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NAME OF COLLECTION	Joseph Ezra ISAAC Papers
ACCESSION NO	2009.0004
CATEGORY	University, Individuals
ACTIVITY	Economist
DATE RANGE	c.1950-2002
SIZE OF COLLECTION	12 archive boxes
HISTORICAL NOTE	<p>Joseph Ezra Isaac was born in Penang on March 11th, 1922 and lived there until he entered the University of Melbourne in 1941. He graduated with degrees in Arts and Commerce in 1945 and later gained a PhD from the London School of Economics. He was Professor of Economics at Melbourne from 1962-1964 and at Monash from 1965-1973, whereupon he left academia to serve as the Deputy President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission from 1974-1987. He then returned to academia as a Professorial Fellow in Melbourne's Department of Management. He has also held many other simultaneous appointments including memberships of the OECD's Expert Committee on Labour Market Flexibility in 1986, the Flight Crew Officers' Industrial Tribunal, 1968-1971, the Royal Commission of Australian Government Administration, 1974-1976, Chairman of the Insurance Claims review Panel, 1993-1998. His many honours and distinctions include honorary doctorates from Melbourne and Monash, an honorary fellowship at the LSE, the Jubilee Medal, 1978, the Order of Australia 1989, the Centenary Medal, 2003. He has published many books and papers on industrial relations and wages policy.</p>
DATE OF TRANSFER	5 February 2009
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	Correspondence and reports created during Professor Joe Isaac's professional life as an economist and industrial relations arbitrator; his publications, papers, talks and addresses.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	Other accessions of Joe Isaac's papers are 1987.0095 and 2008.0056

NOTE ON LISTING	This collection has been described to file level.
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DATE	February 2009

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1-3	1	Correspondence, individuals [Individual correspondence files with the following. Mostly inwards letters but there are many copies of JEI's letters also. Most of the correspondents are professors but their title has not been included here].	
1		Jack Barbash	
1		P.B. Beaumont	
1		Biffl family, Vienna [2 folders]	
1		Sir Henry Bland	
1		Geoffrey Blainey	1984
1		Anne Bohm	
1		Sir Halford Cook	
1		William M. Corden	
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1		Fred Henry Gruen	
2	1	Geoff Harcourt	
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2		Kevin W. Hince	
2		Ryokichi Hirono	
2		William A. Howard	
2		Chris Hurford	
2		Nicholas Kaldor	
2		Mark Perlman [2 folders]	
2		Jack Stieber	
2		Herbert A. Turner	
2		Leslie R. Webb	
2		Morris Weisz	
2		Sir Frederick Wheeler	
2		Donald Whitehead	
2		Di Yerbury	
3		Australian Metal Trades Association	
3		Fiji Employers' Consultative Association	
3		Privy Council of Canada Task Force on Labour Relations	
3		University of Western Australia	
3	1	General Correspondence [JEI has labelled the following files as 'general' or 'miscellaneous' correspondence. They are arranged in chronological folders, which sometimes overlap].	
3	1	General Correspondence	1950-1970
3		General Correspondence	Late 1950s-early 1960s

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3		General Correspondence	1971
3		General Correspondence	1972
3	1	General Correspondence	1973
4	1	General Correspondence	1974-1987
4	1	General Correspondence	1975-1985
4	1	'Correspondence, various, overseas'	1964-1966
4	1	'Correspondence, various, international'	1992-1998
4	1	Queen's College	
4	2	Personal Documents [10 folders] [JEI has designated the material in these folders thus].	
	2/1	Folder titled 'Various personal items', includes correspondence, addresses, articles, flyers, newscuttings and other documents testifying to many of the appointments and honours he has received. Also, a Curriculum Vitae and 'some autobiographical notes' [12pp]	
4	2/2	Dr H.C. 'Nugget' Coombs [Correspondence]	1974-1976
	2/3	Newscuttings	
	2/4	Conference in honour of JEI	1997
	2/5	Appointment to Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission	1974
	2/6	'Chairs – Melbourne and Monash' [Thus labelled but also incl correspondence from JEI's period at the ILO and confidential correspondence from colleagues re his appointments]	1952-1964
	2/6a	Appointment to Economics Chair at Melbourne University [Correspondence between Wilfred Prest, Richard Downing, Rufus Davis, Donald Cochrane and others]	1962
	2/7	'Law Reform Commission and Mr Justice Kirby' [incl correspondence w Justice Michael Kirby]	1976-1984
4	2/8	Macquarie LLD	2005
	2/9	'Various personal items' [incl correspondence to Geoffrey Blainey and from Justice Michael Kirby]	1984-2006
	2/10	London School of Economics	1985
5-7	3	Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission (hereafter ACAC) [28 folders] [JEI was Deputy President of the Commission from 1974-1987. These files contain mainly correspondence, and reports written by JEI or relating to his work at ACAC]	
5		Re JEI's appointment to ACAC, Oct 1973	
5		Staples Affair [2 folders] [Incl reports and correspondence from Jim Staples, Sir John Moore, Justice Michael Kirby and others]	1980
5		Justice Ian Sharp	
5		Richard Kirby Archives	

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		Trade Union Training Authority (TUTA) [2 folders]	
		Land Surveyors' Fee Adjustment Review, 1985	
6		Municipal and Shire Council Employees Union (Vic Division) – Review of Pay and Allowances	1985
6		International Monetary Fund [Correspondence with Anne R. Braun]	
6		Review of Architects' fees	1984-1985
6		Proposed research on the work of the ACAC	1985
6		Conference on IR and the Accord, Macquarie University	1984
6		Professor Frances Bairstow [from Industrial Relations Centre, McGill University]	
6		Professor John Niland	
		Business Council of Australia	
6		Legal documents re Gibbins, Gibbins and Baker vs The Australian Meat Industry Employees Union and others in the Federal Court	1985
6		Ian McPhee, MP	
		Professor Keith Hancock	
6		Flinders University	
6		Victorian Ministry for Agriculture	1978
7		Correspondence received just prior to and just after JEI's departure from ACAC	
7		General correspondence re ACAC, surnames A-C	
7		General correspondence re ACAC, surnames D-E	
7		General correspondence re ACAC, surnames F-H	
7		General correspondence re ACAC, surnames I-M] ¹	
7		General correspondence re ACAC, surnames S-Z	
7		Correspondence with Dr Donald W. Rawson	
7		General Insurance Claims Review Panel [1 folder] [JEI served on the Board as Chairperson from 1992-1996]	
8		Papua New Guinea [8 folders] [JEI was a consultant for the Department of External Territories (Canberra) and the Department of Labour (Port Moresby) on PNG labour problems, 1969-1973]	
8		Monash University [10 folders] [JEI was Professor of Economics at Monash from 1965-1973]	
8		Memorial service for Donald Cochrane	
8		JEI's honorary Monash degree, DEc, 1991	
8		Professor Richard Snape	
8		National Key Centre in Industrial Relations	

¹ A file of correspondence for surnames N-R, if it existed, was not transferred to the Archives.

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8		Albert Monk's LLD, 1970	
8		Commission on University Affairs	
8		Bankers' Administrative Staff College	
8		Committee on Unemployment Statistics	
8		Correspondence with Sir Louis Matheson	
8		Monash Report on ELICOS Centre, 1991	
9		Rockefeller Fellowship, 1955-1956 [3 folders]	
9		Department of Labour and National Service [2 folders] [JEI was seconded to the Department in 1959 where he worked as Asst Secretary in Planning and Research].	
9		Margins Case	1959
9		Miscellaneous papers	
9		OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) [4 folders] [JEI was a member of the OECD's Expert Committee on Labour Market Flexibility in 1986]	
9		Re Batavia Mission, 1945 [1 folder] [JEI was on the staff of the Australian Political representative attached to Allied Military Headquarters in Batavia (Jakarta) in 1945]	
9		Institute of Directors seminar [1 folder] [Correspondence and newscuttings re JEI's paper to the seminar and its subsequent reaction, Oct 1973]	
10		University of Melbourne [4 folders]	
10		Dr Roy Cameron	
10		David Finch [2 folders] [Correspondence, obituaries and eulogies by JEI and Stanley Fischer, autobiography by David Finch, his wedding photo, reports]	
10		'The Dobson affair'	1991
10		Churchill College, Cambridge [1 folder] [JEI was an Overseas fellow of Churchill College, 1971-1972]	
10		Queen's College, University of Melbourne [4 folders] [JEI has been a Fellow of the College since 1964]	
10		Queen's College correspondence and minutes	
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10		Sir Douglas Wright Symposium	1986

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10		Eulogies for George A. Scott	1998
10		CEDA (Committee for Economic Development of Australia) [1 folder]. Correspondence	1972-1987
10		Ghana diary [1 folder]. Correspondence and loose-leaf manuscript diary kept by JEI during his ILO-appointed commission to Ghana	1962
10		Submissions to Senate [1 folder]. JEI's draft and final submissions to Senate re (i) Workplace Relations Amendment Bill 1999 and (ii) Workplace Relations and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 1996	1996 & 1999
10		Obituaries and Eulogies [1 folder] Typescripts and newscuttings of JEI's Obituaries and Eulogies to Ronald Henderson, Eric Osborn, Alex Hunter, John McCarty, Ian Sharp.	
11		Talks, Conference Papers, Addresses [25 folders] [JEI's file titles have been retained. Files contain copies of JEI's paper/talk/address and often surrounding correspondence, notes, conference flyers].	1953-2002
		Radio talks	1950s
		Schools broadcasts	1960s
		Talks on wages policies	1950s-1960s
		Various public lectures	Early 1960s
		Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Association	Feb 1968
		Chartered Institute of Transport	Nov 1972
		Australian Graduate School of Management	May 1977
		University of Wisconsin and Michigan State University	Sep & Oct 1978
		Herscu Oration	1979
		Asian Regional Conference on Industrial Relations	Mar 1979
		8 th Conference of Economists	Aug 1979
		Riverina College of Advanced Education	Apr 1982
		National Agricultural Outlook Conference	Jan 1983
		Industrial Relations Society of Tasmania	May 1983
		Brookings Conference, Canberra	Jan 1984
		Association of Industrial Relations Academics of Australia and NZ	Aug 1985
		15 th Convention Industrial Relations Society of Western Australia	Oct 1985
		Macquarie University [The Hancock Report]	1986
		16 th Conference of Economists	Aug 1987

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		Royal Australian Institute of Public Administration Conference	Oct 1988
		Dept. of Defence Industrial Relations Seminar	1989
		National Key Centre in Industrial Relations, Monash	May 1991
		Australian and Japanese Labour Markets Conference	Feb 1993
		Australian Centre for Industrial Relations Research and Training Conference	Jul 1993
		International Labour Organisation Dialogue, Bangkok	Dec 2002
12		Publications [1 box] [Copies of some of JEI's articles and reports].	

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