Nietzsche, and Existentialism (Philosophy 306), Princeton University: syllabus and notes 1964**
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<td>Heidegger courses, University of Virginia: syllabi and notes 1985, 1989</td>
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<td>Hirsch, E.D.: lecture notes for his course 1985-1992</td>
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<td>Holism, Positivism and Hermeneutics, seminar at Johns Hopkins University: lecture notes 1985</td>
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<td>Introduction to Contemporary Philosophy (Philosophy 203), Princeton University: notes, reading lists, course evaluations, and other materials 1967-1968</td>
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<td>Introduction to Contemporary Metaphysics (Philosophy 203), Princeton University circa 1976-1979</td>
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<td>Johann Wolfgang Goethe University (Frankfurt, Germany): course catalog and seminar descriptions circa 1977</td>
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<td>Kant (Philosophy 304), Princeton University: notes, syllabi, course evaluations, and other materials 1970-1979</td>
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<td>Meaning of a Text (Philosophy 806): notes and research materials 1974-1989 and undated</td>
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<td>The Mind-Body Problem seminar: syllabus and notes undated</td>
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<td>Naturalization of Semantics seminar: notes 1989</td>
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<td>The Nature of the University (Humanistic Studies 205): syllabi, exams, manuscripts, and other materials 1972-1973</td>
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<td>Nietzsche-Heidegger seminar: notes undated</td>
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<td>Phenomenology and Existentialism: Continental and Analytical Perspectives on Intentionality (Berkeley Summer Institute): syllabus, lecture notes, correspondence, and other materials 1980</td>
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<td>Philosophy 101, Wellesley College: notes, syllabi, and exams 1958</td>
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<td>Philosophy from Kant to 1900 (Philosophy 333), Princeton University: notes, course evaluations, handouts, and other materials 1979-1982 and undated</td>
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<td>Philosophy of Mind (Philosophy 315), Princeton University: lecture notes, course evaluations, and reading lists 1969-1972</td>
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<td>Philosophy of Mind (Philosophy 322), Wellesley College: syllabus 1958</td>
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<td>Plato, Philosophy of Religion, and other topics (various courses): notes, exams, and other materials undated and 1961</td>
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<td>Putnam and Davidson (Philosophy 805), University of Virginia: course reader 1994</td>
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<td>Rationality and Relativism: syllabus and notes undated</td>
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<td>Recent Philosophical Systems (Philosophy 203), Princeton University: notes, syllabus, course evaluations, and other materials 1962 and undated</td>
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<td>52, 5</td>
<td>Rise and Decline of the American Left seminar: correspondence, research and other materials 1996</td>
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<td>Sellars, Wilfrid (courses on), Princeton University: reading lists, notes, and other materials 1967-1976 and undated</td>
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box 52, folder 7 | Subject-Object seminar: notes undated
box 52, folder 8 | The Sublime and the Beautiful (Studies in Criticism and Theory 982), University of Virginia: course reader 1998
box 53, folder 1 | Syllabi and course reader (various courses) 1961-1994 and undated
box 53, folder 2 | Theories of Interpretation (Studies in Criticism and Theory): syllabus, lectures notes, readings, and research material 1985-1988

box 59-60 | Student files Subseries 5.2 1958-2002

Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries includes letters to and from students, papers, exams, comments on papers and exams (with grades), grade rosters, and other materials related to the graduate and undergraduate students in Rorty's courses.

Access
The materials in this subseries are covered under FERPA and are not available for research. Restrictions on these records will begin to be lifted in 2033.

Professional activities Series 6 1965-1999

Physical Description: 1.4 Linear Feet

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series includes materials related to Rorty's professional service activities in professional societies, academic departments, and other organizations. Many materials relate to Rorty's activities in the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, including his term as president in 1979. Also included are materials related to fellowships and grants Rorty sought and received. Materials include correspondence, committee meeting minutes and notes, applications (sent and received), and reports.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically.

box 53, folder 3 | American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) fellowship application 1968-1969
box 53, folder 4 | American Philosophical Association: bulletins 1971-1973
box 53, folder 5 | American Philosophical Association: correspondence, meeting minutes, agendas, and other materials 1979-1981
box 53, folder 6 | American Philosophical Association: correspondence and other materials 1980
box 53, folder 7 | American Philosophical Association: correspondence, agendas, meeting minutes 1979-1980
box 53, folder 8 | American Philosophical Association: correspondence with Maurice Mandelbaum and others 1970-1974
box 54, folder 1-2 | American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division nominating committee: correspondence, bylaws, reports and other materials 1980
box 54, folder 3 | Calendars and appointment books 1985-1999
box 54, folder 4 | Carnegie Summer Institute in Philosophy (University of Notre Dame): correspondence and other materials 1968
box 54, folder 7-8 | Chinese and Japanese scholars: notes, correspondence, and other materials 1982-1987 and undated
box 54, folder 9 | Dartmouth College School of Criticism and Theory: participants' statements of purpose and photographs 1992
box 54, folder 10 | Guggenheim (John Simon) Memorial Foundation: application, correspondence, and other materials 1969-1975
box 55, folder 1 | Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik: correspondence and other materials 1980-1981
box 55, folder 2 | John Dewey Foundation: correspondence, meeting minutes, financial records 1978-1996 and undated
box 55, folder 4 | MacArthur Foundation: press release, fellowship recipient list, and clippings 1981
box 55, folder 5 | McCosh Faculty Fellowship application 1968
Professional activities
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<td>Modern Studies and Literature (M.A. program), University of Virginia: correspondence, reading list and other materials 1994</td>
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<td>Monist board: conference letters, response sheets, and other materials 1969</td>
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<td>box 55, folder 9</td>
<td>Nanzan University (Japan) workshop/lecture program on American culture: correspondence and related materials 1983</td>
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<td>box 55, folder 10-12</td>
<td>National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): correspondence, financial statements, proposed course materials, and other materials 1978-1979</td>
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<td>National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): fellowship applications, draft proposals, and other materials 1965-1967 and undated</td>
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<td>Peirce (Charles S.) historic site: correspondence, exhibit design notes, scholarly papers and other materials 1974-1978</td>
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<td>Philosophy (Department of), Princeton University: correspondence 1967-1980</td>
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<td>Philosophy (Department of), University of Virginia: course descriptions and other materials 1986-1988</td>
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<td>Princeton University academic programs: reports and other materials 1974-1978</td>
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<td>Theory Seminar, University of Virginia: planning committee correspondence and other materials 1995</td>
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Biographical material
Series 7 1964-2003

Physical Description: 0.9 Linear Feet
Language of Material: Book reviews and articles about Rorty are in many languages in addition to English.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged in 2 subseries:
Subseries 7.1. Book reviews
Subseries 7.2. Interviews, profiles, ephemera, and other materials

Within each subseries, materials are arranged alphabetically.

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series includes reviews, in the form of clippings and other printed material, of Rorty’s books. Also included are articles about Rorty, in printed form, such as profiles and interviews. Ephemera such as posters and programs for conferences, lectures, and other events are also in this series, as are a few photographs.

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**Born digital files** Series 8 1988-2003

Physical Description: 0.2 Linear Feet (1 box and 1027 digital files)

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series comprises Richard Rorty's electronic word-processing files. Included are letters, many drafts of writings, lecture notes, syllabi, and exams. Also included are bibliographies of his work, a few administrative files, and a couple of documents relating to his children. This series also contains drafts of writings done by his peers and colleagues. Researchers will notice some data loss and corruption has occurred in some of the earliest files.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged in 8 subseries:
Subseries 8.1. Born digital administrative and professional files
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Subseries 8.4. Born digital family files
Subseries 8.5. Born digital research files
Subseries 8.6. Born digital teaching files
Subseries 8.7. Born digital writings
Subseries 8.8. Floppy disks

Processing information
Digital files were retrieved from Richard Rorty's 3.5 inch floppy disks during processing and converted to pdf format in order to facilitate preservation and access.

Other Finding Aid
These files can be searched and accessed through [UCspace @ the Libraries](#).

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**Born digital administrative and professional files** Subseries 8.1 1989-1999

Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries includes a few files Rorty maintained for keeping track of his publications and royalties, books in his personal library, things to do, and other topics.

Other Finding Aid
These born digital administrative and professional files can be searched and accessed through [UCspace @ the Libraries](#).
Born digital biographical files Subseries 8.2 1992-2001

Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries includes primarily bibliographies of: Rorty's writings, reviews of his books, and articles about him.

Other Finding Aid
These born digital biographical files can be searched and accessed through UCIspace @ the Libraries.

Born digital correspondence Subseries 8.3 1992-2000

Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries consists of outgoing correspondence, predominantly letters that were faxed or sent by postal mail. (No emails are included in this collection). Included are letters sent to colleagues, editors, and other professional correspondents.

Other Finding Aid
These born digital correspondence files can be searched and accessed through UCIspace @ the Libraries.

Born digital family files Subseries 8.4 1998-2001

Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries includes two files relating to the education of his children Kevin and Patricia.

Other Finding Aid
These born digital family files can be searched and accessed through UCIspace @ the Libraries.

Born digital research files Subseries 8.5 1992-2002

Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries includes mainly drafts of writings authored by other scholars.

Other Finding Aid
These born digital research files can be searched and accessed through UCIspace @ the Libraries.

Born digital teaching files Subseries 8.6 1988-2002

Subseries Scope and Content Summary
This subseries comprises course materials created by Rorty for courses and seminars he taught at the University of Virginia and Stanford University. Included are primarily drafts of syllabi and reading lists, lecture and seminar notes, exams, and assignments.

Other Finding Aid
These born digital teaching files can be searched and accessed through UCIspace @ the Libraries.
**Born digital files** Series 8 1988-2003

**Born digital writings** Subseries 8.7 1988-2003

**Subseries Scope and Content Summary**

This subseries is comprised of drafts of Rorty's writings. Included are: essays and articles for scholarly journals and magazines; book chapters; book reviews; conference papers; lectures, speeches and remarks. Some files contain related correspondence. Notes taken in preparation for writing are also included in this series.

Included are drafts of chapters in *Achieving Our Country: Leftist Thought in Twentieth-Century America* (1998), which are adaptations of the William E. Massey, Sr., Lectures in the History of American Civilization at Harvard University (1997). Also included are drafts of lectures given as visiting professor at various universities, such as those delivered at the University of Girona, Catalonia, Spain (1996) under the overall title, "Anti-Authoritarianism in Epistemology and Ethics;" and the Spinoza lectures, delivered at the University of Amsterdam (1997). Many of these lectures as visiting professor were eventually published as well.

Drafts of a few of the papers that were eventually published in *Philosophy as Cultural Politics: Philosophical Papers IV* (2007) are included, as are many drafts of writings that were published as chapters in anthologies. Among these are responses to interlocutors in *Rorty and His Critics* (ed. Robert C. Brandom, 2000).

Included also are drafts of papers delivered at conferences and symposia in Philosophy and other disciplines, as well as invited talks, lectures and speeches delivered at universities and other institutions around the world. There are drafts of many articles that were published in magazines, newspapers, and academic journals. A few translated writings are included, as well as drafts of prefaces and introductions to volumes of writings in translation.

**Other Finding Aid**

These born digital writings can be searched and accessed through [UCIspace @ the Libraries](http://library盟).