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Martin J. Sklar papers, circa 1935-2014

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Title: Martin J. Sklar papers, circa 1935-2014
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1320
Extent: 45.5 linear feet (47 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), and 1 bound volume (BV)
Abstract: Papers of historian Martin J. Sklar including correspondence, writings, subject files, teaching materials, and printed material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note
Martin J. Sklar (1935-2014) was born in Brooklyn, New York. In the 1950s, he attended the University of Wisconsin on a Ford Foundation scholarship where he majored in history; was an active member of the Labor Youth League; a co-founder of the Wisconsin Socialist Club; and was a founding editor of Studies on the Left, a leading theoretical journal of the new left. He also received a master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin and began work on a Ph.D. at the University of Rochester (New York), though he withdrew before completing his dissertation. He was a leader in Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in Rochester, and was also a member of the successor organization, New American Movement.

As a graduate student in 1960, he coined the term "corporate liberalism" to describe his theory of twentieth century American capitalism which heavily influenced leftist activists of the decade. American historians of the era depicted the Progressive Era as a time of conflict between business and government, but Sklar argued that business and government had worked together to create a framework that would balance competing interests and curb the most extreme impulses of both capital and labor.


Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of historian Martin J. Sklar from circa 1935-2014 and includes correspondence, writings, subject files, teaching materials, and printed material. The collection documents Sklar’s socialism; involvement with Students for a Democratic Society; the publications Studies on the Left and In These Times; and his work at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Northern Illinois University, and Bucknell University. Writings include his research and notes, as well as drafts of numerous articles.

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