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Guide to the

## **Jonathan Schell papers**

1948-2014 [bulk 1967-2003]

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** Schell, Jonathan, 1943-2014

**Title:** Jonathan Schell papers

**Date:** 1948-2014 [bulk 1967-2003]

**Size:** 65 linear feet (138 boxes); 287.8 megabytes (1,821 computer files)

**Source:** Donated by Elspeth Schell, 2017.

**Abstract:** Jonathan Schell, best known for his book, *The Fate of the Earth*, was a writer and educator who devoted his professional life to writing in opposition to nuclear weapons and war. His papers date from 1948 to 2014, and detail his career, education, and personal life through manuscripts, research files, notebooks, journals, and correspondence.

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### **Creator History**

Jonathan Edward Schell (1943-2014) was a writer, educator, and proponent of anti-war and anti-nuclear causes.

Schell was born in New York City, and raised among a family of human rights advocates by his mother, Marjorie Bertha, and his father Orville Hickock Schell, Jr., who was a lawyer, co-founder of Helsinki Watch, chair of Americas Watch, and the eventual namesake of the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights at Yale Law School. Schell had two older siblings, Suzanne Schell Pearce, who was a peace activist, and Orville Hickock Schell III, who is a writer, academic, activist, and the former dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley.

Schell was educated at the Dalton School in New York, the Putney School in Vermont, and graduated

from Harvard University in 1965 with a Bachelor's degree in history. After graduating from college, Schell spent a year studying Japanese at the International Christian University in Tokyo. On his way home from Japan at the age of twenty-four, Schell secured press credentials and travelled to Vietnam for twelve days. He was taken on a helicopter mission, where he witnessed American and South Vietnamese soldiers raiding and destroying the village of Ben Suc.

Upon his return to the United States, Schell penned his first article for the *New Yorker*, "The Village of Ben Suc," about his experience in Vietnam, which was published in June of 1967, and promptly distinguished Schell as a leading voice in the anti-war movement. He remained a staff writer with the *New Yorker* until 1987, authoring numerous long-form articles, and writing many uncredited works in the "Notes and Comments" section with the support of editor, William Shawn. Schell wrote on topics such as military operations in Vietnam, the consequences of nuclear war, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and the Nixon administration. Many of Schell's articles were subsequently published as books, which include, *The Village of Ben Suc* (1967), *The Military Half* (1968), *The Time of Illusion* (1976), *The Fate of the Earth* (1982), *The Abolition* (1984), *History in Sherman Park* (1987), *The Real War: The Classic Reporting on the Vietnam War* (1987), and *Observing the Nixon Years* (1989), which is a compilation of Schell's "Notes and Comments" about the Vietnam War and Watergate. In 1982, *The Fate of the Earth* was awarded the Los Angeles Times book prize, and was nominated for the National Book Award, the National Critics Award, and a Pulitzer Prize.

When the *New Yorker* decided to oust Shawn as editor in 1987, Schell opted to leave the magazine as well. Schell continued writing on war, politics, and nuclear weapons, taking a new job as current-affairs columnist at *Newsday* and *New York Newsday*, and later at *The Nation*, as the peace and disarmament correspondent. Schell also contributed articles to *Harper's*, *The Atlantic*, and *Foreign Affairs*, and published more books including, *Writing in Time* (1997), *The Gift of Time* (1998), *The Unfinished Twentieth Century* (2001), *The Unconquerable World* (2003), *A Hole in the World* (2004), and *The Seventh Decade* (2007).

In addition to his journalistic work, Schell also taught at Princeton University, Emory University, the New School, New York University, Yale University, and Wesleyan University, where he was a Distinguished Visiting Writer from 1997 to 2002. In 2002, he was a fellow at the Shorenstein Center on Press, Politics, and Public Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, and in 2003, he was a senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Globalization. Over the years, Schell also made appearances on television and radio programs, and at numerous conferences and events to address nuclear proliferation and disarmament issues.

Schell died of cancer in 2014, and is survived by his companion, Irena Gross, as well as his wife, Elspeth Schell, their three children, and two grandchildren.

## Scope and Content Note

The Jonathan Schell papers date from 1948 to 2014 (bulk dates 1967-2003), and contain files from Schell's career as a journalist, author, and teacher; his research files; his education files; and personal materials including correspondence, journals, and photographs. Schell's papers chronicle his career as a writer and educator who was critical of war, nuclear proliferation, and United States foreign policy, revealing his research methods, writing process, and teaching objectives. There are also files documenting Schell's education and his personal relationships with friends and family.

## **Key Terms**

### **Occupations**

Authors.  
Educators.  
Journalists.

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Clippings (information artifacts)  
Lecture notes  
Letters (correspondence)  
Manuscripts for publication  
Photographs  
Research notes

### **Subjects**

Nuclear disarmament  
Nuclear warfare  
United States--Military policy  
Vietnam War, 1961-1975  
Watergate Affair, 1972-1974

### **Names**

Schell, Jonathan, 1943-2014  
Shawn, Wallace  
Shawn, William

## Container List

### Series I: Writing 1967-2007 (95 boxes 45 linear feet 860 computer files 246 megabytes)

Schell's Writing files hold materials from his career as a journalist and author. Files are arranged chronologically within the following categories: Journalism; Books; Speaking Engagements; Speechwriting; Unpublished Manuscripts; and Unidentified Manuscripts.

Much of the journalism files hold records from Schell's twenty year tenure as a contributor at the *New Yorker*. This includes notes, research, drafts, manuscripts, galleys, proofs, correspondence, and press from such articles as, "The Village of Ben Suc," "Quang Ngai and Quang Tin," "The Time of Illusion," "The Fate of the Earth," "The Abolition," and "History in Sherman Park," as well as the numerous "Notes and Comments" pieces that Schell authored and edited, many of which were uncredited. The manuscripts range from early handwritten fragments to annotated typescript drafts. Later iterations of these same articles are found in the edited Proofs and Galleys. The content of Schell's writing for the *New Yorker* garnered an abundance and diversity of reaction from readers, ranging in tone from enthusiastic praise to outrage. The most divisive pieces were Schell's writings on Richard Nixon and the Watergate scandal in both "The Time of Illusion" and the "Notes and Comments."

Files from Schell's post-*New Yorker* journalistic career are less thorough, and tend to contain only the final or near final versions of articles, along with small amounts of correspondence. There are unannotated electronic versions of Schell's articles for *The Nation*, as well as documentation from his tenure as a fellow with The Nation Institute. Schell also kept the final typed versions or photocopies of his articles for *Newsday* and *New York News Day*.

Books files from the first two decades of Schell's writing career have contracts, administrative materials, and correspondence related to his published books, all of which first appeared as serialized pieces in the *New Yorker*. The research, notes, drafts, and manuscripts for *The Village of Ben Suc*, *The Military Half*, *The Time of Illusion*, *The Fate of the Earth*, *The Abolition*, and *History in Sherman Park* are found in the *New Yorker* files. Records for *The Fate of the Earth* also contain additional letters from readers, press reaction, reviews, and court papers related to plagiarism charges filed against Schell by the German writer, Günther Anders.

The most well-documented books are those from later in Schell's career, particularly *The Gift of Time*, which contains transcripts of interviews conducted by Schell, and *The Unconquerable World*, which comprises years of research and numerous iterations of the manuscript. *The Unconquerable World* manuscripts include handwritten drafts, annotated typescripts, and electronic drafts grouped into chapters. All these versions and formats of the manuscript reveal the manner in which the book evolved over the course of a decade.

Schell appeared at many events and gave numerous lectures in conjunction with his writing. The texts of his lectures and remarks are present in the Speaking Engagements files. These files also hold invitations, correspondence regarding event logistics, and letters thanking Schell for his participation.

The Speechwriting files hold a small selection of documents related to speeches Schell wrote for the presidential campaigns of Eugene McCarthy, George McGovern, and Walter Mondale. This includes notebooks, drafts of speeches, and correspondence with the campaigns.

There is a group of titled manuscript drafts from the 1960s to 1990s which were not published, and which are held in the Unpublished Manuscripts files. There is a larger group of manuscripts which were either unpublished drafts, or early indecipherable working versions of Schell's published works. These materials are filed with the Unidentified Manuscripts, and span almost the entirety of Schell's professional writing career.

#### Journalism

##### *New Yorker*

b. 1-4 1970-1987

b. 4 f. 6-12 "The Village of Ben Suc" 1967-1987

b. 5 f. 9-11

b. 128 f. 1-2

"Quang Ngai and Quang Tin"

b. 5 f. 9-11

b. 6 f. 1-10

Notebooks 1967-1968

Series I: Writing (cont.)

Journalism (cont.)

New Yorker (cont.)

"Quang Ngai and Quang Tin" (cont.)

- b. 7 f. 1-13      Notes and Research 1967-1968
- b. 8 f. 1-2
- b. 8 f. 3-11      Manuscripts and Drafts 1967-1968
- b. 9 f. 1-9
- b. 128 f. 3-7      Edited Proofs 1968
- b. 129 f. 1-8
- b. 130 f. 1-4
- b. 10 f. 1-4      Correspondence 1968
- "Notes and Comments"
- b. 10 f. 5-9      1971-1987
- b. 10 f. 10-12      Galleys and Proofs 1968-1987
- b. 130 f. 5-7
- b. 131 f. 1-9
- b. 11-14      Letters 1969-1985
- "The Time of Illusion"
- b. 14 f. 6-10      Notebooks 1975
- b. 15 f. 1-10      Notes and Research 1975
- b. 16-18      Manuscripts and Drafts 1975
- b. 18 f. 9-11      Galleys and Proofs 1975
- b. 19 f. 1-3
- b. 132 f. 1-10
- b. 19 f. 4-8      Letters 1975
- "The Fate of the Earth"
- b. 19 f. 9-11      Notes and Research 1975-1981
- b. 20-22
- b. 23-31      Manuscripts and Drafts 1976-1986
- b. 32 f. 1-11      Galleys and Proofs 1982
- b. 133-137
- b. 33-36      Correspondence 1982-1986
- b. 36 f. 10-11      Press 1982
- b. 37 f. 1-5
- "The Abolition"
- b. 38 f. 1-5      Manuscripts and Drafts 1983
- b. 39 f. 1-9      Letters 1984
- b. 40 f. 1-3      "A Better Today" 1985-1986
- "History in Sherman Park"
- b. 40 f. 4-8      Notebooks 1986-1987
- b. 41 f. 1-9
- b. 42 f. 1-6
- b. 42 f. 7-11      Interview Transcripts 1986-1987
- b. 43 f. 1-2      Galleys 1986-1987
- b. 43 f. 3      Letters 1987
- b. 43 f. 4-5      *Granta* -- "Paradise" 1986-1987
- b. 43 f. 6      *Discover* -- "Our Fragile Earth" 1989
- b. 43 f. 7-11      *Newsday and New York Newsday* 1990-2004
- b. 44
- b. 45
- b. 46 f. 1-3      *The Atlantic* -- "The Uncertain Leviathan" 1996

Series I: Writing (cont.)  
Journalism (cont.)

- er. 1      **National Public Radio 1998**  
(5 computer files 31.3 kilobytes)  
*The Nation*  
Articles
- er. 2      **1998-2003**  
(30 computer files 510.3 kilobytes)
- b. 46 f. 4-11      **1998-2004**
- er. 3      **"Master of All He Surveys" 1999**  
(6 computer files 123.3 kilobytes)
- er. 4      **"The Butterfly Election" 2000**  
(11 computer files 144.8 kilobytes)
- er. 5      **"End the Nuclear Danger: An Urgent Call" 2003**  
(20 computer files 551.7 kilobytes)
- er. 6      **"The Importance of Losing" 2003**  
(4 computer files 99 kilobytes)
- er. 7      **"Irrelevant Past" 2003**  
(12 computer files 479.6 kilobytes)
- er. 8      **"Letter from Ground Zero" 2003**  
(2 computer files 13.28 kilobytes)
- er. 9      **Correspondence 2003**  
(8 computer files 207.6 kilobytes)  
*The Nation Institute*
- b. 47-49      **1997-2003**
- er. 10      **2003**  
(35 computer files 830.5 kilobytes)
- er. 11      *Microsoft Encarta* 2000  
(3 computer files 44.26 kilobytes)
- b. 49 f. 8      *Philadelphia Inquirer* 2001
- er. 12      *Harper's* 2002-2003  
(6 computer files 574.6 kilobytes)
- er. 13      *The New Republic* 2003  
(1 computer file 10.67 kilobytes)
- er. 14      *Playboy Magazine* 2003  
(2 computer files 103 kilobytes)
- er. 15      *The Star Ledger* 2003  
(1 computer file 13.64 kilobytes)
- er. 16      *The Washington Times* 2003  
(1 computer file 8.8 kilobytes)
- Books**
- b. 49 f. 9-10      *The Village of Ben Suc* 1967-1975
- b. 49 f. 11-12      *The Military Half* 1967-1968
- b. 49 f. 13-15      *The Time of Illusion* 1975-1976
- b. 50 f. 1-2      *The Fate of the Earth*
- b. 50 f. 3-12      **1981-1983**

Series I: Writing (cont.)

Books (cont.)

The Fate of the Earth (cont.)

- b. 50 f. 13-18      Correspondence 1981-1998
  - b. 51-53
- b. 53 f. 7-9      Court Papers 1982-1983
  - b. 54 f. 1-7
- b. 55-57      Press 1982-1983
- b. 57 f. 10-16      *The Abolition* 1984
  - b. 58 f. 1      *Letters from Prison* 1985
  - b. 58 f. 2-3      *History in Sherman Park* 1987
  - b. 58 f. 4-10      *The Real War: The Classic Reporting on the Vietnam War* 1987-1989
  - b. 59 f. 1-11      *The Observing the Nixon Years* 1987-1989
  - b. 59 f. 12      *Writing in Time* 1997-1998
  - The Gift of Time*
- b. 60 f. 1-11      1998-2005
  - Interviews
- b. 60 f. 12-15      1996
  - er. 17      Arbatov, Georgy 1996  
                    (2 computer files 114.4 kilobytes)
  - b. 60 f. 16      Belous, General 1996
    - er. 18      Belous, General 1996  
                    (1 computer file 45 kilobytes)
  - Blair, Bruce
  - b. 61 f. 1      1996-1997
    - er. 19      1997  
                    (2 computer files 159.9 kilobytes)
  - Blechman, Barry
    - er. 20      1996  
                    (1 computer file 36.29 kilobytes)
  - b. 61 f. 2      1996-1997
  - b. 61 f. 3-6      Butler, George Lee 1996-1997
    - er. 21      Carwrig 1996  
                    (1 computer file 21.67 kilobytes)
  - b. 61 f. 7-8      Cranston, Alan 1996-2000
    - er. 22      Gerasov 1996  
                    (1 computer file 43.21 kilobytes)
  - b. 62 f. 1      Horner, Charles 1996
  - b. 62 f. 2-4      Iklé, Fred 1996-1997
  - b. 62 f. 5-6      Ivashov, Leonid Grigoryevich 1996
    - er. 23      Ivashov, Leonid Grigoryevich 1996  
                    (1 computer file 44.78 kilobytes)
  - b. 62 f. 7      Kortunov, Sergei 1996
    - er. 24      Kortunov, Sergei 1996  
                    (1 computer file 34.59 kilobytes)
  - MacNamara, Robert
  - b. 62 f. 8-9      1996

Series I: Writing (cont.)  
Books (cont.)  
The Gift of Time (cont.)  
Interviews (cont.)  
MacNamara, Robert (cont.)

- er. 25            1998  
                  (1 computer file 79.45 kilobytes)
- er. 26            Molander, Roger 1997  
                  (1 computer file 55.05 kilobytes)
- b. 62 f. 10       Müller, Harald 1996
- er. 27            Müller, Harald 1996  
                  (1 computer file 116.3 kilobytes)
- b. 62 f. 11       O'Neill, Robert and Carver, Lord 1996
- b. 62 f. 12       Rothblat, Joseph 1996
- b. 63 f. 1        Schmidt, Helmut 1997
- b. 63 f. 2        Schmuckler 1996
- b. 63 f. 3-4      Shakhnazarov 1996
- er. 28            Shakhnazarov 1996  
                  (1 computer file 44 kilobytes)
- b. 63 f. 5-9      Walton, R 1997
- er. 29            *The Unfinished 20th Century* 2003  
                  (2 computer files 249 kilobytes)
- Unconquerable World*
- b. 63 f. 10-16    1987-1994
- er. 30            2002-2003  
                  (41 computer files 905.6 kilobytes)
- Notes and Research
- b. 64-66         1996-2003
- er. 31            2002  
                  (26 computer files 500.9 kilobytes)
- Manuscripts
- b. 66 f. 9-11     1990s-2003
- b. 67-74         2001-2003  
er. 32            (296 computer files 9.2 megabytes)
- Press
- er. 33            2002  
                  (32 computer files 955.3 kilobytes)
- b. 74 f. 4-10     2002-2004
- er. 34            Book Tour 2003  
                  (13 computer files 756 kilobytes)
- er. 35            Correspondence 2003  
                  (17 computer files 392.2 kilobytes)
- Speaking Engagements
- b. 74 f. 11-20    1970-2012
- b. 75 f. 1-12     2002-2007  
er. 36            (92 computer files 224.8 megabytes)
- Speechwriting
- b. 75 f. 13       Eugene McCarthy for President Campaign 1968



Series I: Writing (cont.)  
Speechwriting (cont.)

- b. 75 f. 14-16 George McGovern for President Campaign 1972
- b. 76 f. 1-7
- b. 76 f. 8 Walter Mondale Campaign 1984
- Unpublished Manuscripts
- b. 77 f. 1-3 "Lu Hsun" 1965
- b. 77 f. 4-5 "The Extinction of War by the Nuclear Threat" 1976-1980
- b. 78 f. 1-6
- b. 79 f. 1-2 "The New Landscape" 1980s
- b. 79 f. 3 "The Origin and Likely Duration of the Peril" 1980s
- b. 79 f. 4 "Revolutionary Nonviolence" 1980s
- b. 79 f. 5 "Deterrence Theory" 1980
- b. 79 f. 6-8 "Two Votes" 1986
- b. 80 f. 1-14 "The Decision" 1988-1998
- b. 81 f. 1-2 "Martial Nonviolence" 1990s
- Unidentified Manuscripts
- b. 81 f. 3-7 1969-2011
- b. 82-86
- er. 37 1989-2004  
(180 computer files 3.9 megabytes)

Series II: Research 1960s-2007 (16 boxes 6 linear feet 433 computer files 30 megabytes)

While Schell's writing files from Series I contain some notes and research, he also kept separate research files that were not connected to specific projects. This research material encompasses the content of Series II. Schell conducted extensive research on the topics he most often wrote about, such as nuclear proliferation and United States foreign policy, generating substantial lists of sources, research summaries, and copious notes. With the exception of some unlabeled notebooks and assorted notes, the bulk of the series is arranged alphabetically by subject matter. The subject files contain a mixture of annotated clippings, notes, and marked up essays, providing insight into the types of sources Schell utilized, issues he investigated, and his research methodology.

- b. 86 f. 9-10 1970s-1990s
- b. 87-90
- Notes and Notebooks
- b. 90 f. 5-11 1960s-1990s
- b. 91 f. 1-9
- er. 38 2001-2003  
(4 computer files 52.62 kilobytes)
- Subject Files
- er. 39 Abolition 2003  
(19 computer files 523.5 kilobytes)
- er. 40 Afghanistan 2002-2003  
(2 computer files 88.29 kilobytes)
- er. 41 American Society 2003  
(1 computer file 699 bytes)
- b. 92 f. 1-2 Arms Control 1986-1987
- b. 92 f. 3 Berrigan, Philip 1998
- b. 92 f. 4 Black Panthers 1970
- er. 42 Biological Weapons 2001-2003  
(4 computer files 105.8 kilobytes)
- b. 92 f. 5 Bodin, Jean 1967

Series II: Research (cont.)  
Subject Files (cont.)

- b. 92 f. 6 Bomb on New York 1981
- b. 92 f. 7 Books 1997
- b. 92 f. 8 Brodkey, Harold 1980s
  - er. 43 Bush Policies 2003-2004  
(10 computer files 547.9 kilobytes)
  - er. 44 Carroll, James 2002-2003  
(3 computer files 102.4 kilobytes)
  - er. 45 Central Asia 2003  
(1 computer file 49.36 kilobytes)
- b. 92 f. 9 Clark, Ramsey 1971
  - er. 46 Civil Liberties 2001-2003  
(52 computer files 3.8 megabytes)
- b. 92 f. 10 von Clausewitz, Carl 1980s -1990s
- b. 92 f. 11-15 Conferences 1983-2007
- b. 93 f. 1 Conservative 1985
  - er. 47 Corruption 2003  
(1 computer file 49 kilobytes)
- b. 93 f. 2 Cortright 1998
  - er. 48 Counterproliferation 2002  
(1 computer file 6.5 kilobytes)
- b. 93 f. 3-8 Defense 1982-1989
- b. 94 f. 1-13
  - er. 49 Depleted Uranium 2003  
(1 computer file 53.7 kilobytes)
- b. 95 f. 1 Detan, Merav 1998
  - er. 50 Ellsberg, Daniel 2003  
(3 computer files 109.5 kilobytes)
- b. 95 f. 2 EMP [Electromagnetic Pulse] 1981
  - er. 51 Empire 2002-2003  
(45 computer files 5.2 megabytes)
  - er. 52 Environment 2003  
(1 computer file 699 bytes)
  - er. 53 Europe 2003  
(3 computer files 105.7 kilobytes)
- b. 95 f. 3 Florida 1998
- b. 95 f. 4 French Revolution 1992
  - er. 54 Galeano, Eduardo 2003  
(2 computer files 79.19 kilobytes)
- b. 95 f. 5-6 Gandhi 1992
  - er. 55 Gitlin, Todd 2001  
(2 computer files 61.13 kilobytes)
  - er. 56 Gleichschaltung 2003  
(17 computer files 708.9 kilobytes)
- b. 95 f. 7-8 Global Strike 2006
  - er. 57 Globalization 2003  
(7 computer files 352.7 kilobytes)

Series II: Research (cont.)  
Subject Files (cont.)

- b. 95 f. 9-10 Gulf War 1992
- b. 96 f. 1 Havel, Václav 1995
- b. 96 f. 2 Hiroshima 2002
- b. 96 f. 3 Hobbs, Thomas 1990s
- er. 58 Human Shields 2003  
(1 computer file 65.6 kilobytes)
- b. 96 f. 4 Independent Media Institute 1999
- er. 59 India 2002  
(2 computer files 65.43 kilobytes)
- er. 60 Iran 2003  
(13 computer files 385.2 kilobytes)
- er. 61 Iraq 2002-2003  
(44 computer files 6.3 megabytes)
- er. 62 Israel 2003  
(1 computer file 77 kilobytes)
- er. 63 Israel - Palestine 2003  
(1 computer file 5.8 kilobytes)
- er. 64 Japan 2003  
(1 computer file 60 kilobytes)
- er. 65 Kahn 2000-2002  
(5 computer files 217.5 kilobytes)
- b. 96 f. 5 Kendall, Henry W 1981
- b. 96 f. 6 Kerrey, Bob 2000-2001
- er. 66 Korea 2003  
(6 computer files 246.1 kilobytes)
- er. 67 Law 2003  
(2 computer files 125.3 kilobytes)
- b. 96 f. 7 MacArthur Foundation 1989
- b. 96 f. 8-9 Magazines 1987
- b. 96 f. 10 MccGwire, Michael 1995-1997
- b. 96 f. 11 Mearsheimer, John J 1990-1995
- er. 68 Military Budget 2003  
(2 computer files 113.7 kilobytes)
- b. 96 f. 12 National Public Radio 1994
- er. 69 Neo-cons 2003  
(1 computer file 33.73 kilobytes)
- b. 97 f. 1 Newspapers 1997
- b. 97 f. 2 Nitze, Paul 1995
- er. 70 NMD [National Missile Defense] 2003  
(11 computer files 656.5 kilobytes)
- er. 71 Nonviolence 2003  
(1 computer file 26.62 kilobytes)
- er. 72 North Korea 2002-2003  
(44 computer files 1.8 megabytes)
- Nuclear

Series II: Research (cont.)  
Subject Files (cont.)  
Nuclear (cont.)

- b. 97 f. 3      1990s
- er. 73      2003  
              (38 computer files 4 megabytes)
- b. 97 f. 4-5    Nuclear Questions 1990s
- b. 97 f. 6      Nuclear Winter 1983-1984
- er. 74      Occupied Iraq 2003  
              (8 computer files 319.2 kilobytes)
- b. 97 f. 7      Occupy Wall Street 2012
- er. 75      Oil 2003  
              (4 computer files 106.8 kilobytes)
- b. 97 f. 8      O'Neill, Robert 1990s
- b. 97 f. 9      Ozone Layer 1981
- er. 76      Pakistan 2003  
              (5 computer files 171.6 kilobytes)
- er. 77      Philippines 2003  
              (1 computer file 44.57 kilobytes)
- er. 78      Poems 2003  
              (1 computer file 7.3 kilobytes)
- b. 97 f. 10-11   Poland 1990-1991
- er. 79      Polls 2003  
              (4 computer files 245.1 kilobytes)
- b. 97 f. 12    Possessionists 1996-1998
- b. 97 f. 13    Powell, Colin 1990s
- b. 97 f. 14-15   Presidential Election 1972
- er. 80      Press 2003  
              (2 computer files 79.7 kilobytes)
- b. 97 f. 16    Printed Word 1987
- er. 81      Proliferation 2003  
              (2 computer files 58.84 kilobytes)
- er. 82      Protest 2003  
              (17 computer files 621.5 megabytes)
- b. 97 f. 17    Rathjens, G.W 1982
- b. 97 f. 18    Reading 1980s
- er. 83      Reflective 2001-2003  
              (6 computer files 255.5 kilobytes)
- er. 84      Reversal of Fortune 2003  
              (1 computer file 63 kilobytes)
- b. 98 f. 1-3    Reykjavik 1986
- er. 85      RMA [Revolution in Military Affairs] 2003  
              (2 computer files 61.63 kilobytes)
- b. 98 f. 4      Roberts, Gene 1995
- b. 98 f. 5      Rotblat, Joseph 1995
- Roy, Arundhati
- b. 98 f. 6      1998

Series II: Research (cont.)  
Subject Files (cont.)  
Roy, Arundhati (cont.)

- er. 86        **2003**  
              (4 computer files 218.3 kilobytes)
- Russia**
- b. 98 f. 7-13    **1991-1995**
- er. 87        **2003**  
              (1 computer file 40.99 kilobytes)
- b. 99 f. 1-2    **Russian Revolution 1992**
- b. 99 f. 3       **Sarah Lawrence 1969**
- er. 88        **Social Welfare 2003**  
              (1 computer file 51 kilobytes)
- b. 99 f. 4       **Sociobiology 1980s**
- er. 89        **Sovereignty 2003**  
              (1 computer file 24.43 kilobytes)
- er. 90        **Space 2003**  
              (1 computer file 21.05 kilobytes)
- b. 99 f. 5       **Star Wars 1988**
- er. 91        **Syria 2003**  
              (1 computer file 41.46 kilobytes)
- er. 92        **Torture 2003**  
              (2 computer files 82.84 kilobytes)
- er. 93        **Turkey 2003**  
              (1 computer file 62.52 kilobytes)
- b. 99 f. 6-8    **Two Votes 1984-1986**
- b. 99 f. 9       **United States Nuclear Policy 1998**
- b. 100 f. 1-3   **USSR 1986**
- b. 100 f. 4       **Vietnam 1990s**
- b. 100 f. 5-10   **Vietnam Veterans 1970s**
- b. 100 f. 11-12 **Vietnam Veterans Against the War 1970s**
- b. 101 f. 1       **Watergate 1973-1974**
- er. 94        **Weapons of Mass Destruction 2003**  
              (55 computer files 5 megabytes)
- b. 101 f. 2-3   **Yale Strike 1970**

**Series III: Teaching 1987-2004 (3 boxes 1 linear foot 221 computer files 5.7 megabytes)**

Files pertaining to courses Schell taught at colleges and universities are held in Series III. This includes materials from his employment at Harvard University, Emory University, Princeton University, New York University, Wesleyan University, and Yale University. The Yale files are the most thorough, and contain course packets, syllabi, and lecture notes. The rest of the teaching files hold correspondence, syllabi, notes, and a small selection of anonymous student course evaluations.

- er. 95        **1997-2003**  
              (12 computer files 241.8 kilobytes)
- Harvard University**
- b. 101 f. 4       **1987**
- er. 96        **2002**  
              (1 computer file 28.5 kilobytes)
- b. 101 f. 5-7   **Emory University 1987-1988**

Series III: Teaching (cont.)

- b. 101 f. 8 Princeton University 1988
- b. 101 f. 9-14 New York University Institute for the Humanities 1995-1997
- b. 101 f. 15-20 Wesleyan University 1997-2002
- Yale University
  - er. 97 2003  
(20 computer files 337.5 kilobytes)
  - b. 102 f. 1-5 2008-2013
  - b. 103 f. 1-4
    - er. 98 Course Materials 2002-2004  
(29 computer files 2.4 megabytes)
    - er. 99 Nuclear Age Chronology 2003  
(38 computer files 327.4 kilobytes)
    - er. 100 Syllabi 2002-2003  
(6 computer files 204.8 kilobytes)
    - er. 101 Topic Materials 2003  
(7 computer files 252 kilobytes)
    - er. 102 Lectures 1998-2004  
(108 computer files 1.9 megabytes)
- b. 103 f. 5 Tufts University 2000s

Series IV: Education 1948-2001 (11 boxes 6.5 linear feet)

Records documenting Schell's education at the Dalton School, The Putney School, Harvard University, and International Christian University comprise Series IV. There are report cards, teacher feedback, and some written assignments present from The Dalton School and Putney School files. The Harvard records include correspondence, notebooks, course work, exams, commencement materials, and Schell's Diploma. The International Christian University files consist of journals and notebooks describing life in Japan, course work, sketchbooks, and resources related to Schell's studies of Japanese.

- b. 104 f. 1-4 The Dalton School 1948-1957
- b. 104 f. 5-10 The Putney School 1958-1962
- b. 105 f. 1-2
- b. 138 f. 1
- Harvard University
  - b. 105 f. 3-6 Correspondence 1961-1965
  - b. 105 f. 7-9 Notebooks 1962-1965
    - b. 106
    - b. 107
    - b. 108 Course Work 1962-1965
    - b. 109
  - b. 110 f. 1 *Harvard Crimson* 1964-1965
  - b. 110 f. 2-5 Certificates and Diploma 1964-1965
  - b. 137 f. 6
- b. 110 f. 6-13 International Christian University 1965-1967
- b. 111 f. 1-11
- b. 112 f. 1-8
- b. 112 f. 9 Saint Xavier Honoray Degree 1985
- b. 138 f. 2 University of Massachusetts Honorary Degree 2001

**Series V: Personal 1957-2014** (17 boxes 9 linear feet 307 computer files 5.9 megabytes)

Series V comprises files pertaining to Schell's personal life and family. The series contains a copy of Schell's birth certificate, correspondence, journals, sketchbooks, manuscripts written by friends, passports, photographs, and remembrances of friends and family.

The Correspondence is the most abundant component of the series, and includes both an assortment of personal letters dating from the 1960s to 2000s, as well as communications which Schell organized by correspondent name. A large portion of these letters are between himself and his immediate family. There is also a sizeable group of letters from the artist, Robert Del Tredici, with original artwork and photographs enclosed.

The Manuscripts files contain drafts of work by friends who shared their writing with Schell. These include plays and writings by Deborah Eisenberg, Tom Hayes, and Wallace Shawn. Some of the manuscripts are accompanied by letters, but they do not typically include any feedback from Schell.

- b. 113 f. 1-5      **Address Books 1960s-1980s**
- b. 113 f. 6      **Birth Certificate 1957**  
Photocopy of 1943 birth certificate issued by the New York City Department of Health in 1957.
- Correspondence**
- b. 113 f. 7-12      **1960-2014**
- b. 114-116
- er. 103      **2002-2003**  
                          (3 computer files 56.55 kilobytes)
- b. 116 f. 8      **Brooks, Turner 1960-1965**
- b. 116 f. 9-15      **Del Tredici, Robert 1985-2013**
- b. 117 f. 1-7
- Gross, Irena**
- b. 117 f. 8      **1975-1985**
- er. 104      **1999-2003**  
                          (223 computer files 3.9 megabytes)
- Hayes, Tom**
- b. 117 f. 9-14      **1963-2014**
- er. 105      **2003**  
                          (8 computer files 193.1 kilobytes)
- b. 118 f. 1      **Lauterbach, Anni 1995**
- b. 118 f. 2      **Lessaud, Sasannah 1999**
- b. 118 f. 3      **Loesch, Juli 1982-1983**
- b. 118 f. 4      **McCormack, George 1980s**
- er. 106      **Macklin, Elizabeth 2003**  
                          (2 computer files 55.19 kilobytes)
- b. 118 f. 5      **Ransom, Robert 1998**
- er. 107      **Schell, Christopher 2003**  
                          (3 computer files 68.23 kilobytes)
- er. 108      **Schell, Elspeth 2003**  
                          (6 computer files 118.8 kilobytes)
- er. 109      **Schell, Matthew 2003**  
                          (7 computer files 174 kilobytes)
- b. 118 f. 6-10      **Schell, Jr., Orville and Schell, Marjorie 1959-1972**
- b. 119 f. 1-8
- b. 120 f. 1

Series V: Personal (cont.)

Correspondence (cont.)

- b. 120 f. 2-3 Schell, Orville 1957-2011
- er. 110 Schell, Phoebe 2003  
(40 computer files 889.4 kilobytes)
- b. 120 f. 4 Schell, Suzanne 1959-1966
- er. 111 Schell, Thomas 2003  
(1 computer file 22.77 kilobytes)
- b. 120 f. 5-8 Shawn, Wallace 1958-1998
- er. 112 Solnit, Rebecca 2003  
(14 computer files 506.5 kilobytes)
- b. 120 f. 9-10 Journals and Sketchbooks 1955-1968
- b. 121 f. 1-9
- b. 122 f. 1-4
- b. 137 f. 7
- b. 138 f. 3
- Manuscripts
- b. 122 f. 5-6 Cox, Arthur Macy -- "Russian Roulette" 1982
- b. 122 f. 7-8 Eisenberg, Deborah 1980s
- b. 123 f. 1 "Grasses of a Thousand Colors" 2007  
Hayes, Tom
- b. 123 f. 2-3 "A Christmas Story" 1973
- b. 123 f. 4 "Six Stories" 1976
- b. 123 f. 5 Pease, Deborah -- "Pierrot and Peonies" 2000s  
Wallace Shawn
- b. 123 f. 6-9 1970s
- b. 124 f. 1-2
- b. 124 f. 3 "Three Short Plays" 1970s
- b. 124 f. 4 "Marie and Bruce" 1978
- b. 124 f. 5 "My Dinner with Andre" 1980s
- b. 124 f. 6 "Aunt Dan and Lemon" 1984
- b. 124 f. 7-8 Passport 1978-2011
- b. 125-127 Photographs 1960s-2011
- Remembrances
- b. 127 f. 4 Schell, Marjorie 1980-1985
- b. 127 f. 5-9 Schell, Jr., Orville 1987
- b. 127 f. 10-12 Shawn, William 1992-1996
- b. 137 f. 8
- b. 127 f. 13-16 Schell, Jonathan 2014