

Special Collections, USC Libraries **Holocaust & Genocide Studies Primary Source Materials**

Description

USC has a strong focus on Exile, Holocaust & Genocide Studies which has become even more apparent following the transfer of the Shoah Foundation to USC in 2006, and with the establishment of the USC Center for Advanced Genocide Research under the direction of Professor Wolf Gruner in 2014.

The USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research is developing a unique Holocaust and Genocide research program, consisting of fellowships, workshops and - in the near future - research projects. The Center attracts many international scholars, including faculty and graduate students, who visit USC to use our resources, both the testimonies of the Shoah Foundation as well as the primary sources at USC Libraries' Special Collections. These archival collections enrich existing resources and strengthen USC's role as an international center for the study of the Holocaust and other genocides.

Collecting Holocaust & Genocide Studies primary source materials ties in with USC Libraries' Feuchtwanger Memorial Library specializing in German-speaking Exiles, and USC Libraries' Holocaust and Genocide Studies collection in Doheny Library.

In recent years Special Collections has seen a steady increase in the use of these collections for instruction as well as student research. The ONE Archives also hold a number of relevant materials relating to these subject areas (a current overview of materials located in Special Collections and the ONE Archives can be found in a dedicated LibGuide at http://libguides.usc.edu/holocaust_and_genocide_studies_primary_sources, and on the Special Collections webpage at <https://libraries.usc.edu/locations/special-collections/holocaust-genocide-studies>).

Collecting Areas:

- Primary source materials that provide additional background, context, and information relating to the interviews of Holocaust survivors in the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive.
- Primary source materials of people who were persecuted whether during the Holocaust, or during other genocides.
- Primary source materials of people who persecuted others, or witnessed persecution

- Unique Holocaust/Genocide materials that do not exist anywhere else.
- Materials pertaining to unrepresented and/or underrepresented subject areas thus allowing USC to attract new research.

Formats:

All formats are of interest with a particular focus on:

- Private correspondence
- Institutional correspondence
- Legal papers
- First hand testimonies
- Photographs
- Film
- Audio recordings