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The Laurence Urdang Archive

Introduction



Laurence Urdang was a major contributor or modern lexicography, who passed away at age the of 81 in 2008. Utilizing a program developed under his leadership, Mr. Urdang edited the first edition of the *Random House Dictionary of the English Language*, the first dictionary to be organized with the aid of a computer. In 1974, he founded *Verbatim*, a newsletter which was an amalgam of scholarly writing and popular treatments. He edited this periodical for many years. The archive contains materials dealing with these undertakings in addition to copies of the many books which he wrote or compiled. As well, the collection contains correspondence and books written by others that were either published by Urdang or received as gifts from well-known individuals such as Erica Jong and William Safire. Correspondence to and from such individuals along with books signed by these and other individuals is part of the archive. A unique item is an external hard drive which has research material for the maritime dictionary on which Urdang was working at the time of his death.

The Laurence Urdang Archive joins the Cordell Collection, the Mitford Mathews Papers, the J. Edward Gates Papers, the Warren Cordell Papers, the Dictionary War Collection, and several manuscripts both of published and of unpublished dictionaries as a significant addition to the lexical materials already housed in Special Collections. Research fellowships are available. Please check on our main web page for information about the fellowship and related holdings.

Contents are listed by container below. Each container—whether a shelf, a cabinet drawer, or carton—is indicated by a designator, or identifier. Please cite this location information when contacting us.. E-mail the <u>department</u> or write to a staff member designated on the <u>home page</u>.

Shelves contain artifacts, media, and some documents. Cabinet drawers contain books. Cartons have primarily articles, notes, and other paper-based material.

A <u>searchable database</u> of the archive contents is available via our website. Users are welcome to request additional data to be added to the database or the document.

While an effort has been made to correctly reflect the names of individuals for whom files exist, some of the names may be misspelled. Please let us know about such errors so that we may correct them.

—January 14, 2010

URDANG ARCHIVE – SHELF 1

- Athenaeum membership certificate
- Credit Cards
- Folder of Miscellaneous Materials
 - o Correspondence re: Navy Service
 - o Letter to Yale Press
 - o Letter from David Barnhart to J. Edward Gates (printout)
 - o Notes on maritime entries in letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, O, P, R, S, T, V, W, Y
 - o Citations of sources in maritime lexical research
 - o "17th Century Maritime and Naval Dictionaries" [annotated bibliography]
 - o "18th Century Maritime and Naval Dictionaries" [annotated bibliography]
 - o "Electronic files pertaining to the HISTORICAL NAUTICAL DICTIONARY (planned) . . . "
 - o From LUARTS (hard drive) re: banksias
 - o Correspondence between Urdang and Claudia Loren re: horse latitudes
 - o Letter from Urdang to David Proctor with word lists of nautical terms
- Laurence Urdang interview on audio tape
- Unidentified audio tape
- "Making of a Dictionary" short film
- Notes on various dictionaries
- OUP English language word game sent to LU for editing in U.S. market
- Passports
- Phi Beta Kappa certificate
- Pidgin English playing cards
- Random House coffee cup
- Random House folder (promotional material)
- Three-ring binder from his linguistic studies at Columbia; particular emphasis on Sanskrit
- Flag or Pennant depicting whale
- Folder
 - o Yale University Alumni magazine with article about Urdang and publicity photos
 - o Undated news article (*The Day*)

URDANG ARCHIVE - SHELF 2

- Brass *Verbatim* registered office plaque
- English/English advert on Foam core
- "Genius" t-shirt published by Random House (In Box)
- High school transcript
- John Bull advert on Foam core
- Large envelope of family photographs
- Photograph of Laurence Urdang -- many copies in box, probably for autographing
- Photographs of Laurence Urdang in envelope
- Laurence Urdang Associates Ltd. Registered office brass plaque
- Laurence Urdang Dictionaries Ltd. Registered office brass plaque
- Laurence Urdang Reference Book bookplates (on roll)
- Packet of logo designs for LU Inc. Projects.
- Miscellaneous photographs of Lawrence Urdang
- New York Academy of Sciences certificate
- Painted carved *Verbatim* office sign
- Painted carved wooden sign of Laurence Urdang Associates
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- Flash Cards in box (Sanskrit)
- Address book with business cards
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- File for Grafton/Collins "Names & Nicknames"
- File for Hammond Contract "Almanac"
- File for New American Library
- File for Toppan Printing
- File for "Define Your Terms"
- File for Bloomsbury
- Business Correspondence with Bloomsbury
- Correspondence for Synonym Dictionary
- *Verbatim* marketing file
- Bound Volume of reference works on dictionaries
- Article fodder for *Verbatim*
- *Verbatim* Correspondence 1989-1990

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- Better Known Writers for *Verbatim*
- *Verbatim* Correspondence Files A-M
 - o Advertising in *Verbatim*
 - o Artwork in *Verbatim*
 - o Analogies in *Verbatim*
 - o Verbatim Subscriber Breakdown
 - o *Verbatim* book clubs
 - o Request for Review Copies
 - o Book Reviews in *Verbatim*
 - o Euphemisms
 - o Feminism and Other Nonsense
 - o Hall, Hazel
 - o Howard, Philip
 - o Lederer, Richard
 - o Kilpatrick, James
 - o Middleton, Thomas

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 - o Puzzles
 - o Pairing pears
 - o Rate cards
 - o Rejected manuscripts
 - o Structural graphics
 - o Shephard Poorman
 - o Truby, Henry
 - o Turner, George
 - o Waldron, T. P.
- File of Idioms & Phrases
- File on "Joys of *Verbatim*"
- ISBN
- Copyright files
- Reviews of *Verbatim* Books
- File on Colonial American English
- Collocations
- Trademarks
- Patents
- Rejects

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- Oxford University Press (correspondence re: *Oxford Thesaurus*)
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 - o "Problem of Meaning"
 - o "You Have Only Your Asterisk"
 - o "Dictionaries"
 - o "A Word about Word Processing"
 - o "More on Oaktag"
 - o "Will the Manufacturing Clause in the Copyright Law . . . "
 - o "What Do We Expect from Dictionaries?"
 - o "Words Like 'Like' in -- Like Modern English"

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- o Review of Ladislav Zgusta's Manual of Lexicography
- o "The Use of Typographic Coding in Information Retrieval"
- o "Lost Causes"
- o "I Wanna Hot Dog"
- o "Telecommunications"
- o "Human Use of Human Indexers"
- o "Meaning: Denotative, Connotative, Allusive"
- o "Earlier & Later Words"
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- New York Times Difficult Words
- Noun, proper
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- Usage Dictionary
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- Viking/Penguin Correspondence
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- Willard Espy
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- Robert A. Fowkes
- Edward Gates (J. Edward)
- R. K. Hartman
- Heteronyms
- Philip Howard & LUI Project
- Charles King, Jr.
- Langenscheidt
- Linguistic computing
- International Linguistics Association
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- Linguistic Papers
- Linguistics -- LACUS
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- American Association of State and Local History Libraries
- Museum Store Association
- Routledge and Kegan Paul
- Conference of Scientific Editors
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- William Safire
- Scholarly PU Association
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- National Tech info services
- W. Nelson Francis
- Simon Nathan

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- Field Enterprises Education Corp
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 - o Letter to periodicals and magazines after 1986
 - o Submissions of articles
 - o Writings (notes for articles etc.)
 - o Century Club
 - o Credits (how to acknowledge individuals etc.)
 - o Published articles and letters in news paper and magazines
- Urdang vitae and biography (brief)
- *Verbatim* authors (listing)
- Oxford thesaurus
- Thesaurus updates
- Nautical dictionary
- Research (various topics)
 - o Reference materials
 - o Illustrations
 - o Specifications

- Nautical Dictionary
- Gale Merriam-Webster Unabridged files
 - o Promotional mailing info
 - o List and Biblio
 - o General File
 - o 4th edition files
 - o Webster comparison
 - o Old and superseded editions
 - o Correspondence
- Handbook of Lexicography
- Oxford University Computing Service
- Linguatech
- Business Dictionary
- *Verbatim* published Articles
- DeNyse Pinkerton
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 - o Sports terms
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- Files on Chambers Dictionary of Science and Technology
- Files on *Definitive Quotations*
- Dissecting words
- Kindred languages
- Norton vocabulary program
- Possible projects
- Files on "Joys of Minis and Micros"
- Sources of English vocabulary
- Hartmann textbook
- Word roots
- Hammond and Cox
- Browser's dictionary
- Projects Under Consideration
 - o **Allusions**, 1^{st} and 2^{nd} ed.
 - o *Biographical Dictionary* 3rd ed.
 - o Biographical Dictionary
 - o Collective Nouns
 - o Coding
 - Days and Dates
 - Fine arts index
 - o Dictionary of Fine and Applied Arts
 - o GAUR
 - o SUDS: Specialized Unabridged Dictionary Series
 - o GAUR Unabridged procedures
 - o GAUR Unabridged correspondence
 - o GAUR Unabridged printouts
 - o GAUR Unabridged sample pages
 - o GAUR printouts
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 - o Holidays Times terms.

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- American Association for Artificial Intelligence
- Advertising
- John Algeo
- American Dialect Society
- American Names Society
- Association for Computers and Society
- Association for Computational Linguistics
- Linguistics/BAAL
- R. R. Bowker Co.
- Citation instructions (how to create a definition citation)
- EquiCom Computer
- Database sources
- DARE (Dictionary of American Regional English)
- Louis DeBakey
- Online databases
- Discover Vision info
- DSNA (Dictionary Society of North America)
- Leslie A. Dunkling
- Literary, rhetorical and linguistic terms
- Loan words dictionary
- Multilingual and general dictionaries
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- Legal records on land purchases in England
- Publishing proof of *The Private Lives of English Words*
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- Correspondence for 1994
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- Correspondence for Historical Nautical Dictionary
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- Files on loanwords
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- Conference articles

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- Collins Publishing and the *Canadian English Dictionary* (folder)
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- Dictionary Research Center
- Dictionary Society of North America newsletter (folder)
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- Infoterm *Termia*
- Lexicographica 4
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- Medicare forms for Laurence Urdang
- Miscellaneous word lists
- *Prospectus '96* of the National Maritime Museum
- Studies of other dictionaries compared to Gale's Webster's Unabridged Dictionary

- Appointment books of Laurence Urdang -- 1976-2001
- Bank statements from Chemical Bank 1984-85
- Computer printouts of word lists
- Concrete Culture, Vol 1, Issue 1, January 1991
- Definition slips
- Dictionary comparisons
- Empty checkbooks from Lloyd's Bank Limited total: 13
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- Miscellaneous papers
- Paid bills 1982-1984
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 - o "The First Stage in the History of 'O.K.""
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- Articles by Laurence Urdang
 - Manuscripts of "An 'Unabridged' Word-Count of American English: A Proposal for an Integrated System."
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 - o "The Systems Designs and Devices Used to Process *The Random House Dictionary of the English Language*." Multiple copies.
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