

# **Guide to the Gabriela Mistral Collection SC04**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b>                       | Barnard Archives and Special Collections   |
| <b>Creator</b>                          | Mistral, Gabriela, 1889 - 1957   |
| <b>Title</b>                            | Gabriela Mistral Collection  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]</b>                 | 1923-1995  |
| <b>Extent</b>                           | 2.42 Linear feet ; 2 bankers boxes containing 84 microfilm reels, 1 document box   |
| <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>Language of Collection Materials</b> | Spanish.   |
| <b>Abstract</b>                         | This collection consists of correspondence, notebooks, drafts, and poems of the Chilean poet and nobel laureate, Gabriela Mistral.   |

### Preferred Citation

Gabriela Mistral Collection, 1923-1995; Box and Folder; Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library, Barnard College.

## **Biography**

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Gabriela Mistral, 1889 - 1957, was a Chilean poet and educator. She was a visiting professor at Barnard College from 1930 - 1931. She was the first Latin American to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, in 1945, for her poetry.

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## **Collection Scope and Content Summary**

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The collection contains correspondence, notebooks, drafts, and poems of the Chilean poet and Nobel Laureate, Gabriela Mistral. The collection primarily consists of items from Mistral's archive that have been digitized onto microfilm. Additionally, the collection contains materials about Gabriela Mistral, her time as an instructor at Columbia University, and items relating to the transfer of her library to the Barnard Archives.

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## **Collection Arrangement**

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The collection is arranged by format. Box 1 contains paper materials, and Boxes 2 and 3 contain 84 rolls of microfilm. A detailed inventory of the collection's contents is available on request.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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## **Custodial History**

In 1978, a portion of the Gabriela Mistral Library, approximately 900 books, was donated to the Barnard Archives by Dorothy Dana, Mistral's life-long companion, translator of her work, and Barnard alumna. In 2009, after the passing of Dorothy Dana, it was determined by the Barnard Library Dean Carol Falcione and Doris Atkinson, the executor of Dorothy Dana's estate, that the Gabriela Mistral Library would be best used if returned to Chile and reunited with another portion of Mistral's library. In exchange, the National Library of Chile and the Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (Dirección de Bibliotecas, Archivos y Museos or DIBAM) provided Barnard Archives and Special Collections with microfilm copies of the entirety of Mistral's literary archive.

## **Accruals**

No additions are expected.

## **Acquisition Information**

Materials were donated to the archive by Doris Dana.

## **Processing History**

This collection was processed and the finding aid written by Dinah Handel, July 2015.

Descriptive Rules Used: Finding aid adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Encoding: Machine readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002.

Finding aid written in English.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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## **Genre(s)**

- Poetry

## **Subject(s)**

- Barnard College
- Barnard College--Alumni and alumnae