



# Zeidenstein (George) papers

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Rockefeller Archive Center  |
| <b>Creator - aut:</b>            | Zeidenstein, George   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | George Zeidenstein papers   |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | FA263   |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1976-1992   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 10 Cubic Feet   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 24 manuscript boxes, consisting of fifty-eight volumes of correspondence and one volume of personal travel notes. |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English   |

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

George Zeidenstein, born July 29th 1929, started his undergraduate education at the University of Pittsburgh in 1947 and transferred to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 1948. Zeidenstein later attended and graduated from Harvard Law School.

Zeidenstein began his professional career as a corporate and securities lawyer on Wall Street. However, after ten years he left Wall Street to work in support of voter registration drives for African-Americans in Mississippi and Arkansas in the 1960s.

In 1976, Zeidenstein was hired by John D. Rockefeller, 3rd as president of the Population Council (at the time, Rockefeller was chairman of the organization); Zeidenstein worked at the Population Council for seventeen years. Zeidenstein currently works as a Distinguished Fellow at Harvard University's Center for Population and Development Studies, where he began in 1993.

In between his time at the Population Council and Harvard University, Zeidenstein worked in international development issues with the Ford Foundation and the Peace Corps. His work with the

Peace Corps relocated Zeidenstein and his family to Nepal, where Zeidenstein was Country Director, and Bangladesh, as Representative of the Ford Foundation. For his work, Zeidenstein has been decorated by the governments of Senegal and Finland. Zeidenstein is also a former Board Member of the International Center for Research on Women.

In 2001 George Zeidenstein's memoirs, *Lifelines*, was published by Modern Memoirs Publishing of Amherst, MA.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection is comprised of George Zeidenstein's professional correspondence, spanning his seventeen years of service to the Population Council. Records include internal Population Council memoranda and reports, as well as travel notes and drafts of speeches for public appearances.

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## Arrangement

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The collection is arranged as one series, and predominantly remains in its original chronological order, as maintained by George Zeidenstein.

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## Administrative Information

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## Processing Information

Standard processing was conducted by Caty Gullickson in 2010-2011 to re-house, preserve and describe the collection. The collection guide was prepared in 2011 and entered into the RAC collection management system in 2012. George Zeidenstein's memoir Lifelines was used in the creation of the biographical sketch.

## Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for scholarly access.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

The George Zeidenstein papers were donated to the Rockefeller Archive Center by George Zeidenstein in 2010.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Population Council records; JDR 3rd Papers: Population Interests (Series 1, Subseries 5; and Series 3, Subseries 4)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Zeidenstein, George

## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Materials requiring specialized equipment for access (film, audio, video, slides) may be closed to research dependent on availability of the applicable equipment

Brittle or damaged items, or materials otherwise in need of preservation care, may be closed to researchers at the discretion of the RAC Head of Archival Services/Head of Reference.

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## Collection Inventory

| Professional correspondence |           |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Title/Description           | Instances |           |
| 1976 January-August         | box 1     | folder 1  |
| 1976 September-December     | box 1     | folder 2  |
| 1977 January-March          | box 1     | folder 3  |
| 1977 March-May              | box 2     | folder 4  |
| 1977 May-August             | box 2     | folder 5  |
| 1977 August-December        | box 3     | folder 6  |
| 1978 January-April          | box 3     | folder 7  |
| 1978 May-August             | box 3     | folder 8  |
| 1978 September-December     | box 4     | folder 9  |
| 1979 January-August         | box 4     | folder 10 |
| 1979 August-December        | box 5     | folder 11 |
| 1980 January-September      | box 5     | folder 12 |
| 1980 September-December     | box 5     | folder 13 |
| 1981 January-April          | box 6     | folder 14 |
| 1981 May-July               | box 6     | folder 15 |
| 1981 August-October         | box 6     | folder 16 |
| 1981 November-December      | box 7     | folder 17 |
| 1982 January-March          | box 7     | folder 18 |

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| 1982 March-May          | box 7  | folder 19 |
| 1982 June-August        | box 8  | folder 20 |
| 1982 September-December | box 8  | folder 21 |
| 1983 January-February   | box 8  | folder 22 |
| 1983 March-June         | box 9  | folder 23 |
| 1983 July-September     | box 9  | folder 24 |
| 1983 October-December   | box 9  | folder 25 |
| 1984 January-February   | box 10 | folder 26 |
| 1984 March-April        | box 10 | folder 27 |
| 1984 May-August         | box 11 | folder 28 |
| 1984 September-December | box 11 | folder 29 |
| 1985 January-February   | box 11 | folder 30 |
| 1985 March-June         | box 12 | folder 31 |
| 1985 July-September     | box 12 | folder 32 |
| 1985 October-December   | box 13 | folder 33 |
| 1985 January-March      | box 13 | folder 34 |
| 1986 April-June         | box 14 | folder 35 |
| 1986 July-August        | box 14 | folder 36 |
| 1986 September-December | box 15 | folder 37 |
| 1987 January-April      | box 15 | folder 38 |
| 1987 May-September      | box 16 | folder 39 |
| 1987 October-December   | box 16 | folder 40 |
| 1988 January-March      | box 17 | folder 41 |
| 1988 April-June         | box 17 | folder 42 |
| 1988 July-September     | box 18 | folder 43 |
| 1988 October-December   | box 18 | folder 44 |
| 1989 January-July       | box 18 | folder 45 |
| 1989 August-October     | box 19 | folder 46 |
| 1989 November-December  | box 19 | folder 47 |
| 1990 January-March      | box 19 | folder 48 |
| 1990 April-September    | box 20 | folder 49 |
| 1990 October-December   | box 20 | folder 50 |

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| 1991 January-March   | box 21 | folder 51 |
| 1991 April-June  | box 21 | folder 52 |
| 1991 July-September  | box 21 | folder 53 |
| 1991 October-December  | box 22 | folder 54 |
| 1992 January-March   | box 22 | folder 55 |
| 1992 April-June  | box 23 | folder 56 |
| 1992 July-September  | box 23 | folder 57 |
| 1992 October-December  | box 24 | folder 58 |
| Travel Notes, 1979-1982  | box 24 | folder 59 |
| Statement-Global Committee of Parliamentarians on Population & Development, 1985 | box 24 | folder 60 |

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