Finding Aid for the Dr. A. Jean Ayres Archive 0317

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**Title:** Dr. A. Jean Ayres Archive  
**creator:** Ayres, A. Jean  
**Identifier/Call Number:** 0317  
**Physical Description:** 7 Linear Feet11 boxes  
**Date (inclusive):** 1943-1999  
**Abstract:** Papers, tests, and artifacts of A. Jean Ayres, groundbreaking occupational therapist. All items donated by friends, family, and coworkers.  
  
**Biography**  
Anna Jean Ayres was born in 1923 in central California. She received her BA in occupational therapy in 1945, her MA in occupational therapy in 1954, and her PhD in educational psychology in 1961. All her degrees were from the University of Southern California. She was married in 1969 to Franklin Baker and died in 1989 due to complications from cancer. Ayres’ major research focused on sensory integration and the brain, and how sensory integration dysfunction affects children’s learning abilities. In 1977, the Ayres Clinic was created to treat children with SI dysfunction using techniques from occupational therapy. Ayres published 54 articles, two books, and numerous tests and videos related to sensory integration dysfunction and therapy. She was a frequent lecturer and was a founder of Sensory Integration International, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of sensory integration research.  
  
**Scope and Content**  
The Ayres Archive consists of correspondence, lectures, notes, legal papers, newsclippings, newsletters, journal articles, publications, tests, tools, artifacts, photographs, cassette tapes, and video-tapes. The bulk of material is photocopied correspondence and lecture text.  
The Archive is organized into six series: Personal Papers, Correspondence, Lectures and Speeches, Research, Publications, and Tests and Artifacts.  
  
**Access**  
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**Acquisition Information**  
Items in this collection were donated from a variety of sources. The bulk of items came from Brian Erwin. Where possible, the donor is noted with the item description.  
  
**Processing Information**  
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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Photographs  
Notes  
Publications  
Typescripts  
Sensorimotor Integration -- Archival resources  
Occupational therapy -- Archival resources  
Learning disabilities -- Treatment -- Archival resources  
Occupational therapy for children -- Archival resources  
Correspondence  
Ayres, A. Jean -- Archives  
University of Southern California. Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Department -- Archives
Ayres and Baker - Personal Series 1_1920s-1994

Physical Description: 0.5 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents note
Personal and legal papers of Ayres and her husband, Franklin Baker, and artifacts.

Box 1, Folder 1

Articles Mentioning Ayres 1994

Scope and Contents note
Two articles mentioning Ayres.

General note
From Nancy Erwin through Brian Erwin.

Box 1, Folder 2


Scope and Contents note
Newspaper articles, newsletters, photocopied correspondence, a transcript of the Ayres memorial service, and other materials about the deaths of Ayres and Baker.

General note
From various sources.

Box 1, Folder 3

Degrees 1946-1983

Scope and Contents note
Ayres' resume and photocopies of degrees and awards received.

Box 1, Folder 4

Legal Papers and Poetry 1943-1969

Scope and Contents note
Poetry initialed "AJA," transcript of the Ayres-Baker wedding ceremony, a certified copy of Ayres' birth certificate, and a legal agreement signed by Baker.

Box 6

A. Jean Ayres: The Pioneer Behind Sensory Integration

Scope and Contents note
VHS tape of a brief documentary on Ayres.

Box 6

Memorial Service Recording 1989

Scope and Contents note
Seven cassette tapes of the memorial service for Ayres.

Box 9

Roll Books

Scope and Contents note
Two roll books for classes at USC.

Box 10

"Fair Market Value Appraisal of Ayres Clinic" 1984

Scope and Contents note
Bound appraisal of the Ayres Clinic by Philip J. Garcia.

General note
Donated by Brian Erwin.

Box 12

Photograph albums 1920s-1940s

Scope and Contents
Two photograph albums documenting Dr. Ayres' life from early childhood through her college years and adulthood.
Correspondence Series 2_1961-1989

Physical Description: 2 Linear Feet
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 1, Folder 5
Photographs 1964-1989
Scope and Contents note
Photographs of Ayres from workshops and seminars. Also, photographs from the Ayres memorial service and printed photographs from ZIP disk.
General note
Printed photos from Brian Erwin; memorial service photos from Ora Mae Crane; photos in sleeves from Antje Price. ZIP disk located in Box 6.

Box 1, Folder 6
Correspondence to Nancy Erwin 1986-1987
Scope and Contents note
Two letters from Ayres to her sister, Nancy.
General note
From Nancy Erwin through Brian Erwin.

Box 1, Folder 7
Correspondence Between Donors 1989
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence and memoirs from former students, co-workers, and family members. Also, a promotional poster for the Ayres Archive at USC.
General note
Donated by Shay McAtee, Brian Erwin, and other donors.

Box 1, Folder 8
Correspondence with W.P.S. 1961-1985
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied correspondence from Ayres to the Western Psychological Society, mostly about her publications through WPS.
General note
Donated by the W.P.S.

Box 1, Folder 9
Correspondence to Price, Antje 1956-1988
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence to Price on various topics, including workshops, visits, international interest in sensory integration, and other topics. A more detailed list is at the front of the folder.
General note
Donated by Antje Price.

Box 1, Folder 10
Correspondence - USC 1976-1984
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence to departments of USC about accounting, purchases, students in Ayres' class, and other topics.

Box 1, Folder 11
AOTF: Directions for the Future, July/August 1988 1988
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied correspondence from the American Occupational Therapy Foundation regarding Ayres' involvement in "Directions for the Future" symposia. Also, handwritten notes by Ayres regarding the symposia.
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<td><strong>AOTF: Library/Archives 1985</strong> &lt;br&gt;Scope and Contents note &lt;br&gt;Letter from the American Occupational Therapist Association thanking Ayres for the donation of her OT-related library.</td>
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<td>1, Folder 13</td>
<td><strong>Miscel. Prof. Organizations 1963-1969</strong> &lt;br&gt;Scope and Contents note &lt;br&gt;Photocopied correspondence and brochures from various professional organizations to and from Ayres.</td>
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<td>1, Folder 14</td>
<td><strong>Correspondence, 1988 1988</strong> &lt;br&gt;Scope and Contents note &lt;br&gt;Photocopied correspondence to and from Ayres on a variety of topics, including professional activities, long-distance diagnoses, and others.</td>
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<td><strong>Personal Letters Received 1987</strong> &lt;br&gt;Scope and Contents note &lt;br&gt;Photocopied correspondence about success in treatment and other topics.</td>
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<td>1, Folder 16</td>
<td><strong>Correspondence, 1987 1987</strong> &lt;br&gt;Scope and Contents note &lt;br&gt;Photocopied correspondence regarding professional associations, international studies, and other topics. Also, a copy of a reference guide for review.</td>
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<td><strong>Correspondence, 1986 1986</strong> &lt;br&gt;Scope and Contents note &lt;br&gt;Photocopied correspondence regarding professional activities, restaurants near the Ayres Clinic, and other topics. Also, study proposals and other materials.</td>
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Box 2, Folder 4  **Correspondence, 1979 1979**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 2, Folder 5  **Correspondence, 1978 1978**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 2, Folder 6  **Correspondence, 1977 1977**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 2, Folder 7  **Correspondence, 1977-1979 1977-1979**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 2, Folder 8  **Correspondence, January - December, 1976 1976**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 2, Folder 9  **Correspondence, 1976 - Workshops 1976**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied correspondence to and from Ayres regarding workshops, seminars, and lectures.

Box 2, Folder 10  **Correspondence - Workshops 1975**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied correspondence to and from Ayres regarding possible workshops, seminars, and lectures.

Box 3, Folder 1  **Correspondence - General 1975**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 3, Folder 2  **Correspondence 1974**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 3, Folder 3  **Correspondence - Workshops 1974**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied correspondence to and from Ayres regarding possible workshops, seminars, and lectures.

Box 3, Folder 4  **Correspondence 1973**  
Scope and Contents note  
Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 11  **Correspondence 1973-1988**  
Scope and Content  
Primarily photocopies of correspondence; also includes some typescripts, a memorial to Dr. Ayres, and material from professional organizations.
Lectures and Speeches Series 3_1964-1985

Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents note
Includes lectures given to USC students, notes for class lectures, speeches given at workshops and conventions, and cassette tapes of Ayres' speeches.

Box 3, Folder 5  
**Dyspraxia, 1985 Developmental Dyspraxia - References**
Scope and Contents note
Two photocopied lists of references on dyspraxia and developmental dyspraxia.

Box 3, Folder 6  
**Dyspraxia Lecture Outline 1985**
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied lecture outline, with notes.

Box 3, Folder 7  
**Dyspraxia, 1985 1985**
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten lecture titled "Dyspraxia '85."

Box 3, Folder 8  
**Lecture to Undergraduates**
Scope and Contents note
Handwritten lecture notes for lecture to USC undergraduates.

Box 3, Folder 9  
**Apraxia Notes: In Lecture, Already Used 1:2**
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten lecture notes.

Box 3, Folder 10  
**Apraxia Notes: In Lecture, Already Used 2:2**
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten lecture notes.

Box 3, Folder 11  
**USC - Student Names**
Scope and Contents note
Lists of therapists who studied with Ayres at the Ayres Clinic, both through USC and without USC sponsorship.

Box 3, Folder 12  
**Dyspraxia, 1985**
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied lecture outline and lecture notes, and an agreement between Sensory Integration International and Ayres regarding publication of her lecture "Developmental Dyspraxia and Adult-Onset Apraxia.

Box 4, Folder 1  
**Autism Lecture, December 1978**
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten notes for lecture and lecture text.

Box 4, Folder 2  
**Dyspraxia, 1981 1981**
Scope and Contents note
Photocopies of typed outline and handwritten notes and text for "Aspects of the Somatomotor Adaptive Response and Praxis."

Box 4, Folder 3  
**Vestibular Notes Written Up**
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten notes.
Lectures and Speeches
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten notes and lecture text.
General note
Blank pages are interleaved between sections too large for a paperclip.

Duplicate Lecture Notes, Miscellaneous 1975-1982
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten notes and lecture text.
General note
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Vestibular System - Rev. (Old Lecture Notes) 1982
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten notes and lecture text.

Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten lecture text.

USC Students 1987
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten lecture text, given to USC Occupational Therapy students.

Vestibular Nystagmatic Notes
Scope and Contents note
Photocopies of typed and handwritten notes.

USC Lectures 1980-1983
Scope and Contents note
Photocopies of handwritten notes and lecture text. Also, "The Organization of the Brain," from Scientific American.

Limbic System
Scope and Contents note
Photocopy of handwritten lecture outline and text.

Laterization - Notes for Lecture Prep 1972
Scope and Contents note
Photocopy of handwritten lecture notes.

Reading Notes 1977 Ahead of Here
Scope and Contents note
Photocopies of handwritten notes.
General note
Blank pages are interleaved between sections too large for a paperclip.

Dyspraxia 1985 Lecture 1985
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied typed text and handwritten notes and lecture text.
Lectures and Speeches Series 3_1964-1985

Box 6  Cassettes
Scope and Contents note
Cassette tapes of Ayres' speeches and lectures, 16 in total.
General note
Donated by Inez Lawson.

Box 10  Class Notes by A. Price Course of Perceptual-Motor Dysfunction taught by A. Jean Ayres at USC, Summer 1964
Scope and Contents note
Notes taken by Antje Price from Ayres' lectures.
General note
Donated by Antje Price.

Box 11, Folder 1  Sensory Integration 1972, 1978, 1999, undated
Scope and Content
Flyers, typescripts, correspondence.

Research Series 4_1975-1985
Physical Description: 0.5 Linear Feet
Scope and Contents note
Materials created for and during the praxis study with Zoe Mailloux.

Box 5, Folder 6  Apraxia Study, General 1982
Scope and Contents note
Score sheet variables & description and score sheets.

Box 5, Folder 7  Apraxia Manuscript 1982-1985
Scope and Contents note
Photocopies of test sheets, notes, correspondence, and test results.

Box 5, Folder 8  Diagnoses and Ethnic Group
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten diagnoses and notes.

Scope and Contents note
Photocopied handwritten instructions and notes. Photocopied test sheets and results.

Box 5, Folder 10  Tests, New - Praxis Study
Scope and Contents note
Photocopies of test results, tests, and notes.

Box 5, Folder 11  SI Dys: Test Score Constellations, Draft 2
Scope and Contents note
Photocopied typed results, hand-drawn graphs, and results.

Box 5, Folder 12  SI Dys: Test Score Constellations, Draft 1 1985
Scope and Contents note
Photocopies of handwritten notes and typed final report.
Box 5, Folder 13
SI Dys: Test Score Constellations, Carbons Yellows
Scope and Contents note
Photocopies of pages from a typed report and handwritten notes.

Box 5, Folder 14
Dyspraxia Lecture
Scope and Contents note
Photocopy of handwritten lecture text.

Box 5, Folder 15
"Adaptive Behavior as a Therapeutic Process" 1979
Scope and Contents note
Photocopy of handwritten text with note to "Erma" at the top.

Box 5, Folder 16
Script for Adaptive Response Tape
Scope and Contents note
Photocopy of handwritten script.

Publications Series 5_1954-2002
Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet
Scope and Contents note
Published works of Ayres, including translations of "Sensory Integration and the Child."

Box 10
"A Neurophysiological Approach to Learning Disabilities in Children"
Scope and Contents note
Brief monograph by Ayres.

Box 10
"Bausteine der kindlichen Entwicklung" 2002
Scope and Contents note
German translation of "Sensory Integration and the Child."

Box 10
"Developmental Dyspraxia and Adult-Onset Apraxia" 1985
Scope and Contents note
Published lecture for Sensory Integration International. Two copies.
General note
Donated by Brian Erwin and Antje Price.

Box 10
"Dijete I Sensorsna Integracija" 2002
Scope and Contents note
Croatian translation of "Sensory Integration and the Child."

Box 10
"Kun Lapsi El Opi Leikkimaan" 1983
Scope and Contents note
Finnish translation of "sensory Integration and the Child."

Box 10
"La Integracion Sensorial y El Nino" 1998
Scope and Contents note
Spanish translation of "Sensory Integration and the Child."

Box 10
"Love, Jean: Hope for Children With Dysfunctional Sensory Integration" Draft
Scope and Contents note
Draft copy of "Love, Jean," written after Ayres' death.
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<td>&quot;The Development of Sensory Integrative Theory and Practice: A Collection of the Works of A. Jean Ayres&quot; 1974</td>
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Tests and Artifacts Series 6_undated

Physical Description: 1.25 Linear Feet

Scope and Contents note
Includes paper tests in notebooks, objects used in testing, and artifacts..

Box 7

Tests, Tools and Artifacts

Scope and Contents note
Two small notebooks, one labeled “Book One,” of tests; eight boxes of psychological tests, including one made by Ayres, the “Stick Test,” color form blocks, and others.

General note
Donated by Brian Erwin.

Box 8

Tests, Tools, and Artifacts

Scope and Contents note
Two medium size notebooks with tests; set of notecards printed from paintings by Ayres; dissection kit; notecards for tests; spiral-bound tests; Ayres glasses; and wooden shapes for test.

General note
Donated by Brian Erwin.

Box 9

Test, Tools, and Artifacts

Scope and Contents note
Multiple large-sized tests; a black and red yo-yo; six wood-and-wire tools; wooden shapes in a tobacco bag; two blindfolds; a handkerchief; and a leather bag with miscellaneous papers inside.

General note
Donated by Brian Erwin.