Guide to the Ralph Waldo Gerard Papers MS.F.006

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Abstract: This collection contains the professional papers of Ralph Waldo Gerard. It includes college papers, personal and professional correspondence, research materials, writings, draft reports of experiments, papers relating to travels, lecture materials, awards, memorabilia, newspaper clippings, photographs, audio recordings, slides, and related ephemera.
Creator: Gerard, R. W. (Ralph Waldo), 1900-
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Biography
Ralph Waldo Gerard was a neurophysiologist, behavioral scientist, and academic known for his wide-ranging work on the nervous system, nerve metabolism, psychopharmacology, and biological bases of schizophrenia. He was born in 1900 and studied chemistry and physiology in Chicago. He was a professor at the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois, and the University of Michigan. From 1963 to 1970 he served as Professor of Biological Sciences and Dean of the Graduate Division at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). Gerard died in 1974.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
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Collection Arrangement
A portion of the collection is organized into eight series:
Series 1. The college years, 1915-1925.
Series 2. Post graduate work and the University of Chicago, 1924-1952.

Preliminary Inventory

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Gerard, R. W. (Ralph Waldo), 1900- -- Archives
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Electronic data processing -- Education
Neurochemistry
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Psychopharmacology -- History -- Sources
Schizophrenia
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