Guide to the Philip M. Hauser Papers 1925-1977

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Abstract Philip M. Hauser, sociologist, demographer, writer. The Philip M. Hauser papers include correspondence, class notes, published and unpublished writings of Hauser, minutes of the Social Science Research Committee (1947-1951), and photographs. The materials document Hauser's career as a sociologist. The materials document Hauser's career as a sociologist, demographer, government statistician, administrator, professor, speaker, writer, and editor, from his college years through his retirement. Subjects covered in the papers include the development of sociological and demographic research and training, collection and interpretation of census and vital statistics, and population studies and problems on local, national and international levels.

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Biographical Note
Philip Morris Hauser was born September 27, 1909, in Chicago, to Morris and Anna Diamond Hauser. He attended Austin High School and Central YMCA College of Arts and Sciences in Chicago before entering the University of Chicago in 1928. He received all of his degrees at the University of Chicago, a Ph.D. in 1929, an A.M. in 1933, and a Ph.D. in 1938. Hauser married Zelda B. Abrams in 1935, and they had two children, William Barry, born 1939, and Martha Ann, born 1941.
Hauser was an Instructor of Sociology at the University of Chicago from 1932 to 1937, and also taught courses during this time at YMCA College. After a period of government service in Washington, D.C., he returned to the University of Chicago in 1947 as a Professor of Sociology. He served as Associate Dean of the Division of Social Sciences from 1949 to 1952, and as chairman of the Department of Sociology from 1956-1965. In addition, he was director of the Chicago Community Inventory and the Population Research and Training Center, research enterprises connected with the Sociology Department. In 1974 Hauser was named the first Lucy Flower Professor in Urban Sociology. By the time he retired in 1977, Hauser's affiliation with the University of Chicago had spanned nearly 50 years.

The "Chicago School" of sociology was in its heyday at the time Hauser was a student. He took his first courses in sociology at YMCA College from Louis Wirth, a recent University of Chicago graduate. After entering the University of Chicago, Hauser studied with Robert Park, Ernest Burgess and Ellsworth Faris, and as a graduate student did some of the footwork for monographs being published by younger professors such as Herbert Blumer and John Landesco. Hauser’s work was marked by characteristics of the "Chicago School" including the emphasis on "human ecology," the study of the urban environment, and the idea that sociologists should take an active role in applying their knowledge to social problems and the formation of public policy. The most influential professor for Hauser was William Fielding Ogburn, who specialized in statistical methods. Although Hauser had done much of his early work in crime and penology, he became increasingly involved in population studies and vital statistics.

Hauser’s career with the government began when he worked as an enumerator for the 1930 census. In 1934, he accepted a position with the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in Chicago; within a few months he was transferred to Washington, D.C., and became chief of the Laboratory Inventory Section. Hauser was responsible for compiling the two-volume Workers on Relief in the United States in March, 1935. Although he returned to Chicago in 1936 to finish his Ph.D. degree, he continued to oversee the project to its completion. In 1937 he went back to Washington, this time to work for the Bureau of the Census. Hauser was assistant chief statistician for the National Unemployment Census of 1937-38, and in 1942 became assistant director of the Census Bureau. From 1945 to 1947 he worked concurrently as an assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

Hauser was largely responsible for the scientific development of the Census Bureau during the 1940s, both in terms of designing and implementing systems for collecting and tabulating data, and of demonstrating the potential uses of census information, especially to businesses. In 1946 he co-edited Government Statistics for Business Use, which described what kinds of information could be obtained from the government, and how government statistics might be used to solve business and economic problems.

Although he returned to academic life at the University of Chicago in 1947, Hauser continued to serve the government in various capacities. He was the U.S. representative to the Population Commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council from 1947 to 1951. Due to the sudden illness of the director of the Census Bureau in 1949, he was called back to Washington as acting director only months before the 1950 decennial census was scheduled to begin. In addition to looking after the administration of the Bureau at this crucial time, he made
many public appearances to explain the nature and purpose of the census to ensure cooperation with the enumerators. In 1951-1952 Hauser spent 15 months in Burma as a statistical expert for the U.N. Technical Assistance Administration, and later took a similar assignment in Thailand.

He returned to Southeast Asia many times to work with governments and universities in developing vital statistics and modern training in population studies. Throughout the remainder of his career Hauser participated in conferences, advisory panels, and research projects for the federal government, the city of Chicago, and the United Nations, dealing with problems such as urban growth, desegregation, aging, and fertility control.

Active in his profession as a sociologist and demographer, Hauser served terms as president of the American Statistical Association, the Population Association of America, the Sociological Research Association and the American Sociological Association. He helped organize the Organization of Demographic Associates, a professional association based in Singapore. He took part frequently in seminars and conferences in the U.S. and Asia concerned with standards of measurement and interpretation of demographic data.

Hauser wrote numerous articles on population trends and problems, statistical methods, and uses for census data, which were published in journals, magazines, books and government reports. The books he authored and edited include Local Community Fact Book for Chicago, 1950 (with Evelyn M. Kitagawa, 1953), The Study of Population: An Inventory and Appraisal (ed., with Otis Dudley Duncan, 1959), The Population Dilemma (ed., 1963), and World Population Problems (1965). In addition, Hauser served as an editorial advisor to several journals and publishers, including Encyclopaedia Britannica.

By the mid-1950s, Hauser was one of the nation’s foremost experts on population studies. Because of his position at the University of Chicago and his experience in the Census Bureau, the United Nations and in Southeast Asia, he was often called upon to explain and interpret population data to a wide variety of audiences. Hauser was a popular speaker; in addition to appearing on government panels and at academic conferences, he was a frequent guest on TV and radio shows, and spoke before business conventions and community groups such as the City Club of Chicago, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, and the Planned Parenthood Association.

The titles of some of Hauser’s speeches and papers suggest the range of topics to which he directed his attention: "Census Facts Sell Advertising" (1950); "Facing the Implications of an Aging Population" (1953); "The 1960 Census and Its Implications for Libraries" (1961); "Population and Housing in Chicago, 1960" (1963); "On Development of Population Policy" (1969); "Implications of the Population Explosion, Implosion, and Displosion for Schools of Business" (1972); and "Population versus Food: Who Will Win the Race?” (1975).

Hauser was not so much an innovator or theorist as an implementer, one who applied the latest developments in sociological and demographical knowledge to specific problems: in government, to the collection of statistics, to planning and forming policy; in academics, to the training of demographers in the U.S. and in developing countries; in business, to demonstrating the usefulness of population statistics for marketing strategies; before public audiences, to explain
sociological research and statistics in laymen’s terms, and to forecast from current trends what
might be in store for the future.

**Scope Note**
The Philip M. Hauser papers include correspondence, class notes, published and unpublished
writings of Hauser, minutes of the Social Science Research Committee (1947-1951), and
photographs. The materials document Hauser’s career as a sociologist, demographer, government
statistician, administrator, professor, speaker, writer, and editor, from his college years through
his retirement. Subjects covered in the papers include the development of sociological and
demographic research and training, collection and interpretation of census and vital statistics,
and population studies and problems on local, national and international levels.

The Philip M. Hauser Papers are divided in eleven series: Series I: General Correspondence;
Series II: United States Government ; Series III: University of Chicago; Series IV: City of
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- Hauser, Philip Morris, 1909-
- Burgess, Ernest Watson, 1886-1966
- Park, Robert Ezra, 1864-1944.
- Ogburn, William Fielding, 1886-1959
- Cole, Fay-Cooper, b. 1881
- United States. Bureau of the Census
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- University of Chicago. Social Science Research Committee

**INVENTORY**

**Series I: General Correspondence, 1923-1977**
The materials in this series cover the extent of Hauser’s career, and indicate the general scope and
character of the rest of the collection. The series contains mostly correspondence with personal
acquaintances, although the letters touch on Hauser’s work, travel, attendance at conferences,
research projects, books and book reviews. The correspondence includes both incoming letters
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This series documents Hauser’s civil service career from 1934 to 1950, along with later activities on various advisory boards and panels. There are three subseries. The first, Federal Emergency Relief Administration/Works Progress Administration, deals mostly with the preparation of the two-volume Workers on Relief in the United States in March 1935. Hauser worked for the FERA, which was combined with the new WPA in 1935, from 1934 to 1937. Included in the papers are interoffice memos, weekly progress reports, and working drafts of the text and accompanying tables.

The second subseries, Bureau of the Census/Department of Commerce, contains correspondence and other materials relating to Hauser's work from 1937 to 1950. Of particular interest are statements that Hauser drafted for Commerce Secretary Henry A. Wallace concerning post-war employment and science legislation and reorganization of the Department of Commerce, and press releases and interviews used to publicize and explain the purpose of the 1950 census.

The third subseries covers Hauser’s participation in conferences, advisory committees, and research for various government agencies from the mid-1940s to 1977. Hauser lectured and consulted concerning statistical standards and population growth, and the related problems of
health, education and aging. Also included in this subseries are materials relating to the Atomic Energy Control Conference held in 1945, and the clash between Henry Wallace and Bernard M. Baruch, U.S. Representative to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, over U.S. proposals for the control of atomic energy.

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Hauser’s career at the University of Chicago is documented, somewhat sketchily, by the papers in this series. The first subseries contains general correspondence and memos arranged chronologically for the years 1930-1975. The second subseries comprises minutes, reports and financial records of the Social Science Research Committee for the years 1947-1951, during which Hauser served as secretary. The SSRC was responsible for allocating funds of the Division of Social Sciences for faculty research projects. Included are research proposals of individual professors for 1949-1951. The third subseries includes materials related to various committees and activities in which Hauser was engaged on campus, including the Chicago Community (16:12), the Population Research and Training Center, and projections of future student enrollment made for President Levi in 1971. The fourth subseries contains class notes and readings of Hauser, arranged by subject and course number. Included are some notes from classes Hauser took in high school and at YMCA College, although most of the materials in the subseries come from upper division and graduate sociology courses Hauser took at the University of Chicago under such professors as Ernest Burgess, Ellsworth Faris, and Robert Park. Also included are a few items from courses Hauser taught (both at University of Chicago and YMCA College). At the end of the subseries are some papers written by Hauser’s students, including autobiographies done as sociology class projects.

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Hauser served as a consultant to various city departments and community organizations, as well as taking part personally in local political controversies. Materials in this series reflect his participation at various levels in discussions of urban problems. Examples of this are the folders on the Benjamin C. Willis controversy (Hauser was a member of the Advisory Panel on Integration in the Chicago Public Schools in 1964, and worked actively to support its recommendations against the opposition of Willis, the Superintendent of Schools), and the lawsuit brought by the South East Chicago Commission against a proposed housing development at 47th St. and Lake Park Ave. in the early 1970s, in which Hauser served as a witness for the SECC.
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The second subseries includes monographs, speeches, chapters of books, papers for conference, encyclopedia articles, introductions to books by other authors, reports of advisory committees on which Hauser served, testimony before legislative committees, and technical reports produced for the FERA/WPA and the Census Bureau. Subjects Hauser wrote about included government, business and academic uses for census data, implications of changes in population distribution, U.S. and world population growth and resulting problems, and the development of statistical methods and techniques for measuring populations. Most of the titles are represented by abstracts, notes and drafts (and transcripts for speeches), although there are offprints and published versions in some cases. Correspondence related to publication, presentation, and editing is included with some of the titles. Book reviews and obituaries are grouped together under separate headings. Some of Hauser's writings, especially committee reports which Hauser helped draft, will be found in subject folders.

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Miscellaneous materials which document Hauser's life and activities in general have been grouped in this last series. Included are college transcripts and grade reports, job applications and resumés, bibliographies, biographical sketches for press releases, diplomas, newspaper clippings and magazine articles about Hauser, an address book, and photographs of Philip Hauser and his family. Sixteen photographs of Hauser were transferred to the Archival Photographic File, Series I. An autobiography Hauser wrote in 1925 is located in the Student Papers section of Series X.

The last box of the collection contains job applications Hauser received and letters of recommendation he wrote for assistants and students while he worked for the Works Progress Administration, the Bureau of the Census, and the University of Chicago. These files are restricted.

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