

**Frontiers of Knowledge  
1986-2010**

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A collection of papers of the "Frontiers of Knowledge", an organization whose purpose was to sponsor lectures by outstanding speakers.

**Collection Overview:**

Title: Frontiers of Knowledge

Bulk Dates: 1986-2020

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Physical description: 3 document cases, approximately 15 inches

Provenance and acknowledgements: See deed of gift

Access Restrictions: none.

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Summary: This collection contains the administrative (board), financial, and programming papers of the "Frontiers of Knowledge" organization from 1986-2010, at which time it was dissolved.

Scope Note: "Frontiers of Knowledge" lecture series was first incorporated in 1968 when a fund was set up at the Unitarian Universalist Church in memory of a Concord, NH attorney, Atlee Zellers. The purpose was to bring to Concord speakers of outstanding intellectual accomplishment who were on the cutting edge of their individual and varied disciplines.

In 1992 family members established a second fund in memory of William G. Saltonstall, with the intent to sponsor lectures in the broad field of education. Papers prior to 1986 are not included in this collection, with the exception of articles of agreement, original bylaws, and proposed bylaw changes, none of which are dated, but presumed to be around the inception date of 1968.

**Organizational notes**

- Box 1: original articles of agreement, bylaws, dissolution papers, early policies, board minutes (1986-2005), and board correspondence (1987-2007).
- Box 2: Financial matters, correspondence, donor lists, details of grants awarded by the NH Humanities. Also included are annual reports to the Department of Justice--State of NH (1993-2009) and various other financial records.
- Box 3: Programs, program guidelines, general correspondence, background material on specific lectures including some of all of the following; lecture title and speaker, curriculum vitae, correspondence, articles, promotional flyers, project director's reports.

**Box 1 Background, General Administration**

- Folder 1, Articles of agreement, bylaws and proposed changes, amended bylaws (1991, 2003), letters concerning tax exempt status
- Folder 2, Dissolution papers; form NP-5, State of NH--Statement (and acknowledgement of receipt) of Dissolution; deed of gift papers to the New Hampshire Historical Society; correspondence, 2010
- Folder 3, Various drafts for guidelines/policies concerning programming and speakers. Undated.
- Folder 4, Board of Director lists 1986-2010. includes various officer lists
- Folders 5-12, Board Minutes and notices
  - 5, 1986-1987
  - 6, 1988-1990-91
  - 7, 1992-1993
  - 8, 1995-1997
  - 9, 1998-1999
  - 10, 2000-2001
  - 11, 2002-2003
  - 12, 2004-2005
- Folder 13-15, Board correspondence, 1987-1989, sorted by years
- Folder 16, Board correspondence, 1990-2007 and undated

Box 2. Financial Material

- Folder 1, Correspondence about fund raising, 1986-1993
- Folder 2, Donor lists 1968, 1992
- Folder 3, Various bills and receipts, 1994-1996
- Folder 4, **New Hampshire Humanities Council**  
Guidelines and application information
- Folder 5, Grant for lecture #2143 "Reconstruction of Reality, Fact into Fiction", Robert Begeibing, (replaced due to illness by John Yount), 1992. Correspondence, regrant contract, final report, in-kind contribution forms, civil rights compliance statement.
- Folder 6, Grant for lecture "The Great Stockmarket Crash: What Have We Learned?", Dr. Merton H. Miller. 1992. Correspondence, application form (no number), Budget, speaker's curriculum vitae.
- Folder 7, Grant for lecture "Healthcare: the Crisis and The Solution", Dr. C. Everett Koop. 1992. Correspondence, application form (no number), Budget, speaker's curriculum vitae.
- Folder 8, Grant for lecture #S179, "To Live in Another Time: the pursuit of Historical Fiction", Joan Blos, 1992. Grant application form, regrant contract, in-kind contribution forms, final report, compliance statement.
- Folder 9, Grant for lecture #s182 "From Aids to Health and Human Rights", by Jonathan Mann, 1995. Correspondence, grant application form, regrant contract, final report, lecture assessment, in-kind contribution forms, compliance statement.
- Folder 10, Grant for lecture #S188, "Refuge or Revolution: Origins of early Puritan Settlement of Massachusetts and New Hampshire". Roger Thompson, 1996. Correspondence, application form, regrant contract, budget, in-kind contribution forms.
- Folder 11, Grant for Lecture #S132, "The Soviet Union in the 1990's", Dr. Marshall I. Goldman, 1991. Correspondence, application form, regrant contract, project director's report, project humanist's report, final report.

Box 3     Programs

Folder 1, Program guidelines from the NH Council for the Humanities; proposal for a mission statement, evaluation form, checklist, correspondence about church rental

Folder 2, Suggestions and proposals for programs; 1995, 1998, 1999, and undated

Folder 3, General correspondence: programs and programming, 1987-2000

Folder 4, Lists of speakers and topics. Earliest date, 1983, last date noted, 2001

Folder 5, 30 brief bios of various speakers

Folder 6, Background material on specific lectures, 1991, 1992

**Charles Simic**, 1991; "Poetry, Reflections on Personal Experience", promotional flyer, some poems

**Marshall Goodman**, 1991; "The Soviet Union in the 1990s" flyer, curriculum vitae, project director's report, newspaper articles.

**Robert J. Begiebing**, 1992: "The Strange Death of Mistress Coffin"; correspondence, flyer, curriculum vitae. Mr. Begiebung withdrew for health reasons, was replaced by John A. Yount.

**John A. Yount**, 1992, flyer, curriculum vitae, humanist and project director's reports.

Folder 7, Background material on specific lectures, 1995-1997

**Joan Blos**, 1995: "To Live in Another Time"; flyers, newspaper articles, biographical sketch, project director's report.

**Jonathan Mann**, 1995: "From Aids to Health and Human Rights", flyers, letter to the editor.

**Roger Thompson**, 1996: "Refuge or Revolution: Origins of early Puritan Settlement of Massachusetts and New Hampshire."; flyer, curriculum vitae, review comments on two other Thompson lectures ("Sex in Middlesex" and "Mobility and Migration"), newspaper article and editorial.

Folder 8, Background material on specific lectures, 1998-2000

**Dr. Marjorie K. McIntosh**, 1998: "Controlling Misbehavior in England, 1370-1600: New Englands' Background." A three part series on "The Mixed Blessings of Genetic Research", with lecturers **Dr. Ronald M. Green**, **Dr. Alice R. Wexler**, and **Dr. Mary Lou Guerinot**. Correspondence, curriculum vitae, introductions.

**Randall P. Raymond**, 1999: "Concord: An Apt Name"; bibliography, newspaper article,.

**Professor Evelyn Rawski**, 1999: correspondence, curriculum vitae, flyer.  
**Mark Mansour and Joan Dye Gussow**, 2001: flyer, curriculum vitae, promotional email.

**Chet Raymo**, 2001: "Astronomy and the Human Spirit; Becoming Intimate with the Infinite": flyer, newspaper articles, news release.

**Hugh Restall**, 2004: "From Mao to Now"; flyer.

**Bill McKibben**, flyers, article

**Henry Rosemont Jr.**, 2006: "The Conflicting Persuasion"; flyer.

**Bill Weber and Amy Vedder**, 2006: "From Gorillas to Grizzlies--Saving Them--Saving Us"; flyer

**Dr. Paul Hill**, 2006: "How Big is the Ocean?" flyers, email.

**Dr. Ira Bycock**, 2007; "Dying Well: Reclaiming the End of Life"; flyer

Folder 9, Promotional flyers, 1983-2005