



Guide to the Jere Link Papers, 1914-2016 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Jere Link papers, 1914-2016 and undated, bulk 1975-2006

Creator:

Link, Jere

Abstract:

The Jere Link papers comprise his private diaries and journals, creative and scholarly writings, lecture notes and teaching materials, along with incoming correspondence. Diaries and journals contain Link's personal thoughts and comments on his life, activities, creative and scholarly work, and relationships. Link was very open regarding his inner thoughts and concerns, and very frank about his sexual activities and his life as a gay man. His writings include general notebooks with drafts of creative work, screenplays, book proposals and drafts, Link's dissertation, along with articles, poetry, and short stories. There are teaching materials primarily featuring Link's handwritten lecture notes for his classes, along with additional related maps, handouts, photographs, exams and other materials. In addition, there are incoming personal letters and cards, along with some professional letters regarding Link's institutional appointments, writing, and Fulbright travel grant.

Extent:

7.5 Linear Feet
.03 Gigabytes

Language:

Materials in English and German

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Background

Scope and Content

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Biographical/Historical

Jere Hudson Link was born on June 12, 1951, in Mobile, Alabama. He graduated with honors from McGill Institute High School in Mobile in 1969. He attended the University of Alabama, received his undergraduate degree with special honors in German from the University of Texas at Austin (1973), a Master of Arts in Comparative Literature from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1975) and his Ph.D. in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1988). Jere was awarded the Fulbright Scholarship in his pursuit of his graduate studies. During his career he taught at Virginia Tech, The Westminster Schools, Pace Academy, and Kennesaw State University. He was honored as Georgia Star Teacher of the Year in 1997 and regional Star Teacher in 1993 and 2004. He died in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 15, 2018.

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Arrangement

Organized into the following series: Diaries and Journals, Writings, Teaching Materials, and Correspondence.

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Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

The Jere Link Papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift in 2018 and 2025.

Processing Information

Processed by Alice Poffinberger, January 2019. Electronic record description added May 2022.

Accessions described in this collection guide: 2018-0110, 2025-0087

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Names and Subjects

- Teachers -- Georgia
- Gay men -- Southern States
- Gay men -- Sexual behavior
- Gay men -- Diaries
- Creative writing.
- Link, Jere

Collection Inventory

Diaries and Journals, 1975-2011

Scope and Contents

The Diaries and Journals Series contain Link's personal thoughts and comments on his life, activities, creative and scholarly work, and relationships. Link was very open regarding his inner thoughts and concerns, and very frank about his sexual activities and his life as a gay man. He considered himself a scholar and a creative writer, so his entries generally do not mention current events or politics. Some entries in German.

Arranged chronologically.

1975	Box 5
1976?-1977?	Box 5
1978	Box 5
1979	Box 5
Journal leaves, 1979	Box 4
1980	Box 5
1981?	Box 5
1981-1982	Box 5
1982	Box 5

1982-1983	Box 5
1983	Box 5
Physical Description: 2 folders	
1983-1984	Box 5
1984	Box 5
1984-1985	Box 5
1985	Box 5
1985-1986	Box 5
1986	Box 5
1986-1988	Box 5
1988-1990	Box 5
1990-1991	Box 5
1992-1994	Box 5
1994-2001	Box 5
2005, 2011	Box 5

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Writings, 1928-2016 and undated

Scope and Contents

The Writings Series contains Link's creative and scholarly writing, much of it undated. There are general notebooks with drafts of creative work (some with scattered lecture notes included), screenplays, book proposals and drafts, Link's dissertation, along with articles, poetry, and short stories. Much of the material in the series remained unpublished. See the Diaries and Journals Series for Link's commentary about individual items in the series. For the writings in digital formats, some disks contain parts of different projects stored together. In these cases, they often appear in the General sub-series.

Arranged alphabetically.

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Some materials are electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Articles, 1982-1993 and undated

Postdoc applications, 1993	Box 3
Articles, undated	Box 3
Physical Description: 3 folders	
Conference papers, 1988-1989	Box 3
Papers submitted for coursework, 1982-1984	Box 3
Physical Description: 2 folders	

Books, 1928-2011 and undated

Access Restrictions:

Some materials in this sub-series are electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Confession before Communion, undated	Box 2
Floating Island notes, 1977	Box 2
Floating Island notes, 1994-2011	Box 2
Floating Island, original?, undated	Box 2
Floating Island, undated	Box 2
Floating Island, 1st draft?, 1976?	Box 4
Floating Island, 2nd draft, 1990	Box 4
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Floating Island, draft, undated	Box 4
Floating Island (backup), 2002-2004	Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001 Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0003

Physical Description: 14 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

FI backups, 1987-1994

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0008

Physical Description: 16 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

FI backup, second half, 2000-2004

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0012

Physical Description: 13 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

FI backups (2004), 1993-2004

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0013

Physical Description: 13 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Pts of floating island, 2001-2004

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0020

Physical Description: 41 files; approximately 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

In Debt to National Literature, undated

Box 2

Physical Description: 2 folders

In Debt to National Literature, chap. 3 on, undated Box 2

Physical Description: 3 folders

Members of the Schillerstiftung, appendix, undated Box 2

King of the City, 1992 Box 2

Legion, undated Box 2

Moving Pictures, scattered pages, undated Box 2

Moving Pictures, undated Box 2

Physical Description: 2 folders

Moving pictures (backups), 2000-2003 Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001
Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0017

Physical Description: 17 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

M.P. backup (2004), 2002 Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001
Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0004

Physical Description: 11 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Pushkin book, 1982 Box 2

Untitled, undated Box 2

Physical Description: 2 folders

Book proposals, 1991 and undated Box 2

Dossier of material for a biography, 1928-2013 Box 2

Dissertation, 1987-1993 and undated

Access Restrictions:

Some materials in this sub-series are electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Dissertation (photocopy), undated Box 2

Physical Description: 3 folders

Wilhelm, 1987-1992 Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001
Folder 2 > Disk RL11690-FL5-0021

Physical Description: 4 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Data: Stiftung cases, 1988 Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001
Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0018

Physical Description: 11 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document and unidentified files.

Dissertation: conclu, appendices, 1987-1988 Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001
Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0009

Physical Description: 10 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Chap iv6, 1987-1989 Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001
Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0011

Physical Description: 13 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Codebook/append B; biblio, 1987-1993 Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001

Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0015

Physical Description: 26 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Chap. 2 (schillr.doc): good; Chap. 5
(schillr.doc): good; Chap. 3 (schillr.doc): good;;
1987-1988

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0021

Physical Description: 9 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Compute Conclu Codebook Biblio, 1988-1993

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 2 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0019

Physical Description: 10 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Appendix A, Appen B, Intro, 1987-1993

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 2 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0020

Physical Description: 8 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

General, 1980-2002 and undated

Access Restrictions:

Some materials in this sub-series are electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Commonplace book, 1980

Box 1

General writing, notebook, 1980	Box 1
Notebook, 1991-1992?	Box 1
Notebook, 1998?	Box 1
Notebook, undated	Box 1
Physical Description: 6 folders	
Essays/AP Fur Source Book/ Newer Legion/UP, 1997-2004	Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001 Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0001
Physical Description: 27 files; less than 1 megabyte.	
Scope and Contents	
Contains document files.	
"Queer" stuff, 1987-2002 (bulk 1994-20010)	Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001 Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0006
Physical Description: 37 files; less than 1 megabyte.	
Scope and Contents	
Contains document files.	
Vol. III Making Time, Goverenor and Russing Princess, Hideaway, King of the City, Hotlanta, 2001	Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001 Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0016
Physical Description: 10 files; less than 1 megabyte.	
Scope and Contents	
Contains document files.	
PC/SAS back-up "schiller" w REA test 2 old 2006, 1988	Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001

Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0022

Physical Description: 5 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Copy/1987, 1980-1999 (bulk 1988-1995)

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 1 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0001

Physical Description: 18 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Gulf Coast Tales, Chairwoman Stuff, HAW, AP
Stuff, 1993-1997

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 1 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0007

Physical Description: 34 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files. There is also draft correspondence and teaching-related materials on mixed with literary writings.

CBE, Spring Syllabus 1996, Personals 2000,
Hotlanta Novel, 1996-2000

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 1 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0010

Physical Description: 26 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files. There is also teaching-related materials mixed with literary and personal writings.

Untitled disk, 1996

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 1 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0011

Physical Description: 19 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Varia 97-98, 1997-2000

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 1 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0012

Physical Description: 11 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Untitled disk, 1987-1993

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 1 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0015

Physical Description: 5 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Untitled disk, 1993-1994

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 2 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0016

Physical Description: 21 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document and image files.

Dssn backups and Governor and German
Princess, 1987-2002 (bulk 1995-2002)

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0005

Physical Description: 45 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Theater doc / Ch.6, 1987-1993

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 2 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0018

Physical Description: 5 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Backup: Hiway 90, 1987-1999 (bulk
1995-1999)

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 2 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0026

Physical Description: 15 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Backup: Gulf Coast Tales, 1987-1996 (bulk
1995-1996)

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 2 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0027

Physical Description: 6 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Backup: Gulf Coast Tales and Epilogue,
1987-1997 (bulk 1996-1997)

Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001

Folder 2 > Disk RL11690-
FL5-0028

Physical Description: 8 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Poetry, 1977-2016 and undated

Attempts at Poetry, 1977

Box 4

Gedichte, 2016

Box 3

Poems, 1977-1986

Box 4

Poems, undated Box 3

Screenplays, 1981?-2003 and undated

Access Restrictions:

Some materials in this sub-series are electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Book: The Screenwriter's Bible by David
Trottier, 1998 Box 1

Screenplay fragments, undated Box 1

Legion notes, undated Box 1

Sketches of Legion story, 1981? Box 1

The Legion, undated Box 1

The Legion, annotated draft 1, undated Box 1

Physical Description: 2 folders

The Legion, annotated draft 2, undated Box 1

Legion, final draft?, undated Box 1

New "Legion", 2000-2003 Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0014

Physical Description: 21 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Legion screenplay, 1999-2003 Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0019

Physical Description: 23 files; approximately 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Wild Dogs, Wolves, notes and short draft,
undated Box 1

Wild Dogs, Wolves, annotated draft, undated Box 1

Wild Dogs, Wolves, undated Box 1

WD 2015, 2015-2016 Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0002
Folder 5 > Disk RL11690-
USB-0002

Physical Description: 2 Megabytes
17 files

Scope and Contents

Contains document and screenplay files.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Technical Access Note. As of some of the contents require Final Draft software in order to render faithfully. Contact Research Services with questions.

Short Stories, 1978-2009 and undated

Access Restrictions:

Some materials in this sub-series are electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

The Governor and the Russian Princess drafts,
1978 and undated Box 3

The Hideaway, undated Box 3

The Hideaway, annotated, undated Box 3

Deep south pt 1 Hideaway, 1988-2002 (bulk
2001-2002) Digital-materials RL11690-
SET-0001
Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-
FL3-0007

Physical Description: 15 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Moving Pictures excerpt, 2009

Box 3

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Teaching Materials, 1914-2016 and undated

Scope and Contents

The Teaching Materials Series primarily features Link's handwritten lecture notes for his classes, including additional related maps, handouts, photographs, exams and other materials. While most of the lecture notes were foldered according to Link's folder titles, there are several folders of loose lecture notes found in the the collection that are not arranged. Includes two research items regarding Greece that were published in 1914 and 1916. See also the general notebooks in the Writings Series for scattered lecture notes.

Arranged alphabetically.

Access Restrictions:

Some materials in this sub-series are electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

1860's Symposium, 2003	Box 3
1880's, undated	Box 4
19th c. Imperialism, undated	Box 3
History 102, 19th and 20th centuries, 1989	Box 3
Alumni Enrichment Night, 2006	Box 3
Ancient and Medieval History, 2004 and undated	Box 3
AP European History, undated	Box 4
Articles on Greece, 1914, 1916	Box 3
Comments, undated	Box 3
Domestic Unification, undated	Box 4
End of the Holy Roman Empire 1792-1806, 1987	Box 3

Enlightenment and romanticism, 1990	Box 3
European Philosophy, undated	Box 4
French Revolution Notes, undated	Box 4
From the Dialogue, Phaidros, undated	Box 3
Fulbright Receipts Book, 1991	Box 3
German Cultural Revival, 1998	Box 3
German Culture, 1991	Box 4
German honors VI, 2004-2005	Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001 Folder 4 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0023
Physical Description: 7 files; less than 1 megabyte.	
Scope and Contents	
Contains document files.	
Germans 20th century, undated	Box 3
Grant Proposal, 1996-1997	Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001 Folder 1 > Disk RL11690-FL5-0003
Physical Description: 12 files; less than 1 megabyte.	
Scope and Contents	
Contains document files.	
KSU: Cultures, Empires, Civilizations, 2012-2016	Box 3
KSU Orientation, 2016	Box 3
KSU: Rome, 2016	Box 3
Lectures and Notes, undated	Box 3
Physical Description: 7 folders	
Lectures and notes (oversize), undated	Box 4

Logic and Fallacies, 2003	Box 3
Maps, Pictures, Factoids, undated	Box 3
Melodrama, 1989-1990	Box 4
Mercantilism, Revolution and Capitalism, undated	Box 3
Noble Deeds and Thoughts, undated	Box 4
Notebooks, undated	Box 3
Physical Description: 6 folders	
Notebooks (oversize), undated	Box 4
Philosophy, 2008 and undated	Box 3
Philosophy Lectures, undated	Box 4
Politics and Ideal State, 2002	Box 3
Postmodernism, undated	Box 4
Renaissance, undated	Box 4
Romanticism, 1991	Box 4

Sabbatical year 1999-2000, 2000-2006	Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001 Folder 3 > Disk RL11690-FL3-0002
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Physical Description: 21 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

Weimar Germany, undated	Box 3
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Correspondence, 1975-2006 and undated

Scope and Contents

The Correspondence Series contains primarily incoming personal letters and cards, along with some professional letters regarding Link's institutional

appointments, writing, and Fulbright travel grant. There are only a few letters by Link. Topics include academia, popular culture, philosophy, an current events. Many letters are in German.

Arranged chronologically.

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1975-1986	Box 4
1987-1988	Box 4
1989-1991	Box 4
1992-1994	Box 4
1995-1997	Box 4
2002-2006	Box 4
Undated	Box 4

Letters to Jeanne Ortega, 1995-1999	Digital-materials RL11690-SET-0001 Folder 1 > Disk RL11690-FL5-0002
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Physical Description: 12 files; less than 1 megabyte.

Scope and Contents

Contains document files.

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