

Guide to the David Underdown Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: OSB MSS 214

CREATOR: Underdown, David

TITLE: David Underdown papers

DATES: 1930–2010

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 12.42 linear feet (13 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The David Underdown papers, which span from 1930-2010, contain correspondence, lectures, teaching materials, personal papers, electronic files, and other materials created by or relating to David Underdown's life and work.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Susan Amussen, 2013, 2015.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Preferred Citation

David Underdown Papers. James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections as they are acquired, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole. Each acquisition is described separately in the contents list below and titled according to month and year of acquisition.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

David Underdown

David Underdown (1925-2009) was a historian, author, and educator. Educated at Blue School, Exeter College, Oxford, and Yale University, Underdown wrote and taught extensively about 17th-century English politics and culture. Underdown taught at Yale University from 1986 until his retirement as Professor Emeritus in 1996. He also taught at a number of institutions including Sewanee College, Brown University, and University of Virginia. Among his many award-winning publications, his most well-known work was *Pride's Purge: Politics in the Puritan Revolution* (1981).

Scope and Contents

The David Underdown papers, which span from 1930-2010, contain correspondence, lectures, teaching materials, personal papers, electronic files, and other materials created by or relating to David Underdown's life and work.

Arrangement

Organized into two groupings: January 2013 acquisition; and June 2015 acquisition.

Collection Contents

January 2013 acquisition, 1930–2010

11.08 linear feet (11 boxes)

Contains correspondence, writings, teaching materials, ephemera, journals, and personal papers created by or related to the life and work of David Underdown.

Gift of Susan Amussen, 2013.

Organized into four series: I. Writings, 1947 - 2010. II. Correspondence, 1940 - 2009. III. Teaching materials, . IV. Personal papers, .

	Writings	1947–2010
	<i>1.08 linear feet 3.25 linear feet (3 boxes) (3 boxes)</i>	
	Contains writings, clippings, reviews, drafts, and related papers and ephemera.	
	Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.	
b. 1	Reviews and clippings	circa 1972-1987
b. 1	Review revisions	circa 1990s
b. 1	Comment on Clive Holmes	1977
b. 1	Untitled essay on 1966 General Election	circa 1966
b. 1	Wooster lecture	circa 1980s
b. 1	Washington University conference	circa 1986
b. 1	The Parliamentary Diary of John Boys, 1647-8	undated
b. 1	Draft and notes related to "John White Revisited"	undated
b. 1	"The Collapse of the Independent Party, 1648" annotated draft	circa 1960s
b. 1	Program--International symposium on British history	1987
b. 1	"From Coral Rag to Clipsham" annotated draft	undated
b. 1	History of cricket	circa 2006
b. 1	AHA speech with note	circa 1976
b. 1	"The Harringtonian Moment" draft	undated
b. 1	Highlander School materials (2 folders)	circa 1947-1963
b. 1	"Puritanism and Poverty" version and related papers (2 folders)	circa 1992
b. 1	Historiography drafts and notes (2 folders)	undated
b. 1	"Crook-taloned birds" from New Yorker	1962

Writings (continued)

b. 1	E.P. Thompson obituaries and articles	circa 1993
b. 1	Sir Richard Willys article and notes	undated
b. 1	Chattanooga Times reviews and clippings	circa 1960s
b. 1	Bicentennial project--Hope, Refuge, Model	1976
b. 1	Highlander school materials	circa 1950s
b. 1	Hampshire county council election article and related papers	circa 2006
b. 1	Correspondence about writings with Tim Harris and others along with related papers	circa 1989-1995
b. 1	Yule argument and related correspondence	circa 1969-1970
b. 1	Encyclopedia articles and related papers	circa 1990s-2000s
b. 1	Dick Pile notes and related correspondence	undated
b. 1	Conference on British studies materials	circa 1970
b. 1	Whiteway and Darcy materials	circa 1980s-1990s
b. 1	Puritanism and poverty	circa 1990s
b. 1	Ford's book with corrections and related materials	circa 1990s
b. 1	Kishlanksy-Adamson exchanges	1991-1994
b. 1	China trip notes and related papers	1987
b. 1	Correspondence regarding Sewanee teaching	1954-1962
b. 1	International symposium on British history	1987
b. 1	Correspondence and photographs	circa 1950s-1970s
b. 1	Working file for book illustrations	undated
b. 1	History Today correspondence and related papers	1983
b. 1	Royalist notes and related papers	circa 1970s
b. 1	"Fire From Heaven" correspondence and related materials	1998-2001
b. 1	Anglo-US history paper	circa 1994
b. 1	Somerset correspondence and related materials	1999-2001
b. 1	Bound typescript of "Charles McLean Andrews"	1952
b. 2	"Royalist Party in England" typescript (2 folders)	1952

Writings (continued)

b. 2	Article reprints and offprints (4 folders)	circa 1950s-1980s
b. 2	Papers related to academic speaking engagements	1981-1982
b. 2	"English Civil War and Local Community" typescript	1984
b. 2	"Whose Political Culture?" speech with notes	undated
b. 2	"Lawrence Stone and the English Revolution" typescript	undated
b. 2	Papers related to AHA in Chicago	1986-1988
b. 2	Clippings and writings related to cricket match fixing (2 folders)	circa 1999-2001
b. 2	Notes and papers related to Watching Cricket in the Eighteenth Century	1996-1997
b. 2	Riots and Revels paper and notes	undated
b. 2	Papers related to the Southern Historical Association meeting	1959
b. 2	Marshall University speech and related papers	1988
b. 2	"Fields, Forests, and the English Revolution" annotated typescript	undated
b. 2	Hollar writings with related papers	circa 1994
b. 2	Clippings about American cricket	circa 1992-2000
b. 2	Writings about William Gilbert Grace with related correspondence and papers	circa 1987
b. 2	Fords--notes	circa 1992
b. 2	Paper abstracts from International Symposium on British History	1987
b. 2	Papers related to Church memorial lecture	1991
b. 2	Correspondence and notes related to AHA	1992
b. 2	Papers related to conference on British studies	1989
b. 2	Folger conference	1990
b. 2	Brief from AHA	1989
b. 2	Hutton/Pounds review	2001
b. 2	Papers related to North East Conference on British Studies	2004
b. 2	"Seventeenth-Century Historians and the Revolution of 1640-1660" typescript	undated
b. 2	"Cricket Crowd" typescript	undated
b. 2	"The Problem of Popular Allegiance in the English Civil War" typescript	1980
b. 2	Sewanee address and related papers	circa 1981

Writings (continued)

b. 2	"Revisiting Inversion in Early Modern England" typescript	2001
b. 2	"As Tame as the Ladies" typescript	1990
b. 2	"Memories of Harold Gimblett" typescript	undated
b. 2	William Benn entry--Oxford dictionary of national biography	circa 2004
b. 2	"Prince Henry's Ghost" typescript	undated
b. 2	"Free-Born Englishmen: The Political nation in the Seventeenth Century" typescript	undated
b. 2	"Itching after popularitie: gentry politics before 1640" lecture typescript	undated
b. 2	"Custom and Inversion: Popular Politics before 1640" lecture typescript	undated
b. 2	"Liberty and Property: The Political nation and the English Revolution" lecture typescript	undated
b. 2	"The Man in the Moon: Levelling, Gender and Popular Politics 1640-1660" lecture typescript	undated
b. 2	"The Political Nation After the Restoration" lecture typescript	undated
b. 2	Reviews--Freeborn People	circa 1998
b. 2	Reviews of "Revel, Riot, and Rebellion"	1985-1987
b. 2	Reviews	circa 2000s
b. 2	"But the Shows of their Street" peer reviews and related papers	circa 2010
b. 2	"Yellow Ruffs and Poisoned Possets: Placing Women in Early Stuart Political Debate" typescript	undated
b. 3	"Chalk and Cheese" reviews with related papers	circa 1978
b. 3	Hexter festschrift and related papers	1978-1979
b. 3	Papers related to Dorsey press	1965-1966
b. 3	Papers related to AYA trip (2 folders)	1995
b. 3	Lewis and Clark talk	1987
b. 3	Dorset lectures	2001
b. 3	Papers related to "Pride's Purge" reprint	1984
b. 3	Papers related to Cricketer article	1998-2000
b. 3	Papers related to Exeter College	1989-2000
b. 3	Papers related to award from Cricket Society	circa 1999-2001
b. 3	Honest radicals article	circa 1970s

Writings (continued)

b. 3	Reviews (3 folders)	circa 1980s-2000s
b. 3	Papers related to e-books	2002-2004
b. 3	CVs	circa 1987-2005
b. 3	Papers related to dictionary of national biography	1998-2002
b. 3	Corrected Ford lectures and related papers	1988-1993
b. 3	Papers related to American Historical Association	2006
	Correspondence 7.58 linear feet (7 boxes) Contains correspondence, much with other authors, along with related notes, clippings, and papers. Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.	1940-2009
b. 3	Personal records and correspondence	1956-2007
b. 3	Notes and letters	circa 1980s-2000s
b. 3	Letters, notes, and related papers (10 folders)	circa 1950s-1970s
b. 4	Family and miscellaneous correspondence (11 folders)	circa 1950s-1960s
b. 4	Sewanee correspondence (6 folders)	circa 1950s
b. 5	Sewanee correspondence (7 folders)	circa 1950s
b. 5	Notes and letters (8 folders)	circa 1940s-1950s
b. 5	Correspondence (4 folders)	circa 1980s
b. 6	Correspondence (3 folders)	circa 1980s
b. 6	Correspondence (2 folders)	circa 1980s-1990s
b. 6	Correspondence (3 folders)	circa 1960s
b. 6	Correspondence (5 folders)	circa 1960s-1970s
b. 6	Correspondence and papers related to 610 Angell Street residence	circa 1980s
b. 6	Correspondence (3 folders)	circa 1970s-1980s

Correspondence (continued)

b. 7	Correspondence--Spaeth	circa 1980s-2000s
b. 7	Correspondence--Ross	1998-1999
b. 7	Correspondence--Stieg	1977-1985
b. 7	Correspondence--Lyons	1978-1980
b. 7	Correspondence--Madway	1994-2000
b. 7	Correspondence--Malcolm	1977-1997
b. 7	Correspondence--Maltby	1989-1999
b. 7	Correspondence--Reinhart	1977-1984
b. 7	Correspondence--Klein	1985-2004
b. 7	Correspondence--Kishlansky	1975-1990
b. 7	Correspondence--Forrest	1987
b. 7	Correspondence--Ferrell	1985-2002
b. 7	Correspondence--Estabrook	1985-2002
b. 7	Correspondence--Erwin	1987-1998
b. 7	Correspondence--Egloff	1989-1995
b. 7	Letters regarding jobs and employment	1968-1999
b. 7	British historians CVs	undated
b. 7	Correspondence--Behre	1989-1991
b. 7	Correspondence--Benedict	1991
b. 7	Correspondence--Cogswell	1989-1999
b. 7	Correspondence--Duncan	1991-2005
b. 7	Correspondence--Deignan	1982-1987
b. 7	Correspondence--Eglin	1999
b. 7	Correspondence--UVA and Brown University	1950-1969
b. 7	Correspondence (3 folders)	circa 1980s-1990s
b. 7	Sewanee correspondence (4 folders)	circa 1950s
b. 7	Correspondence (2 folders)	circa 1950s
b. 7	Cards	2007-2009

Correspondence (continued)

b. 7	Notes, reviews, and articles (2 folders)	circa 1960s-1990s
b. 8	Correspondence--mss reports	1992-2005
b. 8	Letters of recommendation	1987-2008
b. 8	Correspondence--Sewanee	circa 1960s-2000s
b. 8	Correspondence--Guggenheim and other fellowships	circa 1950s-1990s
b. 8	Correspondence--mss reports	circa 1960s-1990s
b. 8	Correspondence--Yale	1985-1996
b. 8	Correspondence and papers related to naturalization	circa 1997
b. 8	Correspondence and papers related to Ann Underdown's estate and holdings	1979-2002
b. 8	Correspondence and papers related to Susan Amussen	circa 1970s-1980s
b. 8	Correspondence (3 folders)	circa 1950s-1970s
b. 8	Correspondence from America (3 folders)	1951-1973
b. 8	Correspondence--RAF and Oxford	1943-1949
b. 8	Correspondence (5 folders)	circa 1980s-2000s
b. 9	Correspondence (4 folders)	circa 1990s
b. 9	Correspondence--Hambleton (2 folders)	circa 1990s-2000s
b. 9	Correspondence--Dorchester	1988-2001
b. 9	Correspondence--Dorset	circa 1990s
b. 9	Correspondence, clippings, and related papers	circa 1998-2001
b. 9	Correspondence and related papers	2003-2008
b. 9	Correspondence--All Souls	1991-1995
b. 9	Correspondence--Liberty fund	1998-1999
b. 9	Correspondence--Yale University Press	1992-2000
b. 9	Correspondence--Penguin	1998-2002

Correspondence (continued)

b. 9	Correspondence--A.P. Watt	1989–2002
b. 9	Correspondence and related papers--Shakespeare Association of America	1987–1988
b. 9	Correspondence--publicity for "Start of Play"	2000
b. 9	Correspondence--British Academy	1991–2001
b. 9	Correspondence--Oxford University Press	1984–1993
b. 9	Correspondence--Smithsonian	1999
b. 9	Correspondence--Wells	1999–2001
b. 9	Correspondence--Sandling	1997–2001
b. 9	Notes and letter from Carl	1990
	Teaching materials <i>2.17 linear feet (2 boxes)</i> Contains papers related to Underwood's experiences as an educator, including extensive notes on courses taught. Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.	1970–1989
b. 9	Course seminar notebook	circa 1979
b. 9	Course notes <i>(2 folders)</i>	undated
b. 10	Grading notes <i>(3 folders)</i>	circa 1980s
b. 10	Course notes--Tudor and Stuart England	undated
b. 10	Course notes--Tudors	undated
b. 10	Course notes--Stuarts	undated
b. 10	Course notes--History 252A	undated
b. 10	Course notes--History 142	circa 1970s-1980s
b. 10	Course notes--History 101-2	circa 1970s-1980s
	Personal papers <i>1.33 linear feet (2 boxes)</i> Contains journals, ephemera, and other papers related to the life experiences of David Underwood. Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.	1930–2009
b. 10	Address books	undated
b. 10	Passports	circa 1950s-2000s

Personal papers (continued)

b. 10	Library cards, rail tickets, and other ephemera	circa 2000s
b. 10	Royal Air Force flying log book	circa 1946
b. 10	Clippings--nuclear arms	circa 1980s
b. 11	Diaries (13 folders)	circa 1940s-2000s
b. 11	Deposit book	undated
b. 11	Brown University master's diploma	1969
b. 11	Oxford examination questions and notes	undated
b. 11	Royal Air Force service and release book	undated
b. 11	Blue School progress reports	circa 1930s-1940s
b. 11	Journal	1972-1973
b. 11	Ephemera	circa 1980s
b. 11	Oxford Mail front page	1945
b. 12	Retirement certificate from Yale University	1996 June 30
b. 12	Rolled photo of Wells School students	1939 June
b. 12	Ribbon	undated

June 2015 acquisition, undated

0.25 linear feet (1 box)

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names

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Names

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