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Alec Craig papers (MS1091)

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Temporary reference	Dates	Object title	Scope and content
MS1091/box 1/file 1	Undated	Reproductions of Flemish illuminations from c.1500	<p>(i) 'Garden Scene : from a manuscript of the Roman de la Rose', Flemish illumination, end of 15th century. London : British Museum. Harley Ms. 425 f.12b. British Museum process reproductions in colour. From illuminated mss. No. 20. Printed by order of the Trustees. Sold at the British Museum. Card covers, [1] leaf of plates : 1 col. ill. ; 30 cm. (ii) 'The Tower of London : from a manuscript of poems of Charles, Duke of Orleans, Flemish illumination about AD. 1500'. British Museum. Royal Ms. 16 F. II, f.73 (Size of original 13 in. x 9 ¼ in.). British Museum process reproductions in colour. From illuminated mss. No. 21. Printed by order of the Trustees. Sold at the British Museum. Card covers, [1] leaf of plates : 1 col. ill. ; 30 cm.</p>

MS912/box 1/file 2	1938-64	Correspondence between Craig and Gershon Legman.	<p>Publisher's advertisement for Legman's 'The Horn Book : studies in erotic folklore and bibliography'. 16 p. : 1 port., 18 cm</p> <p>Correspondence - Craig and Sydney Goodsir Smith re. Smith's article in Hudson Review Autumn 1955 (Sep 1950)</p> <p>Correspondence - Craig and Gershon Legman: British Museum's Private Case; Legman's work-in-progress on his "bibliography [...] of the sexual impulse"; "exhaustive bibliography of homosexuality"; Faulkner, Henry Miller; O'Casey; Steinbeck; sexual life during World War One; censorship by US Post Dept;</p> <p>Havelock Ellis; T.E. Lawrence; World War Two censorship of dissenters against war aims; Legman's application for Guggenheim Fellowship 1946-47, proposal 'A Study of Moral Taboo in English Literature' and Craig's testimonial; Lewis Carroll; Jack the Ripper; works attributed to Oscar Wilde; Legman's 'Sex-censorship in the USA'(published in PLAN Vol.2); Craig's operation & subsequent depression; Jean Genet; de Sade; Girodias & Olympia Press; Burns' 'Merry Muses of Caledonia'; 'Lady Chatterley' trial; Bataille 'Story of the Eye'.</p>
MS1091/box 1/file 3	1958-61	'Encyclopaedia of Sexual Behavior'; [correspondence]	Craig's correspondence with: Albert Ellis; (co-editor of 'Encyclopedia of Sexual Behavior'); Donald Deeks (sales manager, Prentice-Hall)

MS1091/box 1/file 4	c1937-55	British Broadcasting Corporation; [notes and newspaper cuttings]	Newspaper cuttings – BBC and censorship; criticism of BBC; BBC under scrutiny in House of Commons (Parliamentary Inquiry, Questions)
MS1091/box 1/file 5	1952-58	The Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce	Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce - evidence presented by: Archbishop of Canterbury; Marriage Law Reform Society; Catholic Union; Progressive League; Mother's Union; Craig's evidence (handwritten)
MS1091/box 1/file 6	1958-60	Sexual behaviour and psychology [pamphlets by Albert Ellis]	24 pamphlets: offprints from psychology journals and publishers' promotional brochures for forthcoming publications– all written by, or with an introduction by, Albert Ellis (co-editor of 'Encyclopaedia of Sexual Behavior')
MS1091/box 1/file 7	c1959-60	'Censorship of Sexual Literature' [draft by Alec Craig]	Alec Craig's draft (typewritten, 35 leaves)
MS1091/box 1/file 8	1959	Sexual behaviour and psychology [pamphlets by Albert Ellis]	12 pamphlets: offprints from psychology journals and publishers' promotional brochures for forthcoming publications– all written by, or with an introduction by, Albert Ellis (co-editor of 'Encyclopaedia of Sexual Behavior')
MS1091/box 1/9	1951	<i>Freikörper-Kultur-Taschenbücher</i> [journal]	<i>Freikörper-Kultur-Taschenbücher</i> , German Naturism journal. No.4. Frankfurt-am-Main. 16 p.: with 4 p. of text and 24 illustrations (1 col., 23 b&w photos), 14 cm.
MS1091/box 1/10	1951	<i>Die öffentliche unzüchtige Handlung</i> by Peter Strasser [booklet]	Public Indecency Laws in Switzerland. Inaugural-Dissertation (Universität Bern) zur Erlangung der Würde eines Doktors iuris utriusque. Verlag 'die neue zeit', Fankhauser, Thielle (Ne.), 1951, 1 st ed. 66 p. ; 22 cm.

MS1091/box 1/11	1952-1953	<i>Health and Efficiency</i> [journals]	<p>3 issues : <i>Health and Efficiency: the world's leading Naturist journal</i>. Each 32 p : b&w ill. (photos) ; 22 cm.</p> <p>Vol.23 no.1 (September 1952). Includes: 'What is the Law?' Pt. 1, by Ernest Stanley (p.17-18, 26)</p> <p>Vol.22 no.10 (October 1952); includes 'Nudism and the Law', Pt 2, by Ernest Stanley (p.17-18, 31)</p> <p>Vol.23 no.1 (January 1953). Includes 'The Younger Folk : how can we keep them in the Clubs? Why do teenagers lose interest? Here's a practical feature from the gifted pen of Alec Craig' (p.6-7);</p>
MS1091/box 1/12	1936	<i>The Geographical Magazine</i> [journal]	<i>The Geographical Magazine</i> , Vol.3 no.1 (May 1936) 72, xxxii p. : ill.; 25 cm.
MS1091/box 1/13	1948	<i>Nacktheit vor Gericht</i> by Eduard Frankhauser [journal]	<i>Nacktheit vor Gericht</i> by Eduard Frankhauser. Swiss Naturism book. Die Neue Zeit, Zielbrücke-Thielle (Kt. Bern). 92 p. :ill. (mostly b&w photos); 22 cm.
MS1091/box 1/14	1938	<i>The Nudist: Sunshine and Health</i>	<i>The Nudist: Sunshine and Health</i> (official organ of the American Sunbathing Association) Vol.7 no.4 (April 1938) 32 p. : ill. (b&w photos); 31 cm.

MS1091/box 2/file 1	1950s and 1960s	Censorship – Newspaper cuttings, correspondence, notes and drafts	Newspaper cuttings and Craig letter – ‘Lady Chatterley’, Roth vs. USA trials, ‘Ulysses,’ ‘Lolita’ and other banned books; ‘Bibliography of Nudism’ offprint (‘Sun and Health’ no.14, 1954); ‘Banned books of England’ notes, BL request slips; correspondence & cuttings - Alex Hepple, H.R.T. Brandreth, Bertrand Russell US appointment, Obscene Publications Act
MS1091/box2/file 2	1958-1963	Homosexuality and prostitution	Newspaper cuttings - homosexuality, gross indecency convictions, Wolfenden Committee; Homosexual Law Reform Society correspondence and membership list.
MS1091/box2/file 3	1929-1938	Censorship legislation and obscenity; correspondence and newspaper cuttings	‘Banned books of England’ – newspaper cuttings, correspondence with authors whose works were censored; with Pollock (lawyer); Fortune Press obscenity case – correspondence (solicitors re. condemned list of books, Prof E. Evans-Pritchard re. his evidence for defence); cuttings from ‘Birth Control News’ (1929-1936); Havelock Ellis’ ‘The Psychology of Sex’ offprint reprinted from ‘Marriage Hygiene’ February 1936
MS1091/box2/file 4	1935-6	Law of obscenity preventing publication of artistic or scientific books: correspondence and newspaper cuttings	Correspondence between Craig and: Kingsley Martin (New Statesman and Nation); Mrs Vera Rock (re. ‘The Sexual Impulse’ by Edward Charles. Summary report of police proceedings regarding Edward Charles’ “An Introduction to the Study of the Physiology & Bio-Chemistry of the Sexual Impulse among Adults in Mental and Bodily Health.” Cuttings from ‘The Spectator,’ ‘New Statesman and Nation,’ ‘The New Generation,’ including Craig’s published letters. Newspaper cuttings re. ‘The Sexual Impulse’ case.
MS1091/box 2/file 5	1960-1961	Pornography, obscenity and morality; newspaper cuttings, correspondence and notes.	Correspondence and newspaper cuttings re. Parliamentary Paper Cm.9081 (1961) re. Mau Mau oaths; newspaper cuttings re. banned books; Craig’s bibliographical notes re. books by Oscar Brand, Henry Miller, Ezra Pound, e. e. cummings, Frank Harris,

MS1091/box 2/file 6	1960	D.H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover"; correspondence and newspaper cuttings	Correspondence re. 3 different published versions of "Lady Chatterley's Lover"; from Eric Dingwall (Nov 22 1960); Gershon Legman (Nov 22 1960); E. Fraser-Smith
MS1091/box 2/file 7	1955-60	Lady Chattersley's Lover - trial	Newspaper cuttings.
MS1091/box 2/file 8	1960	Newspaper cuttings; 'The Trials of Oscar Wilde'; prostitution	Letter to Times re. Street Offences Bill (6 May 1959); 'The Trials of Oscar Wilde'; serialised version of film from Evening Standard (4-11 April 1960)
MS1091/box 2/file 9	1953-60	Obscene libel; newspaper cuttings and correspondence.	
MS1091/box 2/file 10	1959-61	Pornography and obscene literature; Maurice Girodias and D.H. Lawrence; press cuttings and notes	<p>Article in <i>The Spectator</i> <i>I Am A Pornographer</i> by Kenneth Allsop on Maurice Girodias and Olympia Press (<i>Spectator</i> 21 October 1960), with subsequent correspondence from Girodias, Nicolas Walter, J.P. Donleavy (cuttings, and some letters copied out longhand by Craig)</p> <p>Craig's <i>Contemporary Poetry and Music Circle</i>, schedule of speakers 1960-61: includes Mrs L. Slater (Boris Pasternak's sister), Adrian Mitchell, Robert Nye, Caroline Hodgson</p> <p><i>Lolita</i> press cuttings</p> <p><i>Lady Chatterley's Lover</i> obscenity case press cuttings</p>
MS1091/box 2/file 11	1936-61	Police and legislation relating to obscene behaviour.	Press cuttings

MS1091/box 2/file 12	1935-45	Prison reform	Press cuttings and correspondence.
MS1091/box 2/file 13	1959	Obscene Publications Act 1857 and 1959; research notes and drafts.	Includes transcript of Craig's <i>The Banned Books of England and Other Countries</i> (1962) with annotated additions and corrections
MS1091/box 2/file 14	1938	Articles by Alec Craig printed in <i>Health and Efficiency</i> and <i>Sun Bathing Review</i> ;	"A Sunbathing Survey", "Naturism", "Indoor Nudism" and "Retouched or Untouched".
MS1091/box 3/file 1	1941	Witchcraft: bibliography	Details from publishers' catalogues, pasted onto paper with Craig's notes; newspaper cuttings (book reviews)
MS1091/box 3/file 2	1942	Venereal disease.	Newspaper cuttings
MS1091/box 3/file 3	1937-1946	Sexual behaviour and literature.	Newspaper cuttings, notes and bibliographical details
MS1091/box 3/file 4	1930s	Divorce and marriage; the Royal Family; The Octavian Society; newspaper cuttings and correspondence.	Octavian Society ("to combat all ungenerous treatment of the Duke of Windsor, formerly King Edward VIII, and to assure fit recognition of his long and able service to the British people") printed literature, correspondence regarding Craig's joining the Society, membership card (June 1939); newspaper cuttings re. Edward VIII/Duke of Windsor, abdication crisis; draft of letter by Craig to News Chronicle re divorce 3 11 1955.
MS1091/box 3/file 5	1938-1953	Criminality of homosexuality	Newspaper cuttings and correspondence.
MS1091/box 3/file 6	1954-1955	Incest	Newspaper cuttings

MS1091/box 3/file 7	1939-1952	Illegitimacy	Newspaper cuttings.
MS1091/box 3/file 8	1936-1939	Censorship	Newspaper cuttings, and notes
MS1091/box 3/file 9	1932-1939	Sexual literature.	Newspaper cuttings, notes and bibliographical details
MS1091/box3/file 10	Undated	Poetry	Notes by Craig
MS1091/box3/file 11	1941 July	<i>The Golden Lotus</i>	Typescript excerpts in English and Latin of sexual scenes (possibly from <i>The Golden Lotus</i> published 1939).