Guide to the Albion W. Small Papers 1904-1924

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract  Albion Woodbury Small (1854-1926) taught history and political economy
at Colby College from 1881 to 1888, becoming president of that institution
in 1889. From 1892 to 1925, he was Professor and Head of the Department
of Sociology at the University of Chicago Dean of the Graduate School
of Arts, Literature and Science from 1904 to 1923. His papers include
correspondence, academic papers and professional papers.

Information on Use

Access  The collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note  Albion Woodbury Small (1854-1926) was educated at Colby College, then Colby University,
(B.A., 1876), Newton Theological Institution, the Universities of Berlin and Leipzig, and Johns
Hopkins University (Ph.D., 1889). He taught history and political economy at Colby from 1881
to 1888, becoming president of that institution in 1889. From 1892 to 1925, he was Professor
and Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago, the first department of
its kind, and was also Dean of the Graduate School of Arts, Literature and Science from 1904
to 1923. He was vice-president of the Congress of Arts and Sciences at the Universal Exposition
at St. Louis in 1904, president of the American Sociological Society (1912-14), a founder of the
American Journal of Sociology, and its editor from 1895 to 1926. His bibliography runs to some
three hundred titles, including fifteen works of book-length, published between 1889 and 1924.
His General Sociology (1905) and Origins of Sociology (1924) have had the widest circulation,
while his The Cameralists (1909) is considered the most scholarly of his productions.
Scope Note
Albion Small’s papers, which cover the period from 1904 to 1924, are contained in two boxes, and are divided into three general categories: correspondence, academic papers, and professional papers. The correspondence mainly concerns the Universal Exposition, but also contains scattered correspondence dealing with his duties as dean. The academic papers are the syllabi drafts and lecture notes for Sociology 16 (History of Sociology) and Sociology 17 (Conflict of Classes), and his professional papers include book notes and drafts, and research and reading notes.

The Papers are divided into three series, Series I, Academic and Professional Correspondence, Series II, Research, Lectures and Publications and Series III, Addenda.

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

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

Subject Headings
- Small, Albion Woodbury, 1854-1926
- University of Chicago. Graduate School of Arts and Literature
- University of Chicago. Dept. of Sociology
- Louisiana Purchase Exposition (1904 : Saint Louis, Mo.)
- Sociology -- Study and teaching
- Sociologists

INVENTORY
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Series II: Research, Lectures, Publications

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Academic Papers; Sociology 16 (History of Sociology), Syllabus, Autumn, 1923; mimeographed copy of final draft
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Academic Papers; Sociology 17 (Conflict of Classes); lecture notes and supporting documents (1910)

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Academic Papers; Sociology 17 (Conflict of Classes); papers submitted by students

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Folder 4
Professional Papers; articles and books by Albion W. Small; Christianity and Capitalism; notes and sectional drafts and outlines in TS and MS

Box 2
Folder 5
Professional Papers; articles and books by Albion W. Small; Origins of Sociology; notes and sectional drafts and outlines in TS and MS

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Folder 6
Professional Papers; articles and books by Albion W. Small; Problems in General Sociology; S draft

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Professional Papers; research notes; notes on Publications of the American Economic Association, Volume I (1887)

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Professional Papers; research notes; notes on von Sybel

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"Dr. Robins as College President"

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Draft and printed Convocation Address delivered by A. W. Small

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Book review by A. W. Small; Soziologie, Unter-suchung des menschlichen Sozialen Lebens, Von Dr. Hil. A. Eleitheropulos

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Article about Dr. Robertson’s paper "Is the Virgin Birth Credible Today?"

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A. W. Small's reply to O. J. Merkel's letter which appeared in the Chicago Sunday Tribune on January 10, 1915

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Article about A. W. Small which appeared in The Chicago Eagle

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Newspaper clippings

Box 2
Copy of An Introduction to the Study of Society by Albion W. Small and George E. Vincent. New York; American Book Company, 1894

Box 3
Folder 1
"Ethics of Sociology," A.W.S., Typewritten manuscript with holograph corrections (begins on p.103)

Box 3
Folder 2
"Outline and References for A General History of the Intellectual Class in Western Europe;" "Bibliography of Modern Historian and Historiography"

Box 3
Folder 3
"Absolute Ownership"-Holograph summary which concludes the course Conflict of Classes, Spring, 1925

Box 3
Folder 4
Untitled holograph notes

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Folder 5
Student Papers
• Fisher, Jesse Clyde, "Social Conditions of the Family as Described in Manu"
• Green, R., Typewritten notes on Marx

Box 3
Folder 6
Mueller, John H., "Shifts In Sociological Thought from Herbert Spencer to the Present Day," Autumn, 1922

Box 3
Folder 7
Quinn, James A., "Sociology and Social Psychology," Autumn, 1924
Folder 8
Zorbangh, H. W., "Socialized Thought in America," Autumn, 1923 (?)

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Folder 9
Debate between B. W. Brown and A. W. Small re; "An Analysis of the Concept 'Function"

Box 3
Folder 10
"Outlines of Sociology" by Frank J. Laube, University of Washington, Univ. Extension Service Correspondence Study. Sociology; Syllabus of a Course of Lecture Studies, A. W. Small, University of Chicago, University Extension Division

Series III: Addenda

Box 4
Folder 1
Offprints
• "The New Humanity," University Extension World, 1894
• "The Demands of Sociology Upon Pedagogy," Teachers Manuals 25, 1897 (also includes "My Educational Creed," by John Dewey)
• "Some Undeveloped Social Resources in the Christian Revelation," address delivered at the anniversary of Newton Theological Institution, June 1898
• "Points of Agreement Among Sociologists," American Journal of Sociology 12/5, 1907
• "A Vision of Social Efficiency," American Journal of Sociology 19/4, 1914
• "The Social Gradations of Capital," American Journal of Sociology 19/6, 1914

Box 4
Folder 2
Offprints
• "The Bonds of Nationality," American Journal of Sociology 20/5, 1915
• "Americans and the World-Crisis," American Journal of Sociology 23/2, 1917
• "Christianity and Industry," American Journal of Sociology 25/6, 1920

Box 4
Folder 3
Manuscript, Albion W. Small, The Life History of Albion W. Small, autobiographical statement begun September 30, 1925