Guide to the Policy Sciences Center Records

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Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1882

**CREATOR:** Policy Sciences Center

**TITLE:** Policy Sciences Center records

**DATES:** 1948–1987

**BULK DATES:** 1968–1974

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records include organizational papers, correspondence, financial records, and topical files which document the founding of the Policy Sciences Center in 1948 and its activities over the next thirty years, primarily between 1968 and 1974.

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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**

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Policy Sciences Center Records (MS 1882). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Associated Materials
Harold Lasswell Papers (MS 1043). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical
The Policy Sciences Center is a non-profit foundation incorporated in 1948 by Yale Law School faculty members Harold Lasswell, Myres McDougal, and George Dession. The broad mission of the Center was to improve the decision-making process by educating policy makers at all levels. It hosted topical seminars, provided a forum for discussion of topics ranging from juvenile justice to access to capital by minority groups, assisted interested parties in obtaining funds and expertise to perform research, and prepared and reviewed grant applications and reports.

Scope and Contents
The Policy Sciences Center Records consist of organizational papers, correspondence, financial records, grant materials, and publications which document the founding of the Policy Sciences Center in 1948 and its activities over the next thirty years. The records are incomplete and primarily highlight the work of the association in the mid-1970s.

The Policy Sciences Center Records were processed as part of a collaborative effort between Manuscripts and Archives and the Yale Law School to document the careers and accomplishments of law school faculty and alumni.

Arrangement
Collection Contents
Series I. Organization, 1948-1987

Arranged alphabetically by subject, the materials in this series focus on financial and membership records of the Center as well as general corporate materials. The series also includes materials collected by Harold Lasswell, one of the original founders.

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**Series II. Grants, 1968-1978**

The materials in this series relate to grants or projects that the Policy Sciences Center sought funding for either as a direct participant or in its role as a clearing house for interested researchers. The largest amount of materials relate to Garry Brewer’s research detailing provision of services to the handicapped in the mid 1970s. Although the documentation for each grant is different, the materials consist primarily of correspondence, applications, and reports.

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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
Credit -- United States
Decision making
Endowments
People with disabilities -- Services for
Policy sciences

Names
Brewer, Garry D.
Dession, George H. (George Hathaway), 1905-1955
Lasswell, Harold D. (Harold Dwight), 1902-1978
McDougal, Myres S. (Myres Smith), 1906-1998
Penna, Frank J.

Corporate Bodies
Policy Sciences Center
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