

# **Guide to the Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve Papers, 1901-1963 BC02.04**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Barnard Archives and Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Gildersleeve, Virginia Crocheron, 1877-1965
<b>Title</b>	Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve Papers, 1901-1964
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1901-1964
<b>Extent</b>	16.88 Linear feet ; 2 document boxes, 1 half document box, 1 bankers box, 1 oversized clam shell box, 1 index card box; 4 flat files containing 4 oversized folders
<b>Physical Location</b>	This collection is stored offsite and advance notice is required for access. To use this collection, please contact the Barnard Archives and Special Collections at 212.854.4079 or <a href="mailto:archives@barnard.edu">archives@barnard.edu</a> .
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The collection consists of correspondence, speeches, publications, and ephemera of former Barnard College Dean and Barnard College graduate Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve.

### Preferred Citation

Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve Papers, 1901-1964; Box and Folder; Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library, Barnard College.

## Biography

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Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve was born in 1877 to Judge Henry Alger Gildersleeve and Virginia Crocheron. She attended the Brearly School and - later - Barnard College, from which she graduated in 1899. Upon graduating from Barnard College, she was offered a graduate fellowship at Columbia University, where she received her Master's degree in History in 1900 and a Ph.D. in English in 1908. In 1910 she became a professor of English at Barnard and in 1911 became the Dean of Barnard College and Adviser to Women Graduate Students at Columbia. She served as the Dean of Barnard College from 1911-1947. She was the only female US delegate to the April, 1945 San Francisco United Nations Conference on International Organization - during which the UN Charter was negotiated - and was the recipient of France's Legion of Honor.

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## Collection Scope and Content Summary

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The collection contains personal and administrative correspondence both to and from Virginia Gildersleeve, addresses delivered by Virginia Gildersleeve, and publications written by and about Virginia Gildersleeve. A large portion of the collection is comprised of ephemera, awards, memorabilia from various events honoring Gildersleeve and from Gildersleeve's life. Of particular note is one box that contains notes and correspondence exchanged between Gildersleeve and Dorthea Setzer, Gildersleeve's biographer. Some Gildersleeve family materials including, the Gildersleeve family Bible and pieces of Alger C. Gildersleeve's correspondence, are included in the collection.

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## Collection Arrangement

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This collection is arranged into six series:

Series 1, Correspondence and Notes, 1914-1964

Series 2, Addresses, 1901-1950

Series 3, Publications, 1910-1963

Series 4, Documents from Events Honoring Gildersleeve, 1936-1965

Series 5, Dorthea Setzer's Gildersleeve Biography Notes and Correspondence, 1951-1954

Series 6, Memorabilia and Awards, 1908-1949

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Access**

There are no restrictions to this collection.

### **Publication Rights**

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### **Reproductions Restrictions**

Photocopies or scans may be made for research purposes.

### **Accruals**

Accruals are not expected.

### **Acquisition**

The framed Virginia Gildersleeve autograph dated September 14, 1938 and postcard from Gildersleeve to a graduating Barnard student, dated 1919, were the gifts of Dorothy Denburg. The acquisition dates and sources for the remainder of the collection is largely unknown.

### **Processing History**

This collection was processed by Shannon O'Neill in June, 2015.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Collections**

Researchers interested in Gildersleeve's professional and administrative correspondence related to her tenure as Dean of Barnard College should additionally utilize BC5.1 Dean's Office and Departmental

Correspondence, 1900-1952. Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve's personal papers are held at the Columbia University Rare Books and Manuscripts Library (MS#0484).

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Subject(s)

- Barnard College
- College administrators
- Women college administrators

## Correspondence A-Z; Alger C. Gildersleeve Correspondence

## Collection Inventory

<b>Series 1 Correspondence A-Z; Alger C. Gildersleeve Correspondence 1914-1964</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Box</b>
<b>document box</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Series 2 Addresses 1915-1950</b>	<b>14 folders</b>	<b>Box</b>
		<b>3</b>
<b>Series 3 Publications 1910-1963</b>	<b>16 folders</b>	<b>Box</b>
		<b>3</b>
<b>Series 4 Documents from Events Honoring Gildersleeve</b>		
		<b>Box</b>
25th Anniversary Dinner; Starlight Roof Dinner 1936-1943	3 folders	3
25th Anniversary photo album; 20th and 25th Anniversary hand-lettered books 1931-1935	1 oversized clam shell box	6
Index cards of individuals invited to Gildersleeve's memorial 1965	1 index card box	4
<b>Series 5 Dorothy Setzer's Biography Notes and Correspondence 1936-1956</b>		<b>Box</b>
		<b>2</b>
<b>Series 6 Memorabilia and Awards 1908-1949</b>		
		<b>Box</b>
Honorary degrees, medals, Barnard Bear pins, Phi Beta Kappa key, family Bible undated	1 bankers box	5
		<b>Drawer</b>

## Memorabilia and Awards

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Judicial Council of the State of New York Award 1938 37

Doctorate 1908 35

Legion of Honour Award 1947 36

Articles and Honors 1949 2