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Guide to the

**Philip Levine correspondence with Rick Campbell**

2000-2015

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## Summary

**Creator:** Levine, Philip, 1928-2015

**Title:** Philip Levine correspondence with Rick Campbell

**Date:** 2000-2015

**Size:** .1 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** Donated by Rick Campbell, 2019

**Abstract:** Philip Levine (1928-2015) was an American poet who won the 1995 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for his work *The Simple Truth* (1994). He served as U.S. Poet Laureate from 2011 to 2012. Rick Campbell (1952-) is an American poet and former director of the poetry publishing firm Anhinga Press. The collection comprises nine items written by Philip Levine to Rick Campbell: three computer-generated typed letters signed and two autograph letters signed, dated 2001 May 24 to 2011 April 11; three autograph postcards signed, dated or postmarked 2000 to 2005; and an undated autograph letter signed, written on two unstamped postcards; also, a four-page document capturing email exchanges between Levine and Campbell, 2014 May 27 to 2015 February 7, regarding the publication of a poem by Levine in the journal *Kestrel*. A re-typed printout of the letter dated 2011 April 11, returned from an unidentified recipient with a note thanking Campbell for it, is included. The collection charts the epistolary friendship of the two poets, originating in Anhinga Press's publication of work by winners of the Philip Levine Prize for Poetry, sponsored by California State University at Fresno. Levine's letters and postcards discuss the Prize and thank Campbell for sending him Anhinga Press imprints and volumes of Campbell's own poetry. Levine makes positive remarks about their work and that of other poets, while sharing brief reminiscences of his time in Iowa, Florida and California

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## Key Terms

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**  
Correspondence

**Occupations**

Poets

**Subjects**

Poets, American -- 20th century -- Correspondence

Poets, American -- 21st century -- Correspondence

**Names**

Campbell, Rick, 1952-

Levine, Philip, 1928-2015 -- Correspondence.

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