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Biography

Maurice Isserman graduated from Reed College in 1973. He earned an MA and PhD from the University of Rochester. Isserman became a Professor of History and the Writing Program Coordinator at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York.

Scope and Contents

The Maurice Isserman Papers consist of correspondence, Reed College class papers (Humanities 110); Reed class notes, syllabi and exams, 1968/1969, FBI papers detailing their investigations of Maurice Isserman and the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), and the Portland Revolutionary Youth Movement (PRYM, including a paper on the PRYM.

Reed ephemera includes Quest [student] newspapers, broadsides, Reed publications, Commencement programs (1973), and newsclippings.

Isserman ephemera includes a Reed I.D. card, 1971/72 and a Selective Service System, Student Certificate (for the draft), for Isserman, dated 4/30/69.
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1.1 Class Notes and Papers, I
Humanities 110, final examination, 20 May 1969; Humanities 110, syllabus, Fall semester 1969; Humanities 110, Spring semester, 1969, annotated; Humanities 210, Series 2 (reading list); Modern European Intellectual History, History 421, Fall 1969, Mr. Lunn, (reading list), and class notes; Theatrical History with Prof. Seth Ulman

1.2 Class Notes and Paper, II
Spanish Radicalism Paper (notes), for Seth Ulman; Humanities 110 notes

1.3 Correspondence from Maurice Isserman to his parents (1968-1969)
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1.4 Ephemera
Letter to Reed College Senate, from Jennifer Stearns, protesting M. Isserman’s suspension for his “involvement in the IBM disruption” (dated April 4, 1969); paper entitled: “Mark Kleiman--High School Reform: Toward a Student Movement”, printed and distributed by Reed SDS (n.d.)

Reed College Meeting Flyers
Student Power and Humanities 110; flyer calling for a Student Strike (1969); flyers for the Black Student Union & Black Studies implementation

Publications
“Loyal Insurrection” no.2, “Loyal Opposition”, nos. 8 and 9; “Wall Poster”, v. 1:5 (Quest); Wall Poster, v. 1:8, April 22, 1969: (headline: “Senate Reviews Isserman Case”); “Reed: an independent journal of community opinion” (Nov., 1968: article by Isserman); Quest copies; general newspaper articles, 1968/69; Commencement programs, (66th, 1973), 2 copies;

Photographs
Nine photographs taken by M. Isserman: Student Protest; Burning Television, (Education is passive); Jon Moscow, ’69; Liz Dalley; Marc Kemeny, ’72

1.5 FBI Files
Copies of FBI files kept on Maurice Herbert Isserman, obtained by him under Freedom of Information Act (FIA) application, 1970’s.

1.6 Humanities Papers

1.7 SDS [Students for a Democratic Society] and PRYM [Portland Revolutionary Youth Movement]
A paper entitled: “Diamonds and Rust at 23rd & Division: The True and Terrible Saga of PRYM or I Boogied Next to Bernadine Dohrn at Sky River and Lived to Tell the Story” (c. 1976), by Maurice Isserman

1.8 Selective Service Papers and I.D.
Carbon copy of “Selective Service System Student Certificate”, for Maurice H. Isserman, dated April 30, 1969
Reed College Student I.D. (laminated), for the academic year 1971/1972