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## Collection Summary

**Repository:** Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

**Creator:** Vassar College. Coordinating Council for War Activities

**Title:** Vassar College Coordinating Council for War Activities Records

**Dates:** 1942-1945

**Quantity:** 2.4 cubic feet (5 boxes)

**Abstract:** Correspondence, government pamphlets, reports, posters, memoranda, financial records, brochures, and other items relating to women's involvement in World War II activities including the armed services, Red Cross work, college war councils, and raising bonds.

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## Administrative History

The Vassar College Coordinating Council for War Activities (War Council) was formed in October 1942 to formulate and guide student initiatives in support of the U.S. war effort during World War II. Originating in the earlier Defense Council (established in the fall of 1941), the War Council was established formally through an act of the college's Legislative Assembly. The Council included a faculty advisory panel that helped students develop their academic programs in preparation for war service. The Council oversaw activities in several areas, including refugee relief, enforcing blackouts, and civilian volunteer efforts. The Council also took part in curriculum development, helping to devise courses that taught skills, such as first aid and office management, directly relevant to the war effort. The Council continued its work until the fall of 1943, when it was replaced by the War Service Committee.

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## Access and Use

### Access

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## Restrictions on Use

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## Related Material

### Related Materials

- [Henry Noble MacCracken Papers](#)
- War Service Committee Records

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## Subject Headings

### Organizations:

- American Red Cross
- Vassar College--History

### Subjects:

- War--Women's work
- World War, 1939-1945--War work--Red Cross

### Document Types:

- Correspondence
- Posters
- Printed ephemera

### VCL Categories:

- Vassar College Special Programs and Projects

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## Encoding Information

Encoded by Elizabeth Clarke, April 2007. Updated by Mark Seidl, November 2011, and Emma Gronbeck, January 2024.

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## Administrative Information

## Preferred Citation

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## Processing Information

Original processing date unknown. Additional processing by Mark Seidl, November 2011.

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## Series List

### [Series I. Subject Files, 1942-1943 \(Boxes 1-3\)](#)

The material in this series documents the founding, administration, and activities of the Coordinating War Council. Arranged alphabetically.

### [Series II. Posters, circa 1942-1945 \(Boxes 4-5\)](#)

This series consists of posters addressing a broad range of topics, including support for U.S. allies, military and civilian service, resource conservation, and investment in war bonds.

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- Folder 1.4 Athletic Associations, undated
- Folder 1.5 British War Relief Society, undated
- Folder 1.6 Business Office Administration - First Semester, 1942-1943
- Folder 1.7 Canteen - Second Semester, 1942-1943
- Folder 1.8 Catherine St. Center - Second Semester, 1942-1943
- Folder 1.9 Child Care Aides, 1942-1943

- Folder 1.10 China, undated
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## **Series II. Posters**

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