
Guide to the Donald M. Dozer Papers, ca. 1939-1975

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Collection of a Latin American specialist in the DRA and a UCSB faculty member; includes typescript of book Latin America: An Interpretative History, files from Dozer's government service in the 1940s, and newspaper clippings (mostly about Argentina).

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Biography

The following is drawn from an article appearing in the UCSB publication *In Memoriam*, September, 1980, authored by Alexander DeConde, C. Warren Hollister, and Philip W. Powell.

Donald Marquand Dozer was born in Zanesville, Ohio, June 7, 1905, and grew up in that state. He received his B.A. degree from the College of Wooster, Ohio, then earned an M.A. and Ph.D. (1936) at Harvard University. Professor Dozer achieved national and international distinction as an authority on Latin American history and United States-Latin American relations.

While engaged in graduate studies, Dozer served as a part-time instructor at Harvard, Radcliff College, and Boston University; then he spent a year as archivist for the Department of State in the National Archives. From this position, he moved to the faculty of the University of Maryland, where he taught from 1937 to 1942, and again from 1956 to 1959. He came to the University faculty at Santa Barbara in 1959 and became emeritus in 1972.

Professor Dozer's active academic career was interrupted during World War II and for some years thereafter by government service. In the early war years, he was an officer in the division of the Coordinator of Information (later OSS) in Washington, until 1943. During 1943-44, he was liaison officer, Caribbean office, for the Lend Lease administrator in Washington. He then transferred to the Department of State, where he served as research analyst, assistant chief and coordinator of the National Intelligence Survey, and as assistant to the chief of the division of research for the American republics in the historical section until 1956. In the course of his governmental activities, he participated as a representative of the Department of State in a special conference in the Panama Canal Zone and in 1948 as assistant technical secretary for the United States in the delegation to the Ninth International Conference of American States (Bogotá).

During his career, Professor Dozer published nearly 100 articles and reviews, in major scholarly journals such as the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, the *Pacific Historical Review*, the *American Historical Review*, *Foreign Affairs*, and the *Journal of International Relations*. Among these writings were important studies on Secretary of State Elihu Root, anti-expansionism in the administration of President Andrew Johnson, American opposition to Hawaiian reciprocity in the late nineteenth century, Benjamin Harrison and the presidential campaign of 1892, revolution in Latin America, and on history of the politics and diplomacy of the Panama Canal. Dozer's scholarly reputation rests mainly on his books on Latin American history and inter-American relations. Several of these have become standard works in their field and are being reprinted. He wrote: *Are We Good Neighbors? Three Decades of Inter-American Relations, 1930-1960* (1959); *Latin America: An Interpretive History* (1962), translated into Portuguese in 1966 and also recently reprinted in English; *The Monroe Doctrine: Its Modern Significance* (1965), revised edition in 1976; *Panama Canal Issues and Treaty Talks* (1967); and *Portrait of the Free State: A History of Maryland* (1976).

In 1968, Dozer was appointed member and later chairman of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of California, leading the state's observance of the nation's 200th birthday. He was awarded a Fulbright fellowship in 1971. That same year, he received the Alberdi-Sarmiento Award given by the distinguished Buenos Aires newspaper, *La Prensa*, an annual honor accorded to "the person who has made the greatest contribution to Inter-American relations." Dozer was the first U.S. citizen to receive this distinction since 1954.

After receiving emeritus status as UCSB in 1972, Dozer continued teaching for the American Graduate School on International Management, at Glendale, Arizona. He also taught courses for this school's branches at the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1973, and at the Institute for international Studies and Training, in Boeki Kenshu, Japan, in 1975. In 1976, he was visiting lecturer at the Universidad Francisco Marroquín, in Guatemala.

On August 2, 1941, Dozer married Alice Louise Scott (now deceased), in Washington, D.C. They had three children. Donald M. Dozer died on August 4, 1980 in Santa Barbara, California.

Scope and Content of Collection

Donald M. Dozer was a Latin American specialist in the DRA (Defense Research Agency ?) and a UCSB faculty member. The collection includes research material, files from Dozer's government service in the 1940s, and newspaper clippings (mostly about Argentina).

Related Materials

Copies of Donald M. Dozer's *Latin America: An Interpretive History* have been cataloged and can be found in both the Main Library and in Special Collections. These and copies of his other published works have been cataloged separately and may be searched in Pegasus, the UCSB Libraries online catalog.

Series 1. **Personal Papers**

Scope and Content Note

Mostly research notes, some correspondence (related to his book, *Latin America: An Interpretive History*) and academic papers.

Box 1: 1

Miscellaneous research notes and academic papers; some correspondence related to reissue of *Latin America: An Interpretive History*

Series 2. Government and Diplomatic Files

Scope and Content Note

From his period of government service (DRA) in the 1940s including some matter restricted or confidential at time of issue; mostly relating to Argentina. Arranged by subject category.

Box 1: 2	Foreign Relations: International
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Box 1: 10	Nationalist Interpretations of Spanish-American History
Box 1: 11	Germans
Box 1: 12	Japanese Newspapers
Box 1: 13	Education: Argentina
Box 1: 14	Policies of Government

Series 3. **Clippings**

Scope and Content Note

Mostly related to Argentina/Argentine politics.

Box 2: 1	Argentine Question
Box 2: 2	British Policy
Box 2: 3	Commemoration of the Revolution
Box 2: 4	Education
Box 2: 5	Foreign Relations: US
Box 2: 6	Germans
Box 2: 7	Nationalism
Box 2: 8	Policies of Government
Box 2: 9	Totalitarian Character
Box 2: 10	Violations and Individual Liberty

Series 4. Miscellaneous Journals and Publications

Scope and Content Note

Related to Latin America/Argentina.

- Box 2: 11 ***Argentine Situation, U.S. Government, (Washington D.C.), Feb. 1946***
- Box 2: 11 ***Argentine, (Buenas Aires), Feb. 1945***
- Box 2: 11 ***Argentine, (Buenas Aires), June 1944***
- Box 2: 11 ***Bulletin of the American Association of University Professors, (Washington, D.C.), Winter 1946. (With memorandum dated April 20. 1948 relating to anonymously published article contained therein.)***
- Box 2: 11 ***Sarmiento, (Rosario, Argentina), May 1946***
- Box 2: 11 ***U.S. Department of State Bulletin, Oct. 1944***
- Box 2: 11 ***United States Policy Toward Argentina, Library of Congress, Feb. 1947***
- Box 2: 11 ***U.S. Department of State Bulletin, Nov. 1944***