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Guide to the E. Jackson Baur Papers 1933-1952



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.EBAUR
Title	Baur, E. Jackson. Papers
Date	1933-1952
Size	2.5 linear feet (5 boxes)
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Abstract E. Jackson Baur (b. 1913) sociologist. The papers contain correspondence from Baur to his parents; materials from University of Chicago social science courses including syllabi, handouts, examinations, research papers, and notes prepared by Baur and others; and manuscripts prepared by Baur and his colleagues. Baur attended the University of Chicago as both undergraduate and graduate from 1935 to 1942, taking courses from Herbert Blumer, Ernest W. Burgess, Everett C. Hughes, Alfred R. Radcliffe-Brown, W. Lloyd Warner, Louis Wirth, and other social scientists. Materials from these courses comprise the largest series in the collection.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Baur, E. Jackson, Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Edward Jackson Baur was born in 1913 and raised in Missouri. He entered the University of Chicago as an undergraduate in 1933, receiving an A.B. degree in 1935. He went on to earn the A.M. in 1938 and the Ph.D. in 1942, both from the University of Chicago's Department of Sociology. Baur's instructors were significant scholars in the social sciences such as Herbert Blumer, Ernest W. Burgess, Everett C. Hughes, Alfred R. Radcliffe-Brown, W. Lloyd Warner, Louis Wirth, and others.

Jackson Baur's M.A. thesis, "Delinquency among Mexican Boys in South Chicago," reflected an important research interest of the Chicago social science faculty. One of Baur's professors,

Robert Redfield, had conducted fieldwork in the Mexican-American neighborhoods of Chicago in the 1920s, and another, W. Lloyd Warner, supervised a Work Progress Administration (WPA) project to continue research in the South Chicago area. Under the auspices of the WPA, Jackson Baur collected life histories, focusing on social disorganization and delinquency in the Mexican-American community. His master's thesis research included 800 interviews with members of Mexican-American households in South Chicago and more extensive interviews with 2,000 Mexican-Americans in immigrant neighborhoods. Baur did not pursue further research in this field; his Ph.D. dissertation, completed four years later, was concerned with voluntary control in the advertising industry.

Baur's later work as a sociologist focused on a range of topics including the achievement and role definition of the college student and the social effects of public works projects. At the time he presented his graduate student materials to the University of Chicago Library in 1989, Baur was professor emeritus in the Department of Sociology at the University of Kansas, which annually confers the E. Jackson Baur Peace Award for Research and Study of Social Conflict and Its Resolution.

Scope Note

The E. Jackson Baur papers comprise 2.5 linear feet of material and span the years 1933 to 1952. The papers contain correspondence from Baur to his parents; materials from University of Chicago social science courses including syllabi, handouts, examinations, research papers, and notes prepared by Baur and others; and manuscripts prepared by Baur and his colleagues. Baur attended the University of Chicago as both undergraduate and graduate from 1935 to 1942. Materials from his courses comprise the largest series in the collection.

The collection has been arranged into three series.

Series I contains Baur's correspondence and it has been arranged chronologically and cover the period 1933 to 1939. All letters were written by Baur to his family.

Series II contains the course materials from social science courses taken by Baur at the University of Chicago from 1933 to 1940. The material has been arranged alphabetically according to the name of the instructor and then by date.

Series III, miscellaneous writings, contains manuscripts by Baur and his colleagues, dating from 1935 to 1952.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

Subject Headings

- Baur, Edward Jackson, 1913-
- Blumer, Herbert, 1900-1987
- Burgess, Ernest Watson, 1886-1966
- Hughes, Everett Cherrington, 1897-
- Radcliffe-Brown, A. R. (Alfred Reginald), 1881-1955
- Warner, W. Lloyd (William Lloyd), 1898-1970
- Wirth, Louis, 1897-1952
- Gosnell, Harold Foote, 1896-
- Leites, Nathan Constantin, 1912-1987-
- Ogburn, William Fielding, 1886-1959
- Redfield, Robert, 1897-1958-
- Faris, Ellsworth, 1874-1953
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- University of Chicago. Dept. of Sociology
- Social sciences -- Study and teaching
- Sociology -- Study and teaching

INVENTORY

Series I: Correspondence

This series contains photocopies of personal letters from E. Jackson Baur to his parents, dating from October 2, 1933 to August 13, 1939. They are written from the University of Chicago as well as other locations where Baur conducted his studies.

Box 1

Folder 1

Family letters, 1933-1936

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Folder 2

Family letters, 1936-1937

Box 1

Folder 3

Family letters, 1937-1939

Series II: Course Materials

This series contains materials from social science courses taken by E. Jackson Baur at the University of Chicago from 1933 to 1940. The contents of folders 1-3 are contained in bound packets and arranged alphabetically by instructor's name. The remaining material is arranged alphabetically by instructor's name, then by date. Course materials consist of syllabi, handouts, examination questions, reading and lecture notes by Baur and others, and research papers by Baur.

Box 2**Folder 1**

List of courses taken by E. Jackson Baur

Box 2**Folder 2**

Course materials

- Blumer, Herbert George, Sociology 201, Introduction to Sociology, winter 1934
- Blumer, Herbert George, Social Psychology, spring 1935
- Blumer, Herbert George, Sociology 428, Contemporary Social Psychology, winter 1933
- Blumer, Herbert George, Collective Behavior, spring 1937
- Blumer, Herbert George, Sociology 327, Reform and Revolution, spring 1938
- Blumer, Herbert George, Sociology 335, Folkways and Fashions, autumn 1937 and winter 1940
- Blumer, Herbert George, Sociology 402, Methods of Social Research, spring 1938, Notes on articles and lectures, 1928-1940

Box 2**Folder 3**

Course materials

- Burgess, Ernest Watson, Sociology 270, Social Pathology 1934, spring 1934
- Burgess, Ernest Watson, Sociology 310, The Study of Society, autumn 1935
- Burgess, Ernest Watson, Sociology 351, The Family, winter 1934, winter 1935
- Burgess, Ernest Watson, Sociology 371, Criminology, winter 1939

Box 2**Folder 4**

Course materials

- Hughes, Everett C., Sociology 350, Social Institutions, summer 1940, spring 1939, spring 1936
- Hughes, Everett C., Voluntary Associations

Box 3**Folder 1**

Course materials

- Radcliffe-Brown, Alfred Reginald, Anthropology 211, Comparative Science of Culture, winter 1934
- Radcliffe-Brown, Alfred Reginald, Anthropology 367, Law in Pre-literate Society, spring 1934
- Radcliffe-Brown, Alfred Reginald, Anthropology 364, Primitive Religion, autumn 1934
- Radcliffe-Brown, Alfred Reginald, Miscellaneous notes, papers and lectures

Box 3**Folder 2**

Course materials

- Warner, W. Lloyd, Sociology 329, The Modern Community, autumn 1935
- Warner, W. Lloyd, The Modern Community, 1936
- Warner, W. Lloyd, The Family, 1936
- Warner, W. Lloyd, Sociology 354, The Social Orientation of the Child, Spring 1936

Box 3**Folder 3**

Course materials

- Wirth, Louis, Sociology 317, History of Sociology in the United States, with H. Blumer, spring 1935, spring 1936, winter 1937
- Wirth, Louis, Sociology 316, European Sociology, autumn 1935
- Wirth, Louis, History of Science Lecture Series, 1934-1935
- Wirth, Louis, Sociology 361, Human Ecology, autumn 1935
- Wirth, Louis, Sociology 314, Sociology of Knowledge, spring 1938

Box 4

Folder 1

Bills, Arthur G., Psychology 206, Theories of Personality, spring 1935

Box 4

Folder 2

Faris, Elsworth, Sociology 220, Introduction to Social Psychology, autumn 1933

Box 4

Folder 3

Faris, Elsworth, Sociology 230, Social Origins and Social Institutions, winter 1937

Box 4

Folder 4

Faris, Elsworth, Psychology 302, Advanced Social Psychology, spring 1939

Box 4

Folder 5

Gosnell, Harold F., Political Science 336, Comparative Political Parties, spring 1939

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Folder 6

Leites, Nathan, Political Science 338, Public Opinion and Propaganda, winter 1939

Box 4

Folder 7

Ogburn, William F., Sociology 240, Population and Society, winter 1934

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Folder 8

Ogburn, William F., Sociology 342, Economic Factors in Modern Culture, spring 1938

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Folder 9

Ogburn, William F., Sociology 303, Quantitative Sociology, autumn 1934

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Folder 10

Ogburn, William F., Sociology 304, Methods of Quantitative Sociology, winter 1935

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Folder 11

Redfield, Robert, Anthropology 201, Introduction to Anthropology, autumn 1933

Box 4

Folder 12

Redfield, Robert, Anthropology 214, Folk Society, and autumn 1935

Box 4

Folder 13

Schuman, Frederick L., Political Science 201, Introduction to the Science of Politics, winter 1934

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Folder 14

Simons, Henry C., Economics 201, Divisional Course in Economics, spring 1934

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Folder 15

Stouffer, Samuel, Sociology 308, Quantitative Aspects of Social Problems, autumn 1938

Series III: Miscellaneous writings

This series contains manuscripts by E. Jackson Baur and his colleagues, dating from 1935 to 1952.

Box 5

Folder 1

Baur, E. Jackson, "Racial and Cultural Contacts," manuscripts, notes, memoranda, outlines, bibliographies, 1939

Box 5

Folder 2

Blumer, Herbert, "Social Psychology," manuscript, n.d.

Box 5

Folder 3

Hughes, Everett C., "The Social Drama of Work," lecture at the University of Kansas, December 4, 1952

Box 5

Folder 4

Proceedings of the Seminar on Racial and Cultural Contacts, manuscript, 1935-1936