

**Ohio University  
Archives &  
Special Collections  
MS Collection #118**

**Paul Ricoeur**

**Paul Ricoeur Collection.**  
**1 cu. ft. in one box. 1940-1988.**

**Collection Synopsis**

**PROVENANCE:** The Ohio University Library received the Paul Ricoeur Collection as a gift from Mr. Ricoeur in November 1989. Kenneth D. Woods, II processed the collection in April 1990.

**PROPERTY RIGHTS:** The Ohio University Library owns the property rights to this collection.

**COPYRIGHTS:** Mr. Ricoeur has not dedicated copyrights and/or possible literary rights to the public. Consideration of such rights is the responsibility of the researcher and publisher. Permission to examine this collection includes no right to publish from it without securing the necessary permission in writing from either Prof. Charles E. Reagan (Kansas State University) or Prof. David Stewart (Ohio University) whom Mr. Ricoeur has designated as his agents.

**ACCESS:** Access to this collection is *restricted*. Persons wishing to see the collection should first check with departmental staff.

**PHOTODUPLICATION:** Ohio University Library will entertain requests to photocopy reasonable amounts of material from the collection for the convenience of individual researchers.

**CITATION:** Researchers are requested to cite collection name and number, and Ohio University Library in all footnotes and bibliographical references.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:** Paul Ricoeur was born on 27 February 1913 in Valence, France. Within two years of his birth, he lost both of his parents. Following this, Ricoeur and his sister were raised by an aunt. After receiving his *Licence es Lettres* from the University of Rennes in 1933, Ricoeur taught philosophy in the lycee of Saint-Brieuc. He married Simone Lejas in 1935.

While in the service of his country during World War II, Ricoeur was captured and spent five years in a German POW camp. Following the war, he returned to teaching philosophy this time at the college level. Following World War II and up until 1983, Ricoeur held positions at College Cevanol, Strasbourg, the Sorbonne, the University of Paris in Nanterre, the Louvain in Belgium and the University of Chicago.

Topics of Ricoeur's works have included hermeneutics of religious symbols, the philosophy of psychoanalysis, biblical interpretation, theories of metaphor and the problem of narrative writing. His writing is usually in the form of logical argumentation between opposing positions. From this, Ricoeur attempts to obtain the valid and truthful contributions of each position while not attempting to form a synthesis of these contributions.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** The Paul Ricoeur Collection is in 1 box containing 60 folders of the philosopher's papers. The material covers years ranging from 1940 to 1988. The folders are arranged in no particular chronological or alphabetical order. The contents of this collection are papers discussing various and sundry philosophical topics. Portions of this collection are in languages other than English, and when this occurs it will be cited in the collection inventory. All material in this collection is photocopied from original manuscripts.

**SOURCE:** Source material for the Biographical Sketch and the Scope and Content was provided by Prof. Charles E. Reagan of Kansas State University.

## Collection Inventory

### Folder      Description

#### I. Paul Ricoeur Collection Papers

- 1 "Biblical Time," 22 pages of typescript.
- 2 "The Right and the Good," 27 pages of typescript.
- 3 "The Teleological and Deontological Structures of Action: Aristotle and/or Kant," 2 drafts of typescript; 19 pages and 18 pages. 1 manuscript in French; 5 pages.
- 4 "Beyond Autonomy and Heteronomy," 31 pages of typescript.
- 5 "Ancient Philosophy of Time," 51 pages of manuscript.
- 6 "From Proclamation to Narrative," 22 pages of typescript.
- 7 "The Fragility of Political Language," 16 pages of typescript.
- 8 "Cours sur le Temps (1961-62)," 79 pages of manuscript in French. 5 page article, "Instruction sur L'Ere de la République et sur la Division de L'Année," published in *La Nouvelle Revue Française* in French.
- 9 "Cours sur le Temps (1961-62)," 122 pages of manuscript in French.
- 10 "Cours sur le Temps (1961-62)," 169 pages of manuscript in French.
- 11 "Ipséité/Alternité/Socialité," 29 pages of typewritten material in French published in *Archivio di Filosofia*, LIV, 1986, N. 1-3.
- 12 "The Status of Vorstellung in Hegel's *Philosophy of Religion*," Boston University, 9 April 1980. 29 pages of typescript.

- 13 "Theory of History and Theory of Action," Chapel Hill, 10 October 1980. 34 pages.
- 14 "History and Fiction," Duke University, 16 March 1984. 17 pages of manuscript and typescript.
- 15 "History, Historicity and Narrative I," 11 January 1983. 86 pages of manuscript and typescript. Portions are in French.
- 16 "Historical Time - Part Two," 41 pages of manuscript. 2 pages of typescript from "Historical Time - Part One."
- 17 "Mythical Time," Chicago course, Spring 1983. 24 pages of manuscript.
- 18 "Temps chez Kant," Chicago course, 1981. 16 pages of manuscript.
- 19 "Crisis and the Concept of Modernity," New School for Social Research, New York, 16 April 1986. 30 pages of typescript.
- 20 "Greimas' Narrative Grammar," 23 pages of typescript.
- 21 "The Memory of Suffering," Synagogue Rabbi Edelheit, Chicago, 1986. 7 pages of typescript.
- 22 "Mimesis, Reference, and Refiguration in *Time and Narrative*," Harford College, 15 April 1987. 13 pages of typescript. 2 pages of manuscript. 2 page correspondence to Professors Heyward and Craven from Ricoeur dated 30 December 1987.
- 23 "Poetics and Symbolics," 39 pages of typescript translated by David Pellauer.
- 24 "Crisis and the Concept of Modernity," 61 pages of handwritten and typescript; portions in English and portions in French.
- 25 "Phenomenology and the Social Sciences," 22 pages of typescript.
- 26 "Irrationality and the Plurality of Philosophical Systems," 28 pages of typescript.
- 27 "The Imagination in Discourse and in Action," 32 pages of typescript.
- 28 "Hermeneutics and the History of Religions," Chicago, 1983. 29 pages of typescript and 18 pages of manuscript.
- 29 "The Other," Chicago. Spring Quarter, 1986. 66 pages of manuscript.
- 30 "Practical Reason," Translated by R. Czerny. 38 pages of typescript.

- 31 "Practice and Action," Chicago, Fall 1988. 63 pages of manuscript.
- 32 "Vorstellung/Darstellung," Seminar I. Chicago, Fall 1977. 42 pages of manuscript.
- 33 "Vorstellung/Darstellung," Seminar II. 55 pages of manuscript.
- 34 "On Imagination: From Picture to Fiction," Translated and edited by R. Bradley DeFord. 51 pages of typescript.
- 35 "Edmund Husserl - La Cinquième Méditation Cartésienne," 41 pages of typescript in French.
- 36 "Narrative and Psychoanalysis," 9 pages of typescript in French.
- 37 "Interview avec Paul Ricoeur," 7 October 1986. Interview conducted by Robert Illes. 11 pages of typescript in French.
- 38 "Sur un Autoportrait de Rembrandt," 4 pages of typescript and 3 pages of a published interview both of which are in French.
- 39 "Towards a Poetics of the Will," Rensselaer College. 2-4 June 1972. 47 pages of typescript.
- 40 "Heinz Kohut: The Self in Psychoanalysis and in Phenomenological Philosophy," 27 pages of typescript. Translated by David Pellauer.
- 41 "Imagination in Kant's Three Critiques," Part 1. 61 pages of manuscript.
- 42 "Imagination in Kant's Three Critiques," Part 2. 65 pages of manuscript.
- 43 "Exegesis and Theology in the Passion Narratives," 34 pages of typescript in French.
- 44 "Tolérance, Intolérance, Intolérable," 27 pages of typescript in French.
- 45 "Narrative Identity," 10 pages of handwritten manuscript, in English. 9 pages of manuscript, in French. 16 pages of typescript in French.
- 46 "Speaking and Writing," 31 pages of manuscript.
- 47 "The Implication of Phenomenology for a Political Philosophy," Part I. 38 pages of manuscript.
- 48 "Theories of Metaphor," Chicago. Winter 1977-78. 52 pages of manuscript.

- 49 "Nietzsche: The Use and Abuse of History," 16 pages of manuscript.
- 50 "From Reproductive to Productive Imagination," 5 pages of manuscript.
- 51 "Violence and Nonviolence," 29 pages of typescript, in French. 5 pages of manuscript, in English.
- 52 "Phenomenology and Linguistics," 13 pages of manuscript.
- 53 "The Individual," Colloquim at Royaumont. 22, 23 and 24 October 1985. 33 pages of typescript in French.
- 54 "The Crisis of the Cogito," 18 pages of typescript. 23 pages of typescript, in French.
- 55 "The Implications of Phenomenology for a Political Philosophy," Part 2. 21 pages of manuscript.
- 56 "The Philosophy of Nietzsche," Chicago. Spring 1976. 86 pages of manuscript portions of which are in English and French.
- 57 Notebook of May 17, 1942. 15 pages of manuscript in French.
- 58 "Hermeneutics and the Human Sciences," 22 pages of typescript in French.
- 59 Untitled manuscript. 1940-1945. German POW camp. 93 pages of manuscript in French.
- 60 Outline of Book on the Will. 6 pages of manuscript in French. 4 pages of manuscript and typescript in French and German.

**Ohio University  
Archives & Special Collections  
MSS Collection #118**

**Supplement to the Paul Ricoeur Collection**

2.5 cu.ft. in 3 boxes. 1946-1989.

This listing uses the numerical system from *Paul Ricoeur: A Primary and Secondary Systematic Bibliography* (1935-1984). Louvain-la-Neuve: Editions de l'Institut Supérieur de Philosophie, 1985, by Frans D. Vasina. A copy of this source is available for use in the department.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This supplement to the Paul Ricoeur Collection is contained in 3 boxes (Boxes #2-#4). The material covers the years 1946-1989, and is in French, English and German. Boxes 2 and 3 are arranged chronologically according to the system used by Frans D. Vasina in his bibliography of Ricoeur's works (see note above and Folder 1). This system labels primary books, "I"; major primary texts and articles, "II"; and secondary sources, "III." Also, "A" indicates that the text is in French; "B", in English; and "C", in German. Material from 1984 and after is distinguished by title and publication date. Box 4 contains undated material as well as book reviews spanning the years 1951-1985.

The Supplement consists of photocopies of published texts by Ricoeur, as well as unpublished material such as lectures. In addition there is a substantial amount of secondary sources pertaining to Paul Ricoeur's writing.

## Collection Inventory

Box	Folder	Description
	<b>II.</b>	<b>Paul Ricoeur Collection - Supplement</b>
2	1	Selected portions of bibliography by Frans D. Vansina of works by Paul Ricoeur published between 1936 and 1984.
	2	Other selected bibliographies.
	3	I.A.1.

### Primary Sources - Major Texts in French

5		1947: II.A.8, II.A.9
	6	1948: II.A.10, II.A.13
	7	1949: II.A.16, II.A.17, II.A.18
	8	1951: II.A.27, II.A.28, II.A.2 II.A.38, II.A.41
2	9	1952: II.A.42, II.A.43, II.A.47, II.A.48, II.A.49
	10	1953: II.A.51, II.A.53, II.A.56, II.A.58
	11	1954: II.A.63, II.A.64
	12	1955: II.A.67, II.A.69, II.A.72
	13	1956: II.A.75, II.A.76, II.A.77, II.A.80
	14	1957: II.A.83, II.A.86, II.A.87, II.A.97 (2 copies).
	15	1958: II.A.99, II.A.100, II.A.101
	16	1959: II.A.110, II.A.114, II.A.115, II.A.116
	17	1960: II.A.120, II.A.121, II.A.122, II.A.123, II.A.125, II.A.126, II.A.128, II.A.129
	18	1961: II.A.138, II.A.139
	19	1962: II.A.144
	20	1963: II.A.151, II.A.153, II.A.155, II.A.158
	21	1964: II.A.166, II.A.169
	22	1965: II.A.182, II.A.184, II.A.186
	23	1966: II.A.198, II.A.202



- 24 1967: II.A.215, II.A.216
- 25 1968: II.A.229, II.A.230
- 26 1969: II.A.244, II.A.248
- 27 1970: II.A.256, II.A.257
- 28 1971: II.A.265, II.A.284
- 29 1973: II.A.294 (2 copies).
- 30 1974: II.A.300, II.A.302, II.A.303, II.A.305
- 31 1975: II.A.308, II.A.310, II.A.316, II.A.317
- 32 1977: II.A.333, II.A.335, II.A.336  
"Expliquer et comprendre". Ms. 23 pages.
- 33 1980: II.A.355; "Pharisiens et Chrétiens," in  
*Documents Episcopat* (June 1980).
- 34 1981: II.A.358
- 35 1982: II.A.363
- 36 1983: II.A.368; debate of Paul Ricoeur's "Temps et  
récit," 2 December 1983. 31 pages.
- 37 1984: II.A.374; "Le temps raconte", *Revue de  
Métaphysique et de Morale* (April 1984).
- 2 38 1985: "Figuration et configuration à propos du  
Maupassant de A.J. Greimas" in *Exigences et  
perspectives de la sémiotique*. Edited by H.  
Parret & H.G. Rupnecht (2 copies).  
Amsterdam/Philadelphia, 1985: 801-809. "Le  
récit interprétatif" in *Recherches de Science  
Religieuse* (January-March 1985): 17-38. "Le  
statut de la Vorstellung dans la philosophie  
hégélienne de la religion" in *Qu'est-ce Que  
Dieu?* (Brussels, 1985): 185-206.
- 39 1986 1:Gifford Lectures in French; February - March  
1986  
Introduction
- 40 Etude I: "La 'personne' et la référence  
identifiante."
- 41 Etude II: "L'action et son agent."
- 42 Etude III: "L'énonciation et son sujet."

- 43 Etude IV: "L'imputation morale: Le soi responsable: Le soi dans le langage de l'éthique".
- 44 Etude V: "L'identité narrative."
- 45 Etude VI: "Le cogito se pose."
- 46 1986 Etude VII: "Le cogito brisé'."
- 47 Etude VIII: "Hermeneutique du 'je suis.'"
- 48 Etude IX: "Le soi dans le miroir des écritures."
- 49 Etude X: "Le soi mandate."
- 50 1986 "La psychoanalyse confrontée à l'épistémologie" in *Psychiatrie Française* (Special Issue, 1986): 12-23.  
 "L'initiative" in *Labyrinthe Parcours Ethiques* (Brussels, 1986): 85-102.  
*Le Mal* (Geneva, 1986). 44 pages. "Rhétorique - Poétique - Herméneutique" in *De la Métaphysique à la rhétorique*. Edited by Michel Meyer (Brussels, 1986): 143-155 (2 copies).
- 51 "Contingence et rationalité dans le récit" in *Studien zur neueren franzoesischen phaenomenologie* (Munich, 1986): 11-29 (2 copies).  
 "Les implications de la théorie des actes de langage pour la théorie generale de l'éthique."  
 17 pages.

### Primary Sources - Major Texts in English

- |   |   |       |                        |
|---|---|-------|------------------------|
| 3 | 1 | 1952: | II.B.1, II.B.2         |
|   | 2 | 1954: | II.B.3                 |
|   | 3 | 1955: | II.B.4, II.B.5, II.B.6 |
|   | 4 | 1957: | II.B.7, II.B.9         |
|   | 5 | 1958: | II.B.10                |
|   | 6 | 1961: | II.B.12                |

- 7        1962:    II.B.13
- 8        1964:    II.B.15, II.B.16  
           "Existence and Hermeneutics." Lecture at Yale  
           (2 copies).
- 3        9        1966:    II.B.18, II.B.19  
           Introduction to *Bibliography of Philosophy*  
           (New York, 1966).
- 10       1967:    II.B.22, II.B.25
- 11       1968:    II.B.26
- 12       1969:    II.B.32
- 13       1970:    II.B.38 (2 copies), II.B.39,
- 14       1973:    II.B.40, II.B.41, II.B.42, II.B.43, II.B.44, II.B.45,  
           II.B.46, II.B.47, II.B.48
- 15       1974:    II.B.49, II.B.50, II.B.53
- 16       1975:    II.B.55, II.B.56, II.B.57 (3 copies).
- 17       1976:    II.B.58, II.B.59, II.B.60, II.B.61, II.B.63
- 18       1977:    II.B.67, II.B.70, II.B.72
- 19       1978:    II.B.81, II.B.83 (2 copies),  
           II.B.86
- 20       1979:    II.B.90, II.B.93  
           "Creativity in Religious Language."  
           Unpublished. Ms. 36 pages.
- 21       1980:    II.B.98
- 22       1982:    II.B.107
- 23       1983:    II.B.111
- 24       1984:    "Evil, a Challenge to Philosophy and  
           Theology." *Journal of the American Academy of  
           Religion* 53, no. 3 (1984): 636-648
- 25       1985:    "Irrationality and the Plurality of Philosophical  
           Systems." *Dialectica* 39, no. 4 (1985): 298-319.  
           "Narrated Time." *Philosophy Today* (Winter  
           1985): 259-271.  
           "History as Narrative and Practice." Interview  
           with Paul Ricoeur by Peter Kemp *Philosophy  
           Today* (Fall 1985): 213-222.

- 3      26      1986: "Life: A Story in Search of a Narrator." *Facts and Values*. Edited by M.C. Doeser and J.N. Kraay (Dordrecht, 1986):122-32.
- 27      1987: "The Greatness and Fragility of Political Language." John Findley Green Foundation Lecture at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, 7 May 1987.
- 28      1988: "The Issue of Formalism in Ethics". Course lectures at University of Chicago, Autumn 1988. Lectures 1-6.
- 29      1988: Lectures 7-16.

#### **Primary Sources - Major Texts in German**

- 30                      II.C.4

#### **Primary Sources - Minor Texts in French**

- 31      1957: III.A.26
- 32      1958: III.A.30
- 33      1961: III.A.42
- 34      1968: "La relation d'enseignement." *Esprit* ( May 1968).

#### **Secondary Sources - Articles in French**

- 35      1961: III.A.11
- 36      1964: III.A.19
- 38      1966: III.A.23  
Jean Paul Valabrega, "Comment survivre à Freud?" *Critique* (January 1966). Also: Letters refering to controversy around this article can be found in Folder 57, Box 3.
- 39      1970: Clippings from French newspapers about student unrest at Nanterre.

- 40      1972:    Frans D. Vasina, "La problématique énochale chez P. Ricoeur et l'existentialisme." *Revue Philosophique de Louvain no.70* (1972): 587-619.
- 3      41      1985:    Elizabeth Rodinesco, *Histoire de la psychoanalyse en France, 2: La bataille de cent ans* (1985): 398-405.
- 42                Miscellaneous articles - undated: "Un philosophe de la volonté: Paul Ricoeur". P. Burgelin, "La philosophie de la volonté". *Revue de théologie et de philosophie* 2:150-163. Emilio Renzi, "Paul Ricoeur, una fenomenologia della finitezza e del male." *Il Pensiero* 5.

#### Secondary Sources - Articles in English

- 43      1968:    III.B.8, III.B.9
- 44      1969:    III.B.14
- 45      1970:    III.B.17
- 46      1971:    III.B.18
- 47      1972:    III.B.29
- 49      1974:    III.B.39
- 50      1975:    III.B.40, III.B.42
- 51      1977:    III.B.56, III.B.58, III.B.59, III.B.62, III.B.63, III.B.64
- 52      1978:    III.B.71, III.B.72, III.B.73, III.B.74, III.B.75, III.B.76
- 3      53      1980    Letters referring to the controversy Ricoeur-Valabrega. See Folder 38, Box 3.
- 57      1984:    Charles E. Reagan, "Paul Ricoeur's Time and Narrative." Ms. 48 pages. Revised version of same essay: 30 pages.

