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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The collection, totaling 10.5 linear feet, comprises institutional records of the National Institute for Social Science (NISS) dating from 1870 through 2016. The history of the National Institute for Social Science dates to 1912, when the Institute was created as a department of the American Social Science Association (ASSA). Any material that predates 1912 was created under the auspices of the American Social Science Association, and any material that postdates 1926 was created by the NISS, as that is the year in which the NISS assumed the ASSA's charter. Early material is primarily correspondence, with some annual dinner records from the mid-20th century. The bulk of the material is from 1990–2008 and consists primarily of administrative materials, such as meeting minutes, financial records, member lists, and annual meeting planning materials. Also included are LPs of speeches given at award dinners.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the National Institute of Social Sciences, 2019.

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Related Materials

Related material: American Social Science Association Records (MS 1603).

Biographical / Historical

The National Institute of Social Sciences, with dues paying members from across the United States, promotes the study of the social sciences, supports social science research and discussion, and honors individuals who have rendered distinguished service to humanity by awarding Gold Honor Medals.

The Institute had its origins in the American Social Science Association (ASSA), which itself grew out of two earlier organizations. In October 1865, Massachusetts Governor John A. Andrew chaired a meeting of some 300 citizens that established the American Association for the Promotion of Social Science, modeled on the British Social Science Association, "to plan measures of public improvement." The following year, the American Association for the Promotion of Social Science merged with the Boston Social Science Association to form the ASSA.

During the ASSA's first decades, general interest in the social sciences evolved into academic professionalization, and ASSA helped foster the creation of the American Historical Association (1884), the American Economic Association (1885), the American Political Science Association (1903), and the American Sociological Association (1905).

In 1898, the ASSA created the National Institute of Arts and Letters, modeled after the Académie Française. In time, National Institute of Arts and Letters transformed into the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

In 1899, the ASSA was "constituted a corporation" by an Act of Congress, and in 1912, the ASSA created the National Institute of Social Sciences as a separate department.

In 1913, the Institute presented its first Gold Medals for Distinguished Service to Humanity. That year, the honorees were Archer M. Huntington, philanthropist and founder of the Hispanic Society of America; Samuel L. Parrish, lawyer, noted art collector, and museum founder; and William Howard Taft, who was concluding his term as 27th President of the United States.

Subsequently, the Institute emerged as an independent organization. Its early leadership encompassed many ASSA members, including James B. Angell, president of the University of Michigan, Daniel Cott Gilman, the first president of the Johns Hopkins University, and Andrew D. White, the first president of Cornell.

In 1926, by a second Act of Congress, the Institute assumed the ASSA federal charter "for the purpose of promoting studies and researches in the social sciences."

In the following decades, the Institute presented Gold Medals to distinguished honorees every year (except 1922) and established a vibrant branch in Palm Beach, Florida. Since 2013, the Institute has sponsored an annual Seed Fund Program that provides financial support to graduate students in the social sciences during the final year of their doctoral research.

Assembled from the National Institute of Social Sciences website: <http://www.socialsciencesinstitute.org/>

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The records are arranged in three series: I. Correspondence, 1854-1888. II. Administrative, 1874-2018. III. Events, 1899-2017.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1854–1888

This series contains correspondence created by administrative members of the organization. Some of the letters are bound in letter books. Correspondence documents event planning, committee meeting notes, publications, and accomplishments of members.

b. 3, f. 1	1854	1854
b. 1, f. 1-4	Letter books	1866–1879
b. 2, f. 1-6	1870–1888	1870–1888
b. 3, f. 2	Letter book	1875 June-1876 June
b. 3, f. 3	Letter book	1877 April-1877 October
b. 3, f. 4	Letter book	1883 May-1884 September

Series II: Administrative, 1874–2018

This series contains administrative records created by the organization, including membership dues and expenses, budgeting notes, meeting minutes, and printed materials.

General		
b. 4, f. 1-4	1874–1918	1874–1918
b. 4, f. 5	Officers	1911–1918
b. 4, f. 6	Pamphlets	1915–1931
b. 5, f. 1	Reorganization suggestions	1926–1932
b. 5, f. 2	Plan, Dean Johnson	1932
b. 5, f. 3	Invitations	1999–2006
b. 5, f. 4	Event programs	2000–2007
b. 5, f. 5	Correspondence	2004
b. 5, f. 6	Brinckerhoff memorials	2006
b. 5, f. 7	Mission statement	2008
b. 5, f. 8-16	Board of Directors materials	1992–2015
Finances		
b. 5, f. 17	Profit and loss reports	2000–2003
b. 5, f. 18	Balance sheet	2001
b. 5, f. 19	Chart of accounts	2002
b. 5, f. 20	Financial statements	2002, 2007
b. 5, f. 21	Profit and loss reports	2003–2005
b. 5, f. 22	Tax reports	2004–2006
b. 5, f. 23	Budgets	2004–2015
b. 6, f. 1	Event finances	2005–2008
b. 6, f. 2	Finances	2005–2010
b. 6, f. 3	Bank deposits	2006
b. 6, f. 4	Bank statements	2006
b. 6, f. 5	Profit and loss reports	2006
b. 6, f. 6	Bank statements	2007
b. 6, f. 7	Budgets and actuals	2007
b. 6, f. 8	Membership payments	2007

Finances (continued)

Invoices		2007-2008
b. 6, f. 9	A-M	2007
b. 6, f. 10	N-Z	2007
b. 6, f. 11	Colony Club	2008
b. 6, f. 12	Harvard Club	2008
b. 6, f. 13	Olinger	2008
b. 6, f. 14	Orbis Brynmore Printing	2008
b. 6, f. 15	Postmaster	2007
b. 7, f. 1	Bank deposits	2008
b. 7, f. 2	Bank statements	2008
b. 7, f. 3	Cash invoices	2008
b. 7, f. 4	Roberts, Patricia, checks	2008
b. 7, f. 5	Statement from Recognition Products International	2008
b. 7, f. 6	Financial statements	2008-2015
Membership		
b. 7, f. 7	Lists of members	1899
b. 7, f. 8	New member registry book	1902-1907
b. 7, f. 9	Junior memberships	1928
b. 7, f. 10	Member booklets	1978-1999
b. 7, f. 11	Annual members list	2000-2004
b. 7, f. 12	General guest lists	2002
b. 7, f. 13	Honorary members	2002-2003
b. 7, f. 14	Membership dues letters	2002-2004
b. 7, f. 15	Life members	2002-2005
b. 7, f. 16	Member booklets	2002-2010
b. 8, f. 1	New members	2004
b. 8, f. 2	Annual members list	2005
b. 8, f. 3	Life members	2005-2008
b. 8, f. 4	Membership	2005-2008
b. 8, f. 5	Member lists and event invoices	2006

Membership (continued)

b. 8, f. 6	Annual members	2007-2008
b. 8, f. 7	General guest list	2008
b. 8, f. 8	Honorary members	2008
b. 8, f. 9	Member booklets	2011-2018
b. 8, f. 10	Membership proposals	2008
b. 8, f. 11	Resigned	2008

Series III: Events, 1899–2017

This series contains records related to events, including annual meetings, committee meeting minutes, and annual dinners where the Institute's Gold Medal Award was given. The series also includes portraits of members.

Annual meetings (minutes, reports, programs)		
b. 10, f. 1-12	1899–1926	1899–1926
b. 9, f. 1	Dinner seating lists	1923–1948
b. 11, f. 1-18	1927–1959	1927–1959
b. 9, f. 2	Programs	1937–1948
b. 9, f. 3	Press release and speech	1941, 1948
b. 12, f. 1-17	1951–2011	1951–2011
Committees		
b. 13, f. 1-4	Council of the National Institute of Social Science minutes	1927–1950
b. 13, f. 5	Executive committee meetings	1923–1926
b. 13, f. 6-8	Medals committee	1927–1959
b. 13, f. 9-12	Membership committee	1927–1950
b. 13, f. 13-14	Nominating committee	1926–1958
b. 13, f. 15	Organization committee	1916–1917
b. 14, f. 1-2	Survey committee	1943–1945
Gold Medal Award dinners		
Speeches		
b. 17, f. 1	Michalis, Clarence G. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13
b. 17, f. 2	Michalis, Clarence G. and Honorable G. Howland Shaw <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13
b. 17, f. 3	Shaw, Honorable G. Howland and Katherine F. Lenroot <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13
b. 17, f. 4	Lenroot, Katherine F., Clarence G. Michalis, and Walter Ewing Hope <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13
b. 17, f. 5	Hope, Walter Ewing <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13
b. 17, f. 6	Hope, Walter Ewing and Edward Johnson <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13

Gold Medal Award dinners > Speeches (continued)

b. 17, f. 7	Johnson, Edward and Clarence Michalis <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13
b. 17, f. 8	Gerard, Honorable James W. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13
b. 17, f. 9	Gerard, Honorable James W. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13
b. 17, f. 10	Watson, Thomas J. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13
b. 17, f. 11	Michalis, Clarence G. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1947 May 13
b. 17, f. 12	Michalis, Mr. Clarence G. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1948 May 19
b. 17, f. 13	Moore, Mrs. Maurice T. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1948 May 19
b. 17, f. 14	Moore, Mrs. Maurice T. and Georgiana Farr Sibley <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1948 May 19
b. 17, f. 15	Sibley, Georgiana Farr <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1948 May 19
b. 17, f. 16	Michalis, Mr. Clarence G., Mr. John S. Burke, and Mr. Basil O'Connor <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1948 May 19
b. 17, f. 17	O'Connor, Mr. Basil and Mr. Clarence G. Michalis <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1948 May 19
b. 17, f. 18	Michalis, Mr. Clarence G., Mr. Thomas J. Watson, and Ambassador Warren R. Austin <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1948 May 19
b. 17, f. 19	Austin, Ambassador Warren R. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1948 May 19
b. 17, f. 20	Austin, Ambassador Warren R. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1948 May 19
b. 17, f. 21	Austin, Ambassador Warren R. and Mr. Clarence G. Michalis <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1948 May 19
b. 18, f. 1	Michalis, Clarence G. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18
b. 18, f. 2	Michalis, Clarence G. and Mrs. Ogden Reid <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18
b. 18, f. 3	Reid, Mrs. Ogden and Lillian M. Gilbreth <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18
b. 18, f. 4	Gilbreth, Lillian M., Mr. Clarence G. Michalis, and Mr. Walter S. Gifford <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18

Gold Medal Award dinners > Speeches (continued)

b. 18, f. 5	Gifford, Mr. Walter S. and Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18
b. 18, f. 6	Sloan, Mr. Alfred P., Jr. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18
b. 18, f. 7	Sloan, Mr. Alfred P., Jr., Mr. Clarence G. Michalis, and Mr. Bernard M. Baruch <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18
b. 18, f. 8	Baruch, Mr. Bernard M. and General George Catlett Marshall <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18
b. 18, f. 9	Marshall, General George Catlett <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18
b. 18, f. 10	Marshall, General George Catlett <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18
b. 18, f. 11	Marshall, General George Catlett and Mr. Clarence G. Michalis <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1949 May 18
b. 18, f. 12	Bullock, Hugh <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 18, f. 13	Berle, A. A., Jr. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 18, f. 14	Berle, A. A., Jr. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 18, f. 15	Bruere, Henry <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 18, f. 16	Bruere, Henry <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 18, f. 17	Bruere, Henry and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 18, f. 18	McIntosh, Dean Millicent Carey and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 18, f. 19	McIntosh, Dean Millicent Carey and Dr. Sarah Gibson Blanding <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 18, f. 20	Blanding, Dr. Sarah Gibson <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 18, f. 21	Blanding, Dr. Sarah Gibson <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 19, f. 1	Blanding, Dr. Sarah Gibson, Hugh Bullock, and Honorable Robert B. Patterson <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 19, f. 2	Romulo, Honorable Carlos P. and Honorable Robert B. Patterson <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1

Gold Medal Award dinners > Speeches (continued)

b. 19, f. 3	Romulo, Honorable Carlos P. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 19, f. 4	Romulo, Honorable Carlos P. and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1950 November 1
b. 19, f. 5	Pope, Bayard Foster and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1951 November 8
b. 19, f. 6	Pope, Bayard Foster and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1951 November 8
b. 19, f. 7	Hoffman, Paul G. and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1951 November 8
b. 19, f. 8	Hoffman, Paul G. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1951 November 8
b. 19, f. 9	Dulles, John Foster and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1951 November 8
b. 19, f. 10	Dulles, John Foster and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1951 November 8
b. 19, f. 11	Bullock, Hugh and Lewis W. Douglas <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1951 November 8
b. 19, f. 12	Douglas, Lewis W. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1951 November 8
b. 19, f. 13	Douglas, Lewis W. and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1951 November 8
b. 19, f. 14	McArthur, General Douglas and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1951 November 8
b. 19, f. 15	Invocation: Dr. Gilbert Darlington, Hugh Bullock, and Honorable Harold Raymond Medina <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1952 November 19
b. 19, f. 16	Medina, Honorable Harold Raymond and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1952 November 19
b. 19, f. 17	Keller, Dr. Helen Adams, Polly Thomson, and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1952 November 19
b. 19, f. 18	Bullock, Hugh, Dr. Helen Adams Keller, and Polly Thomson <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1952 November 19
b. 19, f. 19	McCloy, Honorable John J. and Hugh Bullock <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1952 November 19
b. 19, f. 20	McCloy, Honorable John J. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1952 November 19
b. 19, f. 21	Bullock, Hugh and Honorable John J. McCloy <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1952 November 19

Gold Medal Award dinners > Speeches (continued)

b. 20, f. 1	Lovett, Honorable Robert Abercrombie <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1952 November 19
b. 20, f. 2	Bullock, Hugh and Honorable Robert Abercrombie Lovett <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1952 November 19
b. 20, f. 3	Invocation: Dr. Gilbert Darlington, Walter Hoving, and William Edwin Hall <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1953 November 20
b. 20, f. 4	Harriman, E. Roland, Walter Hoving, and Dr. Charles F. Kettering <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1953 December 20
b. 20, f. 5	Rusk, Howard A. <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1954 November 19
b. 20, f. 6	Rusk, Howard A., Walter Hoving, and Helen Dinsmore Huntington (Mrs. Lytle) Hull <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1954 November 19
b. 20, f. 7	Hoving, Walter and General Walter Bedell Smith <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1954 November 19
b. 20, f. 8	Smith, General Walter Bedell <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1954 November 19
b. 20, f. 9	Smith, General Walter Bedell and Walter Hoving <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1954 November 19
b. 20, f. 10	Hoving, Walter and Howard A. Rusk <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	1954 November 19
b. 20, f. 11	"UHF -- What and Why," An Iris Production <i>1 Phonograph Record</i>	Undated
b. 14, f. 3	1968	1968
b. 14, f. 4	Programs	1970-1999
b. 14, f. 5	Awardee biographies	1996-1997
b. 14, f. 6	1999-2000	1999-2000
b. 14, f. 7	2001	2001
b. 14, f. 8	Guest lists	2001-2006
b. 14, f. 9	Programs	2001-2013
b. 14, f. 10	2002	2002
b. 14, f. 11	Committee notes	2002
b. 14, f. 12	2003	2003
b. 14, f. 13	Committee notes	2004
b. 14, f. 14	2004	2004

Gold Medal Award dinners (continued)

b. 14, f. 15	2005	2005
b. 14, f. 16	Committee notes	2005–2006
b. 15, f. 1	Expenses, seating chart, regrets	2006
b. 15, f. 2	2007	2007
b. 15, f. 3	2008	2008
b. 15, f. 4	2009	2009
b. 15, f. 5	2010	2010
b. 15, f. 6	2010	2010
b. 15, f. 7	2011	2011
b. 15, f. 8	Gold medalists	2011
Luncheons		
b. 15, f. 9	Issues discussion programs	1998–2017
b. 15, f. 10	Think Tank Luncheon	2006
b. 15, f. 11	Think Tank Luncheon	2007
b. 16, f. 1	Issues discussion	2008
b. 16, f. 2	2009	2009
b. 16, f. 3	2011	2011
b. 16, f. 4	2011	2011
b. 16, f. 5	Photographs	2011
b. 16, f. 6	2012	2012
b. 16, f. 7	National Institute Luncheon event seating	2015
b. 21, f. 1-8b. 22, f. 1-3	Photographs The photographs contain portraits of members.	

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

Social sciences -- United States -- History

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