

### Access Policy and Use Application for On-Site Researchers

Researchers are welcome to visit the Drs. Nicholas and Dorothy Cummings Center for the History of Psychology (CCHP) Monday through Friday between the hours of 10am-4pm. Appointments are required and must be made at least two weeks in advance by calling 330.972.7285 or by emailing [ahap@uakron.edu](mailto:ahap@uakron.edu).

Researchers are strongly encouraged to visit the CCHP website (<http://www.uakron.edu/chp/archives/>) to learn more about accessing collections. Links to CCHP's online repository which includes full-text, word searchable finding aids and other collection information are also available.

#### **On-site access**

Materials are available for on-site viewing, barring any privacy restrictions and/or condition issues. In accordance with archival standards and best practices, the Cummings Center does not project or play original sound recordings or moving images for researchers. Depending upon condition, CCHP staff will either create a digital access copy or provide access to a tabletop film viewer. Occasionally, the originals are too fragile to handle and the request cannot be filled. Patrons are not provided with copies of digital media and will be required to view and/or listen to the material on a device provided by the CCHP. Personal laptops cannot be used to access CCHP media.

On-site researchers must complete review and complete this paperwork prior to starting any research. Researchers will also be provided with an ***Application to Request Materials*** and an ***Application to Request Digital Access Copies and/or take Digital Photographs***.

Researchers are permitted to photograph paper-based materials at no charge but flash photography is prohibited. Personal scanners are not permitted and the creation of ALL digital access copies must be completed by CCHP staff.

#### **Off-site access**

Materials are available for off-site viewing, barring any copyright or privacy restrictions. The CCHP will provide patrons with a digital copy (PDF) of paper-based material via email or shared online folder. CCHP does not provide paper photocopies unless specifically requested. Patrons are not provided with copies (DVDs or digital files) of digital media under any circumstance. Instead, the CCHP will provide patrons with a link to the requested material. The link will be active for seven days.

Occasionally, the request for materials or research assistance is too large for CCHP staff to manage. In such cases, we suggest you conduct research on-site or hire a third party researcher. For information about the contents of CCHP collections, visit the CCHP website at [www.uakron.edu/chp](http://www.uakron.edu/chp) or contact the CCHP at [ahap@uakron.edu](mailto:ahap@uakron.edu).

#### **Access copies**

The copyright status and condition of the material will determine if an access copy can be made.

## Reading Room Policies

1. Researchers are required to check in with the front desk and sign in and out at the front desk log each day. Researchers are not to walk to the reading room unattended but must wait for a CCHP staff member to meet them each day, regardless of the length of stay.
2. No coats or bags are allowed in the reading room. A CCHP staff member will show patrons where they can safely store their belongings. Items allowed in reading room include: notepads, pencils, laptops, and cameras.
3. Cameras are permitted in the reading room. Flash photography is prohibited. CCHP staff will discuss flash photography and researchers must complete the proper paperwork before photographing materials.
4. Personal scanners are prohibited in the reading room.
5. Researchers can request scans (CCHP does not provide paper photocopies unless specifically requested) and all requested materials will be scanned by CCHP staff following the research visit. Digital access copies will be shared via email or through an online shared folder.
6. Pens, markers, and highlighters are not permitted.
7. Food, drink, and chewing gum are not permitted.
8. Cellular phones must be turned off or set to vibrate. If researchers must take a phone call they should excuse themselves and conduct their conversation in the front lobby.
9. Materials must be handled gently and all media must be handled only while wearing white cotton gloves.
10. Researchers must maintain all items in the exact order and arrangement in which they are stored.
11. While CCHP staff can pull numerous boxes, researchers are permitted to use just one box from a collection at a time.

Details of Intended Use

1. What is the purpose of your research?

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2. Describe the materials with which you are interested in working. Provide as much detail as you can.

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3. How do you plan to use these materials?

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4. Will these materials be reproduced elsewhere? If so, please describe the project in detail and request and complete an **Access Policy and Request for Digital Materials** form.

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5. Do you require high resolution scans, high resolution moving image footage, or high quality sound recordings for your project? If so, please provide required specifications.

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Researchers are not permitted to take digital photographs of still images. Researchers are also prohibited from taking digital photographs or video of moving images while viewing. Instead, please request copies of images, sound recordings, videos, and still frames by completing the **Access Policy and Request for Digital Materials**.

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*[Collection Name, Box No., Folder No.], Archives of the History of American Psychology, The Drs. Nicholas and Dorothy Cummings Center for the History of Psychology, The University of Akron.*

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By signing this application, I accept personally and on behalf of any organization I represent, the conditions set forth herein.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of applicant)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Approved for Use</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Drs. Nicholas and Dorothy Cummings Center for the History of Psychology, The University of Akron</p>
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When signed by an authorized agent of the Drs. Nicholas and Dorothy Cummings Center for the History of Psychology of The University of Akron, this form constitutes permission for use as outlined in this application.

Comments:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of CCHP Representative)

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