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## David Seager New Left and Anti-War Academic Repression Collection

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Audiotaped interviews conducted by David Seager for work on his 1995 PhD history thesis, "Repression in Academia: New Left and Antiwar College Teachers and Political Dissent in the Vietnam War era, 1964-1975".

### Background on David R. Seager

David Seager's 1995 PhD history thesis, "Repression in Academia: New Left and Antiwar College Teachers and Political Dissent in the Vietnam War era, 1964-1975" is one of the few in-depth studies of academic repression during the Vietnam era. Besides Ellen Schrecker, who has written extensively on academic freedom and repression in higher education, there has been a dearth of material written about the personal and career consequences faced by American college and university teachers who spoke out against the Vietnam War. For his thesis, Seager did extensive primary and secondary source research and directly interviewed 35 instructors and corresponded with 38 additional ones throughout 1993 and 1994.

The project was fully self-funded by Seager who had very little financial support. Early in the research project, his advisor passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack. He worked with a competent replacement, but they were not involved with the original concept and Seager was, in a sense, orphaned. Seager planned to expand the thesis with additional post-graduate work, but he was instead caught in a desperate financial bind with no help from a true mentor, a growing pile of job rejections, and a need for income, so the project ended with the thesis.

### Scope of collection

The collection consists of 43 cassette tapes collected by David Seager during the course of researching his 1995 PhD thesis in history for the University of Maine, entitled "Repression in Academia: New Left and Antiwar College Teachers and Political Dissent in the Vietnam War Era, 1964-1975". The interviews consist of interviews with 35 academics from across the United States who were active in the anti-war movement during the 1960s and 70s including Ngo Vinh Long, Fred Pincus, Alan Paskow, John Lombardi, Mary Gibson, Frank Battaglia, and many more. The collection also includes transcripts, Seager's interview notes, correspondence, and release forms.

## Series descriptions

### [Series 1. Recorded Interviews](#)

This series contains 43 audiocassettes of Seager's interviews with academics for his thesis. Not every interviewee is represented and many of the interviews take place across multiple tapes.

### [Series 2. Administrative and Transcripts](#)

This series consists of Seager's interview notes and questions, release forms, correspondence, and transcripts of a selection of the interviewees. There is a folder for each interviewee with varying material in each. Besides correspondence, a few folders consist of contemporaneous historic documents provided to Seager for his research by some of his interviewees.

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