

Smith, Reed, Wright State University Peace Studies Collection (UA-1) Guide

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Summary Information

Repository:	Wright State University Libraries, Special Collections and Archives
Title:	Reed Smith Wright State University Peace Studies Collection (UA-1)
ID:	UA-1
Date [inclusive]:	1972-1996
Date [bulk]:	bulk 1980-1992
Physical Description:	6 linear feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Dr. Reed Smith was a professor at Wright State University from 1969 – 1995. In that time he built up a Peace Studies program at WSU and held several conferences on Peace Activism. This collection contains grant applications and proposals, biographies of speakers at conferences, research papers that he and others had written, and a large collection of periodicals on Peace Activism or relating to the Peace Movement.

Preferred Citation

UA-1, the Reed Smith Peace Studies Collection, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.

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Biography of Reed Smith

Reed Smith was born in 1920 and died in 2011. He was educated at Oberlin College, Penn State University, and Columbia University. In 1969 Reed Smith began his career at Wright State University and continued there until retiring in 1995. Smith began his involvement in the Peace Movement during World War II as a conscientious objector, and became active in the Vietnam protests in the 1960s and 1970s. He continued protesting wars until his death after the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq began in 2001 and 2003. Smith maintained contact with other influential individuals in the Peace Movement as well as politicians who sympathized

with his cause. He also sent letters to politicians with whom he vehemently disagreed. From the late 1980s to his retirement in 1995, Smith organized conferences and symposiums on the general Peace Movement or on specific topics such as Eastern Europe and Latin America, bringing in speakers, many of which sent biographical essays that Smith kept in his files on the conferences. Smith retired to Foxdale Retirement Village in Pennsylvania in 1995 and died there in 2011.

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Scope and Contents

The majority of the material in the Reed Smith Peace Studies Collection is organized as subject files pertaining to the Peace movement. The largest portions of the collection focus on three areas, conferences through Wright State University, grant applications and proposals, and correspondence.

Each conference or symposium has its own folder. The contents for these include academic papers around which the conferences were formed, biographical documents about the speakers, financial documents for each conference, and feedback information. The majority of the collection pertains to the Peace Movement and opposing Militarism.

Smith applied for numerous grants and fellowships in order to fund his conferences, papers, and research. Copies of the applications, proposals, and acceptance/rejection letters were kept.

Many folders contain correspondence between Smith and other WSU faculty, but also members of the Peace Movement and Politicians. Of Interest is the folder called "Democrats/Congressional Correspondence," which contains letters to many congressmen and politicians. Smith notably has a series of letters to John Glenn and another series to Tony Hall, both representing Ohio. Many letters are to politicians that Smith agreed with, but there are letters to politicians from the other side of the spectrum, such as Ronald Reagan.

Geographically, the collection has material that pertains to most of the globe, but there is particular focus on Eastern Europe and Russia and the former U.S.S.R., Latin America, and the United States.

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Arrangement

The Reed Smith Peace Studies Collection is organized into a single series of subject files, sorted alphabetically.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Reed Smith Peace Studies Collection was transferred to the university archives by the Political Science Department on 12/4/2000.

Processing Information

During processing, many folders had to be split into several folders due to over-stuffing, these folders are labeled with their original label and a number following to designate that it is the same folder.

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- Hall, Tony, 1942
- Glenn, John, 1921-
- Wright State University

Other Finding Aids

The finding aid is available on Special Collections and Archives website at <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ua1.pdf>, and in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

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