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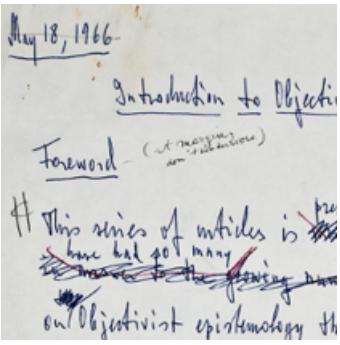
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## Mission

The Ayn Rand Archives procures, preserves, and provides access to Ayn Rand's personal papers and related documents.

## Holdings

The Ayn Rand Archives acquires items that reflect the scope of Ayn Rand's life, work, and influence. These include originals and facsimiles of her papers, books that were part of her personal library, books that mention her or her philosophy of Objectivism, and digital downloads of various sorts (eBooks, substantial media mentions, movies and television episodes). Items about other individuals and organizations are collected if they provide additional context for understanding Rand's development as a novelist and philosopher.

The Ayn Rand Papers (approx. 150 linear ft.) contains the personal papers and effects left by Ayn Rand at her death in 1982, and includes: manuscripts, notes, and outlines of novels and articles; business correspondence with publishers, agents, and attorneys; personal correspondence with colleagues and relatives, including 900 letters from her family in Leningrad; research files on architecture and current events; marginalia; more than 1,000 photographs; daily calendars; address books; 50 hours of recorded biographical interviews; and more than 350 hours of recorded speeches, interviews, and workshops.

Other collections include: recordings of Ayn Rand's radio programs, lectures, and interviews; oral history interviews of friends and relatives; Russian academic and legal documents; authorized and unauthorized translations of her work into more than 25 languages; screenplays; Objectivist periodicals; and materials from Objectivist organizations.

Our oral history project gathers information about Ayn Rand and the history of the Objectivist movement. In 2010 a selection of these interviews was published as *100 Voices: An Oral History of Ayn Rand.*

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## Reading Room

The Archives reading room is located in Irvine, CA. Appointments are available from 10 to 5, M through F, and at least one week's advance notice is required. In addition to a small reference library, we have both print and digital copies of the Ayn Rand material held at the Library of Congress (drafts, typescripts, and galleys for *Anthem*, *We the Living*, *The Fountainhead*, and *Atlas Shrugged*). Interlibrary loan requests are fulfilled via PDF.

## Access

The Archives makes its holdings and services available to all serious scholars, researchers, and general writers on equal terms of access. Researchers agree to clear all copyrighted materials and to hold the Archives harmless if they are found in breach of copyright.

## History

In 1995 Leonard Peikoff placed the bulk of the Ayn Rand Papers at ARI, which established the Ayn Rand Archives as its repository. Since then, we have acquired many related collections. The Archives contains the most comprehensive grouping of Ayn Rand material in the world. We promote our collections by publishing monographs, curating exhibits, and producing other public programming; collaborations with interested libraries and museums are welcome.

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## Staff & Consultants

Senior adviser Michael S. Berliner was executive director of ARI for its first 15 years. Dr. Berliner edited *Letters of Ayn Rand* (1995), Ayn Rand's *Russian Writings on Hollywood* (1999), and *Understanding Objectivism* (2012).

Curator Jeff Britting, author of *Ayn Rand* (a biography in the Overlook Illustrated Lives Series, 2005), has worked for the Archives since 1997. In 2013 he adapted an Off-Broadway production of *Anthem*.

Digital archivist and department manager Jenniffer Woodson earned her MLIS from SJSU in 2011 and became a Certified Archivist in 2012. Prior to that, she managed the Ayn Rand Papers digitization project from 2005 through 2008.

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