

# Preliminary Guide to the Leslie A. Falk Papers

MS 1652



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives  
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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1652

**CREATOR:** Falk, Leslie A. (Leslie Alan), 1915-

**TITLE:** Leslie A. Falk papers

**DATES:** 1926-1999

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 28 linear feet (32 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Materials in collection are in English.

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, writings, and subject files which document Leslie A. Falk's career as area medical administrator for the United Mine Workers Health and Welfare Fund, teacher at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and Meharry Medical College, medical and social researcher, and medical activist. The papers highlight Falk's interests in community health services, occupational health and safety, the delivery of medical care in other countries, and African-American medical history. The papers capture the impact that mentor Henry E. Sigerist, a medical historian, and advocate for nationalized health care, had on Falk's career and values. As Falk was a proponent for the development of community-based health care in rural and impoverished areas of the United States. These papers form part of the Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy Collection.

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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

Gift of Leslie A. Falk, 1993-1994,1996, and 2000. Gift of the Estate of Leslie A. Falk, 2005 and 2022.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Leslie A. Falk Papers (MS 1652). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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### Processing Information

Original folder titles have been maintained to preserve the original context of how the creator labeled their files. Original folder titles may include racist, outdated, or harmful descriptive language.

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### Related Materials

Leslie A. Falk has related manuscript collections at the Vermont Historical Society, John Hopkins Medical Archives, The University of Southern Mississippi, Wayne State University, and Lincoln College of the University of Oxford.

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## Scope and Contents

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## **Arrangement**

The materials are arranged by accession.

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## Collection Contents

### Accession 1994-M-042: Original Accession, Circa 1943-1993

Received from: Leslie A. Falk, 1993 November 5

20 linear feet (16 boxes)

These papers consist almost entirely of subject files, including correspondence, writings, reports, articles, clippings, notes, and other material, which date from Leslie A. Falk's career as a medical administrator for the United Mine Workers Health and Welfare Fund, teacher at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and Meharry Medical College, and medical activist. The papers highlight Falk's interests in community health services, occupational health and safety, the delivery of medical care in the United States and other countries, and African-American medical history. Further information on Falk's career can be found in the manuscript draft of an autobiography, which is housed in box 16.

b. 1	Medical care (general)
b. 1	Antibiotics, polio
b. 1	Occupational health and safety
b. 2	Occupational health and safety
b. 3	United Mine Workers of America
b. 4	United Mine Workers of America
b. 5	United Mine Workers of America
b. 5	University of Pittsburgh. School of Public Health
b. 5	Amalgamated Food Employees Union
b. 6	Other countries: Britain; Eastern Europe; Central America; Kuwait
b. 7	China
b. 8	China
b. 8	Indo-China
b. 9	Meharry Medical College
b. 9	Nashville
b. 9	Tennessee
b. 10	History of Medicine (general)
b. 10	Black history and black medical history
b. 11	Weinerman, Richard
b. 12	Medical Committee for Human Rights
b. 12	Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine

b. 12	International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
b. 12	Physicians for Nuclear Responsibility
b. 12	Physicians Forum
b. 13	Vermont
b. 13	To be sorted
b. 14	Personal and corporate name file
b. 15	Personal and family papers
b. 16	Writings

**Accession 1995-M-033: Additional material, 1926-1994**

Received from: Leslie A. Falk, 1994 September 19

1 linear feet (1 box)

b. 1	Notes for manuscripts
b. 1	James McCune Smith research
b. 1	Correspondence
b. 1	Music class
b. 1	Johns Hopkins reunion
b. 1	Publishing info
b. 1	Wake-Robin
b. 1	Yolanda Huet-Vaughn
b. 1	Soviets, Meet Middle America
b. 1	Health Caravans
b. 1	File donations
b. 1	Health care issues
b. 1	International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
b. 1	Blake Gould: Health Care for the Whole Person
b. 1	Sufei Ma Haide
b. 1	79th birthday
b. 1	Right to Know Victory Party
b. 1	Photographs
b. 1	Terence Carroll
b. 1	Geico
b. 1	Joseph W. Houston
b. 1	Leslie Falk: medical records
b. 1	Letter to the editor
b. 1	Meharry
b. 1	Harriet Hardy
b. 1	Nashville
b. 1	Freeman family



b. 1	Mexican-Americans
b. 1	Medical Education of the Negro
b. 1	Arthritis Foundation
b. 1	Art
b. 1	Neighborhood Education Project, Nashville
b. 1	Community Advisory Board minutes
b. 1	Physicians for Social Responsibility
b. 1	Age information

**Accession 1996-M-097: Additional material, 1970s-1995**

b. 1	Herbal information and treatments	undated
b. 1	Racism	1995
b. 1	Wake Robin	1994-1995
b. 1	Meharry Medical College information	1992-1994
b. 1	Matthew Walker Health Center	1970s-1980s
	Correspondence	
b. 1	Outgoing	1992-1994
b. 1	Incoming	1993-1995

**Accession 2001-M-024: Additional material**

b. 1	Lysozyme experiments [research data]	1937-1938
b. 1	<i>Actions of Certain Bacteriolytic Principles</i> [thesis] English	1940
b. 1	Sigerist, Henry [correspondence and writings]	1943-1959
b. 1	Correspondence	1991-1993
b. 1	Writings	1991, undated

**Accession 2005-M-085: Additional material**

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b. 1	Trip to Russia [includes journal, photographs]	1946-1947
b. 2	Early correspondence [primarily to parents]	1937-1941
b. 3	Early personal/professional files [includes "Health Care for All: A Life in Social Medicine"]	1940-1960s
b. 4-7	Professional files [includes reprints, correspondence, and subject files]	1960s-1990s
b. 8-10	Black history research	1980s, undated
b. 11	Miscellaneous audiocassettes	undated

**Accession 2022-M-0028: Additional material, 1940–1999**

This accession contains correspondence (typed, handwritten, and photocopied), article and book chapter drafts on different social-medical topics, research notes, newspaper clippings, and photographs. Materials document research and political commentary on socialism by Leslie A. Falk and his colleagues dating between 1940–1999, with the bulk of materials dating from the 1990's. The materials also cover Henry E. Sigerist's philanthropic activities, life, family, and the impact he had on Falk and other mentees through correspondence and publications commemorating Sigerist's work.

First grouping arranged alphabetically and chronologically therein, and second grouping arranged chronologically.

Research, correspondence, and political commentary		
b. 1, f. 1	Autobiography research notes	1940, circa 1990-1999
b. 1, f. 2-3	Brickman, Jane. P	1990–1993
b. 1, f. 4	Brown, Ted	1991–1994
b. 1, f. 5	Duffin, Jacalyn	1990–1995
b. 1, f. 6	Fee, Elizabeth	1993
b. 1, f. 7	Miller, Genevieve	1990–1991
b. 1, f. 8	Morman, Ed	1991–1992
b. 1, f. 9	Queen's University research notes and correspondence	1990
b. 1, f. 10	Roemer, Milton I.	1975, circa 1990-1999
Henry E. Sigerist files		
b. 2, f. 1	Medical economics research support, Nora Beeson	1941–1959
b. 2, f. 2	Sigerist bibliography and research notes	1944–1996
b. 2, f. 3	Sigerist dinner speech and activities	1947–1957
b. 2, f. 4	Miscellaneous correspondence and research notes	1947–1958
b. 2, f. 5-6	Research on Henry Sigerist	1953–1994
b. 2, f. 7	Dr. Sigerist's death	1957
b. 2, f. 8	Henry Sigerist seminars	1958
b. 2, f. 9	"Henry Sigerist as a Life Model"	1958, 1992–1997
b. 2, f. 10	H.E. Sigerist "Report on India"	1959
b. 2, f. 11	H.E. Sigerist "The Need for an Institute, History of Medicine in India"	1960
b. 2, f. 12	Sigerist article draft with Jacklyn Duffin and Elizabeth Fee	1990–1995
b. 2, f. 13-14	"Sigerist in Saskatchewan," Jacalyn Duffin and Leslie Falk	1990–1997

Henry E. Sigerist files (continued)

b. 2, f. 15-16	Henry Sigerist's "Applied Medical Sociology" draft and correspondence	1991-1994
b. 2, f. 17	Henry Sigerist correspondence with Milton I. Roemer and Leslie Falk	circa 1990-1999
b. 2, f. 18	Sigerist research minorities	circa 1990-1999

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## 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 Americans -- Medical care  
Community health services  
Medical care  
Public health

### Preferred Titles

*Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy  
Collection*

### Names

Falk, Leslie A. (Leslie Alan), 1915-  
Sigerist, Henry E. (Henry Ernest), 1891-1957  
Weinerman, E. Richard (Edwin Richard),  
1917-1970

### Corporate Bodies

Meharry Medical College  
United Mine Workers of America  
University of Pittsburgh. Graduate School of  
Public Health