Smith Ely Jelliffe Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Smith Ely Jelliffe Papers
Span Dates: 1882-1977
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1885-1944)
ID No.: MSS57018
Creator: Jelliffe, Smith Ely, 1866-1945
Extent: 10,200 items
Extent: 44 containers plus 1 oversize
Extent: 18.0 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English and German
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81057018
Summary: Neurologist, psychoanalyst, and educator. Correspondence, letterbooks, notebooks, genealogical material, biographical material, scrapbooks, photographs, articles, sketches, studies, newspaper clippings, memorabilia, and a diary relating primarily to Jelliffe's career and to his family.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Bleuler, Eugen, 1857-1939--Correspondence.
Brill, A. A. (Abraham Arden), 1874-1948--Correspondence.
Eitingon, M. (Max), 1880-1943--Correspondence.
Ellis, Havelock, 1859-1939--Correspondence.
Emerson, Winifred Jelliffe--Correspondence.
Federn, Paul--Correspondence.
Fenichel, Otto--Correspondence.
Ferenczi, Sándor, 1873-1933--Correspondence.
Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939--Correspondence.
Goldschmidt, Helena Woodruff Jelliffe--Correspondence.
Hall, G. Stanley (Granville Stanley), 1844-1924--Correspondence.
Jelliffe family.
Jelliffe, Belinda, 1890-1979--Correspondence.
Jelliffe, Helena Dewey Leeming, -1916. Correspondence and diary.
Jelliffe, Smith Ely, 1866-1945.
Jones, Ernest, 1879-1958--Correspondence.
Jung, C. G. (Carl Gustav), 1875-1961--Correspondence.
Kraepelin, Emil, 1856-1926--Correspondence.
Laforgue, René--Correspondence.
Leeming, Joseph--Correspondence.
Leeming, Thomas Lonsdale--Correspondence.
Lewis, Nolan D. C. (Nolan Don Carpentier), 1889-1979--Correspondence.
Long, Louise Jelliffe--Correspondence.
Menninger, Karl A. (Karl Augustus), 1893-1990--Correspondence.
Meyer, Adolf, 1866-1950--Correspondence.
Rado, Sandor, 1890-1972--Correspondence.
Rank, Otto, 1884-1939--Correspondence.
Reich, Wilhelm, 1897-1957--Correspondence.
Reik, Theodor, 1888-1969--Correspondence.
Schilder, Paul, 1886-1940--Correspondence.
Stekel, Wilhelm, 1868-1940--Correspondence.

Stragnell, Sylvia Canfield Jelliffe--Correspondence.
White, William A. (William Alanson), 1870-1937--Correspondence.

Subjects
Huntington's disease.
Medicine, Psychosomatic.
Mental illness.
Neurology.
Psychiatry.
Psychoanalysis.
Psychology, Pathological.
Psychotherapy.
Schizophrenia.

Places
Alaska--Description and travel.
Europe--Description and travel.

Titles
Journal of nervous and mental disease.
Nervous and mental disease monograph series.
Psychoanalytic review.

Occupations
Educators.
Neurologists.
Psychoanalysts.

Provenance

The papers of Smith Ely Jelliffe, neurologist, psychoanalyst, and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by Arcangelo D'Amore and Nolan D. C. Lewis in 1976. Mr. and Mrs. Carel Goldschmidt deposited items in 1978, and Mrs. Goldschmidt gave additional material in 1981. The deposit was converted to a gift in 1979. Additional material was given by Robert Stragnell in 2001.

Processing History

The papers of Smith Ely Jelliffe were housed and listed circa 1981. The collection was expanded and partially reprocessed in 2010. The collection and finding aid were revised in 2011

Additional Guides

Part of the Jelliffe Papers are described in *The Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress* 34, no. 4 (Oct. 1977): 360-363, 374.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Smith Ely Jelliffe in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Smith Ely Jelliffe are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Smith Ely Jelliffe Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1866, Oct. 27	Born, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1888	Graduated, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1889	Ph.D., College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1894	Married Helena ("Lelie") Dewey Leeming (died 1916)
1896	Met William A. White
1899	Associate editor, *Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases*; managing editor and owner, 1902-1945
1907-1912	Clinical professor of Mental Diseases, Fordham University, New York, N.Y.
1913	Published with William A. White, *The Modern Treatment of Nervous and Mental Diseases*. Philadelphia, Pa.: Lea & Febiger Founded with William A. White, *Psychoanalytic Review*, the first English-language publication dedicated to psychoanalysis
1915	Published with William A. White, *Diseases of the Nervous System: A Text-Book of Neurology and Psychiatry*. Philadelphia, Pa.: Lea & Febiger
1918	Published *The Technique of Psychoanalysis*. New York: Nervous and Mental Disease Publication Co., the first book devoted to analytical technique
1920	Married Belinda ("Bee") Dobson
1928	Presided over session of July 21, third Conférence des Psychanalystes de Langue Française, Paris, France
1939	Published *Sketches in Psychosomatic Medicine*. New York: Nervous and Mental Disease Monographs
1945, Sept. 25	Died, Lake George, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Smith Ely Jelliffe (1866-1945) span the years 1882-1977, with the bulk dating from 1885 to 1944. The papers are organized into the following series: Correspondence, Notes, Genealogical Material, Biographical Material, Scrapbooks, Miscellany, Memorabilia, Addition, and Oversize.

Jelliffe is often credited as one of the founders of American psychosomatic medicine. He was, however, more widely known for his translations of numerous European works in neurology, psychiatry, psychopathology, and psychotherapy, and the serials he owned and edited, *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, Psychoanalytic Review, and Nervous and Mental Disease Monograph.*

The Correspondence series relates primarily to Jelliffe's career and includes correspondents such as Eugen Bleuler, A. A. Brill, M. Eitingon, Havelock Ellis, Paul Federn, Otto Fenichel, Sándor Ferenczi, Sigmund Freud, G. Stanley Hall, Ernest Jones, C. G. Jung, Emil Kraepelin, René Laforgue, Nolan D. C. Lewis, Karl A. Menninger, Adolf Meyer, Sandor Rado, Otto Rank, Wilhelm Reich, Theodor Reik, Paul Schilder, Wilhelm Stekel, and William A. White. Also of interest is correspondence with botanists and letters received while in Germany in 1891. The letters and letterbooks are largely

Jelliffe's correspondence to and from his wife, Helena ("Lelie") Dewey Leeming Jelliffe, daughter Helena Woodruff Jelliffe Goldschmidt, and sister Louise ("Lulu") Jelliffe Long.

The Notes contain journals, notebooks, a study of Huntington's chorea, lecture notes, and notes on articles concerning dementia praecox and other mental illnesses, all including many hand-drawn illustrations. Additional material related to the articles is found in the Miscellany series along with photographs, sketches by Jelliffe, and newspaper clippings.

The Genealogical Material and Biographical Material series contain notebooks of background information collected on various Jelliffe ancestors as well as autobiographical material on Jelliffe and correspondence from later years concerning genealogy. Photographs are also included in the Biographical Material.

The Scrapbooks and Memorabilia series consist of bound volumes containing correspondence, photographs, printed ephemera, newspaper clippings, and plant material. The scrapbooks relate to European trips. Also in Memorabilia are printed matter and diplomas.

The Addition contains a diary of Helena Dewey Leeming Jelliffe and a notebook of Jelliffe's general observations. The general correspondence in the Addition was written mostly to and from family members including Jelliffe's first wife, Helena Dewey Leeming Jelliffe; their daughters, Winifred Jelliffe Emerson, Helena Woodruff Jelliffe Goldschmidt, and Sylvia Canfield Jelliffe Stragnell; his sister Louise ("Lulu") Jelliffe Long; brothers-in-law Thomas Lonsdale Leeming and Joseph Leeming; and second wife, Belinda ("Bee") Jelliffe; as well as family friends. Included also is a scrapbook from a trip to Alaska in 1905 containing printed ephemera and plant material.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in nine series:

- Correspondence, 1889-1944
- Notes, 1886-1936
- Genealogical Material, undated
- Biographical Material, 1969-1977
- Scrapbooks, 1890-1929
- Miscellany, 1885-1937
- Memorabilia, 1882-1909
- Addition, 1885-1944
- Oversize, 1882-1896

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-25	**Correspondence, 1889-1944** Letters, letterbooks, a notebook, and miscellaneous correspondence interspersed with photographs and illustrations. Arranged by type of material with the miscellaneous correspondence arranged alphabetically.
BOX 26-29	**Notes, 1886-1936** Notebooks, journals, articles, and a lecture. Arranged by type of material or title of article.
BOX 30	**Genealogical Material, undated** Notebooks on Jelliffe family interspersed with photographs and correspondence. Arranged by volume number.
BOX 31	**Biographical Material, 1969-1977** Autobiographical notes and typescript, photographs, and correspondence. Unarranged.
BOX 31-36	**Scrapbooks, 1890-1929** Bound volumes containing correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and printed ephemera kept by the Jelliffe family relating to European trips.
BOX 37	**Miscellany, 1885-1937** Family photographs, sketches by Jelliffe, articles, and newspaper clippings. Unarranged.
BOX 38-42	**Memorabilia, 1882-1909** Bound volumes containing newspaper clippings, photographs, plant material, printed ephemera, and correspondence. Arranged chronologically as received with miscellaneous items at the end.
BOX 43-44	**Addition, 1885-1944** Correspondence, diary, notebook, and scrapbook. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX OV 1	**Oversize, 1882-1896** Diplomas. Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1-25	**Correspondence, 1889-1944**
	Letters, letterbooks, a notebook, and miscellaneous correspondence interspersed with photographs and illustrations.
	Arranged by type of material with the miscellaneous correspondence arranged alphabetically.
BOX 1	Miscellaneous
BOX 1	A-Bay
BOX 2	Bea-Bow
BOX 3	Bra-Ch
BOX 4	Cl-Cz
BOX 5	Da-Du
BOX 6	Ea-Fl
BOX 7	Fo-Gl
BOX 8	Go-Hay
BOX 9	He-I
BOX 10	Ja-Ka
BOX 11	Ke-Ku
BOX 12	La-Ly
BOX 13	Ma-Men
BOX 14	Mer-My
BOX 15	Na-Paz
BOX 16	Pe-Ri
BOX 17	Rob-Sch
BOX 18	Se-Str
BOX 19	Su-Vo
BOX 20	Wa-White, William A.
BOX 21	White, William A.
BOX 22	White, William A.-Z
BOX 23	Botanist letters, 1889-1892
	(3 folders)
BOX 23	Letterbooks
BOX 23	Jelliffe, Smith Ely
BOX 23	To Helena (“Lelie”) Dewey Leeming Jelliffe (wife), pages 1-298, 1890-1891
BOX 24	To Helena Dewey Leeming Jelliffe, pages 299-548, 1891-1893
BOX 24	Schuendener’s Laboratory, Berlin, Germany, notebook and letters, 1891; and letters from Helena Dewey Leeming Jelliffe and Helena Woodruff Jelliffe Goldschmidt (daughter), 1908-1910
BOX 24	Jelliffe, Helena Dewey Leeming ,to Jelliffe, 1890-1892
	(2 folders)
BOX 24	Letters
BOX 25	Jelliffe, Smith Ely

Container	Contents
BOX 25	To Helena Woodruff Jelliffe Goldschmidt and Louise ("Lulu") Jelliffe Long (sister), 1925-1944
BOX 25	With J. B. Lippincott Co. and Lea Brothers & Co., 1900-1903
BOX 25	Scrapbook of letters with photographs and clippings, 1935-1943
BOX 26-29	**Notes, 1886-1936** Notebooks, journals, articles, and a lecture. Arranged by type of material or title of article.
BOX 26	"Physical Signs of Dementia Praecox," undated
BOX 26	Notebook
BOX 27	Study of Huntington's chorea in families, undated (2 vols.)
BOX 28	Journals (notes), 1901
BOX 28	Botany notes, vols. I-V and IX, 1886
BOX 28	"Plants of Prospect Park," 1889
BOX 28	"The Flora of Long Island," 1890
BOX 28	General, 1908
BOX 29	"Priority and Progress," vol. XLV, July 1917
BOX 29	European notes, vols. I-IX, 1891
BOX 29	"The Publication Way," 1932
BOX 29	"Mushroom Poisoning," 1936 Lecture
BOX 29	1906-1909 (3 vols.)
BOX 30	**Genealogical Material, undated** Notebooks on Jelliffe family interspersed with photographs and correspondence. Arranged by volume number.
BOX 30	Jelliffe family notebook, vol. I
BOX 30	Jelliffe, Thomas, land transfers made by, vol. II
BOX 30	Taylor, Rachel Jelliffe, vol. III
BOX 30	Jelliffe, James, notebooks, vol. IV
BOX 30	Jelliffe, William, notebooks, vol. V
BOX 31	**Biographical Material, 1969-1977** Autobiographical notes and typescript, photographs, and correspondence. Unarranged.
BOX 31	Autobiographical notes and typescript, and photographs, undated (2 folders)
BOX 31	Correspondence, 1969-1977 (2 folders)
BOX 31-36	**Scrapbooks, 1890-1929** Bound volumes containing correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and printed ephemera kept by the Jelliffe family relating to European trips.
BOX 31	European trips

Container	Contents
BOX 31	1890
BOX 32	1890-1891
BOX 33	1921, 21 May-21 Oct. (vol. I)
BOX 33	1924, 2 July-22 Aug. (vol. II)
BOX 34	1925, Aug.-Oct. (vol. III)
BOX 35	1927, Aug. (vol. IV)
BOX 35	1928, June-Aug. (vol. V)
BOX 36	1929, July-Aug. (vol. VI)
BOX 37	**Miscellany, 1885-1937**
	Family photographs, sketches by Jelliffe, articles, and newspaper clippings.
	Unarranged.
BOX 37	Photographs
BOX 37	Class picture, other photographs, and negatives of Jelliffe
BOX 37	Lake George, N.Y., vol. II, 1932-1937
BOX 37	"Arcady" estate
BOX 37	General
BOX 37	Sketches by Jelliffe, 1885-1889
BOX 37	Articles
BOX 37	"The Flora of Long Island," 1899
BOX 37	"The Vegetative Nervous System," 1917
BOX 37	Newspaper clippings and photographs
BOX 38-42	**Memorabilia, 1882-1909**
	Bound volumes containing newspaper clippings, photographs, plant material, printed ephemera, and correspondence.
	Arranged chronologically as received with miscellaneous items at the end.
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BOX 42	Printed matter
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BOX 43-44	**Addition, 1885-1944**
	Correspondence, diary, notebook, and scrapbook.
	Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 43	Diary, Helena Dewey Leeming Jelliffe, 1885
BOX 43	General correspondence, 1889-1894, 1920-1944, undated (6 folders)
BOX 43	Miscellany, 1916-1920, undated
BOX 43	Notebook of general observations, 1905-1944
BOX 44	Scrapbook of Alaska trip, 1905

Container	Contents
BOX 44	Bound volume
BOX 44	Loose items
BOX OV 1	**Oversize, 1882-1896** Diplomas. Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.
BOX OV 1	Memorabilia
BOX OV 1	Diplomas, 1882-1889, 1895-1896 (Container 42)