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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Ludwig Bachhofer Papers
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Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
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Abstract:	This collection contains correspondence and materials related to Ludwig Bachhofer's professional interests in and knowledge about Asian art.

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Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Ludwig Bachhofer Papers, 1922-1968. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Bachhofer Papers).

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Biographical History

Ludwig Bachhofer was born in Munich, Germany on June 30, 1894, the son of Adolf and Paula (Hartmann). He was a student at Gymnasium Realgymnasium, Munich from 1905 to 1914. He received his doctoral degree from the University of Munich in 1921.

From 1921 to 1923, Bachhofer was an assistant in the Ethnographisches Museum, Munich. From 1926 to 1934, he was privatdozent, History of Asian Art, at the University of Munich.

He came to the United States in 1935 and was appointed professor of history of Asian art at the University of Chicago, where he remained until 1965.

Bachhofer married Hilda Nelson on November 24, 1926. He passed away in 1976, survived by his wife and daughter Else.

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Scope and Contents

The Ludwig Bachhofer Papers consist of correspondence in German and English with Henry Bergsen and others about Asian art; research notes, manuscripts, and articles; and photographs of art works and of the University of Munich after the 1944 bombing. The major portion of the collection is comprised of photographs, picture postcards, color plates and reproductions (ca. 2440) assembled by Bachhofer during the course of his career.

The University Libraries also has Bachhofer's library (including many annotated books) relating to Chinese, Japanese, and Indian art history.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection has no series.

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Acquisition Information

	The M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections received the bulk of this collection from Mrs. Ludwig (Hilda) Bachhofer in 1978.
	Granddaughter Helga Sinaiko donated additional correspondence in 2005.
	Great-granddaughter Eve Sinaiko donated additional correspondence, sketches and books in 2011.

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