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# Guide to the Irving A. Spergel Papers 1937-1997



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## **Descriptive Summary**

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.SPERGELIA
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**Abstract** Irving A. Spergel, sociologist, social worker, and George Herbert Jones Professor Emeritus of the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration, is a groundbreaking researcher of youth gangs. The Irving A. Spergel Papers span the years 1937-1997, but are concentrated in the 1960s-1980s. Materials in the collection include reports, dissertations, conference proceedings, policy papers, lecture notes, case books, pamphlets and newsletters.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

Series IV: Restricted, contains a draft of a dissertation, restricted until 2069.

The remainder of the collection is open for research.

### **Citation**

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

### **Biographical Note**

Irving A. Spergel (A.B. Social Sciences, City College of New York, 1946; A.M. Social Work, University of Illinois, 1952; Ph.D. Social Work, Columbia University, 1960), is a groundbreaking researcher of youth gangs and juvenile delinquency.

Through his work with communities and gang youths, Spergel developed a national model for the suppression of gangs and prevention of youth gang violence. Bringing together communities, law enforcement, social agencies, and government organizations, the "Spergel Model" emphasizes community organization, social and legal intervention, and organizational development. Spergel

has also written over 100 books and articles, including *Racketville, Slumtown, Haulburg: An Exploratory Study of Delinquent Subcultures* (1964); *Community Problem Solving: The Delinquency Example* (1969); and the seminal *The Youth Gang Problem: A Community Approach* (1995).

Spergel joined the faculty of the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration in 1960. He has also held appointments in the Department of Sociology. He is now the George Herbert Jones Professor Emeritus of the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration. In 2006, he was honored with the SSA symposium "What Works: Addressing the Community Youth Gang Problem in the United States."

### **Scope Note**

The Irving A. Spergel Papers span the years 1937-1997, but are concentrated in the 1960s-1980s. The collection is organized into four series:

Series I: Research, contains reports, dissertations, conference proceedings, policy papers, offprints and photocopies of articles. This series includes writings by Spergel, as well as by others in the field of social service and sociology. Much of Spergel's work in this series reports on research funded by the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission in the 1970s. This series is organized alphabetically by principal author; when none is given, the work is alphabetized by title.

Series II: Teaching, contains lecture notes and case books for sociology and social service administration courses taught by Spergel and others. Also included are additional sample case reports, and procedural notes.

Series III: Organizations, contains pamphlets and newsletters from the Chicago Area Project, materials used by the National Research Council's Committee on Law and Justice for planning a workshop on youth gangs, and a directory of social service organizations in the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago.

Chicago Area Project, pamphlets and newsletters, 1993-1994

Series IV: Restricted, contains a draft of a dissertation reviewed by Spergel and others in the School of Social Service Administration.

### **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**

- Spergel, Irving A.
- University of Chicago. School of Social Service Administration
- Community organization
- Gangs -- United States
- Juvenile delinquency -- United States
- Juvenile delinquents -- United States
- Social work with juvenile delinquents -- United States
- Social work with youth -- United States

## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I: Research**

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 1**

"The Boston Strategy to Prevent Youth Violence: Selected Materials," Boston Police Department and Partners, 1997

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##### **Folder 2**

"Breaking through Barriers: Report on the Hard-to-Reach Youth Project of Chicago," Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, 1960

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##### **Folder 3**

Brune, Tom, and Eduardo Camacho, "A Special Report: Race and Poverty in Chicago," Community Renewal Society, 1983

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##### **Folder 4**

Caplan, Nathan S., Dennis J. Deshaies, Gerald D. Suttles, and Hans W. Mattick, "The Nature, Variety and Patterning of Street Club Work," Chicago Youth Development Project, 1963

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##### **Folder 5**

Chaskin, Robert J., "The Ford Foundation's Neighborhood and Family Initiative: Toward a Model of Comprehensive, Neighborhood-Based Development," Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago, 1992

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##### **Folder 6**

"Community Development Corporations: A Strategy for Depressed Urban and Rural Areas," Ford Foundation, 1973

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##### **Folder 7**

Davidson, Mary, Darryl Maurice Burrows, and W. David Braughton, "Unraveling Community Satisfaction in Logan Square and Avondale: A Report of the Advocacy Research Seminar," School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 1979

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**Folder 8**

Hagedorn, John M., "Gang Violence in the Post-Industrial Era," University of Chicago, circa 1990s

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Korbelik, John P., James P. Lynch, and Irving A. Spergel, "Interorganizational Baseline Study: Preliminary Analysis: Community Structures and Youth Serving Systems in Chicago South and Decatur," School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 1977

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Kyle, Charles Lambert, Jr., "'Los Preciosos': The Magnitude of and Reasons for the Hispanic Drop Out Problem in Chicago: A Case Study of Two Chicago Public High Schools," Northwestern University, 1984

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Lynch, James P., and Irving A. Spergel, "A Police Decision Cohort Analysis: 1. ISOS Impact on Local Communities; 2. Status and Delinquent Offender Careers," School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 1979

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Miller, Walter B., "Crime by Youth Gangs and Groups in the United States," National Institute of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, United States Department of Justice, 1982

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"Neighborhood Development and Organization," Community Fund of Chicago, 1973

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**Folder 5**

"Neighborhood Organization: Case Reports," National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, 1968

**Box 2**

**Folder 6**

Rossi, Peter H., Gene A. Fisher, and Georgiana Willis, "The Condition of the Homeless in Chicago: A Report Based on Surveys Conducted in 1985 and 1986," Social and Demographic Institute, University of Massachusetts, and National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago, 1986

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**Folder 7**

Scott, Michael, "Self-Help in Rural Mexico: Santa Maria's Well," Community Development Journal, 1977

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Sosin, Michael R., Paul Colson, and Susan Grossman, "Homelessness in Chicago: Poverty and Pathology, Social Institutions and Social Change," School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 1988

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Spergel, Irving A., "Youth Gang Activity and the Chicago Public Schools," School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 1985

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**Folder 3**

Spergel, Irving A., and John P. Korbelik, "The Local Community Service System and ISOS: An Interorganizational Analysis," School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 1979

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**Folder 4-5**

Spergel, Irving A., John P. Korbelik, and James P. Lynch, "The Local Community Service System and ISOS: An Interorganizational Analysis," School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 1979

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**Folder 6**

Spergel, Irving A., John P. Korbelik, Frederic G. Reamer, James P. Lynch, and Joseph Alexander, "Evaluation of the Illinois Status Offender Services Project," School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, circa 1979

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Spergel, Irving A., James P. Lynch, Frederic G. Reamer, John Korbelik, and Joseph Alexander, "Evaluation of the Illinois Status Offender Services Project," School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, circa 1979

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**Folder 5**

Spergel, Irving A., and Lawrence J. McKeon, editors, "Report of The Illinois Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: Evaluation Sessions," School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, circa 1979

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**Folder 6**

Thomson, Doug, "The Key Person Community Analysis Process: Toward an Integration of Field Work and Survey Approaches," Barton-Aschman Associates and Department of Sociology, University of Illinois-Chicago, 1976

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Underhill, Ralph, "Methods in the Evaluation of Programs for Poor Youth," National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago, 1968

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Vanecko, James J., "Community Organization Efforts, Political and Institutional Change, and the Diffusion of Change Produced by Community Action Programs," National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago, 1970

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"Woodlawn Service Program Planning Study," University of Chicago, 1972

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"Woods Fund of Chicago: Evaluation of the Fund's Community Organizing Grant Program," Woods Fund of Chicago, 1995

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**Folder 6**

"Youth and Society in Illinois: Summary and Policy Implications," Institute for Juvenile Research, Department of Mental Health, State of Illinois, 1975

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**Folder 1**

Zurcher, Louis A., Alvin E. Green, Edward Johnson, and Samuel Patton, "From Dependency to Dignity: Individual and Social Consequences of a Neighborhood House," Menninger Foundation, Highland Park-Pierce Neighborhood House, and Highland Park-Pierce Neighborhood Committee, 1967

**Series II: Teaching**

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Sociology 23, L.J. Henderson, introductory lectures, 1937-1938

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Sociology 23, L.J. Henderson, introductory lectures, 1938-1939

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SSA 301, Social Intervention and Social Work Practice, Gitlin, course readings, circa 1979

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SSA 457, Community Development, Irving A. Spergel, case book, circa 1979

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SSA 492, Community Development, Irving A. Spergel, case book, circa 1979

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Sample case reports, circa 1960s

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University of Chicago Youth Studies Program, procedural notes for the coding of detached worker interviews, 1962

**Series III: Organizations**

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Chicago Area Project, pamphlets and newsletters, 1993-1994



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Committee on Law and Justice, Commission on Behavior and Social Sciences and Education, National Research Council, youth gangs workshop memoranda and readings, 1991

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**Folder 3**

Little Village organizations directory, circa 1990s

**Series IV: Restricted**

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**Folder 1**

Mary Ann Hartnett, "Judicial Review of Children in Substitute Care," dissertation, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 1989