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Guide to the Helen Harris Perlman Papers circa 1910s-1998



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract Helen Harris Perlman (1906-2004), social work educator and author, served on the faculty of the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration from 1945 to 1971. Her integration of psychoanalytic theories and clinical experience contributed to the development of the "Chicago School" of social service practice. The Helen Harris Perlman Papers include correspondence, teaching materials, scholarly and creative writings, administrative records, artifacts, memorabilia and audio-visual material. Also included is a small collection of papers related to Helen Harris Perlman's husband, Max S. Perlman.

Information on Use

Access

Series II: Subseries 4 contains evaluative student records. This material is restricted until 2052.

Series IV contains unpublished manuscripts and personal writings that are restricted by the donor. Researchers will need to consult with staff before requesting material from this series.

Series IX: Audio-Visual Materials, does not include access copies for audio and video recordings. Researchers will need to consult with staff before requesting material from this series.

The remainder of the collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Helen Harris Perlman (1906-2004), social work educator and author, served on the faculty of the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration from 1945 to 1971.

After graduating with a B.A. in English from the University of Minnesota in 1926, Perlman was told she would have difficulty finding work in the humanities because she was Jewish. She turned to social work, finding a summer job as a caseworker with the Chicago Jewish Social Service Bureau. She continued to focus on social casework and treatment while attending the New York School of Social Work. After earning a master's degree from Columbia University, she joined the faculty of the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration in 1945.

Perlman's integration of psychoanalytic theories and clinical experience contributed to the development of the "Chicago School" of social service practice. At a time when, long-term, in-depth psychotherapy was the most popular approach to treatment, Perlman advocated short-term treatment and "partialization," in which the caseworker sought to help solve small problems that in turn related to the client's more complicated social and emotional issues. In 1957, she published *Social Casework: A Problem Solving Process*, now a basic text in social work education. Her other books on social work practice and education include *Persona: Social Role and Personality* (1968); *So You Want to Be A Social Worker* (1970); *Helping: Charlotte Towle on Social Work and Casework* (1970); *Perspectives in Social Casework* (1971); *Relationships: The Heart of Helping People* (1979); and *Looking Back to See Ahead* (1989). Perlman also contributed dozens of essays and scholarly articles to journals of education, social welfare, and public policy.

Within the School of Social Service Administration, Perlman was a popular teacher who led courses on casework, human behavior and personality development. She also taught courses on minority children, the position of women and children in utopias, and developed a "Great Ideas" course in social work. She served on SSA committees related to educational objectives and faculty status. Within the broader scope of the University of Chicago, Perlman served on administrative committees on the arts and educational curricula. Perlman was well-known in the university community for her contributions to amateur theatrical productions and campus events, such as the Quad Club Revels.

Perlman was a cultural groundbreaker at the University of Chicago: In 1951, her short story "Twelfth Summer" was published in the *New Yorker*. She used this occasion to protest a new policy that mandated that faculty contribute a portion of their outside earnings to the University of Chicago; Perlman asserted that this event finally "broke the back" of this policy. In 1970, Perlman was the first woman

to address the annual dinner of the university's faculty and Board of Trustees. Her speech on the role of women in universities was acclaimed in the campus community, and reprinted for many years afterward.

In addition to "Twelfth Summer," and the humorous pieces she composed for campus events, Perlman wrote other works of short fiction, essays and poetry throughout her life. Many of her pieces were published in newspapers, magazines and journals. She was interested in writing as therapy, and contributed to journals on therapeutic poetry. Her book of memoirs, *The Dancing Clock and Other Early Childhood Memories*, was published in 1989

Perlman was active in professional organizations, and received honorary awards from the Council on Social Work Education, the National Association of Social Workers, and the Association of Clinical Social Workers. She also received honorary degrees from Boston University, University of Central Florida, and University of Minnesota.

At the University of Chicago, Perlman was honored with the President's Award and the Samuel Deutsch Distinguished Service Professorship. The School of Social Service Administration established the Helen Harris Perlman Visiting Professorship in honor of her contributions.

Helen Harris Perlman's husband, Max S. Perlman, was a University of Chicago alumnus and social work administrator. During World War II, he worked with the American Joint Distribution Committee to aid Jewish refugees. From 1945 to 1971, he served as Assistant Director of the Jewish Federation of Chicago, a social welfare institution dedicated to the Jewish community.

Scope Note

The Helen Harris Perlman Papers include correspondence, teaching materials, scholarly and creative writings, administrative records, artifacts, memorabilia and audio-visual material. Also included is a small collection of papers related to Helen Harris Perlman's husband, Max S. Perlman.

Series I: General Correspondence, includes incoming and outgoing correspondence with educators, researchers and social workers, mainly those outside the University of Chicago. Also included is correspondence with friends, students, mentors, publishers, and university colleagues. Correspondence in this series spans the years 1938-1998.

Series II: Teaching, contains course notes, bibliographies, syllabi, case records, readings, assignments, and other material from courses taught by Perlman from the 1940s-1990s. Most of these courses are in the area of either social casework or human growth and behavior, and were

taught at the School of Social Service Administration. Also represented is Perlman's teaching of short courses, workshops, institutes, and special topics.

Series III: Published Writing, Research and Notes, contains manuscripts, drafts, notes, outlines, reprints, pamphlets, reviews, periodicals and related correspondence. This series spans the years 1927-1995, and includes Perlman's professional writing on social work, as well as creative fiction, essays and poetry.

Series IV: Unpublished Writing, contains manuscripts and drafts of Perlman's professional and creative pieces that she identified as incomplete or unpublished. Related notes, outlines and correspondence are also included. Material in this series spans the years 1927-1994, and the files are organized alphabetically by title, format or subject.

Series V: Administration and Professional Activities, documents Perlman's administrative relations with the School of Social Service Administration and the University of Chicago in general, as well as her activities with other institutions and professional organizations. Material in this series consists primarily of correspondence, spans the years 1945-1994, and is arranged alphabetically by organization.

Series VI: Degrees and Awards, documents Perlman's academic degrees, honorary doctorates and professional awards. Material in this series spans the years 1926-1992, and includes academic hoods, plaques, certificates, diplomas, clippings, press releases, correspondence, and speech drafts.

Series VII: Personal, includes biographical files, as well as material related to Perlman's family and early education. Material in this series spans the years 1910s-1995.

Series VIII: Max S. Perlman contains personal papers of Helen Harris Perlman's husband, as well as some material related to his death and memorial. Material in this series includes incoming and outgoing correspondence, speeches and publications, an outline of the development of the Jewish Federation, certificates, awards, and biographical material. Material in this series dates from 1935-1996.

Series IX: Audio-Visual Materials, includes audio and video recordings from 1963-1990. Included are recordings of interviews and speeches, as well as audio-visual teaching aids for social work educators.

Throughout the collection, Helen Harris Perlman's later annotations are found on documents. Her annotations were made circa 1980s-1990s, and often provide contextual information or personal reflections about the documents.

Related Resources

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

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

University of Chicago. School of Social Service Administration. Records

Subject Headings

- Perlman, Helen Harris
- Perlman, Max S.
- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
- Jewish Federation of Chicago
- University of Chicago. School of Social Service Administration
- Jews -- United States -- Charities
- Social case work
- Social service
- Social work education
- Authors
- Social workers

INVENTORY

Series I: General Correspondence

This series includes incoming and outgoing correspondence with educators, researchers and social workers, mainly those outside the University of Chicago. Also included is correspondence with friends, students, mentors, publishers, and university colleagues. Files in this series are arranged into one set of chronological files, spanning the years 1938-1983, and one set of alphabetical files, spanning the years 1963-1998.

This series contains only a small fraction of Perlman's correspondence. Larger amounts of correspondence are included in Series II-VI, filed with other related documents.

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Chronological files, 1938-1978

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Folder 1-2

Chronological files, 1980-1983

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Alphabetical files, 1963-1998

Series II: Teaching

This series contains course notes, bibliographies, syllabi, case records, readings, assignments, and other material from courses taught by Perlman from the 1940s-1990s. This series is divided into four subseries.

Subseries 1: Social Casework, includes files from courses taught at the School of Social Service Administration in this broad area in which Perlman specialized. Files are organized by course number when identified. Materials from multiple courses are found in some files.

Subseries 2: Human Growth and Behavior, also includes files from courses taught at the School of Social Service Administration, representing another area in which Perlman specialized. As in Subseries 1, files are organized by course number when identified, and materials from multiple courses are found in some files.

Subseries 3: Special Courses, Institutes and Lectures, includes material from courses Perlman taught at other institutions, as well as special courses she taught at the University of Chicago. Included in this subseries is material from her course on utopias and social welfare; preparatory material and notes for a course in "Great Ideas" in social work; material from outside courses in collaboration and fieldwork supervision; and several lists of her lectures, seminars and short courses.

Subseries 4: Restricted, consists of one folder of course material including student grades.

Additional materials related to Perlman's study and teaching of human behavior, casework and social welfare are found in Series IV.

Subseries 1: Social Casework

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SSA 300-301, assignments, bibliographies and case records, 1963-1972

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SSA 300-301 and 323-324, case records and bibliographies, circa 1957-1967

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SSA 310, case records and course notes, 1958-1963

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SSA 311-312, case records, 1961-1963

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SSA 312 and 430, supervising casework, case studies and problems, circa 1960s

Box 3

Folder 5

SSA 330 and 331, syllabus, course notes and readings, 1945-1957

Box 3

Folder 6

SSA 330 and 412, case records, circa 1940s-1950s

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SSA 402-405, short-term casework, case records, circa 1960s- 1970s

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SSA 410-411, case records, circa 1940s-1960s

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SSA 410-411, case records, circa 1940s-1960s

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SSA 420-421, casework for group workers, case records, circa 1945-1965

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SSA 500, assignments and course notes, 1973

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SSA 510, casework seminar, case records, 1963-1966

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SSA 512, the role concept in social casework, assignments, readings and course notes, 1961-1971

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SSA 512, casework seminar, minutes, assignments and lecture notes, 1964-1966

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Folder 1

SSA 512, casework seminar, student papers, 1966

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Folder 2

SSA 530, role theory, course notes, 1967

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SSA 534, casework theory seminar, case records, 1969

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Folder 4

Psychotherapy and casework, course notes, circa 1950s

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Termination, course notes, circa 1950s-1960s

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Dependency, course notes, circa 1960s

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Role of client and caseworker, course notes, circa 1960-1967

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Role concepts, course notes, circa 1963

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Course notes, 1950-1972

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Course notes, 1970-1975

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Course notes, undated

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Case records, circa 1940s-1960s

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Assignments, 1968-1971

Subseries 2: Human Growth and Behavior

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Folder 12-13

SSA 370, Personality and Socialization, bibliographies and syllabi, 1966-1973

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SSA 371, The Minority Child, course development material, course notes and assignments, 1967-1971

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SSA 372, adulthood, course notes and assignments, 1970

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SSA 428, assignments, 1974

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Human behavior and social environment, course development material, course notes and assignments, 1957-1973

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Human growth and development, course notes, 1959-1965

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Stress and crisis, course notes, 1966

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Middle age, course notes, 1967-1972

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Role, course notes, 1969

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Marriage and family, course notes, circa 1960s-1970s

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Motivation and change, course notes, circa 1960s-1970s

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Parenthood, course notes, circa 1970

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Personality structures and functions, course notes, 1974

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Folder 1

Defenses and coping, course notes, undated

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Syllabi and bibliographies, 1967-1974

Subseries 3: Special Courses, Institutes and Lectures

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Folder 3-5

Great Ideas in Social Work, course development material and course notes, circa 1961-1979

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SSA 488, Utopias and Human Welfare, course development material, circa 1973-1979

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SSA 488, Utopias and Human Welfare, Thomas More, course notes and assignments, circa 1975-1980

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SSA 488, Utopias and Human Welfare, Plato, course notes, circa 1975-1980

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SSA 488, Utopias and Human Welfare, course notes, circa 1970s- 1990

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SSA 488, Utopias and Human Welfare, course notes, circa 1970s- 1990s

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Folder 4-8

Institutes, seminars and workshops on supervising and teaching field work, course notes, minutes and syllabi, 1946-1982

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Institute on collaboration and inter-disciplinary teams, course notes, bibliographies and readings, 1961-1982

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Short courses on problem-solving in social casework, bibliography and course notes, 1968-1973

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Lists of lectures, seminars and short courses, 1971-1990

Subseries 4: Restricted

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SSA 300, course notes, assignments and student records, 1966- 1972

Series III: Published Writing, Research and Notes

This series contains material related to Perlman's published writing. Material in this series spans the years 1927-1995, and includes Perlman's professional writing on social work, as well as creative fiction, essays and poetry. This series is divided into two subseries.

Subseries 1: Books and Articles, is arranged alphabetically by title. Material in this subseries includes manuscripts, drafts, notes, outlines, reprints, pamphlets, reviews, periodicals and correspondence. This subseries includes files on books such as *Social Casework and Persona: Social Role and Personality*; articles written for social welfare and public policy journals; short stories including "Twelfth Summer;" biographical writing about Charlotte Towle; and autobiography and memoirs.

Subseries 2: Subject File, contains notes, outlines and correspondence regarding Perlman's publications, as well as reprints and reviews. A small number of manuscripts and drafts are also found. This subseries contains drafts and print copies of Perlman's speech about the place of women in universities, as well as correspondence commenting on the content and significance of the address. Also included are book and manuscript reviews; poetry; Perlman's work as a student and young professional; and files of notes and outlines on topics in casework and psychoanalysis.

Material related to Perlman's unpublished professional and creative work is found in Series IV.

Subseries 1: Books and Articles

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"The Adolescent and the Community," University of Chicago Round Table, 1955

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"An Approach to Social Work Problems: Perspectives on the Unmarried Mother on AFDC," 1964

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"Are We Creating Dependency through Our Public Assistance Programs?" 1951

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"Can Casework Work?" 1969

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"Casework is Alive and Well and Living at the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago," 1972

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"Casework is Dead," 1967-1995

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The Dancing Clock and Other Childhood Memories, 1989-1990

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"Diagnosis Anyone?" 1957-1969

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"Family Diagnosis in Cases of Illness and Disability," 1961

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"Help to Parents of the Mentally Retarded Child: A Diagnostic Focus," 1965

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Helping: Charlotte Towle on Social Work and Social Casework, 1969-1991

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"I Was Charlie Chaplin's Wife," 1984

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"In Quest of Coping," 1966-1975

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"Niagara Falls is a Terrible Place to Go," 1956-1966

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Persona: Social Role and Personality, 1966-1976

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"Self-Determination: Reality or Illusion," 1965

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So You Want to Be a Social Worker, 1961-1991

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"Social Casework in Social Work: Its Place and Purpose," 1973

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"Social Diagnosis Leading to Social Treatment," 1965

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"Some Distinctions in Social Casework," 1955

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"A Tribute to Charlotte Towle," 1966

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"Twelfth Summer," 1950-1988

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"Unmarried Mothers, Immorality and the ADC," 1962-1963

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"Where Can They Go for Guidance?" 1959

Subseries 2: Subject Files

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Continuity in adulthood, circa 1982-1985

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Human behavior and social environment, circa 1960s-1970s

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Reviews of books and manuscripts, circa 1948-1989

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Social work as a profession, 1961-1966

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White House Conference "To Fulfill these Rights...", 1965

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Women in universities, 1991

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Work roles, circa 1960s-1970s

Series IV: Unpublished Writing

This series contains manuscripts and drafts of Perlman's professional and creative pieces that she identified as incomplete or unpublished. Related notes, outlines and correspondence are also found. Material in this series spans the years 1927-1994, and the files are organized alphabetically by title, format or subject.

Included in this subseries are scripts and occasional verse from amateur theatrical productions and campus events; short fiction and essays; poems; a diary; work on an intended revision of *Social Casework*; and drafts and compilations of writing for *Notes from the After-Life*, a book on aging and dying.

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"The Boy Who Got Lost," circa 1927-1930

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"But Do You Talk to Your Children?" circa 1968

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Camping essays for parents, undated

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"Casework and the Case of Chemung County," undated

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"Casework with the Client's Environment," circa 1974

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Memorials, tributes and retirements, 1962-1994

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Untitled, Freud and treatment in casework, circa 1950s- 1960s

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"Uses of Remembering," undated

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"What Should I Pray For?" circa 1990s

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"Women and Children First - But Not in Utopia," 1993-1994

Series V: Administration and Professional Activities

This series documents Perlman's administrative relations with the School of Social Service Administration and the University of Chicago in general, as well as her activities with other institutions and professional organizations. Material in this series consists mainly of correspondence, but also includes newsletters, minutes, and publications.

Perlman's work on SSA and university-wide committees is represented in this series, as are her teaching awards, development activities, and negotiations regarding salary and work responsibilities. Also found in this series are files on her board member work for the American Orthopsychiatric Association and Boston University; consulting projects for Hong Kong University and Hallmark; and contributions to the 1966 White House civil rights conference "To Fulfill these Rights..."

Material in this series spans the years 1945-1994, and is arranged alphabetically by organization.

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Hong Kong University Department of Social Work assessment, correspondence, 1973-1974

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University of Chicago, Committee on Educational Review, 1970- 1971

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University of Chicago, Samuel Deutsch Distinguished Service Professorship, 1966-1971

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University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, Charlotte Towle Memorial Fund, 1978

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University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, Committee on Objectives and Design for Education, 1970

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University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, correspondence, 1945-1974

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University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, curriculum, 1982

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University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, Faculty Status Committee, 1980

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University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, Faculty Status Committee, 1980

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University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, Helen Harris Perlman Lectures, 1981-1994

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University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, publicity and promotion, 1990-1996

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University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, salary and appointments, 1950-1976

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White House Conference "To Fulfill these Rights...", 1965

Series VI: Degrees and Awards

This series documents Perlman's academic degrees, honorary doctorates and professional awards. Material in this series spans the years 1926-1992, and includes academic hoods, plaques, certificates, diplomas, clippings, press releases, correspondence, and speech drafts.

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Two academic hoods, undated

Box 21

Council on Social Work Education, Significant Lifetime Achievement Award, plaque, 1992

Box 21

National Association of Social Workers, Presidential Award for Excellence in Social Work Education, plaque, 1990

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University of Chicago, Helen Harris Perlman Visiting Professorship in Clinical Social Work, plaque, 1995

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University of Chicago, President's Award, medal, 1976

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Award certificates and clipping, 1965-1990

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University of Minnesota, diploma, teaching certificate and awards, 1926-1967

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Columbia University and New York School of Social Work, diplomas, 1939, 1943

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University of Chicago, Samuel Deutsch Distinguished Service Professorship, press release, 1971

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Award certificates, clippings and press releases, 1971-1996

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Folder 5

Boston University, honorary doctorate, clippings, correspondence and programs, 1974

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Boston University, honorary doctorate, correspondence and certificate, 1974

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University of Central Florida, honorary doctorate, citation, 1990

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Council on Social Work Education, Lifetime Achievement Award, remarks by Julia M. Norlin, 1992

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Folder 9

National Association of Social Workers, Presidential Award for Excellence in Social Work Education, correspondence, 1990-1991

Series VII: Personal

This series includes biographical files as well as material related to Perlman's family and early education. Biographical material includes clippings, curricula vitae, bibliographies, biographical publications and autobiographical notes. Other material in this series includes photographs of Helen Harris Perlman and Max S. Perlman; family correspondence; childhood and college writing; correspondence regarding retirement; a family friend's M.F.A thesis; material related to the deposit of Perlman's papers; and a catalog from an exhibition on the history of the SSA. Material in this series spans the years 1910s-1995.

Most material related to Max S. Perlman is found in Series VIII.

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Clippings, curricula vitae, bibliographies, biographical publications and autobiographical notes, 1922-1994

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Helen Harris Perlman and Max S. Perlman, photographs, circa 1910s-1982

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Childhood writing and family correspondence, 1918-1919

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College writing, 1924-1926

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University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, newsletters, 1967-1977

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Retirement, correspondence, 1971

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University of Chicago Library, Special Collections Research Center, deposit of personal papers, correspondence and notes, 1981

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Christopher Dietrich Yu, "Tuning Up: First Poems," M.F.A. thesis, University of Virginia, 1990

Box 23**Folder 9**

"Innovations and Innovators: The School of Social Service Administration's Contribution to Direct Practice Social Work," University of Chicago Library, Special Collections Research Center exhibition, program, 1995

Series VIII: Max S. Perlman

This series contains personal papers of Helen Harris Perlman's husband. The first part of this series consists of a set of correspondence files, arranged alphabetically and dating from circa 1940s-1970s: Included is incoming and outgoing correspondence, primarily of a professional nature and relating to fund-raising and collaboration among Jewish philanthropies.

Also included in this series are speeches and publications, an outline of the development of the Jewish Federation, certificates, awards, biographical material, letters of congratulations on his birthdays and retirement, and materials from his funeral and memorials.

Box 23**Folder 10**

Correspondence, A-B, circa 1940s-1970s

- Adler, Max
- American Jewish Committee
- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
- American Joint Distribution Committee
- Ascoli, Marion R.
- Ascoli, Mrs. Max
- Baird and Warner, Inc.
- Bauling, Henry
- Baumrind, Rabbi H.
- Beckelman, Moses
- Berkowitz, Sidney
- Biran, Avram
- Brook, Benjamin N.

Box 23**Folder 11**

Correspondence, C-F, circa 1940s-1970s

- Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds
- Dafni, Reuven
- Dane County Court, Madison, Wisconsin
- Dominitz, Oscar Asher

- Dirksen, Everett McKinley
- Eller, Evi
- Fischer, Richard
- Frank, Pat

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Correspondence, G-H, circa 1940s-1970s

- Gidwitz, Joseph L.
- Goldman, Benjamin B.
- Goldsmith, Samuel A.
- Goldstein, Melvin S.
- Greenleigh, Arthur
- Guarino, Doris
- Gurfein, Murray I.
- Grausz, Ilse W.
- Haber, Samuel L.
- Haber, William
- Hadas, Rabbi Gerson
- Hanbury, Helen
- Harris, Abraham J.
- Hirsch, Otto
- Hirschfeld, George
- Hurwitz, Donald B.

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Correspondence, J, circa 1940s-1970s

- Jacobson, Gaynor I.
- Jewish Family and Community Service
- Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
- Jewish United Fund
- Jewish Welfare Fund of Metropolitan Chicago
- Jews Temporary Shelter

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Folder 2

Correspondence, K-L, circa 1940s-1970s

- Kupcinet, Irv
- Laub, Morris
- Leavitt, Moses
- Levensohn, Herman B.
- Levi, Renzo
- Levin, Nathan W.
- Lind, Ida B.
- Louise Wise Services

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Folder 3

Correspondence, M-N, circa 1940s-1970s

- Malzman, David
- Marks, Joseph A.
- Newberger, Kenneth

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Folder 4

Correspondence, O-S, circa 1940s-1970s

- Pick, Grant J.
- Rice, James P.
- de Rothschild, Baroness Elie
- Rosenwald, Lessing J.
- Rosenwald, William
- Schmorak, Bar
- Schroyer, Max Robert
- Shulman, Avis
- Sloan, Mrs. Howard
- Sobel, Louis H.
- Solender, Sanford
- Soroker, Gerald S.
- Sperry, Leonard
- Stern, Edgar B.

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Folder 5

Correspondence, T-W, circa 1940s-1970s

- Trobe, Harold
- Tugwell, Rexford G.
- United Hias Service
- Wright, Helen

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Folder 6

Financial and travel material, 1935-1963

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Folder 7

Speeches and articles, circa 1945-1960

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"Organization and Development of the Jewish Federation," outline, circa 1960s

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Certificates and awards, 1943-1961

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Birthdays and retirement, correspondence, 1963-1971

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Curriculum vitae, 1992

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Memorial and funeral arrangements, 1994-1996

Series IX: Audio-Visual Materials

Series IX: Audio-Visual Materials, includes audio and video recordings from 1963-1990. Included are recordings of interviews and speeches, as well as audio-visual teaching aids for social work educators. Items in this series are organized by format. The accessibility of the media is not known.

Box 24**Folder 13**

"Conversations on Casework with Helen Harris Perlman," three cassette tapes, 1978

Box 24**Folder 14**

"Conversations from Wingspread: The Importance of Work," cassette tape, 1979;
unidentified cassette tape, undated

Box 24**Folder 15**

"Looking Back toward Looking Forward," Boston College, videocassette, 1985

Box 25

"Conversations on Casework with Helen Perlman," four VHS videocassettes, circa 1990

Box 25

"Conversations on Casework with Helen Perlman: The Problem," two ¾" Umatic videocassettes, circa 1990

Box 25

Interview with Helen Harris Perlman by Maria McMahon, East Carolina University School of Social Work, VHS videocassette, circa 1988

Box 25

Central Florida University, honorary degree and commencement address, VHS videocassette, 1990

Box 26

"Changing Perspectives on Man," video reel tape, 1976

Box 26

Council for Social Work Education, five audio reel tapes, 1963

Box 26

Casework client interviews, two audio reel tapes, circa 1960s

Box 26

Interviews with Helen Harris Perlman, audio reel tape, circa 1960s

Box 26

"Parenthood and Personal Change," From the Midway, audio reel tape, 1969