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Collection Summary

Title: Rudolf Dreikurs Papers
Span Dates: 1911-1973
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1937-1972)
ID No.: MSS82307
Creator: Dreikurs, Rudolf, 1897-1972
Extent: 5,500 items ; 37 containers ; 14.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English and German
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Psychiatrist and educator. Correspondence; journals; drafts of books, articles, speeches, and television lectures; transcripts of counseling and therapy sessions; case studies from classroom situations; and other material reflecting Dreikurs's role as a social psychologist and educator.

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.

People
Adler, Alfred, 1870-1937--Correspondence.
Dreikurs, Rudolf, 1897-1972, ed. Individual psychology bulletin.
Dreikurs, Rudolf, 1897-1972.
Frankl, Viktor E. (Viktor Emil), 1905-1997--Correspondence.
Holmes, John Haynes, 1879-1964--Correspondence.
Kelly, George, 1905-1967--Correspondence.
Maslow, Abraham H. (Abraham Harold)--Correspondence.
Moreno, J. L. (Jacob Levy), 1889-1974--Correspondence.
Morgenthau, Hans J. (Hans Joachim), 1904-1980--Correspondence.
Rogers, Carl R. (Carl Ransom), 1902-1987--Correspondence.
Washburne, Carleton, 1889-1968--Correspondence.
Welles, Sumner, 1892-1961--Correspondence.

Organizations
Alfred Adler Institute of Chicago.
Chicago Medical School--Faculty.
Community Child Guidance Centers of Chicago.

Subjects
Adlerian psychology.
Child guidance clinics--Illinois--Chicago.
Child psychology.
Group counseling.
Group psychotherapy.
Psychiatry--Practice--Illinois--Chicago.
Psychiatry.
Psychology--Periodicals.
Psychology.
Social psychology.

Titles
Individual psychology bulletin.

Occupations
Educators.
Psychiatrists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Rudolf Dreikurs, psychiatrist and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by Dreikurs; his wife, Sadie Dreikurs; and others, 1971-1973.

Processing History

The Dreikurs Papers were processed in 1975. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of Rudolf Dreikurs are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Rudolf Dreikurs Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	***Event***
1897, Feb. 8	Born, Vienna, Austria
1918	Married Stephanie Koch (divorced 1934)
1923	M.D., University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
1933	Published *Einführung in die Individual-psychologie.* Leipzig: S. Hirzel
1937	Immigrated to the United States
1940-1941	Editor, *Individual Psychology News*
1941-1951	Editor, *Individual Psychology Bulletin*
1942-1968	Professor of psychiatry, Chicago Medical School, North Chicago, Ill.
1943	Married Sadie Garland
1946	Published *The Challenge of Marriage.* New York: Duell, Sloan & Pearce
1948	Published *The Challenge of Parenthood.* New York: Duell, Sloan & Pearce
1950-1971	Founder and director, Alfred Adler Institute, Chicago, Ill.
1952-1956	Editor, *American Journal of Individual Psychology*

1957	Published *Psychology in the Classroom.* New York: Harper
1964	Published with Vicki Soltz *Children: The Challenge.* New York: Duell, Sloan & Pearceth
1971	Published *Social Equality; the Challenge of Today.* Chicago: Regnery
1972, May 25	Died, Chicago, Ill.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Rudolf Dreikurs (1897-1972) span the years 1911-1973, with the bulk of the material dated from 1937 to 1972 after he emigrated to the United States from Austria. A student and colleague of Alfred Adler, Dreikurs was an early social psychologist and practitioner of group approaches in therapy and counseling. The collection is organized into seven series: Family Correspondence; General Correspondence; Subject File; Speech, Article, and Book File; Miscellany; Printed Matter, and Collected Papers. Material is in English and German.

Documents and material from Dreikur's Austrian years include a small amount of family correspondence, academic documents, and student notebooks spanning the period 1915-1923, which are particularly interesting because they reveal his thoughts concerning his choice of a career and an increasing interest in psychology. Typescripts of articles and speeches are also included from this period.

Dreikurs's correspondence documents a number of aspects of his work, including his private practice of psychiatry in Chicago; role in creating the Community Child Guidance Centers of Chicago; professorship of psychiatry at the Chicago Medical School; directorship of the Alfred Adler Institute of Chicago; editorship of the *Individual Psychology Bulletin;* the writing of his books; and visiting lectureships to train educators, counselors, and psychologists in the United States and abroad. In addition, several series of circular letters provide extensive descriptions of his travels and other activities.

The bulk of the collection consists of production materials for books, articles, speeches, and television lectures as well as transcripts of counseling and therapy sessions and case studies from classroom situations. Several unpublished book manuscripts are present.

There are also printed articles by Dreikurs, material about him and his work, and miscellaneous notes, clippings, photographs, and memorabilia. The final series of material, Collected Papers, was established by gifts from associates who added to his papers material they held relating to him.

Notable correspondents include Alfred Adler, Victor E Frankl, John Haynes Holmes, George Kelly, Abraham H. Maslow, J. L. Moreno, Hans J. Morgenthau, Carl Rogers, Carleton Washburne, and Sumner Welles.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in seven series:

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- Subject File, 1938-1972
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Description of Series

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BOX 4-7	**Subject File, 1938-1972** Correspondence, essays of students, memoranda, clippings, notes, and near-printed and printed material. Arranged alphabetically by subject.
BOX 8-26	**Speech, Article, and Book File, 1925-1972** Handwritten and typewritten drafts, galleys, near-printed and printed copies, and some correspondence relating to speeches, articles, books, and television lectures. Arranged by type of writing or presentation and therein by title or type of material.
BOX 27-32	**Miscellany, 1915-1972** Articles and papers authored by others, biographical material, notes taken by Dreikurs on his reading, and other material. Grouped by type of material.
BOX 33-35	**Printed Matter, 1925-1972** Printed copies and reprints of articles by Dreikurs and material about Dreikurs and his work. Material by Dreikurs is organized separately but otherwise unarranged.
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BOX 1	Wife, Sadie Dreikurs
BOX 1	Parents, Sigmund and Fanny Dreikurs
BOX 1	Other family members
BOX 1	Dreikurs, Sadie, with others
BOX 1-3	**General Correspondence, 1938-1972**
	Letters received and copies of letters sent.
	Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent. Includes copies of circular letters sent by Dreikurs to his friends and family while on trips.
BOX 1	"A-C" miscellaneous
	(3 folders)
BOX 1	Chernoff
BOX 1	"D-I" miscellaneous
	(5 folders)
BOX 2	"J-S" miscellaneous
	(11 folders)
BOX 3	"T-Z" miscellaneous
	(3 folders)
BOX 3	Author unknown
BOX 3	Circular letters, 1954-1960-1971
	(3 folders)
BOX 4-7	**Subject File, 1938-1972**
	Correspondence, essays of students, memoranda, clippings, notes, and near-printed and printed material.
	Arranged alphabetically by subject.
BOX 4	Alfred Adler Institute
BOX 4	Censure of Dreikurs
BOX 4	6 Mar.-19 Oct. 1959
BOX 4	27 Oct. 1959-24 Feb. 1960
BOX 4	19 Mar.-10 May 1960
BOX 4	Undated
BOX 4	Child Guidance Clinic
BOX 4	*Critical Incidents in School Counseling*
BOX 4	*Current Psychotherapies*
BOX 4	Emigration of Sigmund and Fanny Dreikurs
BOX 4	Family council

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BOX 4	Granite City Parent Counseling Sessions
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BOX 4	Israel
BOX 4	Israeli Air Force Technical School
BOX 4	Preschool education
BOX 4	Proposals to foundations
BOX 5	Questionnaire on lifestyle
BOX 5	Seventieth birthday celebration
BOX 5	Student papers
BOX 5	"Case Study"
BOX 5	"A-Y" miscellaneous
	(6 folders)
BOX 5	Author unknown
BOX 5	"Course Evaluation"
BOX 5	"Encouragement," A-Y
	(3 folders)
BOX 5	"Incidents"
BOX 5	"Logical Consequences"
BOX 5	"A-Y" miscellaneous
	(2 folders)
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BOX 6	"Tone of Voice"
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BOX 6	"Ten Premises for a Humanist Philosophy of Life"
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BOX 6	Anonymous
BOX 6	22 Nov. 1950
BOX 6	Undated
BOX 6	4 Aug. 1967
BOX 6	Children's therapy group
BOX 6	Evanston Community Child Guidance Center, Evanston, Ill.
BOX 6	Not dated
BOX 6	1956
BOX 6	14 Jan.
BOX 6	21 Jan.
BOX 6	28 Jan.
BOX 6	4 Feb.
BOX 6	25 Feb.
BOX 7	University of Oregon, 1961
BOX 7	Wright, Polly
BOX 7	Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
BOX 7	White House Conference on Children and Youth
BOX 7	Workshop in Counseling, DePaul University, Chicago, Ill.

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BOX 7	Workshop on Training Adlerian counselors
BOX 8-26	**Speech, Article, and Book File, 1925-1972**
	Handwritten and typewritten drafts, galleys, near-printed and printed copies, and some correspondence relating to speeches, articles, books, and television lectures.
	Arranged by type of writing or presentation and therein by title or type of material.
BOX 8	Articles, addresses, and miscellaneous writings
BOX 8	"A-E" miscellaneous
	(9 folders)
BOX 9	"F-Ind" miscellaneous
	(7 folders)
BOX 10	"J-Pro" miscellaneous
	(7 folders)
BOX 11	Psychiatric-psychological approach
BOX 11	Psychological interpretation-psychological uncertainty
BOX 11	Psychologie-psychotherapie
BOX 11	"Q-R" miscellaneous
BOX 11	*Roleplaying in Psychotherapy*
BOX 11	"Sc-Techni" miscellaneous
	(3 folders)
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	(5 folders)
BOX 12	Title unknown
BOX 13	Television lectures
BOX 13	"Motivating Children to Learn"
BOX 13	Typescript
BOX 13	Printed study guide
BOX 13	Programs, nos. 1-15
	(16 folders)
BOX 14	"Understanding Your Children"
BOX 14	Printed study guide
BOX 14	Programs
BOX 14	Nos. 1-12
	(12 folders)
BOX 15	Nos. 13-26
	(14 folders)
BOX 15	"Unidentified television lecture series
BOX 16	Published books
BOX 16	*Children: The Challenge*
BOX 16	Typescript, chapters 1-18 and index
	(2 folders)
BOX 16	Galley proofs
BOX 16	Revised galley proofs
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BOX 17	*Einführung in die Individual-psychologie,* partial galley proof
BOX 17	*Encouraging Children to Learn,* preface
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BOX 17	Typescript (first?), chapters 1-7
	(2 folders)
BOX 17	Carbon typescript
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BOX 18	*Maintaining Sanity in the Classroom*
BOX 18	Typescript
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BOX 19	*Manual for Life Style Assessment*
BOX 19	Incomplete typescript
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BOX 19	*Psychology in the Classroom*
BOX 19	Incomplete typescript
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	(2 folders)
BOX 19	Galley proofs
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BOX 21	Typescript, parts 1-2
	(2 folders)
BOX 21	Typescript revisions
BOX 22	Printer's typescript
BOX 22	Typescript for German translation
BOX 23	Unpublished books
BOX 23	"The Family Council," typescript
BOX 23	"Holistic Medicine," typescript
BOX 23	"Impotency and Personality Structure"
BOX 23	Typescript
BOX 23	Carbon typescript
BOX 24	"Journey into Life," typescript
BOX 24	"Juvenile Justice"
BOX 24	Correspondence with Jewel Goddard
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	(1 folder)
BOX 25	(1 folder)

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BOX 27-32	**Miscellany, 1915-1972**
	Articles and papers authored by others, biographical material, notes taken by Dreikurs on his reading, and other material.
	Grouped by type of material.
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BOX 27	"A-Lom" miscellaneous
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BOX 29	Letters of condolence
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BOX 30	(1 folder)
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BOX 37	Clippings
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BOX 37	Miscellany
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BOX 37	General correspondence of Dreikurs, 1967-1968
BOX 37	"The Adlerian Approach to Psychodynamics"
BOX 37	Miscellany