Descriptive Summary
Creator: Rubenstein, Richard
Title: Richard Rubenstein Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1950 - 1959
Extent: 0.40 linear feet(1 archives box and 1 oversize folder)
Abstract: Papers of Richard Rubenstein, American poet. The papers contain letters (1950-1958) to Rubenstein, letters his wife received after his death about his manuscripts, manuscripts, and a bound scrapbook of clippings and letters. His correspondence includes two letters from William Carlos Williams, numerous notes from small press publishers and several letters from admirers of his poetry. His writings include a typescript of his collected poems, short stories and miscellaneous poems. Also part of the collection is a typed excerpt of a TV interview entitled the "Beat Generation and the Angry Young Men," presented in January, 1959 by KETC, St. Louis.
La Jolla, California 92093-0175
Collection number: MSS 0229
Language of Material: Collection materials in English
Access
Collection is open for research.
Acquisition Information
Not Available
Preferred Citation
Richard Rubenstein Papers, MSS 0229. Mandeville Special Collections Library, UCSD.
Publication Rights
Publication rights are held by the creator of the collection.
Biography
Born on January 2, 1922, Richard Rubenstein began his literary career in a local prep school when he won a poetry contest. Associated with the Beat Poets in the San Francisco Bay Area, Rubenstein worked to found and edit several small press poetry journals--NEUROTICA, first published in spring of 1948; INFERNO, in late 1949; and GYPHON, in spring of 1950. In GYPHON he published early works of Robert Creeley and Denise Levertov, as well as the established authors Henry Treece, D.H. Emblem, e.e. cummings, and Cid Corman. He himself published a small chapbook, BEER AND ANGELS, and produced a long manuscript of collected poems which went unpublished. Rubenstein’s health deteriorated because of his long-standing nervous condition and the alcohol he drank to combat it. He died there on Yom Kippur in 1958.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Richard Rubenstein Papers consist of correspondence sent to Rubenstein from 1950-1958 and manuscripts of his collected, unpublished poems. Also included is his personal scrapbook with pasted letters and newscloppings. Samuel Umland, a professor of literature at the University of Nebraska, wrote a short biographical article for the collection. The papers are arranged in four series: 1) CORRESPONDENCE, 2) WRITINGS, 3) NEWSCLIPPINGS, and 4) SCRAPBOOK.
SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE
The CORRESPONDENCE series includes two folders: one for materials sent to Rubenstein between 1950-1958 (including two 1950 letters from William Carlos Williams and several from playwright Bill Inge), and five letters sent to his wife Anne Rubenstein after his death--condolence messages and letters regarding the possible of publication of his collected poems.
SERIES 2: WRITINGS
The WRITINGS series includes a typed draft of his entire collected poems, an edited fragment of that same work, a transcript from part of a 1959 interview on poetry for the St. Louis Public TV station KETC entitled “The Beat Generation and the Angry Young Men,” typed drafts of short stories, and Samuel Umland’s “A Note on Richard Rubenstein.”
SERIES 3: NEWSCLIPPINGS
The NEWSCLIPPINGS series contains a single file containing photocopies of items Rubenstein filed or pasted in his scrapbook.
SERIES 4: SCRAPBOOK
Rubenstein's scrapbook contains pasted-in memorabilia.
SEPARATION NOTE
Books and journals received in the Richard Rubenstein Papers have been separated from the collection and added elsewhere to the Mandeville Special Collections Library's holdings. To identify and list these items, conduct an author search in ROGER on the term "Rubenstein, Richard former owner."

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

Subjects
Rubenstein, Richard -- Archives
American poetry -- 20th century
Beat generation
Bohemianism -- United States

Contributors
Williams, William Carlos, 1883-1963, -- correspondent
Inge, Bill, -- correspondent
Umland, Samuel J. -- Note on Richard Rubenstein

CORRESPONDENCE
box 1, folder 1
 Correspondence 1950 - 1958

box 1, folder 2
 Anne Rubenstein 1958 - 1959

WRITINGS
box 1, folder 3
 Biographical sketch

box 1, folder 4
 Collected Poems -- Early poems and hospital poems
 Note
 Typescripts.

box 1, folder 5
 Collected Poems
 Note
 Typescript fragments.

box 1, folder 6
 Interview

box 1, folder 7
 Miscellaneous poems
 Note
 Unpublished.

box 1, folder 8
 Short stories

box 1, folder 9
 Umland, Samuel J. "A Note on Richard Rubenstein" 1992

NEWSCLIPPINGS
box 1, folder 10
 Newscellings - Scrapbook articles

SCRAPBOOK
box 1, folder 11,
 oversize FB00222
 Scrapbook