

# JT Jackson:

## A Preliminary Inventory of His Collection of David Foster Wallace at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Jackson, JT
<b>Title:</b>	JT Jackson Collection of David Foster Wallace
<b>Dates:</b>	1985-2010
<b>Extent:</b>	1 document box (0.42 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	The JT Jackson Collection of David Foster Wallace includes materials provided by friend and classmate of Wallace, JT Jackson. The collection contains typescript photocopies of workshop manuscripts, an English class workshop schedule, a series of list-serv exchanges, and correspondence from Wallace to Jackson.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-05333
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research. Researchers must create an online Research Account and agree to the Materials Use Policy before using archival materials.
<b>Use Policies:</b>	Ransom Center collections may contain material with sensitive or confidential information that is protected under federal or state right to privacy laws and regulations. Researchers are advised that the disclosure of certain information pertaining to identifiable living individuals represented in the collections without the consent of those individuals may have legal ramifications (e.g., a cause of action under common law for invasion of privacy may arise if facts concerning an individual's private life are published that would be deemed highly offensive to a reasonable person) for which the Ransom Center and The University of Texas at Austin assume no responsibility.

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### Administrative Information

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## Scope and Contents

Spanning from 1985 to 2010, the JT Jackson Collection of David Foster Wallace documents Wallace's years at the MFA writing program at the University of Arizona.

Series I. Works by David Foster Wallace, makes up the bulk of the collection and contains fourteen workshop manuscripts written by Wallace for the writing program at the University of Arizona from 1985-1988. Some manuscripts include notes and reader comments.

Series II. JT Jackson Materials, contains a workshop schedule for a class shared by Jackson and Wallace, a series of list-serv pieces on Michael Bucher's Wallace-I board from 2009 to 2010 documenting a group read of *Girl With Curious Hair*, and emails from JT Jackson explaining the origin and context of these materials.

Series III. Correspondence. Letters from Wallace to Jackson. Includes one short story by Wallace.

JT 'Jate' Jackson was a long-time friend and graduate school classmate of David Foster Wallace. They attended the MFA writing program together at the University of Arizona from 1985 to 1988.

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## Related Material

Additional David Foster Wallace materials at the Ransom Center are located in the David Foster Wallace Papers; the David Foster Wallace Collection; the David Lipsky Collection of David Foster Wallace; the Little, Brown and Company Collection of David Foster Wallace; the Steven Moore Collection of David Foster Wallace; and the Bonnie Nadell Collection of David Foster Wallace.

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**Series I. Works by David Foster Wallace, 1985-1988**

40 [My Appearance], photocopy, [1986]	<b>Container 1.1</b>
The Broom of the System, signed readers copy, 1987	<b>Container 1.2</b>
Church Not Made with Hands, photocopy, [1987]	<b>Container 1.3</b>
Crash of '62, photocopy, [1986]	<b>Container 1.4</b>
Everything is Green, photocopy, [1986]	<b>Container 1.5</b>
Fictional Futures and the Conspicuously young, photocopy, [1988]	<b>Container 1.6</b>
Forever Overhead, photocopy. [1985]	<b>Container 1.7</b>
Girl with Curious Hair, photocopy, [1986]	<b>Container 1.8</b>
Here and There, photocopy, undated	<b>Container 1.9</b>
John Billy, photocopy with reader comments, [1986]	<b>Container 1.10</b>
Little Expressionless Animals, photocopy, [1986]	<b>Container 1.11</b>
Luckily the Account Representative Knew CPR, photocopy, [1987]	<b>Container 1.12</b>
Las Meñinas, photocopy, [1987]	<b>Container 1.13</b>
Solomon Silverfish, photocopy with reader comments, [1985]	<b>Container 1.14</b>
Taylor, Richard, "Fatalism" and the Semantics of Physical Modality, photocopy, 1985	<b>Container 1.15</b>

**Series II. JT Jackson Materials, 1986-2010**

English 604 workshop schedule, 1986

**Container 1.16**

JT Jackson-Wallace list-serv pieces, 2004-2010

**Container 1.17**

**Series III. Correspondence, 1987-1998, undated**

Wallace to Jackson, 1987-1998, undated

**Container 1.18**