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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Edward K. Kaplan (b. 1942) was a Professor of French, Comparative Literature, Religious Studies, and Humanities at Brandeis University from 1978 to his retirement and subsequent Emeritus status in 2015. He received his BA from Brown University and his MA and PhD from Columbia University. Professor Kaplan served as Chair of the Romance Studies and Religious Studies during his time at Brandeis University and was named the Keyv and Hortense Kaiserman Professor of the Humanities in 2003. Professor Kaplan was a scholar of French Romanticism and Modern French poetry, as well as 20th century religious writers, and was interested in how aesthetic, moral, and religious concerns influenced human experience through literature and thought. He taught courses on the French novel, Existentialism, and religious mysticism. He was a noted translator of Baudelaire and wrote the first intellectual and cultural biography of Abraham Joshua Heschel, *Spiritual Radical*.

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Scope and Contents

Personal papers of Edward K. Kaplan (circa 1950-2007), professor of Romance languages and literature at Brandeis University. Included are: school materials (grade school through graduate school); personal and professional correspondence; creative writing; poetry; student activism materials (Columbia U.); dissertation materials; articles; essays; research materials; Heschel book drafts, articles, and symposium materials; teaching materials from Amherst College and Brandeis University; student grade books/sheets (to be disposed of or restricted); CVs; grants; materials from the Brandeis Minority Committee (precursor to Intercultural Center); MLA committee materials, publications, and conference presentations; and materials related to his trip to the Soviet Union.

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

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Requests to reproduce or publish material from the collection should be directed to the Robert D. Farber University Archives & Special Collections Department, Brandeis University.

Source of Acquisition

Edward K. Kaplan

Method of Acquisition

Delivered by Prof. Kaplan.

Materials include: CVs, book reviews, student grade books/sheets, and materials from his participation on Brandeis's Minority Committee (precursor to Intercultural Center (1970s-c.2006)).

Appraisal Information

Student grade books/sheets should be either disposed of or restricted.

Accruals and Additions

9/22/2009: 6 linear of material (c.1957-2007): personal and professional correspondence; poetry; creative writing; Columbia University activist materials; Heschel book drafts, articles, and symposium materials; grants; research materials; and materials related to his trip to the Soviet Union.

11/11/2009: 4 linear ft. of material (c.1950-2000): school materials (grade school through graduate school); dissertation research materials and drafts, and materials from the final book publication; personal and professional correspondence; teaching materials from Amherst College and Brandeis University; and MLA committee materials, publications, and conference presentations.

12/15/09: 4.5 linear ft. of material (c.1967-c.2005): Drafts of Heschel and Baudelaire manuscripts, many journal articles, his book reviews and reviews of his works, newspaper articles, one folder on Brandeis Religion program.

2/19/10: 4 linear ft. of material (c. 1969-2008): Personal and professional correspondence; grant materials; lectures, presentations, and articles primarily on Abraham Joshua Heschel (in French and English); floppy discs (3.5" and 5") of work files; day calendars; audio recordings of father's funeral; and audio-recorded interviews of Prof. Kaplan discussing his work (cassette and CD).

3/3/10: 2 folders of material (c. 1967-1972): Incoming/outgoing correspondence with noted French writers/poets and other individuals including Jacques Derrida, Roland Barthes, Elie Wiesel, Yves Bonnefoy, and (primarily) Francis Ponge. Second folder contains photocopies of covers and title pages of books by Francis Ponge and inscribed by Ponge to Edward Kaplan.

4/15/10: 2 linear ft. of material (c. 1967-2010): Personal and professional correspondence, drafts of Heschel book, anti-Vietnam War materials, Task Force on Jewish Education, professional activities,

CVs, Shiffman colloquia, IPLS, department business, student advising, grant proposals, Sweet Briar materials, photographs, and oral history by Jessica Penzias.

7/20/10: 1 spiral notebook (1966): Notes from a graduate school course taken with Prof. Ponge (in France).

Custodial History

Edward K. Kaplan is the original owner of these materials.

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Other Descriptive Information

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