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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of materials documenting the professional activities of David H. DeVorkin, Curator in the Space History Division of the National Air and Space Museum, 1981- . DeVorkin specializes in the origins and development of modern astrophysics and the space sciences. Activities documented primarily include lectures, presentations, and other speaking engagements as well as the preparation of two books, "Race to the Stratosphere: Manned Scientific Ballooning in the Stratosphere," published in 1989, and "Science with a Vengeance: How the Military Created the US Space Sciences after World War II," published in 1992. Materials include correspondence, permissions, book reviews, clippings, notes, agreements, presentations, lecture texts, meeting materials, planning documents, and related materials. Some materials are in electronic format.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

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Manuscripts

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DeVorkin, David H., 1944-
National Air and Space Museum (U.S.). Space History Division

Preferred Titles:

Race to the stratosphere: manned scientific ballooning in the stratosphere (Monograph : 1989)
Science with a vengeance: how the military created the US space sciences after World War II (Monograph : 1992)

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 2 American Astronomical Society (AAS) Reimbursements for Centennial Book, 1997-1998
- Box 1 of 2 "Race to the Stratosphere" - Editorial Correspondence, 1988
- Box 1 of 2 "Race to the Stratosphere" - Springer Author's Questionnaire (Promotion), 1987-1988
- Box 1 of 2 "Race to the Stratosphere" - Springer, 1988-1990
- Box 1 of 2 "Race to the Stratosphere" - Science Magazine Review, 1989
- Box 1 of 2 "Race to the Stratosphere" - Advertisements, News Releases, and Reviews, 1990-1992
- Box 1 of 2 "Race to the Stratosphere" - Letters of Congratulations, 1990
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Office of Strategic Services Contacts, 1989-1990
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Responses to Office of Strategic Services Book, 1990
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Springer, 1993
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Springer (Promotion), 1992
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Springer (Production), 1992
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Springer (Final Steps), 1991
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Rocket Book Permissions, 1991-1992
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Washington, D.C. Trip, October 1991
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Charles Johnson, 1991
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - William A. Rense, 1991
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - James A. Van Allen, 1991
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - William Buchanan, Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory, 1988-1991
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Francis S. Johnson Photographs, 1991
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Softcover Printing, 1993

- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" - Front Matter and Index Pages, 1992
- Box 1 of 2 "Science with a Vengeance" and "Race to the Stratosphere" - Rocket Book Reviews, Promotion, and Publicity, 1991-1994
- Box 1 of 2 Various Publications - Requests for Reprints, 1992-1994
- Box 1 of 2 International Speakers Bureau, 2006
- Box 1 of 2 Mutual Concerns of Air and Space Museums, American Association of Museums, 2003
- Box 1 of 2 Amateur Astronomers, Smithsonian Associates, 2003
- Box 1 of 2 London, Leicestershire, and Ireland Trip, 2002
- Box 1 of 2 History of Science Society - Current Bibliography Initiative, 2005
- Box 1 of 2 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting - "The Significance of the Hubble Space Telescope: Space Science Past, Present, and Future," 2005
- Box 1 of 2 History of Science Society (HSS), Isis Advisory Editorial Board, Minneapolis, 2005
- Box 1 of 2 Mutual Concerns of Air and Space Museums Seminar, Seattle, 2005
- Box 1 of 2 Notre Dame VI, 2003 (includes electronic records)
- Box 1 of 2 Notre Dame VII, 2005
- Box 1 of 2 Fermilab Colloquium, April 2005
- Box 1 of 2 Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2005 - "Beyond the Obvious: Finding Social History in Institutional Records"
- Box 1 of 2 Smithsonian Institution Libraries Exhibition - "Chasing Venus: Observing the Transits of Venus, 1631-2004," 2004-2005
- Box 1 of 2 AAS Meeting, Seattle, 2007
- Box 1 of 2 Heliophysics, April 2007
- Box 1 of 2 National Capital Astronomers Talk - "How Astronomers Reacted to Sputnik," 2007
- Box 1 of 2 International Polar Year Talk - "Preserving the Origins of the Space Age: The Material Legacy of the IGY [International Geophysical Year] at the National Air and Space Museum," May 2007
- Box 1 of 2 Smithsonian Associates, "Astronomy: A Look at Time and Navigation," 2007

Box 1 of 2 Notre Dame VIII, 2007

Box 1 of 2 Austin Talk, 2008

Box 2

Box 2 of 2 Colby Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2008

Box 2 of 2 Wesleyan Symposium, 2008

Box 2 of 2 "History That Matters - The Life and Heritage of Science: A Symposium in Celebration of Spencer Weart, the Center for History and Physics, and Niels Bohr Library and Archives," American Institute of Physics, 2008

Box 2 of 2 "400 Years of Astronomical Telescopes: A Review of History, Science, and Technology," European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC), Noordwijk, The Netherlands, 2008

Box 2 of 2 "NASA's [National Aeronautics and Space Administration] First 50 Years: A Historical Perspective" - "Space Science and Disciplinary Change," October 2008

Box 2 of 2 Colby - "Space, Policy, and Society" White Paper, November 2008

Box 2 of 2 AAS Meeting, Long Beach, 2009

Box 2 of 2 Virginia Festival of the Book, 2009

Box 2 of 2 Mutual Concerns 2009 - Civic Engagement and Interpreting War

Box 2 of 2 AAAS Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2009 - "How Telescopes Made the Earth a Planet: 400 Years After Galileo"

Box 2 of 2 "Death and Transformation," October 2008

Box 2 of 2 Notre Dame IX, 2009

Box 2 of 2 Raleigh Astronomy Club - "The Discovery of Pluto: Accident or Prediction - Henry Norris Russell and the Early Controversy," 2009

Box 2 of 2 International Astronomical Union, "Back to the Future," August 2009

Box 2 of 2 Northern Virginia Astronomy Club, Spruce Knob, September 2009

Box 2 of 2 Doggett Lecture, Austin, January 2009

Box 2 of 2 AAS Meeting Reception, Washington, D.C., 2010

Box 2 of 2 AAS Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2010 - Spectroscopy Session

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| Box 2 of 2 | New York University, "History of the Telescope: Exploring the Science Between Science and Culture," April 2010 |
| Box 2 of 2 | Antique Telescope Society Meeting, Charlottesville, 2010 |
| Box 2 of 2 | Celebrity Cruise, Chile, December 2010 |