

# Guide to Gaddis Smith papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 2137

**CREATOR:** Smith, Gaddis, 1932-2022

**TITLE:** Gaddis Smith papers

**DATES:** 1919-2014

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 11.68 linear feet (28 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Materials are all written in English.

**SUMMARY:** Collection consists of personal and travel diaries, academic writings, short story drafts, research and lecture notes, and correspondence. Topics covered in the collection are Gaddis Smith's early life, living in New Haven, marriage and family, aging, hobbies, running and fitness, archival and general research, attending Yale and Duke University, work at Yale University as a professor, chair of the Department of History, and directorship of the Yale University MacMillian Center for International and Area Studies (formerly known as Yale Center for International and Area Studies), international travel and politics, Iraq War, 9/11, Vietnam War protesting and arrest records, maritime history of US Great Lakes region and Atlantic Ocean, and Yale Alumni associations.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Edgar Smith, 2023.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research. Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series 1: Diaries and correspondence, are restricted until January 1, 2075.

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### Related Materials

Related materials: Institute of International Studies, Yale University, records, RU 482; and MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale records, RU 465.

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## Biographical / Historical

George Gaddis Smith, mostly known as Gaddis Smith, was born December 9, 1932, in Newark, New Jersey and lived his early life in Summit, New Jersey where he attended and graduated Pingry School in 1950. Smith married Barclay Manierre in 1951. He attended Yale College and served as the Chairman for the *Yale Daily News* in 1953. He graduated from Yale College in 1954. He spent the next seven years teaching and pursuing his PhD in history at Duke University and returned to Yale to teach in 1961. He became Head (title formerly known as "Master") of Pierson College in 1972; he served in the position for nine years working closely with Yale President Kingman Brewster. Throughout the 1980s he taught courses on American history and

foreign policy. Some of his students from this time went on to become public figures in the entertainment industry and US politics.

Smith published a variety of journal articles, opinion pieces, and academic books on American history, specifically cold war history and US foreign policy in the 20th century. At Yale, he chaired the Department of History and was the Director for Yale Center for International and Area Studies. In 2001, he began teaching a course on Yale University history and the US. This formed the basis of his book on the history of Yale University, published in 2023. Gaddis Smith passed away in his home from progressive supranuclear palsy in New Haven, CT on December 9, 2022.

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## Arrangement

The Gaddis Smith papers are organized into three series: I. Diaries and correspondence, 1919-2014. II. Public talks and lectures, 1977-2007. III. Writings, 1972-2004.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Diaries and correspondence, 1919–2014

Majority diary entries, newspaper clippings, and correspondence to and from family members and colleagues dispersed throughout series. Diary entries cover Smith's early life, educational career, personal and professional life in New Haven, CT, international politics, travel, hobbies, aging, and reflections on major world events.

Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence, are restricted until January 1, 2075.

Materials are arranged chronologically.

b. 1, f. 1	1919–1958	1919–1958
b. 1, f. 2	1944	1944
b. 1, f. 3	1945 January–1946 May	1945 January– 1946 May
b. 1, f. 4	1946 May–1947 June	1946 May–1947 June
b. 1, f. 5	1947 June–1948 July	1947 June–1948 July
b. 1, f. 6	1948 July–1949 February	1948 July–1949 February
b. 1, f. 7	1949 February–1950 April	1949 February– 1950 April
b. 1, f. 8	1950 April–1951 November	1950 April–1951 November
b. 2, f. 1	Schoolwork	1948–1954
b. 2, f. 2	Pingry School	1950
b. 2, f. 3	Student outline	1952
b. 2, f. 4	1953 December–1955 August	1953 December– 1955 August
b. 2, f. 5	1955 August–1961 July	1955 August– 1961 July
b. 2, f. 6	1962 June	1962 June
b. 2, f. 7	1965 December–1969 March	1965 December– 1969 March
b. 2, f. 8	1966–1970	1966–1970
b. 3, f. 1	1971–1973	1971–1973
b. 3, f. 2-5	Washington, D.C. arrest files	1972–1973

b. 3, f. 6	1973-1974	1973-1974
b. 4, f. 1-2	1974-1976	1974-1976
b. 4, f. 3-4	1975-1976, 1983	1975-1976, 1983
b. 4, f. 5-6	1976, 1976-1977	1976, 1976-1977
b. 5, f. 1	1976-1978	1976-1978
b. 5, f. 2	1976-1980	1976-1980
b. 5, f. 3	1979 June-1982 January	1979 June-1982 January
b. 5, f. 4	1979 December-1980 July	1979 December- 1980 July
b. 6, f. 1-2	1980, 1980-1982	1980, 1980-1982
b. 6, f. 3-4	1982	1982
b. 6, f. 5-6	1983	1983
b. 7, f. 1	1984	1984
b. 7, f. 2	1985	1985
b. 7, f. 3-4	1986	1986
b. 8, f. 1-3	1987, 1987-1993	1987, 1987-1993
b. 8, f. 4	"¡SI A CHILE! ¡SI A PINOCHET!," loose material found in 1987-1993 notebook	1988
b. 8, f. 5	1988	1988
b. 8, f. 6-7	1989	1989
b. 9, f. 1-3	1990	1990
b. 9, f. 4	1991	1991
b. 9, f. 5-6	1992	1992
b. 10, f. 1-3	1993	1993
b. 10, f. 4	1994	1994
b. 10, f. 5-6	1995	1995
b. 10, f. 7-8	1996	1996
b. 11, f. 1	1997	1997
b. 11, f. 2	Luce Hall	1997-1998
b. 11, f. 3-4	1998	1998
b. 11, f. 5	1999	1999

b. 11, f. 6	2000	2000
b. 12, f. 1	2001 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2001
b. 12, f. 2	2001-2002 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2001-2002
b. 12, f. 3	Archeological tour Spain Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2002
b. 12, f. 4-5	2003 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2003
International politics		
b. 13, f. 1	2003 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2003
b. 13, f. 2-4	2004 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2004
b. 13, f. 5	2005 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2005
b. 13, f. 6	2006 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2006
b. 14, f. 1	Kayaking and sailing Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2003-2005
b. 14, f. 2	Hurricanes Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2003-2005
b. 14, f. 3	Archeological tour Cyprus and Crete Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2004
b. 14, f. 4-5	2004 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit January 1, 2075.	2004



b. 15, f. 1	2005 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2005
b. 15, f. 2-3	2005 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2005
b. 16, f. 1-4	2006 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2006
b. 17, f. 1	2007 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2007
b. 17, f. 2	2007–2008 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2007–2008
b. 17, f. 3	2008 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2008
b. 18, f. 1-2	2009 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2009
b. 19, f. 1-3	2009–2010 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2009–2010
b. 20, f. 1	2010–2011 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2010–2011
b. 20, f. 2-3	2011 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2011
b. 20, f. 4	2012 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2012
b. 20, f. 5	2012–2013 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2012–2013
b. 20, f. 6-7	2013–2014 Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unitl January 1, 2075.	2013–2014

b. 21, f. 1

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Materials in Boxes 12-21, Series I. Diaries and correspondence restricted unit  
January 1, 2075.

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**Series II: Public lectures and talks, 1963-2007**

Series contains notes, drafts, and research related to lectures and talks Smith gave at Yale University, in New England area, and nationally related to US foreign policy, international politics, the history of Yale University, and maritime history.

Materials are arranged chronologically.

b. 22, f. 1	Fiction, Anglo-American Relations (1911-1921), American Diplomacy During WWII notes	1963
b. 22, f. 2	Army War College	1973 October 18
b. 22, f. 3-5	Notes and public talks	1974-1990
b. 22, f. 6	Naval War College	1977 February 8- 1977 May 31
b. 22, f. 7	Containment in East Asia, National War College	1977 March 30
b. 23, f. 1	Contemporary American militarism	1979
b. 23, f. 2	Cronon remarks, Parkman banquet	1984 May 15- 1984 May 21
b. 23, f. 3	Alumni seminar	1984 June 9
b. 23, f. 4	Carter's rhetoric	1985 July 5
b. 23, f. 5	CONTRA scandal talk at Yale	1986 December 9
b. 23, f. 6	Constitution and foreign policy	1987 January 28-1987 April 29
b. 23, f. 7	Christian conscience and Nicaragua sermon, Trinity Church on the Green	1987 April 5
b. 23, f. 8	<i>In drawing a line in gulf, will we be the one to trip?</i>	1987 July 28
b. 23, f. 9	NY Times book review, <i>Anthony Eden</i> by Robert Rhodes James	1987 August 23
b. 23, f. 10	Texas trip	1988 January
b. 23, f. 11	Antecedents of the USS Stark affair, abdication of LBJ	1988 January 14- 1988 February 24
b. 23, f. 12	War powers talk, Yale Club	1988 January 20
b. 23, f. 13	Comments on Scholzinger and Ribuffo papers	1988 March 25
b. 23, f. 14	Presidential election and the next four years, North End Club, New Haven	1988 November 30
b. 23, f. 15	Monroe Doctrine	1988 November 30
b. 23, f. 16	<i>Glasnot, Diplomatic History, and Post-Cold War Agenda</i> , Yale Journal of World Affairs	1989 March

b. 23, f. 17	The past 50 years, class of 1939 reunion	1989 June 3
b. 24, f. 1	Hungary diplomatic dilemmas, Yale alumni seminar	1989 June 9
b. 24, f. 2	American policy during WWII	1989 November 17–1989 November 27
b. 24, f. 3	Steamboat lecture	1989 November 30
b. 24, f. 4	Lecture notes	1990–1992
b. 24, f. 5	Future of foreign policy	1990 March 7
b. 24, f. 6	Amistad maritime history	1990 April 2
b. 24, f. 7	Cold War	1990 April 25
b. 24, f. 8	Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Yale alumni seminar	1990 June 8
b. 24, f. 9	Kissinger	1992 September 25
b. 24, f. 10	Isolationism	1994
b. 24, f. 11	Haiti current history	1994
b. 24, f. 12	Pacific security, Association of Yale Assembly San Francisco	1994
b. 24, f. 13	Historical perception, influence on foreign policy	1994 May 29
b. 24, f. 14	Remembering D-Day	1994 June 1
b. 24, f. 15	New Haven harbor	1994 June 27
b. 24, f. 16	Review of Auside, the US-Israel alliance	1994 July 10
b. 24, f. 17	<i>Haiti under the Monroe Doctrine and today</i>	1994 July 17
b. 24, f. 18	Open door and American foreign policy	1994 July 22
b. 24, f. 19	US foreign relations	1994 November 12–1994 December 14
b. 24, f. 20	<i>Bosnia: Can we escape a return to the 1930s?</i>	1994 December 2
b. 24, f. 21	Yale Alumni	1995 June
b. 24, f. 22	Migration	1996
b. 24, f. 23	Acorn	1996 May 4– 1996 November 23
b. 24, f. 24	Reflections on the Korean War	1997 April 4

b. 24, f. 25	Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs	1997 May 15– 1997 May 17
b. 24, f. 26	Immigration	1997 May 17
b. 24, f. 27	Presidential lying, Olmsted conference	1998 February 27
b. 24, f. 28	Yale and the External World, Yale School of Medicine	1998 March 9
b. 24, f. 29	Major Global Transformations of the 20th century Influencing Higher Education, Future Event Conference, Canberra	1998 April 5– 1998 April 7
b. 24, f. 30	Remarks for Graduate School matriculation	1998 August 26
b. 24, f. 31	Internationalization of Yale	1998 October 22
b. 25, f. 1	Pierson College	1998 October– 2000 December 8
b. 25, f. 2	Intelligence, Morals, and Politics, Yale Espionage Conference	1999 February 27
b. 25, f. 3	Yale University and New Haven	1999 May 5
b. 25, f. 4	Med School talk	1999 October 23
b. 25, f. 5	Review of Kai Bird, <i>Color of Truth</i> for Books Sandwiched In	1999 November 4
b. 25, f. 6	Money with Strings Talk	1999 November 11
b. 25, f. 7	Notes for talk to class of 1955 45th reunion	2000 May 31
b. 25, f. 8	Galapagos lectures	2000 July 17– 2000 July 25
b. 25, f. 9	Berkeley College	2000 September 18
b. 25, f. 10	Netherlands historians visit	2000 September 29
b. 25, f. 11	Yale history expenses	2000 October 5–2000 October 6
b. 25, f. 12	Books Sandwiched In	2000 November 2
b. 25, f. 13	Remarks to the Yale Club of New Haven	2000 November 7
b. 25, f. 14	Who Governs Yale, alumni talk	2001 May 26– 2001 June 2
b. 25, f. 15	Archivists talk, New England Archivists newsletter	2001 October
b. 25, f. 16	Yale, America, the world	2001 October 5

b. 25, f. 17	9/11	2001 October 20
b. 25, f. 18	Remarks to the Class of 1954	2001 November 17
b. 25, f. 19	Montclair	2002 February 11–2002 May 17
b. 25, f. 20	Comments on <i>A Problem from Hell</i> by Samantha Powers	2002 February 28
b. 25, f. 21	Whatever Happened to In Loco Parentis, Yale Club of NY, Class of 1948	2002 April 10
b. 25, f. 22	Freedom of Expression talk, Association of Yale Assembly	2002 April 26
b. 25, f. 23	Hartford talk	2002 April 30
b. 25, f. 24	Foote School commencement	2002 June 12
b. 25, f. 25	John Gould's Eight Months Before the Mast, Mystic, CT	2002 November 29
b. 25, f. 26	Association of Yale Assembly California	2002 November
b. 26, f. 1	Strange Career of Free Expression, Yale Club of San Francisco	2002 November 13
b. 26, f. 2	God and Man in Early New Haven, North End Club	2003 January 10
b. 26, f. 3	Reserve Officers Training Corps	2003 April 9
b. 26, f. 4	Yale Center for International and Area Studies panel	2003 April 10
b. 26, f. 5	Jim Lehrer Show panel on the occupation of Iraq	2003 April 15
b. 26, f. 6	Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School	2003 April 21
b. 26, f. 7	Association of Yale Assembly, Intelligence and Outbreaks of War	2003 June 6
b. 26, f. 8	Summer teachers	2003 July 24
b. 26, f. 9	Elizabethan Club	2004 February
b. 26, f. 10	Graduate School Teaching Center, Spring forum	2004 March 26
b. 26, f. 11	Yale leaders, Yale Club of New York	2004 April 16
b. 26, f. 12	Elections, Pierson College	2004 November 10
b. 26, f. 13	Maritime history alumni reunion	2005 June 4
b. 26, f. 14	Class of '63 reunion in Washington, D.C.	2005 October 23
b. 26, f. 15	The Birth and Fate of the Wilsonian Vision	2005 November 1
b. 26, f. 16	US War in Iraq	2006 February 20

b. 26, f. 17	Class of 1951	2006 June 3
b. 26, f. 18	Long Island Sound	2007 May 21
b. 26, f. 19	History of the US draft	Undated
b. 26, f. 20	Miller Center	Undated
b. 26, f. 21	Would Be Admiral: FDR and the Sea	Undated
b. 26, f. 22	U-Boats and Windjammers	Undated
b. 26, f. 23	Yale campus guides	Undated
b. 26, f. 24	Class of 1952 reunion	Undated

**Series III: Writings, 1972–2004**

Research, correspondence, drafts, administrative files related to published and unpublished writings by Gaddis Smith.

Organized into two subseries: I. Short stories and memoirs, 2003-2004. II. Academic, 1971-2005. Material arranged chronologically therein.

	Short stories and memoirs	2003–2004
b. 27, f. 1	Fiction notes	2003
b. 27, f. 2	Memoir notes	2003–2004
	Academic	1971–2005
b. 27, f. 3-7	Pigtail Mutiny	1971–1978
b. 28, f. 1	Herman Melville	1976
b. 28, f. 2	Moving the Sources of Energy: A Theme for American Maritime History	1980
b. 28, f. 3	Agricultural Roots of Maritime History	1984
b. 28, f. 4	<i>Black Seamen and the Federal Courts</i>	1987
b. 28, f. 5	<i>The Amistad Incident: Four Perspectives</i>	1992
b. 28, f. 6	Echoes of history	2003
b. 28, f. 7	SARS and West Nile virus	2003 April–2003 May
b. 28, f. 8	Whatever Happened to National Self Determination?	2004 January 31
b. 28, f. 9	Great Lakes	2004 September
b. 28, f. 11	Maritime research	2009
b. 28, f. 12	Melville and the Maritime Historian	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

Aging  
Cold War  
College teachers -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
Education -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
Educators  
Foreign policy of the United States  
International relations -- Research  
Iraq War, 2003-2011-- Personal narratives,  
American  
September 11 Terrorist Attacks, 2001  
Trials (Terrorism) -- United States  
Vietnam War, 1961-1975 -- Conscientious  
objectors  
Vietnam War, 1961-1975 -- Personal narratives  
Yale University -- Faculty  
Yale University -- Students

### Corporate Bodies

MacMillan Center  
Yale Center for International and Area Studies  
Yale daily news  
Yale University  
Yale University. Alumni  
Yale University. Department of History