



# **Guide to the William A. Kunberger Holocaust denial papers, 1992, 2005-2008**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

William A. Kunberger Holocaust denial papers, 1992, 2005-2008

**Creator:**

Kunberger, William A., Jr., 1943-

**Abstract:**

William A. Kunberger, Jr. (1943- ) was a resident of Philadelphia at the time of the creation of these materials. Collection comprises a set of mailed postcards, correspondence, and photocopies of sources denying the Jewish Holocaust in Europe. Materials include letters to the recipients, photocopies of articles and books, and photocopies of primary evidence from post-war trials, statements, interviews, and aerial reconnaissance photographs used to support the denial of the Holocaust, in particular, the gassing of victims in European death camps. About half of the resource photocopies are in German. Also includes 39 typed postcards mailed by Kunberger to academics and other individuals from 2006-2008. Each postcard contains a segment of text; when put together, the cards form a lengthy statement, with citations and other texts, denying the Holocaust. Also included is one audiocassette recording entitled "11th Int'l Revisionist Conference Battle for Truth on the American Campus: A Jewish Revisionist's Perspective, Oct 92."

**Extent:**

0.25 Linear Feet (1 box)

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English .

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## **Background**

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### **Scope and Content**

Collection comprises a set of postcards, correspondence, and photocopies of sources, denying the Jewish Holocaust in Europe and offering various types of evidence for that belief. These materials were created and sent by William Kunberger to academics, writers, and others. Materials include typed letters to these individuals, and packets that include photocopies of Holocaust-related articles and books, and photocopies of primary evidence from post-war trials, statements, interviews, and aerial reconnaissance photographs. About half of the resource materials are in German.

The collection also includes 39 typed postcards written by Kunberger and sent to academics and other individuals from 2006 to 2008. When put together in their chronological mailing order, the cards form a lengthy statement whose main argument is that buildings purported to be gas chambers for Jewish and other prisoners were actually air-raid shelters or morgues. Also included is one audiocassette entitled "11th Int'l Revisionist Conference / Battle for Truth on the American Campus: A Jewish Revisionist's Perspective, Oct 92." There are also two items about conflict in Guatemala and the killings of native inhabitants, 1981; these appear to be unrelated to the other materials.

### **Biographical/Historical**

William A. Kunberger was a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the time these materials were assembled.

### **Biographical/Historical**

The International Revisionist Conference is sponsored by the Institute for Historical Review; in 1992, the conference was held in Irvine, California. The Institute for Historical Review (IHR), founded in 1978, is an organization based in California, United States, best known for publishing articles and books promoting Holocaust denial.

[Source: Institute for Historical Review and Wikipedia website, viewed February 8, 2021]

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged by mailed packet in rough chronological order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Information

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### Processing Information

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Title devised by cataloger.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Anti-Jewish propaganda -- United States
- Antisemitism -- United States
- Holocaust denial
- Holocaust deniers -- Correspondence
- Holocaust denial literature -- United States.
- Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) -- Public Opinion
- Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) -- Historiography
- Germany -- History -- 1933-1945
- Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Audiocassettes
- Sound recordings
- International Revisionist Conference (11th : 1992 : Irvine, California)

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## Collection Inventory

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Postcards, 2006-2008

Box 1

**Physical Description:** 39 items

1 folder

### Scope and Contents

These blank mailing postcards were typed up and sent in a sequence over a period of two years by William Kunberger to various academics and other individuals. When pieced together in chronological order, the cards form a lengthy statement whose chief argument is that German gas chambers in reality served other purposes such as morgues and air raid shelters. The narrative includes citations from primary and secondary sources.

The collection includes the original set, sent to Dr. Claudia Koontz at Duke University, as well as photocopies of the set, sent to others.

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Correspondence and photocopies of postcards  
and resources, 2005-2007

Box 1

Correspondence and photocopies of postcards  
and resources, 2008 Box 1

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Guatemala conflicts: historical timeline and  
photocopy of 1981 article on violence against  
indigenous people, 2006 Box 1

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11th International Revisionist Conference / Battle  
for truth on the American campus / A Jewish  
revisionist's perspective / Bradley Smith/David  
Cole (audiocassette), 1992 October

Box Separated DVD and CS  
Box 1 (Smith) > Audio-cassette  
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Digital-materials RL11882-  
SET-0001 > Audio-file RL11882-  
CS-0001\_01.wav

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