Finding Aid for the Norman Thrower Papers, 1979-1989 LSC.2344

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Abstract: Norman Thrower was a professor in UCLA's geography department from 1957 to 1990, where he specialized in cartography, remote sensing, and Europe. He was the director of the (Columbus) Quincentenary Programs at the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, and the director of the Clark Library at UCLA. The collection consists of lecture notes and pamphlets on the 1986 Halley's Comet and the subsequent Newton-Halley volume, Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: A Longer View of Newton and Halley (1990), which Thrower produced with colleagues, along with relevant correspondence.

Language of Materials: Materials in this collection are primarily in English, with a small amount in French.

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Biography/History
Normal Thrower was born in England in 1919. He served in India during World War II and afterwards he joined the Directorate of Colonial (later Overseas) Surveys. Desiring an academic background, he completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in geography at the University of Virginia in 1953. He then earned his Ph.D. degree in geography in 1958 at the University of Wisconsin. His dissertation concerned cadastral survey systems, used to establish legal property boundaries, and it was later published by the Association of American Geographers as Original Survey and Land Subdivision: A Comparative Study of the Form and Effect of Contrasting Cadastral Surveys (1966).


From 1989 to 1992, Thrower was the director of the (Columbus) Quincentenary Programs at the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. From 1981 to 1987, he served as the director of the Clark Library at UCLA and the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.
for Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Studies was founded during his tenure. He was also the president of The Society for the History of Discoveries from 1973 to 1975, and in 1979, he was the founding president of the California Map Society. He retired from UCLA in 1990; however, he still teaches geography courses at UCLA.

**Scope and Content**

**Organization and Arrangement**
Following Halley's Comet materials, collection is arranged by collaborator. Folders retain original titles.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
University of California, Los Angeles. Department of Geography--Faculty. -- Archives
Geographers--United States--Archives.
Geography teachers--California--Los Angeles--Archives.

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Halley's Comet: correspondence and promotional materials 1986
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Halley's Comet: lecture notes 1986
| Box 1, Folder 3 | I. Bernard Cohen correspondence 1984-1989
| Box 1, Folder 4 | Cohen - Halley's Two Essays on Newton's Principia undated
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Alan Hugh Cook correspondence 1982-1988
| Box 1, Folder 6 | Cook - Edmond Halley, Surveyor and Military Engineer undated
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Suzanne Débarbat correspondence 1984-1985

Language of Materials: Contains materials in French.

| Box 1, Folder 8 | Débarbat - Newton, Halley and the Paris Observatory undated

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| Box 1, Folder 9 | Derek Howse correspondence 1983-1988
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Howse - Newton, Halley and the Royal Observatory 1985
| Box 1, Folder 11 | David W. Waters correspondence 1979-1988
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Waters - Halley, FRS, Royal Navy and the Practice of Navigation 1985
| Box 1, Folder 13 | Richard Westfall and Gerald Funk correspondence 1983-1988
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Westfall and Funk - Newton and Halley undated