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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title: Gerald Zahavi Papers
ID: apap397
Date [inclusive]: 2000-2006
Physical Description: 6.5 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English.
Abstract: This collection predominantly includes Professor Gerald Zahavi's oral history project files.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Gerald Zahavi Papers, 2000-2006. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Zahavi Papers).

Biographical Note

Dr. Gerald Zahavi is Professor of History and Director of the Documentary Studies Program at the University at Albany, SUNY, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1985. Professor Zahavi received his bachelor's degree from at Cornell University and his master's degree and PhD from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

Professor Zahavi has taught classes at the University in documentary studies, oral/video history, public history, quantitative methods for historians, historical radio/audio documentary production, film/video documentary production, as well as U.S. social and economic history, American labor and modern U.S. business history, U.S. local and regional history, and a number of general American history courses. In 2006, he helped create the History Department's Documentary Studies Program. Three years later, he
helped introduced a History and Media master's track in the department which is now incorporated within the Public History Program.

Professor Zahavi is the author of numerous books and articles and the creator of numerous oral histories, documentaries, and digital projects. His research interests include welfare capitalism; the history of General Electric; labor and political radicalism in modern America; Cold War science and politics; and oral/aural history. In 1998, he co-founded the Journal for MultiMedia History, an online, peer-reviewed journal devoted to presenting and reviewing non-print and electronic works of history.

Beyond his academic responsibilities and interests, Professor Zahavi also seeks to engage a broad audience in history. He hosted Talking History, a weekly radio program broadcast online and on FM for almost 20 years. As a member of the executive committee of the Essex County Historical Society & Adirondack History Museum, Professor Zahavi has helped curate exhibits, served as a media consultant, and worked as an oral/video history project director.

Content Description

This collection predominantly includes oral history project files, many created by Professor Zahavi's students. Each file may consist of audio cassettes or CDs with oral histories, an interview transcript, background material on the subject, and a release form. The collection also contains a small amount of material related to Professor Zahavi's historical research, planned digital initiatives, and project works.

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is currently unprocessed and is not yet arranged.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Access

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Dr. Gerald Zahavi donated all materials in this collection in 2015, 2017, and 2022.

Processing Information

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- Albany, New York
- Oral history--New York (State)