



# Zeidenstein (George) papers

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## Summary Information

<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

Rockefeller Archive Center has title, copyright and literary rights in the collection, in so far as it holds them. The Rockefeller Archive Center has authority to grant permission to cite and publish material from the collection for scholarly purposes.

## 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

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

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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