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Arnold A. Rogow Papers on James V. Forrestal, 1933-1993 (bulk 1940-1960): Finding Aid

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Abstract:	Arnold A. Rogow (1924-2006) was a political scientist, author, and psychotherapist. His main area of research was psychological explanations for politics, especially the decision-making of leaders, notably James Forrestal and Alexander Hamilton. The Rogow Papers are composed of materials he collected for his book <i>James Forrestal: A Study of Personality, Politics, and Policy</i> (The Macmillan Press: New York, 1963) and include correspondence with individuals who knew Forrestal, Rogow's notes, and other research materials.

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Biography of Arnold A. Rogow

Arnold A. Rogow (1924-2006) was a political scientist, author, and psychotherapist. His main area of research was psychological explanations for politics, especially the decision-making of leaders, notably James Forrestal and Alexander Hamilton.

Rogow taught at the University of Iowa and Stanford University before becoming a professor of political science at the City College of New York (part of CUNY) in 1966, where he remained for the rest of his career. Soon after coming to New York, Rogow studied at the New York Psychoanalytic Institute and became a practicing psychotherapist in addition to his academic responsibilities. Rogow became a leading figure in the study of the psychodynamics of political behavior and was instrumental in establishing it as a cross-field interdisciplinary concentration at CUNY. He also served as the associate editor of the *Journal of Conflict Resolution* from 1956 to 1963 and was a member of the original editorial committee of *Comparative Politics*.

Rogow was a pioneer and prolific writer in the field of psychiatry and politics, and wrote or edited over a dozen books, as well as numerous articles, during his career utilizing his psychoanalytic expertise. His major works include *James Forrestal: A Study of Personality, Politics, and Policy* (1963), *Power, Corruption and Rectitude* with Harold D. Laswell (1963), *The Psychiatrists* (1970), *The Dying of the Light: A Searching Look at America Today* (1975), *Thomas Hobbes: Radical in the Service of Reaction* (1986), and *A Fatal Friendship: Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr* (1998). His book on James Forrestal, the first Secretary of Defense and the nation's highest-ranking individual to later commit suicide, was Rogow's first major work to utilize psychology to examine a political figure. Rogow relied on both the archival record and interviews or correspondence with over fifty individuals who knew Forrestal in various capacities, including some of the psychiatrists involved in treating his illness, to identify the factors which led Forrestal to commit suicide in 1949.

Arnold Austin Rogow was born on August 10, 1924 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He earned his B.A. in political science from the University of Wisconsin in 1947 after interrupting his undergraduate education to serve in the Army as an infantryman during World War II. Rogow earned his Ph.D. in political science from Princeton University in 1953, where he wrote his dissertation on "The Labor Government and British Industry, 1945-1951." He married Patricia Evans and they had three children: Jennifer, Sarah, and Jeanne. Rogow died on February 14, 2006 at the age of 81.

Description

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Series 1: Chapter Files, 1933-1962

The Chapter Files series contains materials Rogow collected to write chapters 2-9 of his book *James Forrestal: A Study of Personality, Politics, and Policy* (The Macmillan Press: New York, 1963). The majority of the material is copies of or excerpts from articles in *The New York Times* and other newspapers, portions of Forrestal's published diaries, and articles and speeches written during and after Forrestal's career in the U.S.

military during World War II. Also included are Rogow's notes on his research and interviews he conducted and partial drafts of a few of the chapters.

Series 2: Correspondence, 1958-1963

The Correspondence series is composed of Rogow's correspondence with individuals that Rogow wanted to interview for his book *James Forrestal: A Study of Personality, Politics, and Policy* (The Macmillan Press: New York, 1963). The correspondents included military officials, civilians Forrestal worked with in government and in business, Congressmen, doctors involved with his medical treatment, and Princeton University classmates. Rogow wrote each individual requesting interviews or information and access to any documents they had pertaining to Forrestal. Their responses typically included their impressions of Forrestal, suggestions of other people Rogow should contact, and acceptance or declination of his request for an interview.

Series 3: Related Materials, 1940-1993

The Related Materials series includes materials pertaining to Rogow's research for his book *James Forrestal: A Study of Personality, Politics, and Policy* (The Macmillan Press: New York, 1963) and to the book's publication. Research materials include excerpts from speeches and articles by and about Forrestal, newspaper clippings about Forrestal and the medical treatment and privacy rights of public figures, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (F.B.I.) file on Forrestal, Rogow's notes on his research, and notes and interview questions written by journalist John McLain in preparation for a biography he intended to write on Forrestal. Materials on the book's publication include correspondence to obtain permission to publish quotes and regarding the possibility of publishing a paperback edition of the book, and readers' responses to the book.

Arrangement

Organized into the following series:

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Access and Use

Access

Collection is open for research use.

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Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from the collection must be requested from the Curator of the Public Policy Papers. Researchers are responsible for determining any copyright questions.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

Gift of Arnold A. Rogow in November 2001 [ML.2001.009].

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Collections at the Mudd Manuscript Library of particular relevance to the Arnold A. Rogow Papers are the papers of James V. Forrestal, Harold Gardiner Bowen (special assistant to Forrestal while he was Secretary of the Navy), and Ferdinand Eberstadt (an advisor to Forrestal throughout his military career).

Files related to the 1949 report of the board which investigated Forrestal's death, popularly called the "Willcutts Report," are available online via the Mudd Manuscript Library Website: [Admiral M.D. Willcutts Report on the Death of James V. Forrestal](#)

Processing and Other Information

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Works Cited

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Subject Headings

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- Forrestal, James, 1892-1949.
- Forrestal, James, 1892-1949 -- Psychology.
- Rogow, Arnold A.
- United States. Dept. of Defense.
- United States. Navy.
- James Forrestal: A Study of Personality, Politics, and Policy.
- Biography -- Research.
- Cabinet officers -- United States.
- National security -- United States.
- Suicide -- Psychological aspects.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- United States.
- United States -- Foreign relations -- Soviet Union.
- United States -- Politics and government -- 20th century.
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- Correspondence.
- American history/20th century
- American politics and government

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Series Arrangement

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Series 2: Correspondence, 1958-1963 0.2 Linear Feet

Series Description

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Series Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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