

# **Guide to the Jeannette Hopkins Papers, 1922-2011**

## **Biographical Note**

Jeannette Hopkins (VC 1944) was born in Camden, NJ in 1922. She received an M.S. from the Columbia School of Journalism in 1945. After six years in journalism, in 1952 she turned to editing, and was employed successfully by Beacon Press, Harcourt Brace & World, and Harper & Row. In 1973 Miss Hopkins set up an independent service as a consulting editor for a number of publishing houses, including Harper & Row, McGraw-Hill, MacMillan, Random House, and Yale. She was appointed director of the Wesleyan University Press in 1980.

Miss Hopkins was active in the Unitarian church and had a particularly interest in public affairs such as civil liberties and race relations. With Kenneth B. Clark she was the co-author of *A Relevant War Against Poverty*. She died August 4, 2011.

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## **Scope and Content Note**

Papers concern Hopkins' work on behalf of authors as an editor and agent and include correspondence, memoranda, contract summaries, and production records; correspondence often includes extensive discussion of a book's ideas, of changes and alterations, and of public response. Authors include Ben H. Bagdikian, Robert Bendiner, James MacGregor Burns, Marquis W. Childs, Eugene Genovese, Leonard W. Levy, Frank Mankiewicz, Edwin Newman, and Stan Steiner. Scrapbooks include material relating to her editing work as well as her time as a student at Vassar College.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Processing Information**

Original processing date unknown, last updated April 2013.

### **Acquisition Information**

Gift of Jeannette Hopkins and her estate. The material came in several accessions from 1977-2013.

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