



Guide to the Axel Leijonhufvud Papers, 1953-2023

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Summary

Collection Title:

Axel Leijonhufvud papers, 1953-2023

Source:

Economists' Papers Archive

Creator:

Leijonhufvud, Axel

Abstract:

Axel Leijonhufvud (1933-2022) was a professor emeritus of economics at the University of California, Los Angeles. This collection documents his professional life through his correspondence, writings, and research. Acquired as part of the Economists' Papers Archive.

Extent:

7.5 Linear Feet (13 boxes.)

Language:

Material in English and Swedish.

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Background

Scope and Content

This collection consists of Leijonhufvud's correspondence, writings, research, and teaching material from his career as a Keynesian economist and professor. Contents range from his coursework at the University of Pittsburgh to lecture notes from his early years as a professor at the University of California,

Los Angeles. Topics include include macroeconomic theory, instability and (dis)equilibrium economics, monetary theory and policies, inflation, banking, market systems, Keynesian thought, and the history of economics in general. Correspondents include Armen Alchian, Robert W. Clower (coauthor), Robert Dorfman, Alan G. Gowman, Bert Hoselitz, Erik Lundberg, Gunnar Myrdal, and Joan Robinson.

Biographical/Historical

Chronology List

Date	Description
1933	Born in Stockholm, Sweden
1960	BA, University of Lund
1961	MA, University of Pittsburgh
1964	Acting Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
1967	PhD, Economics, Northwestern University
1967	Assistant Professor, UCLA
1968	On Keynesian Economics and the Economics of Keynes: A Study in Monetary Theory
1971-1994	Professor, UCLA
1991-1997	Founder and Director of Center for Computable Economics, UCLA
1995-2008	Professor of Monetary Theory and Policy, University of Trento
2000	Macroeconomic Instability and Coordination: Selected Essays

Date	Description
2007-2011	Wrote over a dozen articles for Council of Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and VoxEU on fiscal crises of European Union
2022 May 02	Died in Los Angeles, CA

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Arrangement

Organized into three series: Biographical Information; Correspondence; and Research, Writing, and Works.

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Acquisition Information

The Axel Leijonhufvud papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library as a gift in 1997 and as a gift from Earlene Craver Leijonhufvud in 2023.

Processing Information

Processed by Carrie Mills, May 2011.

Encoded by Paula Jeannet and Carrie Mills, April 2013.

Accession 2023-0144 added by Leah Tams, August 2023.

Accession described in this collection guide: 1997-0027, 2023-0144.

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Related Materials

Related Material

Robert W. Clower papers, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Duke University.

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Names and Subjects

- Banks and banking
- Economists -- United States -- Correspondence
- Equilibrium (Economics)
- Inflation (Finance)
- Keynesian economics
- Macroeconomics and finance
- Monetary policy
- Clower, Robert W.
- Economists' Papers Archive
- Leijonhufvud, Axel
- Lundberg, Erik, 1895-1969

- University of California, Los Angeles. Department of Economics -- Faculty

Collection Inventory

Biographical Information, 2022-2023

Lecture photograph, 2023 Box 9

Scope and Contents

Reprint. From a 1991 event.

Biography, 2023 Box 9

Turning Points presentation script, 2022 Box 9

Scope and Contents

Script from a presentation given by Earlene Craver Leijonhufvud at the University of Trento during a ceremony honoring Axel Leijonhufvud.

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Correspondence, 1963-1990s

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence from individuals such as Armen Alchian, Robert W. Clower, Robert Dorfman, Alan G. Gowman, Bert Hoselitz, Erik Lundberg, Gunnar Myrdal, and Joan Robinson. Some correspondence also includes published works sent to Leijonhufvud. Organized into two subseries: Professional Correspondents and Chronological Correspondence.

This series was compiled from multiple separate accessions and original folder titles have been retained. There may be material from single correspondents present in multiple folders.

Professional Correspondents, 1964-1990s
American Economic Review, 1969-1976 Box 1

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1971-1979 Box 1

William Baumol, 1990s Box 9

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Herschel Grossman, 1973-1974	Box 1
J. Hirshleiffer, 1975	Box 1
History of Political Economy, 1971-1975	Box 1
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Lynn Jensen, 1973	Box 1
Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, 1968-1973	Box 1
Journal of Political Economy, 1969-1975	Box 1
Abba P. Lerner, 1971	Box 1
Fritz Machlup, 1972	Box 1
Allan H. Meltzer, 1967	Box 1
Allan Meltzer, 1980s-1990s	Box 10
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Gerald P. O'Driscoll, 1970s-1990s	Box 11

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Misceallenous correspondence, A-L, 1970s	Box 9
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Writings, Research, and Works, 1953-1980s

Scope and Contents

Writings by Leijonhufvud and others (including his thesis and dissertation), teaching material, coursework, and research and notes. Organized into seven subseries: Writings; Events; Lecture Notes; Dissertation; Graduate Work; Research, Notes, and Sketches; and Writings by Others.

Writings, 1958-1980s and undated

Scope and Contents

Drafts and completed manuscripts written by Leijonhufvud. Includes the beginnings of a book project with Robert W. Clower, *The Coordination of Economic Activities*. Arranged alphabetically.

"An Approach to the Study of the Formal Organization of Producers' Interests," 1962	Box 3
"Autonomous and Instrumental Organizations-The Question of Control," 1961	Box 3

"Coalitions and the Aggregation Problems," 1962	Box 3
"Commentary on the Phillips-Curve Debate," 1973	Box 3
"Comments on Douglas Rimmer: Schumpeter and the Underdeveloped Countries," 1962	Box 3
"The Concepts of Goal and Foundation in Administrative Theory," 1961	Box 3
The Coordination of Economic Activities, Book Project, 1972	Box 3
"Effective Demand Failures," 1972	Box 3
"Income and Employment Theory," undated	Box 3
"The Interdependence of Preference-Maps in the Duesenberry Theory of Consumer Behavior," 1961	Box 3
"Investment Demand in Monetary Neoclassical Macroeconomic Models," 1974	Box 3
"Investment Flows and the Rate of Interest: The Possibility of a 'Perverse' Mechanism," undated	Box 3
"Knight's Crusonia and the Question of Diminishing Returns to Investment," undated	Box 3
"Labor Service Transactions," undated	Box 3
"A Note on the Interest Elasticity of Investment," 1964-1965	Box 3
"Notes on Lipsey's Theory of the Phillips Relation," 1963	Box 3
"Notes on Physical Capital and the Metastatic Model," 1962	Box 3
"Notes on the Rate of Interest in the Stationary State," 1963	Box 3

"Notes on the Theory of Industrial Expansion," 1961-1963	Box 3
"Notes on the Theory of Markets," undated	Box 3
"On Keynesian Economics and the Economics of Keynes," 1967	Box 3
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"The Rate of Investment in Indivisible Projects at Alternative Rates of Discount," 1962	Box 3
"The Report of the Commission on Money and Credit: A Review," 1961	Box 3
"The Theory of Industrial Expansion-A Look in Pandora's Box," 1963-1964	Box 3
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"Say's Principle, What it Means and Doesn't Mean: Parts I and II," undated	Box 3
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Lecture Notes, 1966-1974 and undated

Scope and Contents

Syllabi, exams, handouts, and notes, chiefly from undergraduate classes taught by Leijonhufvud at the University of California, Los Angeles. Also includes one folder of material from a class taught at the Economics Institute at the University of Colorado. Most folders contain notes from several semesters, and certain folders include student seating charts for certain semesters. Arranged alphabetically.

Economics 100B	Box 4
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Economics 197: International Finance	Box 4
Economics 202A: Income, Employment, and Monetary Theory	Box 4
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Economics Institute: Macroeconomic Theory, 1972	Box 4
UCLA professorship paperwork	Box 4
UCLA skits and cartoon, circa 1970s-1980s	Box 12

Dissertation, 1964-1968 and undated

Scope and Contents

Material related to Leijonhufvud's doctoral dissertation completed at Northwestern University in 1968. Includes two initial printings and two complete copies of the final printing. This would become his first published

book, *On Keynesian Economics and the Economics of Keynes: A Study in Monetary Theory* (1968).

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Final draft of dissertation	Box 6
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Annotated dissertation: Volume I	Box 6
Completed dissertation: Volume I	Box 6
Physical Description: 2 volumes	
Completed dissertation: Volume II	Box 6
Physical Description: 1 volume	
Completed dissertation: Volume II	Box 7
Physical Description: 1 volume	

Graduate Work, 1960-1961

Scope and Contents

Material from Leijonhufvud's graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Includes four bound volumes with notes, writings, and handouts.

Proposal for Masters thesis, 1961	Box 7
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Masters thesis draft, 1961	Box 7
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Physical Description: 2 folders

Masters thesis manuscript, 1961	Box 7
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Graduate papers, 1960-1961	Box 7
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Bound volumes of Leijonhufvud's graduate studies notes and papers	Box 7
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Physical Description: 4 volumes

Research, Notes, and Sketches, 1964-1980s and undated

Scope and Contents

Research material used in Leijonhufvud's writings, such as "Commentary on the Phillips-Curve Debate," and other notes.

Phillips Curves	Box 8
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Rent Control	Box 8
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Miscellaneous notes, circa 1970s-1980s	Box 12
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Scope and Contents

Portraits of economists, sketched by Leijonhufvud. Leijonhufvud likely created these sketches at conferences and other events.

Writings by Others, 1953-1977 and undated

Scope and Contents

Writings sent to Leijonhufvud by his colleagues. The issue of Business Week includes an article on Keynesian economists, including Leijonhufvud. Econoblast is a monthly publication by the graduate students of Northwestern University. Writings from Joan Robinson include both published and unpublished manuscripts. Arranged alphabetically.

Business Week, 1975 May 12	Box 8
Robert W. Clower, "The Keynesian Paradigm: An Attempt at Reconstruction," 1971	Box 8
Econoblast, 1965 Dec.	Box 8
Peter W. Howitt, "Studies in the Theory of Monetary Dynamics," 1973	Box 8
Writings by Lars Jonung, 1970s-1980s	Box 13
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Thomas Mayer, "The Interest Rate Snap-Back and its Implication for the Keynesian Quantity Theory Dispute," 1974	Box 8
Bertil Ohlin, "1933 and 1977-Some Expansion Policy Problems in Cases of Unbalanced Domestic and International Economic Relations," 1977	Box 8
Joan Robinson, On Re-Reading Marx, 1953	Box 8
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Thomas R. Saving, "Outside Money, Inside Money, and the Real Balance Effect," undated	Box 8
Unidentified author, "The Aggregative Structure of Keynes' General Theory," undated	Box 8

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