The George Hubbard Blakeslee Papers

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Blakeslee Collection Overview
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Biographical Note
1871, August 27 Born at Geneseo, New York
1893 Received A.B. Wesleyan University
1900 Received A.M. Harvard University
1903 Received Ph.D. Harvard University
1903-1904 Instructor of History, Clark College
1904-1909 Assistant Professor of History, Clark College
1909-1920 Professor of History, Clark College
1910, March 30 Married Edna Frances
1910-1922 Editor, Journal of Race Development/ Journal of International Relations
1914-1943 Professor of History and International Relations, Clark University
1918-1919 Member of the Commission of Inquiry to prepare data for the United States Delegation to the Peace Conference
1921 Technical advisor to the American delegation at the Conference on Limitation of Armaments
1922-1923 Leader of Round Table, Institute of Politics, Williamstown, MA
1928, 1930 Visiting Carnegie Professor of International Relations to Universities in New Zealand, Australia, and Japan
1930- 1946 President, Board of Trustees, World Peace Foundation
1931-32, 1942-45 Consultant and Officer, U.S. Department of State Far Eastern Affairs Division
Special Assistant to the American member
of Lytton Commission
Professor Emeritus, Clark University
Political Advisor to Gen. Frank McCoy,
Chairman of
Far Eastern Commission, which established
policy for General MacArthur during the post-
war occupation of Japan
Died, Worcester MA

George Hubbard Blakeslee (1871-1954) taught history and
international relations at Clark University from 1903 until his
retirement in 1943. Dr. Blakeslee created and edited the first journal
devoted to the study of international relations: the Journal of Race
Development (it was later renamed the Journal of International
Relations and in 1922 it merged with Foreign Affairs). He also founded
at Clark University in 1909 a pioneering series of conferences about
international relations. Because Dr. Blakeslee was a leader in the
academic study of international relations, he was a longtime advisor
for the State Department, both while he was teaching at Clark and after
he was named emeritus professor.

Dr. Blakeslee’s family donated the collection and its literary
rights to the university. The papers occupy about nine linear feet of
shelf space. The collection includes his pamphlets, addresses,
letters, scrapbooks, and reports. The collection deals with both his
university and diplomatic activity and covers the period from 1888 to
1962.

Although this collection contains no official correspondence
between Dr. Blakeslee and the State department, there remains much
material of great historical interest. Among other things, this
includes material concerning the Washington Disarmament Conference of
1921, the Lytton Commission of 1931-32, and the post-World War II Far
East Commission. It also includes information about Clark conferences
concerning China and Latin America; American relations with Japan,
China, and Russia; post-World War II issues; problems concerning the
Philippines, Australia, and the Mandated Islands.

There is additional Blakeslee related material held in the Clark
University Archives that is not part of the Blakeslee Papers. Among
the other collections that contain material related to him are the
papers of presidents Hall, Atwood, and Jefferson, Professor Dwight
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Photographs of Blakeslee, and addresses given at Clark University and other institutions, arranged chronologically.

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Pamphlets from the Navy, War, and State Departments, the Foreign Policy Association, the Brookings Institution, and Senate Committee hearings, arranged chronologically.

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Blakeslee’s dissertation, and scrapbooks of articles, reprints, lecture programs, clippings, correspondence and photographs.
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Founder's Day Address, "The War Problem and the
Obligations of the College," 1916
Introduction to Dr. Clara Schieber's The
Transformation of American Sentiment Towards
Germany: 1870-1914, June 16, 1922
Convocation Address, Institute of Politics,
Williamstown, Massachusetts, 1930
Summary of Blakeslee's remarks at Awarding of the FIDAC
Medal, November 30, 1931
Address at Brown University Commencement, June 15, 1936
Address at Clark Alumni Dinner, June 2, 1945 (notes)
Address at Presentation of Spruille Braden for Honorary
Degree, May 26 1946 (2 copies)
Address at Testimonial Dinner, May 27, 1949
Clark Alumni Luncheon, June 7, 1952 (2 copies)
Founder's Day Address, "The Obligations of an Educated
Man," February 3, 1953 (2 drafts, 2 copies, 1
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Programs and Miscellaneous Lectures by Blakeslee, 1897-
1930
Wesleyan University Yearbook 1893
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Fragment of paper on reform in China, no date
"The Problems of the Pacific," lecture delivered December 11, 1925
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"China in Revolution and in Renaissance," Introduction and Notes, 1928
"What the Kyoto Conference Means in the Far East," October-November, 1929
"American Influence in the Chinese Government," 1930
"Present Situation and the Way Out," c.1930
"Recent Developments in China: the Situation in Manchuria," outline, 1930
"Use of Force," (fragment) 1930
"The Far Eastern Situation," (syllabus) 1931
"The Background of the Manchurian Issue," (notes and bibliography) 1931
"The Lytton Report," (2 copies) November 5, 1932
Newspaper Clippings on the Sino-Japanese Dispute, February 18, 1933
"The Remaining Problem and the Future," (bibliography) 1933
"International Relations and the Far East," (outline of lecture) November 3, 1933
"Great Britain in the Far East," (outline of lecture) March 29, 1937
Pamphlets concerning the Chinese crisis (from China) September-October, 1937
"American Policies and Interests in the Far East," (outline of lecture) November 2, 1937
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Correspondence, 1912 - 1919

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State Department Meeting, "Conferences on Problems of United States Policy in China," October 6, 1949
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Magazine Articles concerning the United States and China, January, 1950
Statement by Dean Acheson on United States policy in China, June 4, 1951
Department of State press release concerning the loyalty of John Stewart Service, December 13, 1951
"Which Chinese?" by Stanley K. Hornbeck, October, 1955
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"United States Policy in regard to the authority of the Far Eastern Commission to Approve a new Japanese Constitution," 1946
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"The Policy of International Cooperation by the United States," Blakeslee, April 5, 1948
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Correspondence, 1945-1949
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"A Survey of the Attitudes of the States Composing the Far Eastern Commission," 1949
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The Far Eastern Commission: A Study in International Cooperation, 1945-1952, Blakeslee (draft) preface, chapters 1-6
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Far Eastern Commission communications, April 1952
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"The Question of Yap," 1922
"The Washington Conference: Round Table Number 8," August 18, 1922
"Comments on the Washington Conference"
"The Versailles and Washington Conferences," August 21, 1924
Report to the members of the Institute of Pacific Relations, January 1, 1925
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Report by Blakeslee on Trip to Japan, February 21, 1928
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Miscellaneous Notes, 1929
"Japanese Monroe Doctrine," 1933
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Report by Richard Pyke on Japan, November, 1937
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Summary of address at the World Peace Foundation, 1938
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Message from the President concerning past policy and immediate events in the Pacific, December 15, 1941
"Do Bases for a Real Peace Exist Between the United States and Japan?" March-April, 1942
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Address by General Matthew Ridgway, (in Tokyo) February 12, 1952
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Remarks by Blakeslee at panel discussion on United Policy toward the Philippines
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"The Berlin Crises," Department of State Report on Moscow Discussions, 1948
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"Our Relations with South America and How to Improve Them," March, 1914
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Photocopies of contemporary clippings describing Prof. G.H. Blakeslee's 1905 Russian trip. (Copies of the original clippings are in the Blakeslee Papers)  
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*ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BLAKESLEE SCRAPBOOK (HIS TRIP TO RUSSIA)*  
Dr. Blakeslee's visit to Russia occurred soon after the Czar had dissolved the first Duma, due to a "radicalization" which had taken place within it, which threatened the land-holding classes. The "radical" elements of the first Duma had fled to Viborg, Finland, and issued the "Viborg Manifesto" which blasted the Czar for his action and declared itself the rightful governing body. Dr. Blakeslee was arrested in Russia on the suspicion that he was a spy. Blakeslee was found with the "Viborg Manifesto" in his possession. Some of the articles concerning his visit outline his discussions with officials representing the government paper, which show official opinion of the
so-called 'revolutionists.'

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