

# SKLAR, MARTIN J., 1935- Martin J. Sklar papers, circa 1935-2014

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Sklar, Martin J., 1935-
<b>Title:</b>	Martin J. Sklar papers, circa 1935-2014
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection No. 1320
<b>Extent:</b>	45.5 linear feet (47 boxes), 2 oversized papers (OP), and 1 bound volume (BV)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Papers of historian Martin J. Sklar including correspondence, writings, subject files, teaching materials, and printed material.
<b>Language:</b>	Materials entirely in English.

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## Administrative Information

### Restrictions on Access

Special restrictions apply: Box 47 contains brittle and fragile paper. Researchers must contact the Rose Library in advance for access to this material.

Due to the fragile nature of the original copy of the "William A. Galvin Commemorative Journal" (Box 48) researchers are required to use the photocopy in OP2.

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**Citation**

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**Collection Description****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.

Sklar taught at Northern Illinois University from 1969-1976, and then at Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pennsylvania) until his retirement in 2004. His book, *The Corporate Reconstruction of American Capitalism, 1890-1916*, was published in 1988. He was married to restaurant critic Nao Hauser.

**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.

**Arrangement Note**

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	-	Subject files: Early materials 1950s; Madison; Northern Illinois University, Socialism
2	-	Subject files: Early Madison
3	-	Subject files: Students for a Democratic Society; <i>Studies on the Left</i>
4	-	Subject files, 1970s
5	-	Subject files: <i>In These Times</i> ; Socialist Revolution
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21	-	Subject files, 1990s
22	-	Subject files: Bucknell University [1 of 3]
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25	-	Subject files, 2000s
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27	-	Subject files, 2000s
28	-	Subject files and printed material by Sklar
29	-	Writings: "Walter Bagehot and the Emergence of a Corporate Capitalist Consciousness" (1981) and "Hegel and Bourgeoisie Liberty"
30	-	Writings
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- 36 - Writings
- 37 - Writings: Charles Conant and currency reform
- 38 - Subject files and writings: "American Century"
- 39 - Writings: "American Century"
- 40 - Writings: "American Century," election notes
- 41 - Writings: *Letters to Obama* drafts and research
- 42 - Correspondence
- 43 - Teaching materials
- 44 - Teaching materials
- 45 - Subject files
- 46 - "William A. Galvin Commemorative Journal" [RESTRICTED]
- 47 1 Correspondence [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 2 "Thoughts on Socialism and the American Political Tradition" [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 3 Unidentified manuscript and typescript [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 4 "Emergence of Capitalist Liberal Order" manuscript [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 5 Master's essay [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 6 New Freedom and Foreign Trade; Webb-Pomerene Ace and Wilson [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 7 Radical America or Socialist Revolution Rochester 1969 Discussion of Sklar's view of working/middle class [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 8 Scraps and fillers; political thinking 1960s, includes thoughts on *Studies on the Left* [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 9 Fragments; 1960s political notes [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 10 M. Lebowitz; Univeristy of Rochester Students for a Democratic Society and other late 1960s [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 11 Political thought 1960s in Rochers and notes for "Disaccumulation" thinking [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 12 "Capitalism or Democracy;" *Studies on the Left*; Madison Young Socialists; Manheim essay [See staff for aaccess to this folder]
- OP1 - "Capitalism or Democracy;" *Studies on the Left*; Madison Young Socialists; Manheim essay oversized material [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 13 Notes from *Studies on the Left* [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 14 Webb-Pomerene Congressional debate; History 270 papers on Webb-Pomerene Act, 1918 [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 15 1970s notes for "Socialist Revolution" edit and notes on Nixon [See staff for access to this folder]
- 47 16 C.S. Pierce; Political Theory and Stragey and used molds; 1960s political writing [See staff for access to this folder]

- 47 17      Quadrangle; Publication of Wilson book [See staff for access to this folder]
  - 47 18      Master's thesis with numerous responses from William A. Williams; Thesis first  
            draft [See staff for access to this folder]
  - 47 19      "What is known as a thesis" [1 of 2] [See staff for access to this folder]
  - 47 20      "What is known as a thesis" [2 of 2] [See staff for access to this folder]
  - 47 21      First drafts of thesis chapters [See staff for access to this folder]
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  - 47 23-24    Government financial accounts [See staff for access to this folder]
  - OP2 -      "William A. Galvin Commemorative Journal" [photocopy]
  - BV1 -      Geography notebook
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