Frontiers of Knowledge
1986-2010

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  
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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 NI (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
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",
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 Bios, 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.
Box 3 Programs

Folder 1, Program guidelines from the NH Council for the Humanities; proposal for a mission statement, evaluation from, checklist, correspondence about church rental
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
  Robert J. Begiebing, 1992: "The Strange Death of Mistress Coffin"; correspondence, flyer, curriculum vitae. Mr. Begiebing 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.
  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


**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


**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