

# Guide to the Slavic and East European Collection, Yale University Library, Records of the Curator

RU 1132



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives  
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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 1132

**CREATOR:** Yale University. Library. Slavic and East European Collection

**TITLE:** Slavic and East European Collection, Yale University Library, Records of the Curator

**DATES:** 1960-2013

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of correspondence, reports, bibliographies, administrative files and travel records documenting the activities and operations of the curator of the Slavic and East European Collection at Yale University Library.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ru.1132>

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## Requesting Instructions

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Slavic and East European Collection Curator, 2014.

## Conditions Governing Access

Access to the records is restricted. See Collection Contents for details.

Some records in this finding aid have been redacted, as they include student names, donor names, and other restricted data. These records will not appear in the published finding aid.

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## Biographical / Historical

Yale University Library was among the first in America to collect Slavic materials systematically. Joel Sumner Smith, its Associate Librarian in the late 19th century, was one of the very few in his profession who read Russian. The books and serials he acquired today form the core of one of the major holdings in the West. With over 150,000 volumes concerning Central and Southeast Europe, as well as some 600,000 volumes relating to Russia and the states of the former Soviet Union, Yale has one of the five largest collections in the United States. The Slavic Collection acquires about 13,000 titles in the vernacular languages annually; English-language titles are usually acquired separately by the library for the general collection.

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## Scope and Contents

The records consist of correspondence, reports, bibliographies, administrative files and travel records documenting the activities and operations of the curator of the Slavic and East European Collection at Yale University Library.

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## General

Forms part of Yale Record Group 32-D (YRG 32-D), Records of Yale school and departmental libraries and collections.

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## Arrangement

The records are arranged by accession.

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## Collection Contents

### Accession 2015-A-010: Records, 1960-2013

Restricted until January 1, 2048

	Annual reports	
b. 1, f. 1	1982-1988	1982-1988
b. 1, f. 2	1988-1989	1988-1989
b. 1, f. 3	1989-1990	1989-1990
b. 1, f. 4	1996-2012	1996-2012
b. 1, f. 5	Annual statistics-Slavic reading room (SRR)	2006-2007
b. 1, f. 6	Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA)	1991-1994
b. 1, f. 7	Baltic internship	2002-2013
b. 1, f. 8	Bibliographic instruction	1990
b. 1, f. 9	Bibliographies	1986
b. 1, f. 10	Budgets	1989-1995
b. 2, f. 2	Collection development: 1995-1996 allocations	1994-1995
b. 2, f. 3	Collection description and correspondence	1963, 1985
b. 2, f. 4	Condolences	2008
b. 2, f. 5-6	Conferences, events, newspaper lists and documents	1993-1996
b. 2, f. 7	Conference on Baltic Studies	1992
b. 2, f. 8	Cooperative project	1992-1993
b. 2, f. 9	Correspondence-Bushkovitch, Paul	1990-1998
b. 2, f. 10-11	Correspondence: Inter-Documentation Company (IDC)	1989-1994
b. 3, f. 1-2	Council on Russian and East European Studies-reports	1960-1985
b. 3, f. 3	Department of Education grant	1991-1994
b. 3, f. 4	Development	1991-1998
b. 3, f. 5-6	East Coast Consortium for Slavic Collections (ECCSC)	1991-1999
b. 3, f. 7	East Siberia and Russian Far East-Library Assessment Project	1994
b. 3, f. 8	Eastern Europe	1990-2006
b. 4, f. 1	Endowment	1990-1992
b. 4, f. 2	Friends of the St. Petersburg Public Library	1991-1996

b. 4, f. 3	Henrik Deych Archive	1990
b. 4, f. 4	History Department Library Committee-report	Undated
b. 4, f. 5	Inter-office memos and letters	1989-2001
b. 4, f. 6	North Causasus and Volga Basin-Library Assessment Project	1995
b. 4, f. 7	Preservation	1991
b. 4, f. 8	Rannit, Tatiana research reports	Undated
b. 4, f. 9	Recommendations	1989-2010
b. 4, f. 10	Russian and East European area studies	1964-1981
b. 4, f. 11	Security report	Undated
b. 5, f. 1-3	Slavic collection internship materials	1993-1997
b. 5, f. 4	Slavic Studies collection	1961-1972
b. 6, f. 1	Slavic reading room-personnel	1990-1997
	Slavic and East European Library Fellow	
b. 6, f. 4	Soviet and East European Council	1989-1993
b. 6, f. 5	Tercentennial exhibit	2000
	Travel files	
b. 6, f. 6	Kalingrad	1998-1999
b. 6, f. 7	Moscow	1992-1993
b. 6, f. 8	Notes	1989-1991
b. 6, f. 9	University of Virginia Library-Slavic collections	1977-1983
b. 6, f. 10	Western Russia-Library Assessment Project	1997-1998

**Accession 2021-A-0007: Samovar tea service, Circa 19th century**

A 19th century samovar from Tula, Russia (the capital of the samovar production in Tzarist Russia) belonged to a member of the Russian emigre community from a village in Connecticut called Churayevka. The village disappeared with the construction of highway I-84. The samovar was later gifted to the curator of the Slavic and East European Collection.

The object is open for research

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Samovar tea service

Circa 19th  
century

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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**

Slavic languages