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**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, funding proposals, project reports, subject files, writings, research material, and printed materials that document the career of Samuel Miller Brownell as an educator and consultant in the field of urban educational administration during his tenure at Yale University and the University of Connecticut. Brownell's contributions to the creation and administration of the Mid-Career Program in City School Administration at the Center for the Study of Education at Yale University comprise the main focus of the collection.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Samuel M. Brownell, 1989.

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## Biographical / Historical

Samuel Miller Brownell was born in Peru, Nebraska, on April 3, 1900. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1921, an M.A. from Yale in 1924, and a Ph.D. from Yale in 1926. Brownell was superintendent of schools in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, from 1927 to 1938. From 1938 to 1953, he was a professor of educational administration at Yale. He served as president of New Haven Teachers College from 1947 to 1953. Brownell served as the United States commissioner of education from 1953 to 1956 and was superintendent of schools in Detroit from 1956 to 1966. He returned to Yale University in 1966, accepting a joint position with the University of Connecticut as a professor, advisor, and consultant in the field of urban educational administration. Although his assignment at the University of Connecticut was completed in 1970, he continued his role at Yale University until 1973. Brownell died in 1990.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged in three series: I. Yale Files, 1923-1982. II. Mid-Career Program in City School Administration Files, 1950-1986. III. University of Connecticut Files, 1966-1970.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Yale Files, 1923-1982

The Yale Files document the primary initiatives of the education department of Yale University with which Samuel Brownell was involved, mainly from the mid 1960s to the mid 1970s. The General files, arranged chronologically, deal primarily with the administration of the department during Brownell's early years at Yale and there is great overlap of subject matter among folders. Topics include staffing issues; registration procedures; statistics and projections; budget items; curriculum content; publicity; reports; proposals; and related items. The succeeding subject files focus on the various education courses available on the undergraduate and graduate level for advanced teaching degrees, as well as outreach programs within the community for high school students. These files are arranged alphabetically by topic or title and chronologically within a topic. The folders contain materials created and acquired by Samuel Brownell as a member of a committee or board. Not only is Brownell's contribution to the teaching administration program at Yale documented, but also a history of the department of education at Yale University during his tenure.

b. 1, f. 1 - 14	General	1923, 1938-1972, undated
b. 1, f. 15	Center for Education Studies [program for advanced studies in education; includes first newsletter]	1968, 1973
b. 1, f. 16	Child Study Center	1977
b. 1, f. 17 - 18	Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education	1966-1968
b. 1, f. 19	Council Committee on Graduate School	1966-1967
b. 1, f. 20	Department of Psychology [Yale Conference on Learning]	1966 December
	General Education Seminar	
b. 2, f. 21 - 33	Education 200	1937-1954
b. 2, f. 34	Education 215a/b	1940
b. 2, f. 35	Education 305	1945-1946
b. 3, f. 36	Graduate School Executive Committee	1966-1967
	Institute of Social Science (ISS)	
b. 3, f. 37	Interim Advisory Board	1969-1970
b. 3, f. 38	National Science Foundation grant	1970
	Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS)	
b. 3, f. 39	General	1973-1980
b. 3, f. 40	Spencer Foundation proposal	1976-1977
b. 3, f. 41	Inter-Visitation Committee	1952 December
b. 3, f. 42	Law School seminar [Legal Problems of the City and State: Public Schools]	1966-1967

b. 3, f. 43	Lee, Richard C. ["Urban Renewal: Myth or Reality"]	1971 February
	Master of Arts in Teaching program (MAT)	
b. 3, f. 44	General	1967-1968
b. 3, f. 45	Directors conference [includes annual report of MAT program, 1965-1966]	1966-1967
b. 3, f. 46	Reform of program	1968-1969
b. 3, f. 47 - 51	Seminar [MAT 190]	1967-1970
	Post-doctoral seminar	
b. 3, f. 52 - 54	1966-1974	
b. 3, f. 55	1973-1982	
b. 4, f. 56 - 58	1973-1982	
b. 4, f. 59 - 65	Teacher Preparation Program [includes materials relating to the study committee and undergraduate five year re-accreditation]	1954, 1970-1982
b. 4, f. 66	Vassar-Yale Study Group	1967
	Yale Summer High School	
b. 4, f. 67 - 68	Background materials on urban studies and programs	1967-1969
b. 4, f. 69	Comments on consultant Arthur Singer's report	1968
b. 4, f. 70	New Haven schools	1969
b. 4, f. 71	Proposal	1966
	Reports on sessions	
b. 4, f. 72	1967 English	
b. 5, f. 73 - 77	1968-1969	
b. 5, f. 78 - 87	Yale Upward Bound Program	1968-1977

## Series II: Mid-Career Program in City School Administration Files (MCP), 1950-1986

The Mid-Career Program Files document the contribution of Samuel Brownell in the creation and administration of the Mid-Career Program in City School Administration, the first operation of Yale's Center for Education Studies. Established in 1970, the non-degree program offered fellowships to approximately ten city school administrators, particularly minority members, annually for an academic year or a semester in residence. The program aimed to further the education and experience of city school superintendents, assistant superintendents, and directors of state and federal educational departments. Supported by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and Yale University, the program was intended as a permanent one but was terminated in 1974 due to a lack of additional funding sources. The files consist of correspondence by and about the Fellows and resource persons involved in the program and are arranged alphabetically by personal or organizational name. The subject files contain drafts of funding proposals and trace fundraising venues. The series concludes with documentation of the Mid-Career Program arranged chronologically by academic semester, and alphabetically by subject within a semester. Materials referencing MCP are also interspersed in the subject files of Series I.

### Correspondence

b. 6, f. 1 - 3	General (A-Z)	1970-1981
b. 6, f. 4	Allen, Dwight	1971-1972
b. 6, f. 5	American Academy of School Administrators/National Academy for School Executives (AASA/NASE)	1971, 1973
b. 6, f. 6	Barnes, Melvin	1970-1971
b. 6, f. 7	Berry, Charles	1973-1974
b. 6, f. 8	Brackett, Pearl C.	1973-1974, undated
b. 6, f. 9	Bush Leadership Fellows Program	1972
b. 6, f. 10	Calabro, John	1972-1975, undated
b. 6, f. 11	Campbell, Clyde	1970
b. 6, f. 12	Carpenter, Charles	1974-1979, 1982, 1986, undated
b. 6, f. 13	Connor, John J.	1972-1975, 1980-1981, undated
b. 6, f. 14	Cranford, Evies	1973-1974
b. 6, f. 15	Curtis, William	1971-1972
b. 6, f. 16	Danforth Foundation [Fellowship grant]	1971-1972
b. 6, f. 17	Davies, Don	1971-1972
b. 6, f. 18	Doyle, John	1973-1974
b. 6, f. 19	Fetter, Robert	1971-1972

Correspondence (continued)

b. 6, f. 20	Gores, Harold	1971-1972
b. 6, f. 21	Hatanaka, Francis	1973-1975
b. 6, f. 22	Hiscock, Ira	1967
b. 6, f. 23	Hoerlein, Paul	1973-1980
b. 6, f. 24	Howe, Harold	1968-1972
b. 6, f. 25	James, Thomas	1970
b. 6, f. 26	Johnson, Sidney	1972-1975
b. 6, f. 27	Jones, Ernest	1972-1975
b. 6, f. 28	Jones, Johnnie	1973-1975
b. 6, f. 29	Kalp, Karl	1972-1973, 1978, 1981
b. 6, f. 30	Kudlaty, Frank	1974-1975
b. 6, f. 31	Lancaster, Oliver	1972-1983
b. 6, f. 32	Lataille, Ralph	1973-1979
b. 7, f. 33	McCutcheon, Aubrey	1971-1972
b. 7, f. 34	Morison, Elting E.	1970-1971
b. 7, f. 35	Nyquist, Ewald B.	1970-1971
b. 7, f. 36	Oda, Margaret	1972-1973, 1977
b. 7, f. 37	O'Donnell, Lorena	1972-1973
b. 7, f. 38	Oliver, Raymond	1973-1975
b. 7, f. 39	Parpart, Edmund R.	1973-1974
b. 7, f. 40	Pierce, Wendell H.	1970
b. 7, f. 41	Reiss, A. J., Jr.	1970-1971
b. 7, f. 42	Rigby, Avard A.	1972
b. 7, f. 43	Rodriguez, Victor	1973-1974
b. 7, f. 44	Sandro, Patrick	1973-1974
b. 7, f. 45	Sloane, Robert	1973
b. 7, f. 46	Smith, Rodney	1973-1981
b. 7, f. 47	Stehly, Catherine	1973-1985
b. 7, f. 48	Stimbert, E. C.	1971
b. 7, f. 49	Thomas, Arthur C.	1972



Correspondence (continued)

b. 7, f. 50	Thornton, Cecil	1973-1974
b. 7, f. 51	Wallace, DeWitt	1972
b. 7, f. 52	School superintendents, list of	1967
Subject files		
b. 8, f. 53	General background information [criteria for submission of funding proposals]	1968-1969
b. 8, f. 54	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	1969-1971
United States. Office of Education		
b. 8, f. 55 - 60	Drafts of MCP proposal	1966-1970
b. 8, f. 61 - 62	Proposal	1970-1971
b. 8, f. 63	Visit of Fellows to Washington, D.C.	1969-1973
W. K. Kellogg Foundation		
b. 8, f. 64	Basis for proposal	1950
b. 8, f. 65 - 68	Revisions/updates of program	1967-1970
b. 9, f. 69 - 71	Revisions/updates of program	1970-1973
b. 9, f. 72	Termination of program	1973
b. 9, f. 73	Annual report	1973-1974
b. 9, f. 74	Final report	1975
Semester files		
b. 9, f. 75	1969 [publicity, press releases announcing MCP]	
1970-1971		
b. 9, f. 76	General information	
b. 9, f. 77	Budget/miscellaneous expenses [includes budget projections through 1980]	
b. 9, f. 78	Colloquium	
b. 9, f. 79	Evaluation committee	
b. 9, f. 80	Evaluations [by Fellows after a year's elapsed time]	
b. 9, f. 81	Faculty/resource persons	
b. 9, f. 82	Form letters	
b. 9, f. 83	Funding requests	
b. 9, f. 84 - 85	Lecture series	

Semester files > 1970-1971 (continued)

b. 9, f. 86	Program description
	Trips
b. 9, f. 87	Detroit, MI
b. 9, f. 88	Cambridge, MA
b. 9, f. 89	Washington, D.C.
	1971-1972
b. 9, f. 90 - 91	General information
b. 9, f. 92	Acceptances
b. 10, f. 93 - 94	Annual report
b. 10, f. 95	Budget/miscellaneous expenses [includes projections through 1980]
b. 10, f. 96	Colloquium
b. 10, f. 97	Evaluation committee
b. 10, f. 98	Evaluations by Fellows
b. 10, f. 99	Evaluations [by Fellows after a year's elapsed time]
b. 10, f. 100	Evaluations [criteria, summary of responses]
b. 10, f. 101	Funding requests
b. 10, f. 102	Lectures
b. 10, f. 103	Miller, John Perry [director of ISS, meeting with]
b. 10, f. 104	Planning
b. 10, f. 105	Resource persons
b. 10, f. 106 - 107	Seminars
b. 10, f. 108	Special events
	Trips
b. 11, f. 109	New York, NY
b. 11, f. 110	Providence, RI
b. 11, f. 111	Trenton, NJ
b. 11, f. 112	Washington, D.C.
	1972-1973
b. 11, f. 113	General information
b. 11, f. 114	Annual report

Semester files > 1972-1973 (continued)

b. 11, f. 115 - 116	Applicants
b. 11, f. 117	Colloquium
b. 11, f. 118	Evaluation committee
b. 11, f. 119	Faculty
b. 11, f. 120 - 121	I.S.P.S. 432 [Problems of Public Education and Law]
b. 11, f. 122	I.S.P.S. 482 [Case Studies in Educational Change]
b. 11, f. 123 - 124	I.S.P.S. 497 [Individual Reading and Research on Urban Administrative Problems]
b. 11, f. 125	Lectures
b. 11, f. 126	Planning
b. 11, f. 127	Proposal materials
b. 11, f. 128	Special events
1973-1974	
b. 11, f. 129	General information
b. 11, f. 130	Applicants
b. 11, f. 131	Funding proposal revision
b. 11, f. 132	Seminar topics
b. 11, f. 133	1974-1975 [concluding year report]

### Series III: University of Connecticut Files, 1966-1970

The series contains files compiled by Brownell during his time spent at the University of Connecticut, part of his joint appointment with Yale University, as a visiting lecturer and resource person in the area of advanced school administration in urban areas. The files are arranged alphabetically by topic and contain correspondence, memoranda, reports, and printed matter.

b. 12, f. 1 - 2	Appointment [joint appointment with Yale/University of Connecticut]	1966-1970
b. 12, f. 3	Institute of Urban Research [advisory committee]	1967-1969
	School of Education	
b. 12, f. 4	Connecticut Precollegiate Enrichment Program (CONNPEP)	1967-1969
b. 12, f. 5 - 7	Department of Education Administration	1968-1970
b. 12, f. 8	Education 410 [Evaluation and Research]	1967-1970
b. 12, f. 9	Educational institutes [proposal aimed at area school districts]	1968
b. 12, f. 10	Goals/objectives	1966
b. 12, f. 11	Graduate Teacher Education Committee	1967-1968
b. 12, f. 12	Inner City Committee	1968
b. 12, f. 13	Seminar for superintendents of schools in Connecticut	1966-1967
b. 12, f. 14	Short courses committee [summer school]	1969-1970
b. 12, f. 15	Yale-University of Connecticut Urban Extension Unit [proposal]	1967

## **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**

Education -- Study and teaching  
Education -- United States  
Educators  
School administrators -- In-service training  
School management and organization

### **Names**

Brownell, Samuel Miller, 1900-1990

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale University. Center for the Study of  
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