

# Guide to the William Louis Gaines Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1858

**CREATOR:** Gaines, William L.

**TITLE:** William Louis Gaines papers

**DATES:** 1937-2004

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 9.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers of William Louis Gaines contain correspondence, topical files, and journals. Journals comprise the great majority of the collection and cover almost his entire life. The journals, often over six hundred pages per year, provide comprehensive details about the organizations where Gaines was employed, analysis of current events, personal information, and much introspection.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Estate of William Louis Gaines, 2005.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Born in Monticello, Indiana, William Louis Gaines attended Bowling Green State University (B.A., 1946) and the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (M.A., 1947). In 1951, he completed his doctoral dissertation in history at Yale University. For five years following, Gaines worked as an assistant political attache at the United States Embassy in London. In 1956, Gaines entered the field that he would become most associated with, international education. He served as executive secretary at the U.S.-U.K. Education Commission until 1961, when he became associate director of Commonwealth Fellowships. In these positions, Gaines administered scholarship programs that encouraged international exchange. From 1962 to 1970, Gaines was director of education at the African-American Institute, where he worked with both African and American universities. For the subsequent four years, he was a professor of history at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, concurrently serving first as dean of academic affairs, then as dean of international studies. From 1974 until his retirement in 1992, Gaines was President of the Institute of European Studies and the Institute of Asian Studies. Throughout his life, Gaines promoted intellectual achievement through international exchange. He died in February 2005.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

The papers are arranged by type of material.

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b. 1, f. 1	Biographical	1981, 1989
b. 1, f. 2	Africa consultation	1995-1997
Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 3 - 5	General	1945-1972, 1993-1997, undated
b. 1, f. 6 - 7	Hennig, Calvin [and Ruth]	1973-2004, undated
b. 1, f. 8	D-Day 50th anniversary	1994
b. 1, f. 9	Institute of European Studies	1983-1984, 1992-1994, undated
b. 2, f. 10	Photographs	undated
b. 2, f. 11 - 15	United States Information Agency (USIA): Namibia	1993-1998, undated
b. 2, f. 16	University of Nebraska, Lincoln	1971-1973
b. 3, f. 17 - 18	Yale Graduate School Alumni Fund	1992-2002
b. 3, f. 19	Miscellaneous	1966, 1991, 1994, undated
Journals		
b. 4, f. 20 - 25	1937-1944	
b. 5, f. 26 - 29	1945-1951	
b. 6, f. 30 - 38	1952-1956	
b. 7, f. 39 - 47	1957-1959	
b. 8, f. 48 - 52	1960-1961	
b. 9, f. 53 - 62	1962-1964	
b. 10, f. 63 - 70	1965-1967	
b. 11, f. 71 - 80	1968-1970	
b. 12, f. 81 - 90	1971-1973	
b. 13, f. 91 - 101	1974-1976	
b. 14, f. 102 - 114	1977-1980	
b. 15, f. 115 - 118	1981 English	

b. 16, f. 119 - 131      1982-1984

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b. 17, f. 132 - 137      1985-1987

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b. 18, f. 138 - 151      1988-1990

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b. 19, f. 152 - 159      1991-1994

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b. 20, f. 160 - 166      1995-1997, 2002

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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.

### **Genres / Formats**

Journals

### **Names**

Gaines, William L.

### **Corporate Bodies**

African-American Institute  
Institute of European Studies