Guide to the Robert E. Apfel Papers

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Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1870

**CREATOR:** Apfel, Robert E.

**TITLE:** Robert E. Apfel papers

**DATES:** 1973–2000

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.25 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection comprises teaching and administrative materials documenting the career of Yale mechanical engineering professor Robert E. Apfel. Teaching materials include lecture notes, examinations, and exercises for courses in acoustics, dynamics, mechanical design, and practical applications of engineering research. Administrative files document the proposed restructuring of Yale’s engineering programs in the late 1980s to the early 1990s.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- **b.** box
- **f.** folder

Administrative Information

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**
Conditions Governing Access
While the collection as a whole is open for research, box 2 is restricted until January 1, 2033 as established by Yale Corporation regulations.

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Biographical / Historical
Robert E. Apfel was born on March 16, 1943, in New York City. He graduated magna cum laude from Tufts University in 1964 and received his PhD in Applied Physics, specializing in acoustics, from Harvard in 1970. He was a member of the Yale faculty for over three decades, serving as chair of the Council of Engineering during a critical time in the shaping of engineering education and research there. He was respected at Yale as a teacher and mentor of graduate students, receiving the Yale Graduate Mentor Award in 2002. He was an active member and served as president (1995-1996) of the Acoustical Society of America, receiving its Gold Medal Award in 2002. He published over 120 articles in thirty-six journals during his career. Apfel died in New Haven on August 1, 2002.

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Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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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.

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Apfel, Robert E.

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