

# Guide to the Jargon Society Collection WLU.Coll.0777

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1950-2000

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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1950-2000

### Mixed Materials [35101013590059]

1

### Container

1-24 (folder)

### Graphic Materials

Framed "Poetry, Photography, and White Trash Cooking" Poster

### Mixed Materials [35101013590174]

2

### Container

1-8 (folder)

### Graphic Materials

Two Topiary Chops

### Graphic Materials

Jonathan Williams and Thomas Meyer reading poetry in Boston, March 1982 by Thor Rinden

### Language

English

### source

Ball, Gordon (1944-12-30)

### source

Craven, Thorns

### Extent

.42 Linear Feet

## Repository

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# Administrative Information

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

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# Biographical / Historical

The Jargon Society, a small-press publisher founded in 1951 by Jonathan Williams, offers a wide variety of queer and nature themed poetry. As a publisher, Williams' goal was to give the artist and/or the poet "the book that they wanted". Following Williams' death in 2008 the official archive of the Jargon Society was transferred by his partner Thomas Meyer to Black Mountain College Museum and Arts Center where the imprint remains active. Additional information about The Jargon Society can be found at the ,Black Mountain College (BMC) Website.

# Scope and Contents

This collection primarily contains materials related to the Jargon Society and Jonathan Williams in addition to materials related to the small press community present in North Carolina. The Jargon Society materials include both published histories as well as promotional materials and subscription lists. The collection also contains materials related to Williams including correspondence between Williams and both Thorns Craven as well as Gordon Ball and materials created in memory of Williams.

# Separated Materials

In addition to archival materials, this collection also includes published volumes that have been described bibliographically in the library catalogue. To access this collection of Jargon imprints as well as other materials published by Jargon affiliates, please visit The Jargon Society

# Keywords

Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

Meyer, Thomas, 1947-

Jargon Society

Ball, Gordon (1944-12-30)

Craven, Thorns

# Description of Subordinate Components

## Jargon Society Materials

**Unit ID** 1: Jargon Society Materials

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19093

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 1-14 (folder)

**Graphic Materials** Framed "Poetry, Photography, and White Trash Cooking" Poster

**Graphic Materials** Two Topiary Chops

### **Jargon Society Newsletters**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19090

**Unit Date** 1974-11-1984-10-01

**Text [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Creator** Jargon Society

**Extent** 1 Files

### **The Jargon Society 1951-1975**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19091

**Unit Date** 1975

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Creator** Jargon Society

**Extent** 1 Files

### **The Jargon Society**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19092

**Unit Date** 1987

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Creator** Jargon Society

**Extent** 1 Files

### **Jargon: 42 years on the job on the run in the land of nod**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19094

**Unit Date** 1993

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Creator** Jargon Society

**Extent** 1 Files

### **Jargon Society Promotional Materials**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19095

**Unit Date** 1975-1986

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

### **Jargon Society Publications with notes to Gordon Ball**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19096

**Unit Date** 1975

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**source** Ball, Gordon (1944-12-30)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Ball, Gordon (1944-12-30)

**Jargon Society Postcards**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19097

**Unit Date** 1976-1980

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Creator** Jargon Society

**Extent** 1 Files

**Scope and Contents**

**Two Topiary Chops**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19126

**Unit Date** 1973

**Graphic Materials** Two Topiary Chops

**Extent** 1 Item

**Scope and Contents**

Includes dedication stating "For Doug and Bingle"

**Materials from Thorns Craven's time as Treasurer**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19098

**Unit Date** 1986-1996

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**source** Craven, Thorns

**Creator** Jargon Society

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Craven, Thorns

**Jargon Society's Mailing List**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19099

**Unit Date** 1975-10-20

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Creator** Jargon Society

**Extent** 1 Files

**Jargon Society Hannukkah Mailing List**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19100

**Unit Date** 1998

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Creator** Jargon Society

**Extent** 1 Files

**Early Response to "At Dusk Iridescent" by Thomas Meyer**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19101

**Unit Date** 1999

**Text [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Meyer, Thomas, 1947-

**Correspondence and list regarding the collection of Jargon Society and Jonathan Williams materials at Princeton**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19103

**Unit Date** 2004-10-25

**Text [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 13 (folder)

**source** Craven, Thorns

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Craven, Thorns

**Materials from "Poetry, Photography, and White Trash Cooking"**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19104

**Unit Date** 2012-03-24-2012-07-12

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Creator** Craven, Thorns

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Jargon Society

**Poster from "Poetry, Photography, and White Trash Cooking"**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19105

**Unit Date** 2012-05-12

**Graphic Materials** Framed "Poetry, Photography, and White Trash Cooking" Poster

**Creator** Craven, Thorns

**Extent** 1 Item

**Keywords**

Jargon Society

**Jonathan Williams Materials**

**Unit ID** 2: Jonathan Williams Materials

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19106

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 15-24 (folder)

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 1-6 (folder)

**Graphic Materials** Jonathan Williams and Thomas Meyer reading poetry in Boston, March 1982 by Thor Rinden

**Invitations and Promotional Materials for exhibitions of Jonathan Williams**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19109

**Unit Date** 1974-2008

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Newspaper Articles about Jonathan Williams**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19110

**Unit Date** 1976-2008

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

Meyer, Thomas, 1947-

Jargon Society

**"Paint Slash for Redon's Birthday"**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19111

**Unit Date** 1926-04-22

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Extent** 1 Files

**"Larvell" and "america's largest open air museum"**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19112

**Unit Date** 1980-02-03

**Text [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Extent** 1 Files

**"Noah Webster to wee Lorine Niedecker"**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19113

**Unit Date** 1986

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Extent** 1 Files

**Student Responses to Jonathan Williams Poetry Reading at North Carolina Wesleyan College**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19114

**Unit Date** 1975

**Text [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Letters from Jonathan Williams to Gordon Ball**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19120

**Unit Date** 1975-01-10-1981-12-31

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**source** Ball, Gordon (1944-12-30)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Ball, Gordon (1944-12-30)

**Letters from and about Jonathan Williams to Thorns Craven**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19121

**Unit Date** 1986-03-24-2015-10-12

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**source** Craven, Thorns

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

Craven, Thorns

**Memorial publications of Jonathan Williams' Parents - Georgia Chamberlain Williams and T. Ben Williams**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19122

**Unit Date** 1974-05-05

**Unit Date** 200-03-09

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Extent** 1 Files

**Jonathan Williams Obituaries**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19123

**Unit Date** 2008-03-30-2008-04-11

**Mixed Materials [35101013590059]** 1

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Jonathan Williams Memorial Service**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19124

**Unit Date** 2008-04-29-2008-07-18

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Jonathan Williams and Thomas Meyer reading poetry in Boston by Thor Rinden**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19125

**Unit Date** 1982-03

**Graphic Materials** Jonathan Williams and Thomas Meyer reading poetry in Boston, March 1982 by Thor Rinden

**Creator** Rinden, Thor

**Extent** 1 Item

**Keywords**

Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

Meyer, Thomas, 1947-

**Thelonious Monk Materials**

**Unit ID** 2.1: Thelonious Monk Materials

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19108

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 2-6 (folder)

**Keywords**

Monk, T. S. (Thelonious Sphere)

**Letters to Thorns Craven regarding Thelonious Monk Birthplace postcard by Jonathan Williams**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19127

**Unit Date** 1979-1987-03-31

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 2 (folder)

**source** Craven, Thorns

**Creator** Williams, Jonathan (Jonathan Chamberlain), 1929-2008

**Extent** 1 Files

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains the postcard of Thelonious Monk's birthplace taken by Jonathan Williams in 1979

**Keywords**

Craven, Thorns

Monk, T. S. (Thelonious Sphere)

**Articles related to Thelonious Monk**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19128

**Unit Date** 1964-2008

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Monk, T. S. (Thelonious Sphere)

**Thelonious Sphere Monk Gala Memorial Concert Program and Ticket**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19129

**Unit Date** 1986-10-06

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Monk, T. S. (Thelonious Sphere)

**Copy of General Assembly of North Carolina's House Joint Resolution DRHJR8255 regarding legacy of Thelonious Monk**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19130

**Unit Date** 1929-09-23

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Keywords**

Monk, T. S. (Thelonious Sphere)

**Barry Harris Jazz Cultural Theatre promotional materials and articles**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19131

**Unit Date** 1983-1986

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Related Materials**

**Unit ID** 3: Related Materials

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19107

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 7-8 (folder)

**Captain's Bookshelf Catalogues 50-53**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19132

**Unit Date** 2007-2010

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files

**Various postcards, pamphlets, and promotional materials related to art and poetry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/19133

**Unit Date** 1982-2005

**Mixed Materials [35101013590174]** 2

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Extent** 1 Files