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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: J.J. Sakurai (1933-1982) was a physicist credited with independently discovering the V-A theory of the weak interactions. He was a professor in the UCLA Department of Physics (1970-), a Sloan Fellow (1962-66), a Fellow of the American Physical Society (1964-82), a Guggenheim Fellow (1975-76), and a von Humboldt Fellow (1981-82). The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, and publications related to Sakurai's career and life.

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Biography

Sakurai was born in Tokyo in 1933; graduated from Harvard summa cum laude in 1955; Ph.D, Cornell, 1958; while still a student at Cornell, he independently discovered the V-A theory of the weak interactions; became an assistant professor at University of Chicago in 1959 and a full professor in 1964; joined UCLA Department of Physics in 1970; was a Sloan Fellow (1962-66), a Fellow of the American Physical Society (1964-82), a Guggenheim Fellow (1975-76), and a von Humboldt Fellow (1981-82); publications include *Advanced quantum mechanics* (1967) and *Modern quantum mechanics* (c. 1985); died in Geneva in 1982.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, and publications related to the career and life of UCLA physicist J.J. Sakurai.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Sakurai, J.J. (Jun John), 1933-1982--Archives.

University of California, Los Angeles--Faculty--Archival resources.

Physicists--United States--Archival resources.

Box 1

Biographical.

Scope and Content Note

Obituary notices, etc.

Box 4

Class Notes. 1957.

Note

Identified by instructors.

Box 6

Conference correspondence. 1971.

Scope and Content Note

Batavia weekend correspondence.

Box 1

Faculty Center.

Box 6

Guggenheim Fellowship. 1972.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, etc.

Box 3

Harvard Admissions Correspondence.

Box 3

Manuscript in Japanese.

Note

[Not identified in English]

Box 3

Notes in Japanese.

Box 3

Photographs.

Box 4

Professional Writings.

Scope and Content Note

Letters rejecting articles.

Box 7, Folders 1-2

Sakurai Memorial correspondence.

Box 7

Sakurai Papers.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence about.

Correspondence

Box 4

ca. 1976-1982.

Scope and Content Note

Professional correspondence with physicists, physics journals, professional associations, etc.

Box 5

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Scope and Content Note

Personal correspondence, immigration status correspondence, etc.

Publications

Box 7, Folders 1-4

Correspondence about *Modern Quantum Physics*.

Box 2

J.J. Sakurai: *Advanced Quantum Mechanics*(1967, revised 1973).

Box 6

***Modern Quantum Physics*(1985 edition).**

Reprints

Box 5

Sakurai physics article.

Box 6

Labeled important.