
Finding Aid for the Dr. A. Jean Ayres Archive 0317

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Title: Dr. A. Jean Ayres Archive

Collection number: 0317

Contributing Institution: USC Libraries Special Collections

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 7.0 Linear feet 11 boxes

Date (inclusive): 1943-1999

Abstract: Papers, tests, and artifacts of A. Jean Ayres, groundbreaking occupational therapist. All items donated by friends, family, and coworkers.

Physical location: Stored off-site. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact for paging information.

General Physical Description note: about 6.5 linear feet

creator: Ayres, A. Jean

Access

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Biography

Anna Jean Ayres was born in 1923 in central California. She received her BA in occupational therapy in 1945, her MA in occupational therapy in 1954, and her PhD in educational psychology in 1961. All her degrees were from the University of Southern California. She was married in 1969 to Franklin Baker and died in 1989 due to complications from cancer.

Ayres' major research focused on sensory integration and the brain, and how sensory integration dysfunction affects children's learning abilities. In 1977, the Ayres Clinic was created to treat children with SI dysfunction using techniques from occupational therapy. Ayres published 54 articles, two books, and numerous tests and videos related to sensory integration dysfunction and therapy. She was a frequent lecturer and was a founder of Sensory Integration International, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of sensory integration research.

Scope and Content

The Ayres Archive consists of correspondence, lectures, notes, legal papers, newspaper clippings, newsletters, journal articles, publications, tests, tools, artifacts, photographs, cassette tapes, and video-tapes. The bulk of material is photocopied correspondence and lecture text.

The Archive is organized into six series: Personal Papers, Correspondence, Lectures and Speeches, Research, Publications, and Tests and Artifacts.

Preferred Citation

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Ayres, A. Jean -- Archives

University of Southern California. Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Department.

Correspondence

Learning disabilities--Treatment--Archival resources

Notes

Occupational therapy for children--Archival resources

Occupational therapy--Archival resources

Photographs

Publications
Sensorimotor Integration--Archival resources
Typescripts

Ayres and Baker - Personal Series 1. 1943-1994

Physical Description: 0.5 linear ft.

Scope and Contents note

Personal and legal papers of Ayres and her husband, Franklin Baker, and artifacts.

Box 1, Folder 1

Articles Mentioning Ayres 1994

Scope and Contents note

Two articles mentioning Ayres.

General note

From Nancy Erwin through Brian Erwin.

Box 1, Folder 2

Deaths of Ayres & Baker - Obituaries, Memorial Service, Etc. 1981-1989

Scope and Contents note

Newspaper articles, newsletters, photocopied correspondence, a transcript of the Ayres memorial service, and other materials about the deaths of Ayres and Baker.

General note

From various sources.

Box 1, Folder 3

Degrees 1946-1983

Scope and Contents note

Ayres' resume and photocopies of degrees and awards received.

Box 1, Folder 4

Legal Papers and Poetry 1943-1969

Scope and Contents note

Poetry initialed "AJA," transcript of the Ayres-Baker wedding ceremony, a certified copy of Ayres' birth certificate, and a legal agreement signed by Baker.

Box 6

A. Jean Ayres: The Pioneer Behind Sensory Integration

Scope and Contents note

VHS tape of a brief documentary on Ayres.

Box 6

Memorial Service Recording 1989

Scope and Contents note

Seven cassette tapes of the memorial service for Ayres.

Box 9

Roll Books

Scope and Contents note

Two roll books for classes at USC.

Box 10

"Fair Market Value Appraisal of Ayres Clinic" 1984

Scope and Contents note

Bound appraisal of the Ayres Clinic by Philip J. Garcia.

General note

Donated by Brian Erwin.

Correspondence Series 2. 1961-1989

Physical Description: 2.0 linear ft.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 1, Folder 5

Photographs 1964-1989

Scope and Contents note

Photographs of Ayres from workshops and seminars. Also, photographs from the Ayres memorial service and printed photographs from ZIP disk.

General note

Printed photos from Brian Erwin; memorial service photos from Ora Mae Crane; photos in sleeves from Antje Price. ZIP disk located in Box 6.

Box 1, Folder 6

Correspondence to Nancy Erwin 1986-1987

Scope and Contents note

Two letters from Ayres to her sister, Nancy.

General note

From Nancy Erwin through Brian Erwin.

Box 1, Folder 7

Correspondence Between Donors 1989

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence and memoirs from former students, co-workers, and family members. Also, a promotional poster for the Ayres Archive at USC.

General note

Donated by Shay McAtee, Brian Erwin, and other donors.

Box 1, Folder 8

Correspondence with W.P.S. 1961-1985

Scope and Contents note

Photocopied correspondence from Ayres to the Western Psychological Society, mostly about her publications through WPS.

General note

Donated by the W.P.S.

Box 1, Folder 9

Correspondence to Price, Antje 1956-1988

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence to Price on various topics, including workshops, visits, international interest in sensory integration, and other topics. A more detailed list is at the front of the folder.

General note

Donated by Antje Price.

Box 1, Folder 10

Correspondence - USC 1976-1984

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence to departments of USC about accounting, purchases, students in Ayres' class, and other topics.

Box 1, Folder 11

AOTF: Directions for the Future, July/August 1988 1988

Scope and Contents note

Photocopied correspondence from the American Occupational Therapy Foundation regarding Ayres' involvement in "Directions for the Future" symposia. Also, handwritten notes by Ayres regarding the symposia.

Box 1, Folder 12	AOTF: Library/Archives 1985 Scope and Contents note Letter from the American Occupational Therapist Association thanking Ayres for the donation of her OT-related library.
Box 1, Folder 13	Miscel. Prof. Organizations 1963-1969 Scope and Contents note Photocopied correspondence and brochures from various professional organizations to and from Ayres.
Box 1, Folder 14	Correspondence, 1988 1988 Scope and Contents note Photocopied correspondence to and from Ayres on a variety of topics, including professional activities, long-distance diagnoses, and others.
Box 1, Folder 15	Personal Letters Received 1987 Scope and Contents note Photocopied correspondence about success in treatment and other topics.
Box 1, Folder 16	Correspondence, 1987 1987 Scope and Contents note Photocopied orrespondence regarding professional associations, international studies, and other topics. Also, a copy of a reference guide for review.
Box 1, Folder 17	Correspondence, 1986 1986 Scope and Contents note Photocopied orrespondence regarding professional activities, restaurants near the Ayres Clinic, and other topics. Also, study proposals and other materials.
Box 1, Folder 18	Correspondence, 1985 1985 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 1, Folder 19	Correspondence, 1984 1984 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 1, Folder 20	Correspondence, 1983 1983 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 2, Folder 1	Correspondence, 1982, 1984 1982 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 2, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1981 1981 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 2, Folder 3	Correspondence, 1980 1980 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.

Box 2, Folder 4	Correspondence, 1979 1979 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 2, Folder 5	Correspondence, 1978 1978 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 2, Folder 6	Correspondence, 1977 1977 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 2, Folder 7	Correspondence, 1977-1979 1977-1979 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 2, Folder 8	Correspondence, January - December, 1976 1976 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 2, Folder 9	Correspondence, 1976 - Workshops 1976 Scope and Contents note Photocopied correspondence to and from Ayres regarding workshops, seminars, and lectures.
Box 2, Folder 10	Correspondence - Workshops 1975 Scope and Contents note Photocopied correspondence to and from Ayres regarding possible workshops, seminars, and lectures.
Box 3, Folder 1	Correspondence - General 1975 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 3, Folder 2	Correspondence 1974 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 3, Folder 3	Correspondence - Workshops 1974 Scope and Contents note Photocopied correspondence to and from Ayres regarding possible workshops, seminars, and lectures.
Box 3, Folder 4	Correspondence 1973 Scope and Contents note Photocopied personal and professional correspondence to and from Ayres.
Box 11	Correspondence 1973-1988 Scope and Content Primarily photocopies of correspondence; also includes some typescripts, a memorial to Dr. Ayres, and material from professional organizations.

Lectures and Speeches Series 3. 1964-1985

Physical Description: 1.0 linear ft.

Scope and Contents note

Includes lectures given to USC students, notes for class lectures, speeches given at workshops and conventions, and cassette tapes of Ayres' speeches.

Box 3, Folder 5

Dyspraxia, 1985 & Developmental Dyspraxia - References

Scope and Contents note

Two photocopied lists of references on dyspraxia and developmental dyspraxia.

Box 3, Folder 6

Dyspraxia Lecture Outline 1985

Scope and Contents note

Photocopied lecture outline, with notes.

Box 3, Folder 7

Dyspraxia, 1985 1985

Scope and Contents note

Photocopied handwritten lecture titled "Dyspraxia '85."

Box 3, Folder 8

Lecture to Undergraduates

Scope and Contents note

Handwritten lecture notes for lecture to USC undergraduates.

Box 3, Folder 9

Apraxia Notes: In Lecture, Already Used 1:2

Scope and Contents note

Photocopied handwritten lecture notes.

Box 3, Folder 10

Apraxia Notes: In Lecture, Already Used 2:2

Scope and Contents note

Photocopied handwritten lecture notes.

Box 3, Folder 11

USC - Student Names

Scope and Contents note

Lists of therapists who studied with Ayres at the Ayres Clinic, both through USC and without USC sponsorship.

Box 3, Folder 12

Dyspraxia, 1985

Scope and Contents note

Photocopied lecture outline and lecture notes, and an agreement between Sensory Integration International and Ayres regarding publication of her lecture "Developmental Dyspraxia and Adult-Onset Apraxia.

Box 4, Folder 1

Autism Lecure, December 1978

Scope and Contents note

Photocopied handwritten notes for lecture and lecture text.

Box 4, Folder 2

Dyspraxia, 1981 1981

Scope and Contents note

Photocopies of typed outline and handwritten notes and text for "Aspects of the Somatomotor Adaptive Response and Praxis."

Box 4, Folder 3

Vestibular Notes Written Up

Scope and Contents note

Photocopied handwritten notes.

Box 4, Folder 4-5	Lectures/Speeches Scope and Contents note Photocopied handwritten notes and lecture text. General note Blank pages are interleaved between sections too large for a paperclip.
Box 4, Folder 6	Duplicate Lecture Notes, Miscellaneous 1975-1982 Scope and Contents note Photocopied handwritten notes and lecture text. General note Blank pages are interleaved between sections too large for a paperclip.
Box 4, Folder 7	Vestibular System - Rev. (Old Lecture Notes) 1982 Scope and Contents note Photocopied handwritten notes and lecture text.
Box 4, Folder 8	Measurement Issues in O.T. - USC, 1980 1980 Scope and Contents note Photocopied handwritten lecture text.
Box 4, Folder 9	USC Students 1987 Scope and Contents note Photocopied handwritten lecture text, given to USC Occupational Therapy students.
Box 4, Folder 10	Vestibular Nystagmatic Notes Scope and Contents note Photocopies of typed and handwritten notes.
Box 5, Folder 1	USC Lectures 1980-1983 Scope and Contents note Photocopies of handwritten notes and lecture text. Also, "The Organization of the Brain," from Scientific American.
Box 5, Folder 2	Limbic System Scope and Contents note Photocopy of handwritten lecture outline and text.
Box 5, Folder 3	Laterization - Notes for Lecture Prep 1972 Scope and Contents note Photocopy of handwritten lecture notes.
Box 5, Folder 4	Reading Notes 1977 & Ahead of Here Scope and Contents note Photocopies of handwritten notes. General note Blank pages are interleaved between sections too large for a paperclip.
Box 5, Folder 5	Dyspraxia 1985 Lecture 1985 Scope and Contents note Photocopied typed text and handwritten notes and lecture text.

Box 6	<p>Cassettes</p> <p>Scope and Contents note Cassette tapes of Ayres' speeches and lectures, 16 in total.</p> <p>General note Donated by Inez Lawson.</p>
Box 10	<p>Class Notes by A. Price Course of Perceptual-Motor Dysfunction taught by A. Jean Ayres at USC, Summer 1964</p> <p>Scope and Contents note Notes taken by Antje Price from Ayres' lectures.</p> <p>General note Donated by Antje Price.</p>
Box 11, Folder 1	<p>Sensory Integration 1972, 1978, 1999, undated</p> <p>Scope and Content Flyers, typescripts, correspondence.</p> <p>Research Series 4. 1975-1985</p> <p>Physical Description: 0.5 linear ft.</p> <p>Scope and Contents note Materials created for and during the praxis study with Zoe Mailloux.</p>
Box 5, Folder 6	<p>Apraxia Study, General 1982</p> <p>Scope and Contents note Score sheet variables & description and score sheets.</p>
Box 5, Folder 7	<p>Apraxia Manuscript 1982-1985</p> <p>Scope and Contents note Photocopies of test sheets, notes, correspondence, and test results.</p>
Box 5, Folder 8	<p>Diagnoses and Ethnic Group</p> <p>Scope and Contents note Photocopied handwritten diagnoses and notes.</p>
Box 5, Folder 9	<p>Procedures: Normals, Means, and Standard Deviations, 9/1984 1983-1984</p> <p>Scope and Contents note Photocopied handwritten instructions and notes. Photocopied test sheets and results.</p>
Box 5, Folder 10	<p>Tests, New - Praxis Study</p> <p>Scope and Contents note Photocopies of test results, tests, and notes.</p>
Box 5, Folder 11	<p>SI Dys: Test Score Constellations, Draft 2</p> <p>Scope and Contents note Photocopied typed results, hand-drawn graphs, and results.</p>
Box 5, Folder 12	<p>SI Dys: Test Score Constellations, Draft 1 1985</p> <p>Scope and Contents note Photocopies of handwritten notes and typed final report.</p>

Box 5, Folder 13	SI Dys: Test Score Constellations, Carbons & Yellows Scope and Contents note Photocopies of pages from a typed report and handwritten notes.
Box 5, Folder 14	Dyspraxia Lecture Scope and Contents note Photocopied handwritten lecture text.
Box 5, Folder 15	"Adaptive Behavior as a Therapeutic Process" 1979 Scope and Contents note Photocopy of handwritten text with note to "Erma" at the top.
Box 5, Folder 16	Script for Adaptive Response Tape Scope and Contents note Photocopy of handwritten script.
	Publications Series 5. 1954-2002 Physical Description: 1.0 linear ft. Scope and Contents note Published works of Ayres, including translations of "Sensory Integration and the Child."
Box 10	"A Neurophysiological Approach to Learning Disabilities in Children" Scope and Contents note Brief monograph by Ayres.
Box 10	"Bausteine der kindlichen Entwicklung" 2002 Scope and Contents note German translation of "Sensory Integration and the Child."
Box 10	"Developmental Dyspraxia and Adult-Onset Apraxia" 1985 Scope and Contents note Published lecture for Sensory Integration International. Two copies. General note Donated by Brian Erwin and Antje Price.
Box 10	"Dijete I Sensorna Integracija" 2002 Scope and Contents note Croatian translation of "Sensory Integration and the Child."
Box 10	"Kun Lapsi El Opi Leikkimaan" 1983 Scope and Contents note Finnish translation of "sensory Integration and the Child."
Box 10	"La Integracion Sensorial y El Nino" 1998 Scope and Contents note Spanish translation of "Sensory Integration and the Child."
Box 10	"Love, Jean: Hope for Children With Dysfunctional Sensory Integration" Draft Scope and Contents note Draft copy of "Love, Jean," written after Ayres' death.

Box 10	<p>"Love, Jean: Inspiration for Families Living With Dysfunction of Sensory Integration" 2004</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Published book of correspondence between Ayres and her nephew, Philip Erwin, with commentary by Zoe Mailloux.</p>
Box 10	<p>"Perceptual-Motor Dysfunction in Children" 1964</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Monograph from lecture in Ohio.</p> <p>General note</p> <p>Donated by Antje Price.</p>
Box 10	<p>"Proprioceptive Facilitatoin of the Upper Extemities in Occupational Therapy: A Thesis" 1954</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Bound copy of Ayres' master's thesis, original held in the USC library.</p>
Box 10	<p>"Sanseintegration has born" 1984</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Danish translation of "Sensory Integration and the Child."</p>
Box 10	<p>"Sensory Integration and the Child" 1979</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Ayres' original book about sensory integration.</p> <p>General note</p> <p>Donated by Brian Erwin.</p>
Box 10	<p>"Six Perspectives on Theory for the Practice of Occupational Therapy" 1988</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Inscribed copy of a book that discusses Ayres' theories.</p> <p>General note</p> <p>Donated by Brian Erwin.</p>
Box 10	<p>"The Development of Sensory Integrative Theory and Practice: A Collection of the Works of A. Jean Ayres" 1974</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Compilation of writings by Ayres.</p> <p>General note</p> <p>Donated by Brian Erwin.</p>
Box 10	<p>"The Effect of Sensory Integrative Therapy on Learning Disabled Children" 1976</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Final report of a research project.</p>
Box 10	<p>Ayres Published Articles</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Two folders of printed articles.</p>
Box 10	<p>Black Three-Ring Binder, unlabeled</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Notes, possibly on a draft of an article or report.</p>

Tests and Artifacts Series 6. undated

Physical Description: 1.25 linear ft.

Scope and Contents note

Includes paper tests in notebooks, objects used in testing, and artifacts..

Box 7

Tests, Tools and Artifacts

Scope and Contents note

Two small notebooks, one labeled "Book One," of tests; eight boxes of psychological tests, including one made by Ayres, the "Stick Test," color form blocks, and others.

General note

Donated by Brian Erwin.

Box 8

Tests, Tools, and Artifacts

Scope and Contents note

Two medium size notebooks with tests; set of notecards printed from paintings by Ayres; dissection kit; notecards for tests; spiral-bound tests; Ayres glasses; and wooden shapes for test.

General note

Donated by Brian Erwin.

Box 9

Test, Tools, and Artifacts

Scope and Contents note

Multiple large-sized tests; a black and red yo-yo; six wood-and-wire tools; wooden shapes in a tobacco bag; two blindfolds; a handkerchief; and a leather bag with miscellaneous papers inside.

General note

Donated by Brian Erwin.