

Hassler, Jon, 1933-2008.

Papers, 1981-2013 (bulk 1985-1997)

SJU Manuscript Collection 3

Location: 71/1, 77/3-7, 78/1, 83/1

19.65 cubic ft. (9 storage boxes; 5 archival boxes; 2 flat cases; 1 shelf)

Update: 7 January 2025

ABSTRACT: Collection includes drafts, galley proofs, press releases, and miscellanea related to Jon Hassler's novels, plays, screenplays, and other works, some with handwritten revisions. It also includes published books. Although mostly text documents, the collection does include a Staggerford High School t-shirt and a Hassler painting ("Galway Lighthouse #1").

ARRANGEMENT: The files are organized by title of work [usually novel title].

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: There are no access restrictions on the materials, and the collection is open to all members of the public.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES: "Jon Hassler, Regents Professor Emeritus of Fiction, ...graduated from Saint John's University in 1955 and was appointed writer-in-residence in 1980 until his retirement in 1997. He was a nationally respected author of novels, plays and nonfiction."
-- From an email from Provost Rita Knuesel, sent 3/20/2008, 3:01 p.m. with the subject: Passing of Regents Professor Emeritus of Fiction, Jon Hassler ' 55.

From the *St. Cloud Times* obituary published March 22, 2008, p. 3B:

Jon F. Hassler, 74, Minneapolis

Mar. 30, 1933 - Mar. 20, 2008

Jon F. Hassler, age 74 of Minneapolis, is survived by wife, Gretchen; children, Michael, Elizabeth (Lonnie) Caughey, David (Joyce), and their mother, Marie; stepchildren, Catherine (Geoff) Cich, Elizabeth (Chris) Seymour, Emil Kresl; and five grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, March 27th at 2 PM at the Basilica of St. Mary, 88 North 88th St. Mpls. Interment, Lakewood Cemetery.

There will be a visitation on Wed. Mar. 26 from 4-8 PM at Gill Brothers Southwest Chapel, 5801 Lyndale Ave. S, and at the church 1 hour prior to Mass.

Memorials may be directed to the Jon Hassler Theater, Plainview, MN Friends of the Basilica of St. Mary Foundation, or Struther's Parkinson's Center.

COLLECTION CITATION: This collection should be cited as:

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ACQUISITION: This collection was accessioned on May 15, 2003. The accession number is 2003-002. A second accession was added on November 2, 2004. Accession number is 2004-005. Accession 2007-006 was added in 2007. Accession 2010-008 was donated to the Archives by Christopher G. Welter on May 12, 2010. Accession 2011-005 was donated to the Archives by Bela Petheo in 2011. Accession 2011-006 was donated to the Archives by Joseph Plut on June 3, 2011. Accession 2013-020 was donated to the Archives by Lee Hanley on July 29, 2013. Accession 2015-029 was collected by the archivist on November 2, 2015. Accession 2016-012 was transferred to the Archives by Matt Heintzelman on November 9, 2016. Accession 2021-011 was created from materials previously elsewhere in the University Archives collection, September 7, 2021. Accession 2021-012 was transferred to the Archives by Matt Heintzelman on August 11, 2021. Accruals are anticipated.

PROCESSING: Ryan Kutter and Adam Feichtinger processed this collection in November 2003. John Zignego processed accession 2004-005 in February 2006. Elizabeth T. Knuth processed accession 2010-008 in June 2012, and accessions 2011-005 and 2011-006 in September 2012. Wynne Wilfahrt processed accession 2013-020 in June 2015. Elizabeth T. Knuth processed accession 2015-029 in November 2015, accession 2016-012 in December 2017, and accession 2021-012 in September 2021.

SUBJECT TERMS:

- Hassler, Jon (Jon Francis), 1933-2008 -- Manuscripts.
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INVENTORY: For contents, see the "[Hassler, Jon Papers](#)" collection in the Saint John's University Archives and Special collections database on ArchivesSpace.

Abbreviated Contents:

- Box 1** - *Simon's Night* and *A Green Journey*
- Box 2** - *Book of Brendan*
- Box 3** - *Grand Opening*
- Box 4** - *Grand Opening* and *North of Hope*
- Box 5** - *North of Hope*
- Box 6** - *North of Hope* and *Dear James*

Box 7 - *Dear James* and *Rookery Blues*

Box 8 - *Rookery Blues*, *Dean's List*, and *Screenplays, Plays, etc.*

Box 9 - *Grand Opening* page proofs and disks for *North of Hope*, *Simon's Night* and *Dear James*

Box 10 - *Dean's List*

Box 11 - *Dear James*

Box 12 - *Rookery Blues*

Box 13 - Press releases

Box 14 - Jon Hassler-Lee Hanley documents, St. John's University Press meeting, map of
Minnesota authors

Shelf 71 – Published books

Shelf 83 - Artifacts: t-shirt and painting
