Arnold Schaefer Papers

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## Abstract

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## Preferred Citation

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Historical or Biographical Note

Arnold Shaefer (1917-1992) was a nutrition scientist noted for his contributions to the study of folic acid. As an undergraduate at North Dakota State he studied selenium toxicity under Moxon, co-authoring 3 papers in 1938. Then he received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1947. From 1947-1951, Shaefer made important contributions to the understanding of the role of folic acid and vitamin B-12. He was the Head of the Nutrition Research Department at the Squibb Institute for Medical Research (1951-1955); Executive Director of the ICNND (1955-1965); Head of the Nutrition Section of the Office of International Research at the NIH (1965-1967); Director of the Ten State Nutrition Survey (1969); nutrition consultant for the Pan American Health Organization (1970-1973); Lydia Roberts Lectureship at the University of Puerto Rico (1970); and Director of the Swanson Center for Nutrition Professor of Clinical Nutrition and Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (1973-1983). He also served as Secretary (1960) and President (1966) of the American Institute of Nutrition; President of FASEB (1968); Fellow at the Institute of Nutrition (1985); and Fellow at the American Public Health Association. He received the Conrad A. Elvehjem Award from the AIN in 1976.

Collection Description

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Administrative Information

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Subject Headings

Personal Name(s)
Schaefer, Arnold Edward, 1917-1992

Subject(s)
Biochemistry
Dietetics--history
Nutrition
Nutrition Surveys
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United States. Interdepartmental Committee on Nutrition for National Defense
# Collection Inventory

## Series 01: Films

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- "Nutrition" Owned by Letterman Army Institute of Research San Francisco. 16 1/2 minutes. Black and White. - "Nutrition, Pakistan" - "Interview with Dr. Arnold Schaefer and Dr. F. Berry" 1/21/59. - "Interview with Dr. M.K. Rahman Siddiqui--Pakistan--5th International Congress on Nutrition.


**ICNND Survey Vietnam Chile Nutrition Survey (release 3, 1962) Unlabeled**

Uruguay Nutrition Survey Film A State Nutrition Survey Thailand Nutrition Survey Vietnam - French (Research Films Section, Walter Reed Army, Washington, D.C.) Unlabeled

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- Jordon Pediatric Slides--2/2/65 - Miscellaneous Slides - Miscellaneous Slides from WWII

- Basic Quantity Food Tables To Be Used In Determining The Daily Issue Of Food To The Kitchen...Dept of Public Charities. 1917. - Iodine And The Incidence Of Goiter. McClendon. 1939.

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