

# Guide to the Robert C. Wilhelm Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 2065

**CREATOR:** Wilhelm, Robert C.

**TITLE:** Robert C. Wilhelm papers

**DATES:** 1967–1971

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** The material is in English.

**SUMMARY:** This collection documents the anti-war activism of Robert C. Wilhelm who was part of the faculty at Yale University. Wilhelm participated in several anti-war groups in New Haven, including the Committee of Fifteen, a group of Yale faculty and staff, and the American Independence Movement. The majority of the collection consists of ephemera, including newspaper clippings, bulletins, statements of organizations, and booklets. Newspaper clippings are from both Connecticut-based and national newspapers, such as the *Hartford Courant*, *New Haven Register*, the *Yale Daily News*, the *National Observer* and the *New York Times*. Bulletins are from several anti-war/peace organizations, most of them local to New Haven. These include the American Independence Movement, Draft Action Group, Peace Community News, and the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. There are also materials related to two specific events, the May Day Rally and the "Un-sell the War" campaign. Materials date from 1967 to 1971.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Leslie V. Wilhelm, 2016.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Robert C. Wilhelm. He received his B.A. from Cornell University in 1955 and his Ph.D from the same institution from 1960. Wilhelm became an assistant professor of molecular biophysics at Yale University from 1964 to 1970. He also was part of the research staff for the department of molecular biology in 1964. Wilhelm served as dean of Calhoun College from 1969 to 1972 and served as Acting Master from 1972 to 1973. Wilhelm's university administrative service culminated in him being named executive assistant to Yale President Kingman Brewster from 1974 to 1977. Wilhelm was a fellow of Jonathan Edwards College (1967-1969) and Calhoun College (circa 1969). While working at Yale, Wilhelm participated in several anti-war groups in New Haven, including a group of Yale faculty and staff known as the Committee of Fifteen and the American Independence Movement.

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## Scope and Contents

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## **Arrangement**

The material is arranged alphabetically.

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b. 1, f. 1	American Independent Movement bulletins	1968-1970
b. 1, f. 2	Committee of 15: correspondence, statements, speaker lists and notes	1968-1969
b. 1, f. 3-4	Draft resistance-news clippings, correspondence, bulletins, statements, and information booklets	1967-1969
b. 1, f. 5	May Day Rally and the trial of Bobby Seale and associates-news clippings, bulletins and correspondence	bulk 1968-1970
b. 1, f. 6	"Un-sell the War"-campaign articles and promotional materials English	1967-1971

## **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**

Peace movements  
Vietnam War, 1961-1975 -- Draft resisters.

### **Names**

Wilhelm, Robert C.

### **Corporate Body**

American Independent Movement (Conn.)