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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Margulies, Donald , author

TITLE: Donald Margulies papers

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 54.33 linear feet (122 boxes)

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SUMMARY: The Donald Margulies Papers, which span from 1935-2014, contain extensive writings, drafts, notes, and correspondence related to Margulies life and work. The papers also contain personal and business documents, journals, and financial records, along with audiovisual and born digital materials.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Tuna on Rye Productions, Inc., on the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 2015.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Box 116-119 (audiovisual materials): Restricted fragile material. Consult Access Services for further information.

Boxes 120-122 (born digital): Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections as they are acquired, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Donald Margulies

Donald Margulies (1954-) is an American playwright, writer, and educator who has written for the stage and screen. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Margulies graduated from SUNY Purchase with a BFA in Visual Arts. His notable works include *The Country House* (2014), *Time Stands Still* (2009) and *Brooklyn Boy* (2004). His works *Sight Unseen* (1991) and *Collected Stories* (1996) were both finalists for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. *Dinner with Friends* (1998) was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2000. Margulies has also won awards from the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture Award in Literary Arts, and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Margulies is a professor of English and Theatre Studies at Yale University.

Scope and Contents

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b. 42	New writers commission--one act	1985 September 23-1985 December 22
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b. 42	Jury duty	1982 December
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b. 116, [REDACTED] 39002137156874	Callahan-Ellerbee from W5 1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:08:18 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) English Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information. The footage ends abruptly on the tape.	1993 February 22
b. 116, [REDACTED] 39002137156890	CBS-60 min "Callahan" 1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:13:37 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
b. 116, [REDACTED] 39002137156924	The Dramatists Guild Fund 1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:42:57 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2000
b. 116, [REDACTED] 39002137156932	Donald Margulies 1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:06:46 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	undated
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b. 116, [REDACTED] 39002137156957	Digital Video Conference with US Embassy Rome, Italy and Yale University, Speaker: Donald Margulies, Topic: "American Literature" 1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:24:56 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) Footage begins and ends abruptly on the tape. Video disruption can be seen at times. Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2004 February 24
b. 116, [REDACTED] 39002137156965	"Donald Margulies, Brooklyn Boy", close up, NY1 New York 1 Videocassette (VHS) 00:30:17 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2005 March 7
b. 116, [REDACTED] 39002137156973	Found a Peanut by Donald Margulies 1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:27:23 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) Footage ends abruptly. [Aviary] Aviary Found a Peanut by Donald Margulies circa 1986 Audiovisual material: Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	circa 1986
b. 116	"Dinner with Friends" 1 Videocassette (VHS) This is a commercial videocassette. It has not been digitized.	undated
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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

Dramatists, American -- 20th Century
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Dramatists -- United States

Genres / Formats

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Playscripts