

# **Lee Eisenberg records of the 50th Anniversary issue of Esquire**

**Ms. Coll. 633**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Eisenberg, Lee, 1946-
<b>Title</b>	Lee Eisenberg records of the 50th Anniversary issue of <i>Esquire</i>
<b>Call number</b>	Ms. Coll. 633
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	1982-1983
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1976-1984
<b>Extent</b>	0.4 linear feet (1 box)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Lee Eisenberg (born 1946), an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania, is an American writer and editor known for his time working for <i>Esquire</i> . Eisenberg was the senior editor and vice president of <i>Esquire</i> throughout the 1970s and 1980s and played a major role in the production of the 1984 50th Anniversary Edition of the magazine. This collection includes correspondence with almost half of the fifty famous people asked to write essays for the 50th anniversary issue as well as assorted notes, clippings, and article manuscripts, most of which relate to their contributions.

**Cite as:**

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## Biography/History

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Lee Eisenberg (1946-), an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania, is an American writer and editor known for his time working for *Esquire*. Eisenberg was the senior editor and vice president of *Esquire* throughout the 1970s and 1980s and played a major role in the production of the 1984 50th Anniversary Edition of the magazine, which included essays by numerous people who had been influential during the first 50 years of *Esquire*'s publication. Eisenberg also wrote several books, including the bestseller *The Number: A Completely Different Way to Think About the Rest of Your Life* (2006), and is known for coining the term "power lunch" in a 1979 *Esquire* article entitled "America's Most Powerful Lunch."

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## Scope and Contents

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Lee Eisenberg played a major role in the production of the 1984 50th Anniversary Edition of the magazine, which included essays by numerous people who had been influential during the first fifty years of *Esquire*'s publication. A few of those authors' correspondences with Eisenberg, primarily regarding the anniversary issue but dating back as far as 1976, are preserved in this collection. Correspondents include Rust L. Hills, Saul Bellow, Peter Bogdanovich, William F. Buckley, Truman Capote, Alastair Cooke, Peter F. Drucker, Richard Ford, John Kenneth Galbraith, David Halberstam, Elizabeth Hardwick, Ken Kesey, Norman Mailer, Arthur Miller, George Plimpton, Debra Ratner, Tom Robbins, James Salter, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Irwin Shaw, William Styron, and Tom Wolfe.

The collection also includes various notes, clippings, and article manuscripts by or relating to the aforementioned correspondents, most of which have to do with the creation and publication of the 50th anniversary issue. Correspondence with Truman Capote, however, dates back as far as 1976.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Source of Acquisition**

Gift of Lee Eisenberg, 2006.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Correspondence
- Drafts (documents)
- Essays
- Notes

### **GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)**

- United States--Biography

### **SUBJECT(S)**

- American literature--Periodicals
- American periodicals
- Authors
- Biography
- Periodicals--Publishing--United States

## Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Saul Bellow, correspondence, notes, and one newspaper clipping, 1982-1983.	1	1
Peter Bogdanovich, correspondence, 1983.	1	2
Peter Bogdanovich, first copy of article, [1983].	1	3
Peter Bogdanovich, final copy of article, 1983.	1	4
William F. Buckley (William Frank), correspondence, notes, and manuscript, 1983.	1	5
Truman Capote, correspondence, notes, and miscellaneous, 1976-1983.	1	6

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Truman Capote, photocopy of a manuscript for "Three Neighbors", [1983].	1	7
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Alastair Cooke, correspondence and notes, 1982-1983.	1	8
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Alastair Cooke, copies of article, 1983.	1	9
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Peter F. Drucker (Peter Ferdinand), correspondence and notes, 1982-1983.	1	10
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Peter F. Drucker (Peter Ferdinand), manuscript of article with some handwritten notes, 1982.	1	11
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Richard Ford, correspondence and notes, 1982-1984.	1	12
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Richard Ford, draft of article, [1983].	1	13
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Richard Ford, incomplete draft of article, [1983].	1	14
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John Kenneth Galbraith, correspondence, notes, and manuscript for an article on Eleanor Roosevelt, 1982-1983.	1	15
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David Halberstam, correspondence, notes, and miscellaneous, 1982-1983.	1	16
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David Halberstam, copies of article, 1983.	1	17
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Elizabeth Hardwick, 1983.	1	18
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Ken Kesey, correspondence and notes, 1982-1983.	1	19
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Ken Kesey, copies of article, 1983.	1	20
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Norman Mailer, correspondence with and/or regarding Norman Mailer (participants include Scott Meredith, Rust Hills, Lee Eisenberg, and Norman Mailer), notes, and manuscript, 1982-1983.	1	21
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Arthur Miller, correspondence and notes, 1982-1983.	1	22
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Arthur Miller, original article, [1982-1983].	1	23
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Arthur Miller, first editing of article, 1983.	1	24
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Arthur Miller, second draft of article, 1983.	1	25
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Arthur Miller, final draft of article, 1983.	1	26
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George Plimpton, correspondence and notes, 1982-1983.	1	27
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George Plimpton, correspondence and notes, 1983.	1	28
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Debra Ratner, photocopied manuscript of "Finding Maria", undated.	1	29
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Tom Robbins, correspondence and manuscript, 1982.	1	30
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James Salter, correspondence and notes, undated.	1	31
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Arthur M. Schlesinger (Arthur Meier), correspondence, notes, and one newspaper clipping, 1982-1983.	1	32
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Arthur M. Schlesinger (Arthur Meier), copies of article, 1983.	1	33
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Irwin Shaw, correspondence and notes regarding anniversary issue, 1982-1983.	1	34
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Irwin Shaw, manuscript of article entitled "Half a Century of the Common Man", 1983.	1	35
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Irwin Shaw, correspondence regarding all-literary issue, 1983-1984.	1	36
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William Styron, correspondence and manuscripts, 1982-1983.	1	37
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Tom Wolfe, correspondence, notes, and newspaper clippings, 1982-1983.	1	38
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Tom Wolfe, draft of article, 1983.	1	39
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Tom Wolfe, corrections to article, 1983.	1	40
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