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Box 1:

Manuscripts, Reports, and Correspondence

Robert W. Jugenheimer, Annual Report of the University of Illinois International Cooperation Programs, 1963
Blair Kling, “Agricultural Universities and Transfer of Technology in India: The Fountain of Inner Strength,” 1972
Correspondence re: “Illinois in India” project, 1968-73
Manuscripts regarding U.S. Universities Technical Assistance and Correspondence with Paul Brass, 1980 (2 folders)
Uttar Pradesh Agricultural University, “Old Myths and New Realities”
George Stoddard Information File, 1978. (Contains Clippings and History 296 Seminar papers written by students who conducted the Oral History interviews found in Box 2 of this record series)

Box 2:

Oral History Audio Tapes

This box contains 21 audio cassette recordings of oral history interviews conducted by Blair Kling and the students of an undergraduate history seminar which Dr. Kling taught in 1978. The subjects of the interviews include prominent university administrators, faculty members and students. The topics discussed range widely, but generally center around issues of academic freedom and the resignation of President George Stoddard from the University in 1953. The counter numbers given below were taken from the Archives’ portable Marantz audio deck.

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147-265 U of I after Stoddard's dismissal; U of I and athletics after WWII; Lloyd and Edna Morey (?); Red Scare and its effects on U of I; U of I's role; President Henry
266-368 Great instructors at U of I: "days of awe"; Students for a Democratic Society; student and teenage mentality 1960s; teaching and researching
369-708 Tiebout's involvement with Democratic Party and its effect on his career; Tiebout's involvement with Civil Rights movements; Democratic Party in Champaign County 1950s-1970s; Democratic politics in Ill. and across U.S.; local politicians; closing remarks

Tape 5: Kling on Stoddard, October 23, 1978

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16-84 University post WWII; Political Science department; Institute of Political Affairs; Stoddard and his impact on University
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Larry Danielson, Homer Project, July 21, 1978

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100-259 Liberalism associated with LIR; formation of LIR; research at LIR; Illinicities project
260-447 Labor union speakers on campus in 1950s; liberal faculty at LIR post WWII; Red Scare investigations at LIR; question of budget cuts
448-726; 1-94 (Side B) Stoddard incident; College of Commerce controversy; Krebiozen controversy; "town-gown" conflict; campus and community relations; criticism towards LIR
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680 Sociological analysis of 1950s
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118-174 Community and university relations; size of university post WWII; Henderson's experience settling in Champaign-Urbana; change in university from 1940s to 1950s
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John Parish, July 27, 1978, Interviewed by Cheryl Pence (?)

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         and black student interactions; civil rights activation in Champaign-Urbana in 1940s-50s;
         white involvement in civil rights activation; segregation
325-438  Militant civil rights movements; M.L. King influence on blacks in
         Champaign-Urbana; changes with civil rights in community from 1940s-1970s; Equal Opportunity and how it has affected students; black students' education;
         generational differences in terms of integration
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         liberalism, free speech, communism, social/political situation, University policies
         involving subversive actions or ideas post-WWII
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         academic departments attacked during Red Scare; "Great Celebration" of U.S.

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493-547 Controversies and their effects on university and faculty; role and development of university library and departmental libraries
548-640 Downs view on conservative politics and politicians; U of I's political atmosphere; U of I's library collections
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Series 1: Subject Files

This series contains Professor Kling’s correspondence with colleagues, applications for funding and his research notes on Jamshedpur. Also included are his personal academic transcripts and his CV, his teaching material including lecture transcripts and syllabi. This series is arranged alphabetically by title, with his CV as the first folder.

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3. Application for funding for A Project for the Study of Sociocultural Obstacles to Modernizing Institutions, 1968
4. Asian Studies 298c, 2001
5. AGR, 1975
8. Bahl and Sebaly and Boyd
10. Bombay, 1984
11. Correspondence, 1973 - 2001
12. Correspondence for “Under the Sun: taking the Heat”, 1993
13. Correspondence with Dillip Simeon, 1993 - 1994
14. Correspondence with TISCO
15. Crawford Correspondence, 1991
16. City College of the City University of New York Correspondence, 2000
17. C - U - E (Cultural Values and Ethics), 1989 - 1990
18. Family and Community in South Asia and the Diaspora; Asian Studies 298c Syllabus and Draft, 2000
21. History 298; Imperialism, Hinduism, and Entrepreneurship in Modern India, 1971
22. Ideas, 1982 - 1984
23. Indian Labour History Conference, March 1998
24. Indian Corporate Incompetence, 2000
25. Alex Inkeles, 1985 - 1995
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29. Jean Meyer, 1993
30. Letters from India of Mike Newbill, 1994 - 1995
32. Modern Indian History: reflection on a New Direction; Makrand Mehta; Presidential Address, 1987
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43. Statement of Plans for Tata Project, 1997  
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45. Tagore Festival, 1995  
46. Talk by Kling; Republic Day, Jan 26, 1969  
48. Title VI Workshop, 1999 - 2002  
49. Theatre of Decolonization, Jan 1995  
50. Wm - Lecture 1, No Date

Series 2: Research Material and Drafts

This series contains research materials and unpublished research drafts of Professor Blair Kling and in particular his research on the Tata Iron & Steel Company in Jamshedpur, India, and early American and British influences on Indian entrepreneurship and heavy industry. Also included are Kling’s interviews and transcripts in Jamshedpur with representatives of social movements, industry, unions, tribes, schools, etc. Of note is the grey literature, internal reports, and pamphlets by the Tata Steel Company; grey literature by India’s labor movement, the Communist Party, and small publications on topics such as rural development, nationalism, and geology. This series also includes 8 microfilm rolls of the Motif newspaper (1973-1992), Tata Steel Company records, copies of the Frederick Charles Temple Papers, newspaper reports of labor strikes in Jamshedpur. This series is organized alphabetically by folder title.

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2. Bengal and US Civil War, 1975 - 1989  
3. [Index to microfilms of the] Bengal Hurakaru Newspaper and other Indian periodicals, Part I, Part II, and additional reels, 1822 - 1854  
4. Biography, 1941 - 1993  
5. Blue Mutiny Revisited, 1990  
6. Ch. 1 Tata’s and Social Responsibilities, 1986 - 1993  
7. Ch. 3 Social Planning, no date  
9. City Planning, 1919 - 2010  
10. Co. (Company) Policy on Jamshedpur, no date  
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15. Entrepreneurial History and South Asia, 1969
16. Giniwala Report, 1931
19. Historical letters, 1875 - 1943
21. Indian grey literature: Communist reply to Tata Memorandum & The Employers’ Federation of India, 1972 - 1984
22. Indian grey literature: India says “NO” to Nationalism, Morality in public affairs, and The Bombay Plan a criticism, 1946 - 1983
23. Indian grey literature on rural and development, 1957 - 1982
24. Industrialization in India before 1947; Rajnarayan Chandavarkur, 1985
25. Industrial Relations, 1988
27. Interviews V (Kling interview transcripts in Jamshedpur with representatives of social movements, industry, unions, tribes, schools, etc.), 1992
28. Interviews with Kumar Shimantika, 1999
29. Jamshedpur development plan, 1944
30. Jungle Messiah, no date
31. Kaiser in Jamshedpur, 1956 - 1959

Box 5: Series: Research Material and Drafts

1. Labor Strikes III, 1933 - 1987
3. Microfilm: Blair Kling, from the National Archives of India, Tata Iron and Steel Company related materials, 1907 - 1948
4. Microfilm: Film 325. 3410954T247F, Frederick Charles Temple Papers, India Office Library, EUR MSS, D92612, No Date
8. Microfilm: P. Thabudos, BEST (Bombay Electrical Supply and Tramway Co.) and Oriental Steel, 1932 - 1933
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12. Microfilm: Tarif Bd. TISCO testimony, 1923
15. Notes from Voices, 1992
16. Notes on Indian families in the 19th and 20th centuries until 1947
17. Original proposal (for Tata Iron & Steel Company project with initial correspondence), 1984 - 1985
18. Outlines: Control, Dependence, and Resistance in a Company Town, 1993
20. Rabindranath Tagore and The University of Illinois, no date
21. Rana’s Reports, 1994
22. Refugees, Interviewing, and Estrangement in the 1970s, 1998
24. Reports by Tariff Commission of India on the fair retention prices of steel, 1951 - 1954
25. Royal Commission on Labour, 1931
27. Secular History, 1993
28. Steel Workers 1956 - 1997
29. Strikes in the 20’s, 1991
30. Tagore In Urbana, 1992 - 2011

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1. Tata - Philos. and Values and PR, 1967 - 1992
2. The American Historical Review, 1976
3. The American Mission in India, 1947 - 1965
4. The Board of directors in a Managing Agency System: The Exceptional Case of TISCO, 1987
5. The Hinduism Times, Patna, 1993
7. The Ides of March at Jamshedpur, 1991
8. The Indian Entrepreneur under British Rule, 1960s
10. The Political Role of a Firm in British India: The Tatas and Notes, 1982
11. The Spirit of Jamshedpur PR, Founders Day, 1933
12. The Transmission of Indian Culture in America, 1997
13. TISCO Board of Directors et al, Ch. III, 1907 - 2007
15. Voices of the Workers, Jamshedpur 1922, 1992
16. War and Peace; Film Review by Blair Kling, 2002
Series 3: Publications

This series contains publications of Professor Blair Kling from 1962 to 2008. Notably are his publications on Dwarkanath Tagore, e.g., “Partner in Empire; Dwarkanath Tagore and the Age of Enterprise in Easter India” and on the Tata Iron and Steel Company. This series is arranged chronologically.

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18. The Origin of the Managing Agency System in India, 1966
19. Partner in Empire; Dwarkanath Tagore and the Age of Enterprise in Easter India, 1977
20. Rabindranath Tagore in Perspective, 1989
21. The Tatas and the Tagores, 1989
27. In the days of the Second Temple: A History of Sinai Temple from the 1960s to the present, 2007

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