# Descriptive Summary

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Gregor Sebba, born in Latvia, entered the advertising business in Austria as Hitler was coming into power. In 1931 he brought together a group of about 35 people (among them Eric Voegelin) who were troubled about the rise of totalitarianism. Civil war broke out and Sebba fled to England when threatened with arrest for his political beliefs. There he opened an art studio and served in the British Army. Early in World War II, Sebba was recruited by the Office of Strategic Services for Europe, where his duties included parachuting behind enemy lines. He came to the United States in 1938 and gained American citizenship. He was one of the founders of Austrian Action, an organization which permitted Austrian émigrés to serve with Americans in the war. Among his works was a study on displaced persons in Georgia.

Gregor Sebba was the first faculty appointment (1959-1973) to the Institute for the Liberal Arts at Emory University. Sebba left Atlanta in 1973 in order to teach for two additional years in Florida. He died in 1985.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of Gregor Sebba from 1927-1983. The papers include Sebba's published and unpublished book-length works, essays, reviews, and articles. Subjects of his writings include René Descartes, creative ability, philosophy, and Georgia agriculture. Also included are works by Alex Bloch and Josef Alexander Binder.

Arrangement Note
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## Container List

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### Writings by Gregor Sebba
Unpublished and abandoned essays: Dr. Faustus, 1961: Corrected typescript
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Material for unpublished book on creativity: Collected notes and lectures

Research material
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Georgia Agriculture Study: Correspondence, collected material, 1950, 1952-1953, 1956
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Sebba's close reading of Apollinaire's "Jolie Rousse" for his ILA seminar on The Work of Art and its interpretation and his analysis of the poem in The Poem Itself: Corrected typescript
Goethe: Correspondence, 1949, 1982-1983
Transition: Economics to humanities: Correspondence, 1953-1954
Malebranche: Correspondence, 1958-1959
Publication of Decartes Bibliography as volume 5 of International Archive of the History of Ideas: Correspondence: Sebba and Paul Dibon, 1959-1962, 1964, [1970's?]
The Poem Itself: Correspondence: Sebba and Stanley Burnshaw, 1959
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Writings of others
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"La Cathedrale de Roen Quelques Secrets" by Alex Bloch: Sections Ha-Hf: Manuscript
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Das Lichte Antlitz by Josef Alexander Binder: Published, 1923

Das Lichte Antlitz by Josef Alexander Binder: Published, 1949

Gedichte by Josef Alexander Binder: Published, undated

Gedichte by Josef Alexander Binder: Published, 1949

Poetry by Josef Alexander Binder: Manuscript, undated

Other materials

Class records: The Linz Staatsgymnasium, 1919-1920

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