**Road Show: Travel Papers in American Literature**

This exhibition celebrates the American love of travel and adventure in both literary works and the real-life journeys that have inspired our most beloved travel narratives. Exploring American literary archives as well as printed and published works, *Road Show* reveals how travel is recorded, marked, and documented in Beinecke Library’s American collections. Passports and visas, postcards and letters, travel guides and language lessons—these and other archival documents attest to the physical, emotional, and intellectual experiences of moving through unfamiliar places, encountering new landscapes and people, and exploring different ways of life and world views. Literary manuscripts, travelers’ notebooks, and recorded reminiscences allow us to consider and explore travel’s capacity for activating the imagination and igniting creativity. Artworks, photographs, and published books provide opportunities to consider the many ways artists and writers transform their own activities and human interactions on the road into works of art that both document and generate an aesthetic experience of journeying.

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**Citations**

Luggage tag, 1934, Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas Papers

Shipboard photograph of Margaret Anderson, Louise Davidson, Madame Georgette LeBlanc, undated, Elizabeth Jenks Clark Collection of Margaret Anderson

Langston Hughes, Mexico, undated, Langston Hughes Papers

Langston Hughes, *Some Travels of Langston Hughes* world map, 1924-60, Langston Hughes Papers

Ezra Pound, Letter to Viola Baxter Jordan with map, 1949, Viola Baxter Jordan Papers

Kathryn Hulme, *How's the Road?* San Francisco: Privately Printed [Jonck & Seeger], 1928

*Baedeker Handbooks* for Greece, Belgium and Holland, Paris, Berlin, Great Britain, various dates

Erica Van Horn, *Rain* [Clonmel, Tipperary, Ireland]: Coracle, 2009


Claude McKay traveling in Russia with Russian writers, 1920s, Claude McKay Papers

Jack Kerouac, “The Depression,” undated

Terry Tempest Williams, travel planning calendar, undated, Terry Tempest Williams Papers


*Objects*

Stein Luggage tag
YCAL MSS 76 box 140 folder 3300: https://archives.yale.edu/repositories/11/archival_objects/724001
DL: https://brbl-dl.library.yale.edu/vufind/Record/4742401

Anderson shipboard photo
YCAL MSS 265 box 19 folder 340
DL: https://brbl-dl.library.yale.edu/vufind/Record/3530116

Hughes Rowing photo
JWJ MSS 26 box 458 folder 11093

Some travels of Langston Hughes Map
Langston Hughes map of travels
JWJ MSS 26 box 514 folder 12785
DL https://collections.library.yale.edu/catalog/2018719

Ezra Pound Hand Drawn Map
Letter to Viola Baxter Jordan
YCAL MSS 175 Box 3 Folder 87
DL: https://brbl-dl.library.yale.edu/vufind/Record/3545500

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left to right -- Belgium, Paris, Berlin, Great Britain, Greece

Kathryn Hulme, *How’s the Road*
Za H876 928H

Car photo guide Chicago to Milwaukee
NLk32 P56

Van Horn Book Mark – windshield wipers
Zab V3115 +989L II
DL: https://brbl-dl.library.yale.edu/vufind/Record/3556859
Kerouac, On the road mss page
YCAL MSS MISC Grp 1027 Item F-1

*On the road*
Zab K459 957P

Claude McKay photo
JWJ MSS 27 Box 18 folder 553
DL: [https://brbl-dl.library.yale.edu/vufind/Record/4738941](https://brbl-dl.library.yale.edu/vufind/Record/4738941)

Terry Tempest Williams Calendar
WA MSS S-2700 Box 221

Lily Brooks-Dalton, *Motorcycles I have loved*
Zac B7914 M86 2015

Nathan Asch, *The Road*
Za As23 937R

Erskine Caldwell, *Around about America*
Za C127 964A

Thomas D. Murphy, *On Sunset Highways*
Zc72 915mub