

# Guide to the Elysium Press Records

GEN MSS 1591



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1591

**CREATOR:** Deiss, David

**TITLE:** Elysium Press Records

**DATES:** 1983-2015

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6.71 linear feet (9 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Includes materials in English, French, and Italian.

**SUMMARY:** The collection chiefly includes correspondence with writers and other collaborators. The collection also contains project files which include manuscript drafts, book mock ups, and printed materials. The records provide insight into the collaborative process between publisher and writer including correspondence, manuscript drafts, and book proofs.

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

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Elysium Books on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund, 2019.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research. Box 9: Restricted fragile material.

## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Processing Information**

The collection was processed adhering to the Press's original filing system.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Elysium Press was created in 1980. The press prints and publishes letterpress books, focusing on the works of gay authors, especially those who had been overlooked in the 20th century. The press's books are hand printed and hand bound.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The collection chiefly includes correspondence with writers and other collaborators including Donald Windham, Charles Henri Ford, Ned Rorem, Paul Cadmus, and James Lord . The correspondence was primarily addressed to David Deiss. The collection also contains project files which include manuscript drafts, book mock ups, and printed materials. The records provide insight into the collaborative process between publisher and writer including correspondence, manuscript drafts, and book proofs.

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## **Arrangement**

Organized into two series: Series I: Correspondence, 1983-2015 and Series II. Project files, 1989-2010.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1983–2015

Most of the correspondence is addressed to David Deiss.

Within the series, the materials are arranged in alphabetical order.

b. 1, f. 1	A general Includes correspondence from Paul Auster, Kenneth Anger, and Edward Albee.	1994–2007
b. 1, f. 2	B general	1995–2009
b. 1, f. 3	Boomgaard, W.H.	1994–1996
b. 1, f. 4	C general	1983–2006
b. 1, f. 5	Cadmus, Paul	1994–1999
b. 1, f. 6	D general	1991–2004
b. 1, f. 7	E general	1992–1997
b. 1, f. 8	F general Includes correspondence from Charles Henri Ford.	1983–1999
b. 1, f. 9	G general Includes materials in French.	1990–2010
b. 1, f. 10	H general	1992–2015
b. 1, f. 11	K general Includes correspondence from Lincoln Kirstein.	1990–2000
b. 1, f. 12-13	L general Includes correspondence from David Leavitt.	1991–2001
b. 1, f. 14-15	Lord, James	1994–2007
b. 1, f. 16	M general Includes materials in French.	1980–2002
b. 1, f. 17	N general	1994–2014
b. 2, f. 18	O general	1994–1995
b. 2, f. 19	P general	1983–2015
b. 2, f. 20	R general	1993–1997
b. 2, f. 21	Reed, Jeremy	2000–2004
b. 2, f. 22	Reid, Anthony	2002–2003
b. 2, f. 23-24	Rorem, Ned	1991–1997

b. 2, f. 25	S general Includes correspondence in French.	1991–2005
b. 2, f. 26	T general	1994–2009
b. 2, f. 27	V general	1994–2005
b. 2, f. 28	W general	1992–1998
b. 2, f. 29	Windham, Donald	1968–2002
b. 2, f. 30	Y general	undated

**Series II: Project files, 1989–2010**

Within the series, the materials are arranged in alphabetical order.

b. 3, f. 31	Berners, Lord Gerald	1999
b. 3, f. 32-34	Bowles, Paul and Rorem, Ned	1996–1997
b. 3, f. 35	Cadmus, Paul	undated
b. 3, f. 36-38	Chubb, Ralph	undated
b. 4, f. 39	Chubb, Ralph	1997
b. 4, f. 40-41	Crevel, Rene	1993–1996
b. 4, f. 42-44	D'Arch Smith, Tim Includes one floppy disc.	1998–2001
b. 4, f. 45	Fersen, Jacques d' Adelsward Includes materials in French.	undated
b. 4, f. 46	Jullian, Philippe	2003
b. 4, f. 47-48	Leavitt, David	1995
b. 4, f. 49-51	Lord, James	1995–2005
b. 5, f. 52	Nutting, Cherie	undated
b. 5, f. 53	Phillips, John	undated
b. 5, f. 54-57	Plante, David	1995–1999
b. 5, f. 58	Plomer, William	1996–1998
b. 5, f. 59	Reed, Jeremy	2000
b. 5, f. 60	Rolfe, Frederick Includes one compact disc.	2005
b. 5, f. 61	Sansone, Anthony J.	undated
b. 5, f. 62	Steinbock, Count Eric	1995
b. 5, f. 63	Stevenson, Edward Prime	2002
b. 5, f. 64	Steward, Samuel	2005–2010
b. 5, f. 65-67	Tchelitchew, Pavel	1990–1999
b. 6, f. 68	Tchelitchew, Pavel	1990–1999
b. 6, f. 69-70	Tennant, Stephen	1994–1996
b. 6, f. 71	Vaughan, Keith	1995
b. 6, f. 72	Von Gloeden, Wilhelm	1999

b. 6, f. 73	Von Platen, Baron Carl	2009
b. 6, f. 74-76	Welch, Denton	1989-1998
b. 6, f. 77	Wescott, Glenway	1992
b. 6, f. 78	Elysium Press reviews	2009
b. 6, f. 79	Brooks, Romaine papers research	1992
b. 7 (oversize), f. 80-81	Cocteau, Jean	1990-1992
b. 8 (oversize), f. 82	Green, Leonard	undated
b. 8 (oversize), f. 83	Leavitt, David	1995-2000
b. 8 (oversize), f. 84	Goor, Gaston	2000-2002
b. 8 (oversize), f. 85	Gervais, Paul Includes materials in Italian.	1998
b. 8 (oversize), f. 86	Welch, Denton	1993-2003
Computer Media Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.		
	Rolfe, Frederick	2005
b. 9	[no label information] 2020-genm-0002-0002 1 CD-R Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	
	Smith, Tim D'Arch	1998-2001
b. 9	Elysium Press 000-037 Deiss 2020-genm-0002-0001 1 ZIP Disk Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	



## **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.

### **Subjects**

American literature -- 20th Century  
Authors and publishers  
LGBTQ resource  
Publishers and publishing

### **Genres / Formats**

Born digital

### **Contributors**

Deiss, David  
Ford, Charles Henri, 1908-2002  
Rorem, Ned, 1923-  
Kirstein, Lincoln, 1907-1996  
Windham, Donald  
Elysium Press  
Cadmus, Paul, 1904-1999