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Summary

Title: Hratch Zadoian Collection

Dates: 1983 - 2011

Extent: 2 boxes, 1 linear foot

Creator: Zadoian, Hratch

Languages: English; some Greek.

Abstract: This collection consists of items donated by Hratch Zadoian, professor of political science and retired administrator at Queens College, relating to various projects he was involved with between 1983 and 2011. The collection includes photos; news clippings; printed booklets and programs; videotapes; and other miscellanea. Some of the items have been digitized.

Source: Donated by Hratch Zadoian in 2011.

Access: Collection is open for research. Staff may restrict access at its discretion on the basis of physical condition.

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Preferred Citation: Item, date (if known), box, folder, Hratch Zadoian Collection, Department of Special Collections and Archives, Queens College, City University of New York.

Related Collections: Bette Weidman Papers. Queens College, NY

Controlled Access Terms

Places: Queens County (N.Y.).
Subjects: exhibitions
local history
oral history
neighborhoods
race relations
ethnic relations
Biographical Note

Hratch Zadoian was born in 1937 in Ploiesti, Romania, to Armenian parents who were survivors of the Armenian Genocide by Ottoman Turkey during World War I. His early experiences included the heavy bombing of Ploiesti during World War II, the Soviet occupation, and years of Stalinist terror following the war. After his father’s death, Hratch, his mother Anoush and his sister Lucine, managed to leave Romania for Lebanon. They lived in Lebanon through the 1958 civil war and landing of U.S. troops, and immigrated to the United States in early 1959.

Zadoian joined the U.S. Army in the summer of 1959 and served as an infantryman in Korea and at Fort Devens, Mass. He received an honorable discharge with the rank of Sergeant. He began attending Queens College as a part-time evening student and earned his degree in political science. He then received a fellowship to pursue his graduate studies at Columbia University.

Zadoian began his career at Queens College as an adjunct lecturer in political science. He eventually held various administrative positions, including director of Interdisciplinary and Special Studies, associate dean, acting dean, assistant provost and acting vice president for business and finance. Zadoian worked closely with the ethnic and area studies programs and centers and with the Calandra Institute of Italian-American Studies. He continued to teach courses on Soviet foreign policy, the Cold War and the intelligence community. He retired from administration in 2003, but continued to teach part-time in the political science department.

During his years at Queens College, Zadoian was involved in a number of initiatives dedicated to improving racial and ethnic relations, including the Queens Black-Jewish People-to-People Project, and co-chaired the first Comparative Diasporas conference. Zadoian endowed the student essay prize on the Holocaust/Genocide, awarded through the Jewish Studies Program, and the Human Rights essay prize awarded by the political science department.
Scope & Content Note

This collection contains items in several different formats. All physical items are housed in archival boxes and arranged as noted. A digital copy of the interview CD is stored on the server at the Queens College Libraries’ Department of Special Collections and Archives as part of the Bette Weidman Papers. The physical items and digital file are all accessible to researchers on-site.

Arrangement Note

Materials are arranged in the following five series:

Series I: General Items
Series II: Caumsett Presidential Seminars
Series III: Queens Black-Jewish People-to-People Project
Series IV: Diasporas Conference
Series V: Armenian Genocide Exhibit

Multimedia materials, including VHS tapes and an audio CD, are housed in a separate box.
Series Description & Container List

Series I: General Items
This series includes photos and an article written about Zadoian upon his retirement in 2003, as well as a VHS tape of his retirement event and an audio CD containing an interview conducted in 1987.

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Series II: Caumsett Presidential Seminars
This series includes brochures, flyers and programs from the weekend seminars offered on specific topics to small groups of Queens College students.

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Series III: Queens Black-Jewish People-to-People Project
This series relates to an organization that promoted dialogue between the Black and Jewish communities in Queens. Zadoian served on the group’s advisory committee. General Materials contains programs, flyers, news clippings, photos, press releases and other documents relating to the organization’s activities; the Jackson/Tanenbaum Forum includes photos, news reports, correspondence and community protest materials relating to a controversial on-campus event featuring Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum; and the Grant Request consists of flyers, event announcements and other documents assembled for a grant request. There is also a VHS tape of a CBS television documentary about the project.

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Series IV: Diasporas Conference
This series contains brochures, programs, articles, correspondence and academic papers relating to a conference held at Queens College on the Armenian, Greek and Jewish diasporas. Zadoian served as co-chair of the conference’s organizing committee. There are also video recordings of the conference on five VHS tapes.
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**Series V: Armenian Genocide Exhibit**

This series consists of display copies of maps, photos, articles and captions prepared from Zadoian's personal library for an exhibit on the Armenian Genocide. The exhibit was held at Queens College’s Rosenthal Library in May and June of 2011.

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