

Guide to the Bruce Kellner Papers

YCAL MSS 709



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 709

CREATOR: Kellner, Bruce

TITLE: Bruce Kellner papers

DATES: 1929–2016

BULK DATES: 1952–2000

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.98 linear feet (12 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Bruce Kellner Papers consist of letters to Kellner and other papers, including two poems by Fania Marinoff, actress and wife of Carl Van Vechten, a list of Marinoff's appearances on stage and in films, and a portion of Marinoff's last will and testament. Correspondents include Donald Angus, Donald Gallup, Tom Hachtman, Fania Marinoff, Alice B. Toklas, Carl Van Vechten, Donald Windham, and others.

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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 Bruce and Margaret Kellner, 1989–2007. Gift of Bruce Kellner, 2008–2016.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

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The collection received preliminary processing at the time of acquisition. Further organization, rehousing, and description were carried out in 2013.

The collection is comprised of material formerly classed as: Uncat ZA MS 88, Uncat ZA MS 192, Uncat ZA MS 407, Uncat MSS 35, Uncat MSS 110, Uncat MSS 971, Uncat MSS 1039, Uncat ZA File 297, and Uncat ZA File 411. 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, 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 basic processing.

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

Bruce Kellner

Bruce Kellner, American author and Harlem Renaissance scholar.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into nine groupings: I. 1989 Acquisition, 1929-1964. II. 1991 Acquisition, 1951-1961. III. 1993 Acquisition, 1956-1964. IV. 1994 Acquisition, 1952-1963. V. 2000 Acquisitions, 1959-1975. VI. 2001 Acquisition, 1952-2000. VII. 2007 Acquisition, 1967-2000. VIII. 2008 Acquisition, 1984-2003. IX. 2016 Acquisition, 1980-2016.

Collection Contents

1: 1989 Acquisition, 1929-1964, undated

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Former call number: Uncat ZA MS 88

Correspondence

b. 1	Angus, Donald	1932-1959
b. 1	Jepson, William	1962-1964
b. 1	Lutz, John Mark	1943, undated
b. 1	Lutz, Mary	1938-1948
b. 1	Marchant, Peter	1955
b. 1	Moses, Elliott	1942
b. 1	Rutledge, Richard	1957-1958
b. 1	Storm, Leah Maynard	1929, 1939, undated

2: 1991 Acquisition, 1951-1964

0.63 linear feet (2 boxes)

Former call number: Uncat ZA MS 192

b. 2	Letters from Carl Van Vechten to Kellner <i>12 Folders</i>	1951-1961
b. 3	Letters from Carl Van Vechten to Kellner <i>3 Folders</i>	1962-1964

3: 1993 Acquisition, 1956-1964

Former call number: Uncat ZA File 297

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| b. 3 | Three autograph notes signed; two typed letters signed; and one autograph letter signed to Richard Rutledge from Carl Van Vechten 1956-1964 |
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4: 1994 Acquisition, 1952-1963

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Former call number: Uncat ZA MS 407

b. 4

Letters from Alice B. Toklas to Kellner
2 Folders

1952-1963

5: 2000 Acquisitions, 1959-1975, undated*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

Former call numbers: Uncat MSS 35 and Uncat ZA File 411

Correspondence		
b. 5	Lutz, Mark	1965
b. 5	Jepsen, William	1968 July
b. 5	Marinoff, Fania (Fania Marinoff Van Vechten) <i>3 Folders</i>	1959-1971
b. 5	Marinoff, Nathan	1965
b. 5	Wallace, Reggie	circa 1968-1975
Other Papers		
b. 5	Untitled poem by Fania Marinoff, autograph manuscript sent to Donald Angus	1975 June 17
b. 5	'To Carlo,' typescript poem by Marinoff	1967 June
b. 5	"A Partial List of Fania Marinoff's Appearances on Stage and in Films," typescript	undated
b. 5	Marinoff's Last Will and Testament, listing beneficiaries	1971 November 26
b. 5	Twenty recipes belonging to Carl Van Vechten and Fania Marinoff with two manuscript notes Former call number: Uncat ZA File 411	undated

6: 2001 Acquisition, 1952-2000

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Former call number: Uncat MSS 110

b. 6	Letters from Donald Gallup to Bruce Kellner <i>23 Folders</i>	1952-2000
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7: 2007 Acquisition, 1967-2000*0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

Former call number: Uncat MSS 971

Kellner wrote and enclosed a note with each group of correspondence, describing the individual's personality and their relationship.

Correspondence		
b. 7	Angus, Donald <i>2 Folders</i>	1979-1988, undated
b. 7	George, George <i>2 Folders</i>	1979-1982
b. 7	Lueders, Edward <i>2 Folders</i>	1971-2000
b. 7	Lutz, Mark and William Jepson	1967-1981
b. 7	Taylor, Prentiss	1982-1986

8: 2008 Acquisition, 1984-2003, undated*0.84 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Former call number: Uncat MSS 1039

Correspondence		
b. 8	Burns, Edward	1987-1998
b. 8	Dydo, Ulla	1992-1998
b. 8	Haas, Robert Bartlett	1990-1995
b. 8	Rampersaa, Arnold	1984-1993
b. 8	Watson, Steven	1993-2001
b. 8	Wilson, Robert A.	1999-2007, undated
b. 8	Windham, Donald <i>2 Folders</i>	1985-2000, undated
b. 9	Windham, Donald <i>2 Folders</i>	1985-2003, undated
b. 9	Various correspondents <i>2 Folders</i>	

9: 2016 acquisition, 1980-2016, undated

1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)

This acquisition contains correspondence between Bruce Kellner and Thomas Hachtman, newspaper clippings, and original drawings and paintings by Kellner and Hachtman, with related printed materials.

Arranged chronologically.

b. 10	Letters to Bruce Kellner from Tom Hachtman <i>12 Folders</i>	1980-2003
b. 11	Letters to Bruce Kellner from Tom Hachtman <i>8 Folders</i>	1988-2007
b. 12	Letters to Bruce Kellner from Tom Hachtman <i>10 Folders</i>	1991-2016, undated

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

African American authors -- 20th Century
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives
Harlem Renaissance

Occupations

Authors -- United States -- 20th Century

Names

Angus, Donald
Gallup, Donald, 1913-2000
Hachtman, Tom
Kellner, Bruce
Marinoff, Fania, 1890-1971
Toklas, Alice B., 1877-1967
Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964
Windham, Donald