Guide to the Television Scripts Collection

YCAL MSS 383

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Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 383

**CREATOR:** Davidson, David, 1908-1985

**TITLE:** Television scripts collection

**DATES:** 1957–1960

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.4 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of typescript copies of scripts for television programs produced by the Columbia Broadcasting System and United States Steel Hour from 1957 to 1960. Included are scripts written by Rod Serling, Tad Mosel, Leonard Spigelgass, Aaron Spelling, and George Bellak, among others. The scripts seem to have been compiled for a class on television writing which was taught by David Davidson in the Yale School of Drama beginning in the mid-1960s.

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b. box
f. folder

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**Administrative Information**

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Transferred from the Yale Drama Library, 2007.
Conditions Governing Access
The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use
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Preferred Citation
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Processing Information
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This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing, organization, and description, in 2010.

Scope and Contents
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Arrangement
### Collection Contents

**Series I. Columbia Broadcasting System Productions**

*1.2 linear feet (3 boxes)*

Arranged alphabetically by author.

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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.

### Preferred Titles
United States Steel hour (Television program)

### Subjects
- Television authorship
- Television plays
- Television programs -- United States
- Television writers

### Genres / Formats
Television scripts

### Names
Davidson, David, 1908-1985

### Corporate Bodies
- Columbia Broadcasting System, inc
- Yale School of Drama