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Historical note
The Department of Philosophy at UCLA began operating as a separate entity in 1924. In 1929 the campus moved to Westwood and an undergraduate Philosophy curriculum was created; shortly after, a graduate program was developed in 1933. Professor Hans Reichenbach greatly accelerated the program by introducing a strong curricular tradition rooted in studies in logic and the philosophy of science. Additionally, the presence of prominent philosophers, such as Bertrand Russell (from 1939-40) and Rudolf Carnap (1953), catapulted the Philosophy Department’s reputation. An endowment established in 1941 by Mr. And Mrs. C. N. Flint also assisted in appointing 14 distinguished philosophers from around the world. The Philosophy Department continually expanded as fields of logic, epistemology, semantics, metaphysics, ethics, the philosophy of law, and the history of philosophy were incorporated into the program. By 1964, enrollment within the Philosophy Department reached 2,393 students and 16 faculty members.
The following people have served as Chair of the Department of Philosophy:
Donald A. Piatt, 1937-1940
Hugh Miller, 1940-1944
J. Wesley Robson, 1944-1946
Hugh Miller, 1946-1947
Donald A. Piatt, 1947-1952
David B. Kaplan, 1952-1957
Robert M. Yost, 1957-1961
Ernest A. Moody, 1962-1965
Donald Kalish, 1965-1969
Montgomery Furth, 1973-1975
Robert Merrihew Adams, 1975-1979
David Kaplan, 1983-1986
Marilyn Adams, 1986-1988
Montgomery Furth, 1988-1990

Scope and Content
Record Series 411 contains the correspondence of chairs of the Department of Philosophy at UCLA. Files include the correspondence of Montgomery Furth, Donald Kalish, David B. Kaplan, Hugh Miller, Donald Ayres Piatt, and Robert M. Yost. This is an active record series; additional University records are expected to be added.

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