

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

PHYSICS

MATHEMATICS

SHENSTONE, ALLEN

VEBLEN, O.

✓ EISENHART

Educational Institutions

Academic Activities

Biographical

Interview with Professor Allen Shenstone, May 23, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Shenstone Interviews.

Interview with Professor Shenstone, 5/23/56

1932-33

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

✓EISENHART

ALEXANDER

VEBLEN, O.

VON NEUMANN

Academic Organization

Relations WOI

Biographical

Interview with J. W. Alexander, March 12, 1957.

(No notes made of this interview).

1932

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOAI

MATHEMATICS

Academic Activities

EISENHART  
EISENHART

Biographical

VERLEN, O.

FLEXNER, A.

See Flexner to Eisenhart, November 12 and Eisenhart to Flexner regarding asking Princeton mathematicians to I. A. S. Flexner offers to hold back on Princeton faculty. Eisenhart says that would prejudice Princeton in recruiting in future. He is taking matter up with Curriculum Committee--Board of Trustees--Princeton.

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1932

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOI

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

VEBLIN, O.

✓ EISENHART

Flexner to Eisenhart, November 12, 1932.

"More and more a few points stand out clearly, not because of any possible difference of opinion between you and Veblin and me, but because we are setting precedence and establishing relations which we hope will prove sound after all three of us are dead and gone...Our chances for perfect harmony, understanding and cooperation are best if each of us goes his own way."

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1932

December

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOI

LESCHEZTE

Biographical

ALEXANDER

✓ EISENHART

VEBLER, O.

FLENNER, A.

?  
See Veblen to Aydelotte December 11, 1932 explaining how Alexander was appointed by Institute and how salaries of Alexander and von Neumann were decided. See Veblen to Aydelotte November 10, 1932 on qualities of Alexander and Morse.

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1933

3/29

TRUSTEES

Corporation

FOUNDERS

DODDS, H. H.

Biographical

✓ EISENHART

FLENER

Flesner to founders.

Suggests that Eisenhart would be admirable trustee to fill Lehman's unexpired term. Would compliment the University and serve as token of appreciation. Would suggest Dodds but hands full--no answer in file but it did not come up.

B. L. Samberger

1933

3/29

TRUSTEES

Corporation

✓ EISENHART, L. P.

Biographical

BAMBERGER, L.

PLEXNER, A.

Flexner suggest Eisenhart for Trustees vice Lehman.  
Agreed upon between Maass, Leidesdorf and Flexner, Not done--  
vacancy not filled at April meeting--answer of founders  
not available.

D, Bamberger, L.

1934

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7/11

PHYSICS

Academic Activities

SCHROEDINGER, ERWIN (1887)

Biographical

✓ EISENHART

FLEXNER, A.

Schroedinger left University of Berlin when Hitler came to power. Was fellow at Oxford, 1933, but came to lecture in physics at Princeton for several weeks, spring semester, 1934. Refused an offer from Princeton, evidently thinking he was going to get an offer from I. A. S. (why? Einstein or Veblen?). Worked with Einstein while here. Minutes (4/23/34). Flexner had to placate Eisenhart. Schroedinger did not come to Princeton. International Who's Who lists no connection 1933-6; 1936-38. University of Graz, 1930--Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies.

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1935

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

FLEISHER, A.

Biographical

VEBLIN, J.

✓ EISENHART

Veblen to Fleisher.

He reports that Eisenhart has checked up with Winteringer again about the property across the street from Palmer Laboratory. The club is in difficulties, the University holds a mortgage on the property, and there is some likelihood that the property could be secured. Though he didn't check again, Eisenhart believes that the mortgage is \$30,000.

Veblen urges giving the property immediate and favorable consideration. Acquiring it will allow us to study the ultimate solution of the housing problem for the mathematical group in an unhurried fashion. "Unless something is done, I feel that we are going to have very

considerable difficulties next fall."

Eisenhart has suggested that another club property just down hill from the one above considered might be considered, but they are not in difficulties, and it might be harder to get it.

V File, "Fleener, Abraham"

1935

11/20

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Facilities

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES STUDIES

Academic Organization

DODDS, H. B.

Biographical

PLENNEY, A.

✓ EISENHART

Planner to Dodds acknowledging his of November 19, 1935, regarding Princeton Buildings and Grounds Committee, and saying that he will confer with Mr. Boughton on members of the Institute Committee to meet with the Princeton Trustees' Committee.

"Meanwhile I am happy to say that collaboration with the members of the University Departments of Art and Archaeology and of Economics is developing precisely as it has developed in the Department of Mathematics. For your attitude and that of Dean Eisenhart and all your associates I am extremely grateful.

D. Dodds.

1935

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DEGREES

Academic Procedures

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOI

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

VEBLEN, O.

EISENHART

They have had a conference-- Eisenhart, Veblen, and Flexner--and Flexner has gone over again the four bulletins which have already been published.

He quotes from Bulletin No. 2, page 1, and says that in subsequent bulletins the following specific statement is made:

"In some fields universities provide admirable opportunities for work beyond the Ph. D. degree, but with the exception of medicine and certain other branches, the country has not hitherto possessed an institution in which young men and women could continue their independent training beyond this stage, and in which research could be carried on with adequate

support without pressure of numbers or routine, and unhurried by the need of obtaining practical results."

He said the reference to medicine embraced the Rockefeller Institute, "and to some extent similar facilities are available in a few medical schools." Dean Eisenhart's suggestion questions that in the future the Institute should enroll only post-doctoral students, therefore, harmonizes with the statements which have been printed, although a few exceptions, not on reflection worthwhile, have previously been made.

Pleener was opposed to the multiplication of rules and regulations. He thinks that the question of importance attached to degrees is one which cannot be answered in such a way as to make sure that one is doing in every individual case the wisest possible thing. He cites Johns Hopkins as holding to the rule that admission is restricted to holders of the A. B. Degree, though there were worthy persons equally fit to enter the school who had not yet obtained the degree. In the same way the Rockefeller Institute has followed the practice of admitting only persons who have obtained the M. B. Degree

although it is an arbitrary decision, and there may be some individuals who could qualify for admission, and would be just as good as some who are admitted without restriction pursuant to the restriction. "The same reasons lead me to believe that on the whole and in the long run we should insist that persons who have not obtained the Ph. D. Degree should obtain it at one of the many graduate schools in this country before being registered as a member of the Institute."

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1936

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations NOAA

TRUSTEES

Corporation

DODDS, H.

Biographical

✓ EISENHART

FLEXNER

**Flexner to Dodds, March 21, 1936.**

Annual meeting of the Trustees of the Institute will be Monday, April 13 in the professors' room in Fine Hall due to Eisenhart's kindness. At 1:15 the Trustees will lunch at Princeton Inn, and Flexner invites Dodds and Eisenhart.

No answer in the file.

D. Dodds, Harold W.

1937

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS  
EISENHART, LUTHER P.

Relations WOA1  
Academic Organization  
Biographical

Eisenhart to Flexner, May 8, 1937.

Veblen has taken up with him a suggestion that in the future it might be advisable to have the National Research Fellows enrolled either in the Institute or in the University so as to avoid duplication and confusion. The National Research Fellow should indicate the man with whom he wishes to study and this would constitute the basis for enrollment. The Department of Mathematics of the University approves this policy.

D File, Eisenhart, Luther P.



1938

6/25

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOA:1

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

EISENHART, LUTHER P.

Biographical

Eisenhart to Flexner, June 25, 1938.

Answers a letter Flexner has sent Eisenhart from London, "We are losing two men and not three, although five had been offered professorships and one an assistant professorship. However, we have a suitable arrangement to carry on next year and we are keeping our situation in a fluid state so as to be in good position to proceed in the future."

D File, Eisenhart, Luther P.

1939

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOA

FLEXNER, A.

Biographical

EISENHART, LUTHER P.

Flexner to Eisenhart, October 7, 1939.

Flexner send Eisenhart a copy of a letter which he has written to Dodds, evidently informing him of his resignation from the Institute, "for I want you to know what I am planning to do and how grateful I am to you for your cooperation and suggestions, which have gone far towards making the Institute what it is."

D File, Eisenhart, Luther P.

1940

5/17  
5/18

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WDAI

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organisation

AYDELOTTE, P.

Biographical

EISENHART, LUTHER P.

Aydelotte to Eisenhart, May 17, 1940.

"Professor Veblen reported to the Trustees of the Institute on Monday your generous suggestion that you would be pleased if the courtesy contribution for the use of Pine Hall by the Institute professors were cut from \$3,000 to \$2,000, provided this payment of \$2,000 per year could be assured for five years. The Trustees of the Institute were very happy to agree to this arrangement, and payment will be made quarterly at the new rate in the fiscal year which begins July 1."

Eisenhart to Aydelotte, May 18, 1940.

Expresses appreciation and states that during the past

year there have been four rooms available for the members of the Institute, but Veblen has stated that if it were necessary for the University to reduce the number of rooms to three the arrangement would be adequate.

D File, Eisenhart, Luther F.

9/19

Relations WOAI

EISENHART

Biographical

AYDELOTTE, F.

VEBLER, O.

Aydelotte to Veblen, "Eisenhart called me this morning to ask whether <sup>we</sup> you would be willing to give up the rooms we have in Fine Hall which they need for some urgent purpose connected with defense, and take instead three rooms on the ground floor (106, 107, and 108). I consulted the only men available (Weyl, Morse, and von Neumann), and they have agreed that we have no choice but to fall in with Eisenhart's proposal, though the rooms offered are less desirable. I did say to Eisenhart that I hoped the matter could be reconsidered when the war was over.

Veblen is in Chicago.

D File, Oswald Veblen

1944

12/11

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

VEBLER, C.

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

EISENHART

Veblen to Lydellotte, December 11, 1944.

Veblen explains how the salaries of Alexander and von Neumann were determined when they were appointed. He tells Lydellotte that the Institute was willing to take either Lefschetz or Alexander and left the decision up to Eisenhart as to who should occupy the Fine Chair of Mathematics at the University. Dr. Flexner felt that when Lefschetz was chosen for the Fine Chair and received the Fine salary, Flexner did not believe that Alexander should receive more than that; therefore, he received the same amount. Weyl was still hesitating about taking a position. Von Neumann was appointed a little later, and Flexner thought "with justice" that he could not be placed in a higher bracket than Alexander and therefore there was the same understanding about his

appointment as about Alexander's.

"So far as I can recall, nothing was put into writing in either case. The assurances which Dr. Flexner gave to me and to both Alexander and von Neumann were discussed by us frequently at that time and were regarded by us as completely binding."

1945

10/24

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOA

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

✓ EISENHART

Biographical

Lefschetz offered Institute professors use of Eisenhart's office beginning November 1, 1945 which was being vacated because of his retirement. Largest office in Pine Hall and one of the best. Faculty approved.

Mathematics Faculty Minutes, 10/24/45



1955

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

MORSE, M.

Biographical

JEWETT

VEBLEN, O.

✓EISENHART,

FLEXNER, A.

ELIOT, T. S.

Interview with Professor Morse, December 13, 1955.

Filed in Vertical File under Interviews.

Interview with Professor Morse, December 13, 1955.

1956

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

BUDGET

Finance

VEBLER, O.

Biographical

EINSTEIN, A.

~~EISENHART~~

FLENNER, A.

PANOFSKY

HUBERFELD

Interview with Professor Oswald Veblen, February 8, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Interviews Veblen

Interview with Professor Oswald Veblen, 2/8/56.

1956

3/26

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOA I

PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

FOUNDERS

Corporation

DEGREES

Academic Procedures

EINSTEIN, A.

Biographical

✓ EISENHART, LUTHER P.

VEBLEY, O.

Interview with Luther P. Eisenhart, March 26, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Eisenhart Interviews.

Interview with Luther P. Eisenhart, 3/26/56

1956

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

SALARIES

Academic Personnel

BENEFITS

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Foundations

ROCKEFELLER (G. E. B.)

VEBLEN, O.

Biographical

FLEXNER, A.

EINSTEIN

✓ EISENHART

WEYL

LEFSCHETZ

ALEXANDER

Luncheon conversation with Oswald Veblen, 12/10/56.  
Filed in Vertical File under Veblen Interviews

1957

5/15

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)  
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (2, 6)  
GENERAL (2, 3)  
MATHEMATICS (3, 6)  
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (4, 6, 7)  
PROFESSORS (4)  
MEMBERS (4)  
ASSISTANTS (4)

Relations WDAI  
Facilities  
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Foundations  
Academic Personnel

✓ EISENHART (1, 3, 4)  
SCHROEDINGER (1)  
ALEXANDER (1)  
VON NEUMANN (1)  
VEBLEN (1, 2)  
EINSTEIN (5)

Biographical

Interview with Dean Eisenhart, May 15, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Eisenhart Interviews.

1957

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (1, 2, 3, 4)  
HARVARD (3)  
JOHNS HOPKINS (1)  
HUMANITIES (3)  
MATHEMATICS (1, 2)  
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (3, 4)

✓ EISENHART (1, 2)  
DODDS (1, 2)  
FLEXNER (1)  
MOREY (1, 2)  
ALEXANDER (2)  
VON NEUMANN (2)  
VEBLEN (2, 3)  
BIRKHOFF (3, 4)  
LEFSCHETZ (1, 2)

Relations WOAII

Educational Institutions  
Academic Activities  
Academic Activities  
Facilities

Biographical

Interview with Dean Eisenhart, May 22, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Eisenhart Interviews.

1/28

DIRECTOR

Administration

GRANTS-IN-AID

Academic Personnel

BARON, HANS

Biographical

✓ ELIOT, T. S.

See letter for terms. Research grant \$1,500 for 6 months to Baron. \$1,000 from Director's Fund for Eliot without requirement for residence.

Horitt, Faculty Business, Vertical

1948

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organization

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOI

SELBERG, ATLE

Biographical

NEUGEBAUER, OTTO

FRANKL, DR. PAUL

✓ ELIOT, THOMAS

BOHR, NIELS

Faculty meeting of November 9, 1948.

Filed in Chronological File, 11/9/48.

Minutes Faculty Meeting, November 9, 1948. File V-1



1948

11/16

DIRECTOR'S FUND

Finance

✓ ELIOT, T.S.

Biographical

FERGUSON, FRANCIS

BURKE, KENNETH

RADIN, MAX

"The Director reported that at present the chief use of the Director's Fund had been to continue the line of appointments started with Blackmur in literature and criticism: T. S. Eliot, Francis Fergusson, Kenneth Burke are General Members under this grant. The Director proposed to suggest to Mr. Eliot that he return to the Institute when he can. An invitation has been accepted by Professor Max Radin for two terms during the academic years 1948-1949 and 1949-1950. Professor Radin's plan is to complete several books on the history of the law during his stay."

Tr. Min. 11/16/48 p. 4 5

1948

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

DIRECTOR

Administration

MEMBERS

Academic Personnel

✓ ELIOT, T. S.

Biographical

Director reported his farewell talks with T. S. Eliot and said Eliot thought he would probably come back in 1950. (But he didn't).

Faculty Minutes, p. 203

1946

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

Academic Organization

STIPENDS

Academic Personnel

ELIOT

DYSON

The Director reported Eliot may come back in 1950. He requested authorization from the Faculty to budget \$9,000 to be used during the next five years to provide stipends for three terms for Dyson, now Commonwealth Fellow. Granted.

Director reported he had offered Professor Chern of Hanking an appointment for three years, an emergency offer.

The Faculty confirmed it. (Interesting to note that this was the origin of the reports to the Faculty on expenditures from the Director's Fund).

The Minutes contain the names of those present at the bottom rather than the top, a radical change. They are also

not designated as Minutes. They are not signed. The Director solicited suggestions from the Faculty.

Faculty Minutes, 12/7/48

1948

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ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Foundations

✓ ELIOT, T. S.

Biographical

BLACKMUR, R. P.

BARON, HANS

EVERETT, C. W.

Accounting of works to Rockefeller Foundation.

D, Rockefeller Foundation

10/31

1955

GENERAL  
FOREIGN  
SITE (Buildings & Grounds)  
FOUNDERS  
GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL  
REPORTS  
FLEXNER, A.  
STEIN  
MAASS, HERBERT  
VEBLEN, OSWALD  
AYDELOTTE, FRANK  
OPPENHEIMER, ROBERT  
GOTTMANN, JEAN  
LEIDESDORF, SAMUEL D.  
ELLIOT, T.S.  
TOYNBEE, ARNOLD  
LEYV, DAVID M  
BIRKHOFF, D.  
EICKELSER  
WEYL, HERMAN

Academic Personnel

Facilities  
Corporation  
Facilities  
Relations W O A I  
Academic Organization  
Corporation  
Biographical

(See FLEXNER, A., Biographical - Interview of 10/31/55)

1955

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organisation

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS

MORSE, W.

Biographical

JEWETT

VEBLEN, O.

EISENHART,

FLEXNER, A.

✓ ELIOT, T. S.

Interview with Professor Morse, December 13, 1955.

Filed in Vertical File under Interviews.

Interview with Professor Morse, December 13, 1955.

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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICS

Academic Organisation

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PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION

Academic Personnel

DIRECTOR

Administration

HOUGHTON

Biographical

STEWART, W. W.

FLANNERY, A.

TOYNER

ELIST

Interview with Walter W. Stewart, February 6, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Interviews, Stewart.

Interview with Walter W. Stewart, 2/6/56



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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES  
SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES  
PRINCETON  
LIBRARY  
FACULTY  
FLEXNER, A.  
DODDS, HERBERT  
CAPPS  
MERIT  
PANOFSEKY  
EARLE  
GATES  
OPPENHEIMER  
STEWART  
FERGUSON  
✓ ELIOT  
TOYNBEE  
BOAZ

Academic Organization

Relations WOA

Facilities

Academic Personnel

Biographical

Interview with Professor W. J. Oates, Chairman  
Classics Department, Princeton University, June 4, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Oates Interviews.

Interview with Oates, 6/4/56

1956

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PRINCETON (8, 9, 10)	Relations WOAI
HARVARD (1)	
MATHEMATICS (2, 7, 14)	Academic Activities
E. C. P. (5, 6)	
APPOINTMENTS (2, 3, 4, 5)	Academic Personnel
SALARIES (3)	
PACULTY (10, 11)	
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS (5, 9, 14, 15)	Academic Organization
SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES (14)	
JOHNS HOPKINS (7, 8 $\emptyset$ )	Educational Institutions
DIRECTOR (10, 11)	Administration
TRUSTEES (11)	Corporation
RESEARCH (13)	Academic Procedures
MORSE (1, 5, 8, 10)	Biographical
BIRKHOFF (1, 4)	VEBLEN (1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 13)
WHITNEY (2)	DODDS (2)
STEWART (2, 3)	WARREN (2, 3)
FLEXNER (3, 7, 8)	VON NEUMANN (3, 5, 6)
GODEL (3, 5)	PLAZCEK (3)
MAYER, WIA THER (3)	WIENER, NORBERT (4, 6)
SIEGEL (5)	WEYL (5, 8)
BIGELOW (5, 6)	EINSTEIN (6, 8, 11, 12, 16)
✓ELIOT, T. S. (7)	VINER (9, 10)
STRAUSS (10)	AYDELOTTE (10, 11)
EARLE (10)	OPPENHEIMER (15)
BOREL (15)	
	Interview with Morse 6/21/56.
	Filed in Vertical File under Morse Interviews,

1956

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SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS  
PROFESSORS  
MEMBERS  
FACULTY  
PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTRATION  
ECONOMICS  
HARVARD  
GEST ORIENTAL LIBRARY  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL  
OPPENHEIMER  
FERGUSON  
TOYNEBE  
✓BLIOT  
PLACZEK  
KENNAN  
DYSON  
STEWART  
VINER  
ALEXANDER

RIEPLER  
WARREN  
MAYER  
GODEL  
EARLE  
DOUGLAS  
STRAUSS  
FRANKL

Academic Organization

Academic Personnel

Academic Activities  
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Relations WOAI  
Publications  
Biographical

Interview with Robert Oppenheimer, July 16, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Oppenheimer Interviews.

1949

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✓ EMBREE, EDWARD R.

Biographical

A release by Embree dated June 28, 1949.

X/File A, Embree, Edward R.

1948

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ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Foundations

ELIOT, T. S.

Biographical

BLACKMUR, R. F.

BACON, HANS

✓ EVERETT, C. W.

Accounting of works to Rockefeller Foundation.

R. Rockefeller Foundation

1957

2/18

JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICAL SCHOOL

Educational Institutions

ROSENWALD, LERRING

Biographical

✓ SVANE, HERBERT S.

RICHTER, KURT

Interview with Dr. Kurt Richter, February 18, 1957.

Filed in Vertical File under Richter Interviews.