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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Metaphysical Society of America

TITLE: Metaphysical Society of America records

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The records consist of three parts: administrative records of the Metaphysical Society; communications from other philosophical societies made up of correspondence, announcements and publications; and selected offprints from *The Review of Metaphysics* (1963-1981).

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Richard T. DeGeorge in 1983.

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Biographical / Historical

The Metaphysical Society of America was founded by Paul Weiss, Professor of Philosophy, Yale University, in 1950 at New Haven. Professor Weiss' purpose was "to turn the attention of the philosophical community from more limited objectives to concern with questions about the nature of reality."

Scope and Contents

The Metaphysical Society of America was founded by Paul Weiss, Professor of Philosophy, in 1950 at New Haven. Professor Weiss' purpose was "to turn the attention of the philosophical community from more limited objectives to concern with questions about the nature of reality." With a nationwide membership of 112 in 1951, the Society has grown to over 600 members today with an international scope. Its members, which include professors, scholars, and laymen interested in questions of metaphysics, meet annually at various universities throughout the United States and Canada. The Society publishes annual announcements and membership lists and has a long-standing relationship with the *Review of Metaphysics*.

The material in this collection, donated March 29, 1983 by Richard T. DeGeorge, President of the Metaphysical Society, is divided into three series: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS, OTHER SOCIETIES, REPRINTS FROM THE REVIEW OF METAPHYSICS. Series I, ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS, consists of correspondence, information about the Society's annual meetings, financial records, membership specifics, and miscellaneous items. It is arranged chronologically according to subject matter. Series II, OTHER SOCIETIES, contains announcements, memoranda, reports, program information and some correspondence related to various philosophical organizations. Much of this material is from the American Council of Learned Societies of which MSA is an affiliate member. Series III comprises articles, arranged alphabetically by author, reprinted from the *Review of Metaphysics*.

Arrangement

Arranged in seven series: I. Correspondence. II. Annual Meetings. III. Non-Financial Material. IV. Financial Records. V. Membership Lists. VI. Other Societies. VII. Reprints.

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Series I: Administrative Records, 1951-1980

2' (2 boxes)

Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1-25	General correspondence	1951-1980
b. 1, f. 26	Inquiries about dues	1965-1967, 1971
b. 1, f. 27	Klubertanz, George	1950-1957, undated
b. 1, f. 28	Prospective members	1965-1967

Annual Meetings

b. 1, f. 29-48	Announcements, correspondence, programs	1951-1972
b. 2, f. 49-57	Announcements, correspondence, programs	1973-1980, undated
b. 2, f. 58-59	Minutes	1956-1979

Financial Records

b. 2, f. 60-68	Audits	1961-1972
b. 2, f. 69-70	Bills (w/correspondence)	1959-1980
b. 2, f. 71	Cancelled checks (w/correspondence)	1960-1961
b. 2, f. 72	Dues	undated
b. 2, f. 73	Financial records	1970-1972
b. 2, f. 74	Internal Revenue Service	1971, 1977
b. 2, f. 75	Treasurer's reports	1957-1980

Membership

b. 2, f. 76-85	Applications	1957-1981, undated
b. 2, f. 86	Invitations	undated
b. 2, f. 87-92	Lists	1952-1981, undated
b. 2, f. 93	Nomination forms	undated
b. 2, f. 94	State distribution	undated

Miscellaneous

b. 2, f. 95	Announcements	1959-1980
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Miscellaneous (continued)

b. 2, f. 96	Ballot forms	1959-1977
b. 2, f. 97	"A Brief Account of the Metaphysical Society of America" English	undated
b. 2, f. 97	Reports to MSA by Paul Kuntz	1966, 1968
b. 2, f. 98	Committees	1958-1973
b. 2, f. 99	Constitution	undated
b. 2, f. 100	Newsletter	1971-1982
b. 2, f. 101	Officers	undated
b. 2, f. 102	Philosophy programs at U. S. universities	undated
b. 2, f. 103	Re: Paul Weiss	1974, 1981, undated

Series II: Other Societies, 1959-1981*1' (1 box)*

b. 3, f. 104	American Association of University Professors	1978
b. 3, f. 105-110	American Council of Learned Societies	1959-1976
b. 3, f. 111-117	American Council of Learned Societies	1977-1981
b. 3, f. 118	Canadian Philosophical Societies	1967
b. 3, f. 119	Conference of Philosophical Societies	1980-1981
b. 3, f. 120-121	International Federation of Philosophical Societies	1972-1983
b. 3, f. 122-123	International Society of Metaphysics	1963-1980
b. 3, f. 124	UNESCO	1974
b. 3, f. 125	World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies	1974

Series III: Reprints from the Review of Metaphysics, 1963-1981

1' (1 box)

b. 3, f. 126	Bertocci, Peter A. "Toward a Metaphysics of Creation"	1964
b. 3, f. 127	Chisholm, Roderick M. "Parts as Essential to their Wholes"	1973
b. 3, f. 128	Clarke, W. Norris "The Self as a Source of Meaning in Metaphysics"	1968
b. 3, f. 129	Compton, John J. "Reinvesting the Philosophy of Nature"	1979
b. 3, f. 130	Findlay, J. N. "The Three Hypostases of Platonism"	1975
b. 3, f. 131	Harris, Errol E. "The Power of Reason"	1969
b. 3, f. 132	Hocking, Richard "Event, Act, and Presence"	1970
b. 3, f. 133	Leclerc, Ivor "The Metaphysics of the Good"	1981
b. 3, f. 134	McMullin, Ernan "Two Faces of Science"	1974
b. 3, f. 135	McMullin, Ernan "Compton on Philosophy of Nature"	1979
b. 3, f. 136	Owens, Joseph "Reality and Metaphysics"	1967
b. 3, f. 137	Randall, John Herman "Metaphysics and Language"	1967
b. 3, f. 138	Reck, Andrew J. "Being and Substance"	1978
b. 3, f. 139	Schmitz, Kenneth "A Gloss on Being, Immediacy, and Articulation"	1971
b. 3, f. 140	Schmitz, Kenneth "A Memorial of Truth"	1980
b. 3, f. 141	Smith, John E. "Being, Immediacy and Articulation"	1971
b. 3, f. 142	Williams, Donald C. "Necessary Facts"	1963

Selected Search Terms

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Subjects

Metaphysics
Philosophy

Names

Weiss, Paul, 1901-2002

Corporate Bodies

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