

DePaul University Archives: Andrew T. Kopan Papers

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Date Range: 1940 to 2006

Quantity: 50 feet, 11 inches (14 full size archival boxes, 37 Record Center Cartons)

Biographical Note

Andrew T. Kopan was born in 1924 in Chicago, Illinois to parents Katherine and Tom Kopan (in Greek, Kopanitsanos). He was educated at Oglesby Elementary School and Calumet High School. During World War II, Andrew Kopan served with the Coast Guard in the South Pacific. After the war, he attended DePaul University and received his Bachelors degree in History in 1949. Kopan then went on to Northwestern University to obtain his Masters degree in History. In 1953, Kopan traveled to Greece to study as a Fulbright Scholar. After he returned, he began serving as the principal of the Koraes Parochial School at the Sts. Constantine and Helen Parish. In 1962, Kopan married Alice Orphanos. In 1964, he left Koraes and began teaching at DePaul University while attending the University of Chicago's doctoral program. He received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education in 1974 with his dissertation "Education and Greek Immigrants in Chicago, 1892-1973: A Study in Ethnic Chicago."

Kopan was a respected teacher at DePaul. He was a prolific author and wrote numerous articles and books, including an article in *Ethnic Chicago* and books entitled *Rethinking Urban Education* and *Rethinking Educational Equality*. When he retired from the University in 1994, he received the Via Sapientiae Award, which is the University's highest honor.

Throughout his life, Dr. Kopan was very dedicated to the Greek Orthodox Church. He was one of the founders of the Greek Orthodox Youth of America (GOYA) during the 1940's, and he remained dedicated to the Church and its causes. He was also very active and influential in the Greek-American community of Chicago, and to an extent, the Greek-American community of the United States. He helped plan a national symposium on the Greek Experience that was held in Chicago in celebration of the American bicentennial, and he hosted Greek Heritage Week at DePaul University each year from 1980-1988. He served as the Director of Ethnic Liaison for the United Hellenic American Congress (UHAC), and wrote numerous articles dealing with Greek-American issues.

Dr. Kopan passed away on July 1st, 2006 at the age of 82.

Description

The Andrew T. Kopan collection contains his personal papers, correspondence, and research files. This collection is separated into two series. Series One begins with **biographical information** about Andrew Kopan. This includes the Kopan family history as well as newspaper clippings about Kopan spanning the dates 1950-1998. Dr. Kopan's documentation for promotion written in 1977 for his tenure application includes information on his teaching, publications, activities, recognition, and community involvement. A researcher can trace Andrew Kopan's **educational career** from his time as an elementary student at Oglesby School to the completion of his doctoral dissertation from the University of Chicago. Kopan's **teaching files** include evaluations of his classes. Andrew Kopan was a prolific author, and his writings are filed under the following subseries: **scholarly papers and articles, speeches and presentations, drafts and periodical articles**. The scholarly papers are further divided into three subsections by topic:

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Education, Greek-American Culture, and the Greek Orthodox Church. Kopan also collected papers regarding other influential Greek-Americans, including William Russis and Danny Boy Terzakis. Kopan's files about the **Greek-American Community** also include Steve Frangos' pamphlets and articles describing other Greek-American archival collections.

Finally, Series One contains Andrew Kopan's correspondence, including personal letters and letters regarding events, organizations, and issues that he was involved with. Andrew Kopan's **personal correspondence** is arranged alphabetically by the correspondent's surname and if a sufficient number of letters a separate file was created for the individual correspondent. Of particular interest is Kopan's communication with Iakovos, the Archbishop of America. The rest of his correspondence is arranged alphabetically according to the **event, organization or topic** to which the letters pertain. The correspondences with the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, Orthodox Christian Laity and the television show Taxi show his dedication to defending Greek-American causes.

Series Two contains papers that Kopan collected because of his involvement with the organization or institution he served or because the materials related to his research interests. The types of materials Kopan collected include mailings from organizations, brochures and flyers, meeting minutes, conference publications and ephemera, articles and newspaper clippings, and parish bulletins and church service programs. The researcher will notice that some of the same events, organizations, and topics are listed in both Series One correspondence and in Series Two. A few examples are Cyprus, DePaul University, the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center, Phi Delta Kappa, Saints Constantine and Helen Parish, and S.O.S. Children's Village.

Series Two is organized into four main subseries: **Greek-Orthodox Church, Organizations, Research Files**, and **Subject Files** such as Cyprus and International Greek politics. Of particular interest are the papers dealing with the Orthodox Reform Movement in America and especially the Orthodox Christian Laity (OCL) movement (boxes 40 and 41). Also important to Kopan were the materials relating to the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America and Saints Constantine and Helen Parish, which are all located within the Greek-Orthodox Church subseries.

One of the most important issues to Kopan was that of Cyprus and the rights of the Greek Cypriots. He was also very concerned with the rights of Greeks living in Turkey, as well as the rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which is located in Turkey. According to the CIA World Factbook, Cyprus gained independence from the British in 1960, but there remained many tensions between the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots. In 1974, the Greek Government sponsored an attempt to seize control of Cyprus. This was met with military intervention from Turkey, which then seized control of a third of the country. In 1983, the controlled area was declared by the Turkish Cypriots to be the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, but was recognized only by Turkey. The rest of Cyprus is known as the Republic of Cyprus, and is controlled by the Greek Cypriots. Within Series One, the researcher will find correspondence dealing with the American government's response to Cyprus and the harassments of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the response of the Consulate General of Turkey to Kopan's writings, the Freedom House scandal, correspondence with Representative Henry Hyde, miscellaneous letters, and letters from multiple persons gathered in a file labeled "Protests on the Harassment of

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the Ecumenical Patriarchate.” Within Series Two, the researcher will find newspaper clippings, booklets, bulletins, press releases, reports, forum information, conference information, and testimonies. Also included are writings regarding Cyprus by Andrew Kopan. These are located towards the front of box 45. There is a booklet entitled “The Cyprus Question” as well as two reports he compiled entitled “Testimony of the Harassment of Christians and the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey” and “Testimony on Human Rights Violations by Turkey.”

Provenance

These materials were donated to the DePaul University Special Collections Department by Andrew Kopan between 1994 and 2006.

Processing Notes

The collection was initially received in a highly disorganized physical state and required multiple stages of sorting. The preliminary sorting was done by many Specials Collections staff members and volunteers from 1994 to 2002. Newspapers and publications identified during this sorting process were donated to the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center. In 2003, Lisa Jansen worked on the personal correspondence and the AHEPA and UHAC materials. During the summer of 2006, Keith Helt processed the biographical information and Kopan’s writings. From October 2006 to April 2007, Elizabeth Boden completed the personal correspondence and processed the events, organizations, and topics correspondence, finalized the arrangement of series two, and wrote the finding aid.

Related Collections

Greek Orthodox Youth of America (GOYA)
Orthodox Christian Laity (OCL)

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Box	Folder Title	Date
Container List		
SERIES ONE		
1	BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	
	Funeral Items	2006
	Photographs	ND
	Kopan Family History	ND
	Kopan Family Obituaries	1967-2000
	Vitae	Various Dates
	Documentation for Promotion:	
	Introduction/Teaching/Publications	1977
	Documentation for Promotion: Activities	1977
	Documentation for Promotion: Recognition/Community	1977
	Retirement	1994
	Memorabilia	1954-2005
	Flyers	ND
	Newspaper Clippings (7 folders)	1950-1975
2	Newspaper Clippings (22 folders)	1976-1998, ND
	EDUCATIONAL CAREER	
	Oglesby Elementary School	prior to 1940
	Calumet High School	1940-1943
	School Papers	ND
	DePaul University	1946-1949
3	Northwestern University	1949-1950
	University of Chicago	
	Correspondence	1964-1974
	Staff Associateship	1962-1964
	Course Information	1955-1970
	Assignments	1963-1969
	Assignments	1967
	Job Placement	1963-1973
	PhD Preliminary Exams	1964-1967
	Dissertation Information	1967
	Dissertation Correspondence	1973-1990
	Dissertation Proposal Drafts	ND
	Dissertation Proposal 4/26/67	1967
	Dissertation Proposal 7/15/67	1967
	Dissertation Research Material	1967-1968
4	PhD Dissertation Original Manuscript Chs. 1-2	1974
	PhD Dissertation Original Manuscript Ch. 3	1974
	PhD Dissertation Original Manuscript Chs. 4+	1974
	PhD Dissertation Finished Manuscript Chs. 1-2	1974
	PhD Dissertation Finished Manuscript Chs. 3-4	1974
	PhD Dissertation Finished Manuscript Chs. 5+	1974

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4	TEACHING FILES	
	DePaul Faculty Evaluation Profiles	1989-1992
	Evaluations by students	1971-1994
	Rosary College	1975
	Course Material for Education 207	1967-1970
5	SCHOLARLY PAPERS AND ARTICLES	
	Education	
	Melting Pot: Myth or Reality	1970
	Urban Education Today Manuscript 1	[1972]
	Urban Education Today Manuscript 2	[1972]
	Urban Education Today Manuscript 3	[1972]
	Rethinking Educational Equality Ch. 2 Drafts	[1973]
	Rethinking Educational Equality Ch. 7 Drafts	[1973]
	Rethinking Educational Equality Drafts	[1973]
	Rethinking Educational Equality Drafts	[1973]
	Ethnicity and Education: In Search of a Viable Perspective	1975
	Bilingual Education: Enrichment for All	1981
	St. Photius as an Ecumenical Educator	[1984]
6	Religion in the Public School Curriculum	1987
	The Historical Development of the Greek Community in Chicago: The Case for Education	1987
	The Betrayal of Hellenism	1993
	Education	[1966-1995]
	Greek Culture	
	The Greek Ethnic Press in America	[1972]
	The Roll and Dynamics of Ethnic Groups in America: The Case of the Greeks in Chicago	1982
	Yasoo! A Toast to Good Health: A Gastronomic Revival in Chicago's Old Greektown	[1983]
	Chicago: The Heartland of Orthodoxy	ND
	Greek Culture	ND
	Greek Orthodox Church	
	The Ecumenical Patriarchate at the Phanar in Constantinople	1991
	The Ecumenical Patriarchs of Constantinople	ND
	Greek Orthodox Church	1954-1977, ND
	SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS	
	Speeches and Presentation	1959-1998
7	DRAFTS	
	Biographies	ND
	Book Reviews	1974-2003
	Editorials	1962-1975
	Editorials	1982-1997

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7	DRAFTS (CONT.)		
	Editorials	ND	
	Greek Culture	[1971-1997]	
	Greek Orthodox Church	[1984-1997]	
	Miscellaneous	1960-1996, ND	
	Obituaries	1972-1999	
	Pictures and Captions	1982-1996, ND	
	Press Releases	1971-1999, ND	
	PERIODICAL ARTICLES		
	Book Reviews	1963-2003	
	Editorials	1960-1968	
	Editorials	1971-1989	
	Editorials	1990-2002, ND	
	Greek Culture	1971-1999	
	Greek Orthodox Church	1957-1985	
	8	Greek Orthodox Church	1990-1999, ND
		Letters to the Editor	1964-1997
		Obituaries	1971-2003
		GREEK COMMUNITY	
		William J. Russis Memorial	1986
Modern Greek Studies Associations: Obituary of William J. Russis		1986	
William J. Russis Papers (1 of 2)		1921-1924	
William J. Russis Papers (2 of 2)		ND	
Danny Boy Terzakis		1952-1993	
Contract Summary- Collections Deposited by Steve Frangos Guide to the Theodore Saloutos Collections		[1988]	
Guide to the Greek Pamphlet Collection at the Firestone Library, Princeton University by Alexandros Kyrou		1997	
The Greek American Experience- A Research Guide by Steve Frangos and Dan Georgakas		1997	
9		CORRESPONDENCE: Personal	
		"A"	1959-1990
		Athens, Andrew A.	1975-1986
	"B"	1970-1998	
	Beres, George	1975-1997	
	"C"	1958-1990	
	Counelis, James Steve	1975-1988	
	"D"	1976-1988	
	"E"	1976-1989	
	"F"	1946-1998	
	"G"	1975-1996	
	"H"	1972-1992	
	"I, J"	1971-1995	
	Iakovos, Archbishop	1973-1996	

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9	CORRESPONDENCE: Personal (cont.)	
	Iakovos, Bishop	1981-1997
	Jones, Laura (1 of 2)	1995-1999
10	Jones, Laura (2 of 2)	1995-1999
	“K”	1956-1996
	“L”	1946-1999
	“M”	1946-1999
	Mamalakis, Nick	1989-1997
	“N, O, P, Q”	1947-1996
	“R”	1956-1993
	Russis, William	1925-1987
	“S”	1963-1994
	11	“T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z”
CORRESPONDENCE: Events, Organizations, Topics		
ABC Nightline		1985
AHEPA		1977-1990
American Educational Studies Association		1972-1988
American Museum of Immigration		1972
Anthimos Scandal		1987-1988
Antiochian Evangelical Orthodox Mission		1990-1993
Book: Ethnic Chicago		1980-1990
Book: The Ethnic Frontier		1979-1981
Book: Greeks of Chicago		1982-1888
Book: Rethinking Educational Equality		[1973-1974]
Book: Rethinking Urban Education		1971-1973
Chicago Daily News		1964-1972
Chicago Historical Society		1975-1995
Chicago School Board		1981-1982
Chicago Sun-Times		1975-1988
Chicago Tribune		1974-1999
Commemoration Committee for Armenian Genocide		1985-1986
Conference on Moral Education		1976
Consulate General of Greece		1981-1982
Council for Democracy in Greece		1967
Council for a Parliament of the World’s Religions	1990	
12	Cyprus and the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Government Response	1974-1986
	Cyprus and the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Miscellaneous Letters	1975-1987
	Cyprus and the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Consulate General of Turkey	1978
	Cyprus and the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Freedom House	1982
	Cyprus and the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Henry Hyde	1975-1982
	Cyprus and the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Protests on the Harassment of the Ecumenical Patriarchate	1978
	Cyprus: University of Virginia Artifacts	1982

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12	CORRESPONDENCE: Events, Organizations, Topics (cont.)	
	DePaul University: General	1972-1996
	DePaul University: Inter-office Memos	1975-1983
	DePaul University: Archbishop Iakovos for Honorary Degree	1978-1984
	Dukakis Campaign	1988
	Ethnicity Journal	1977-1978
	European Study-Tour	1979-1991
	Garland Publishing	1989-1991
13	Government: Nomination, Advisor to the President on Ethnic Affairs	1977
	Greek Accent	1982-1985
	Greek-American Community Services	1986-1989
	Greek Heritage Weeks	1980-1988
	Greek Orthodox Theological Review	1980-1985
	Greek Press	1980-1990
	Greek Star	1980-1994
	Hellenic Chronicle	1975-1994
	Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology	1977-1996
	Hellenic Council on Education	1973-1990
	Hellenic Journal	1980-1998
	Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center	1975-1998
	Hellenic Times	1978-1986
	Heritage News Service	1980-1982
	Heritage Street, USA	1976-1977
	History City Reception	1977
	Illinois Consultation on Ethnicity in Education	1979
	Illinois Ethnic Consultation	1986
	Illinois Human Rights Commission	1985
	Illinois Office of Education	1975-1982
	Jewish Greek Relations	1975-1988
	Jossey-Bass Publishing Co.	1972-1982
	Krikos	1976-1978
	Lerner Newspapers	1978-1985
	Letters in Greek	1960-199
	Letters of Recommendation	1975-1993
	Lowell Symposium	1977
NAACP- Southside Women's Auxiliary	1983	
National Council of Teachers of English	1978	
National Ethnic Studies Assembly	1975-1979	
14	National Symposium of "The Greek Experience in America	1975-1980
	Northern Illinois University Survey	ND
	OLOGOS	1979
	Olympics	1984-1986
	Order of St. Andrew the Apostle (Archons)	1977-1988
	Orthodox Christian Laity	1988-1999

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14	CORRESPONDENCE: Events, Organizations, Topics (cont.)	
	Orthodox Observer	1979-1990
	Patriarch of Jerusalem: Visit to Chicago	1982
	Phi Delta Kappa	1975-1990
	Proini	1982-1983
	Public Relations Office of the Archdiocese	1983-1992
	Reader's Digest	1976
	Restore Ellis Island Committee	1975-1983
	Saloutos Fund	1983-1988
	Socratic Award for Excellence in Education: Angie Caruso	1980-1981
	S.O.S. Children's Village	1990-1993
	St. Spyridon Church	1981
	Sts. Constantine and Helen Consecration Album	1979-1985
	Students	1975-1993
	Taxi- NBC Television Program	1982-1983
	Time Magazine	1978-1993
	Title IX- Ethnic Heritage Studies Project	1974-1981
	White House Conference on the Family	1977

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Box

SERIES TWO

GREEK-ORTHODOX CHURCH

15 Events

Patriarchal Visit to the United States

General

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America

16 Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America cont.

17 Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America cont.
Greek-Orthodox Dioceses
Greek-Orthodox Diocese of Chicago

18 Greek-Orthodox Parishes

Assumption Parish

Saints Constantine and Helen Parish

19-20 Saints Constantine and Helen Parish cont. (2 boxes)

21 Other Parish Material

22 Greek-Orthodox Schools

Hellenic College and School of Theology

Koreas School

Plato School

St. Vladimir's Seminary

23 Meetings

Clergy-Laity Congress

24 Orthodox Church Organizations

St. Augustine- St. Photios Shrine

CEOYLA

National Council of the Churches of Christ

Order of St. Andrew the Apostle

Patriarch Athenagoras Institute

SYNDESMOS

25 Orthodox Renewal Movement

Logos Magazine

OLOGOS

26-27 Reform Movement in America

GOAL

OCL

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ORGANIZATIONS

28 Educational

Chicago School Board

29 DePaul University

30 DePaul University cont.
Hellenic Council on Education
Illinois Consultation on Ethnicity in Education

31-33 Phi Delta Kappa (3 boxes)

34 Greek Cultural

AHEPA
American Hellenic Congress
American Hellenic Institute

35 American Hellenic Institute cont.
Bicentennial Convention
Greek-American Community Services
Greek Heritage Society of Southern California
Hellenic Canadian Congress
Hellenic Foundation
Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center

36 Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center cont.
Hellenic Professional Society of Illinois

37 Justice for Cyprus Committee
Modern Greek Studies Association
SOS Children's Village

38 SOS Children's Village cont.
Speros Basil Vyronis Center
UHAC: General

39 UHAC: Correspondence, Events

40 UHAC: Correspondence of Andrew Athens

41 Miscellaneous

Balch Institute
Immigration History Research Center
Institute on Pluralism and Group Identity
Oak Park/River Forest Communities
Parliament of the World's Religions

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Box

RESEARCH FILES

- 42-43** Andrew T. Kopan research files (2 boxes)
- 44** James Counelis and Nicholas Royce research files

SUBJECT FILES

- 45** Cyprus, Booklets
- 46-48** Cyprus, General Information (3 boxes)
- 48** Greek-American Issues
Greek-American Politics
- 49** Greek Culture
Greek-Jewish Relations
- 50** Greek-Jewish Relations cont.
International Greek Politics
- 51** International Greek Politics cont.
Women's Issues