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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Press, Charles, 1922-
<b>Source - dnr:</b>	Press, Charles, 1922-
<b>Creator - edt:</b>	Wanger, Eugene G.
<b>Creator:</b>	Ferency, Zolton A., 1922-1993
<b>Title:</b>	Charles Press papers
<b>ID:</b>	UA.17.200
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1961-2012
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.1 Cubic Feet
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## Biographical / Historical

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O. Charles Press is a Professor Emeritus at Michigan State University. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he completed his B.J. at the University of Missouri in 1948, earned his M.A. in Political Science at the University of Minnesota in 1951, and his Ph.D. in 1953. Press joined the Michigan State University Department of Political Science as an Assistant Professor in 1954, was promoted to Associate Professor in 1956, and to Professor in 1965. He is author of over thirty books and monographs, as well as numerous journal articles. His coauthored books include *Democracy in Urban America* (1961), *The American Political Process* (1965, 1969), *Governing Urban America* (1968, 1977), *American Politics Reappraised: The Enchantment of Camelot Dispelled* (1973, 1974), *State and Community Governments in the Federal System* (1979, 1983), and *American Policy Studies* (1981). In addition to co-editing *Democracy in Urban*

America: Readings on Government and Politics (1961) and Empathy and Ideology (1966), he is the sole author of American Politics and Journalists (1988), Democracy in the Fifty States (1966), and The Political Cartoon (1981). Press is a past president of the Midwest Political Science Association. In 1961-1962, Press served on the Michigan Constitutional Convention. Press retired from MSU in 1991.

Source: MSU Department of Political Science (<http://polisci.msu.edu/people/charles-o-press/>)

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## Scope and Contents

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The question of a general constitutional revision was approved by Michigan voters in April 1961. Delegates were nominated to the 1961 constitutional convention in July and elected in August. Work began in October and finished in August 1962. The revised Michigan constitution was put before the voters on April 1, 1963 and approved.

Charles Press was one of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention (Con-Con). Press was assigned to the Legislative Organization Committee, and later to the committee concerned with the apportionment of both chambers of the legislature.

This collection is concerned almost exclusively with documents generated by these two committees. There are a few documents from other committees as well as general convention materials. There are Action Journals and publications concerned with information about the previous constitution. There are also documents generated by individuals who were upset by the fundamentally conservative tenor of the new constitution. The collection also contains Press' convention notebooks, correspondence, miscellaneous documents, monographs, and pamphlets.

Lastly, there are materials from the Michigan Constitutional Convention reunions, including a 45th anniversary magnet, "Michigan Constitutional Convention of 1961-1962 50th Anniversary Reunion" booklet edited by Eugene Wanger, address lists (restricted), correspondence, photographs, a 40th anniversary poster, and a 2001 Certificate of Special Tribute from Governor John Engler. Also included is a program from "A Toast and Tribute Dynamite Evening with Tom Downs."

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Constitutional conventions -- Michigan
- Constitutions -- Michigan
- Michigan -- History
- Michigan -- Politics and government
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Letters (correspondence)
- Maps
- Newsletters -- Newsletters
- Notebooks
- Pamphlets

- Posters
- Publications
- Reports
- Press, Charles, 1922-
- Michigan. Constitutional Convention (1961-1962)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Michigan Constitutional Convention, 1961-1962

Title/Description	Instances	
Notebook		
No. 1, Pt. 1	box 5946	folder 1
No. 1, Pt. 2	box 5946	folder 2
No. 1, Pt. 3	box 5946	folder 3
No. 2, Pt. 1	box 5946	folder 4
No. 2, Pt. 2	box 5946	folder 5
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No. 3, Pt. 1	box 5946	folder 7
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Convention Clippings	box 5946	folder 10
Convention Delegates	box 5946	folder 11
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Plans. Other	box 5947	folder 3
Statements made by AFL-CIO (cf. oversize file)	box 5947	folder 4
Local Government		
Action Journal	box 5947	folder 5
Miscellaneous	box 5947	folder 6
Miscellaneous Provisions and Schedule	box 5947	folder 7
Permanent Organization and Rules		
Preliminary Report	box 5947	folder 8
Reports	box 5947	folder 9
Proposals		

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Pamphlets. Guides to the New Constitution	box 5947	folder 40
Reports. External Organizations	box 5947	folder 41
Reports. Regarding Various Constitutions	box 5947	folder 42
Michigan Conference of Political Scientists, 1990	box 5947	folder 43
Michigan Constitutional Convention Reunion materials [address lists are restricted], 1981, 1989, 1993-1994, 1996, 2001-2002	box F.D.	folder 2
Michigan Constitutional Convention Reunion materials [address list is restricted], 2010, 2012, undated	box F.D.	folder 1
"A Toast and Tribute Dynamite Evening with Tom Downs", 1996	box F.D.	folder 1
Socialist Labor Party poster, undated	box L.F.D.	folder 1
George Romney, Governor of Michigan Inaugural Ceremony event program, January 1, 1963		

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## Oversized Materials

Title/Description	Instances	
Michigan AFL-CIO News. Re-print of January 31, 1963 Article; "To Help the People Decide for Themselves on Con Con: Full Text of the Proposed State Constitution Plus 59 Legal Questions and Answers"	drawer 14	
Melvin Nord. "Why You Should Reject the Con-Con Proposal", undated	drawer 14	
Poster: "Ask Yourself These Questions Before You Vote on Con Con's Proposition" Sponsored by Lawyers to Reject the Con-Con Proposition, undated	drawer 14	
Michigan Constitutional Convention Reunion posters, 2001	box 5928	

State of Michigan Certificate of Special Tribute to the  
Delegates of the 1961 Michigan Constitutional Convention,  
2001

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## Audio recordings

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<p>Malcolm X Speaks at Michigan State University, January 23, 1963</p> <p>Digital Object: <a href="#">Malcolm X Speaks at Michigan State University, January 23, 1963</a></p> <p>Controlled Access Headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• X, Malcolm, 1925-1965</li> </ul>	reel 7
<p>Dick Gregory Speaks at Great Issues Lecture Series, March 8, 1968</p> <p>Digital Object: <a href="#">Dick Gregory Speaks at Great Issues Lecture Series, March 8, 1968</a></p> <p>Controlled Access Headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gregory, Dick</li> </ul>	reel 9
<p>Dr. Charles Press, Appropriate Units of Government: Problems of Consolidation, 1971</p> <p>Digital Object: <a href="#">Dr. Charles Press, "Appropriate Units of Government: Problems of Consolidation", 1971</a></p> <p>Controlled Access Headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Press, Charles, 1922-</li> </ul>	reel 12
<p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Speaks at Michigan State University, February 11, 1965</p> <p>Digital Object: <a href="#">Martin Luther King, Jr. Speaks at Michigan State University, March 11, 1965</a></p> <p>Controlled Access Headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968</li> </ul>	reel 15
Mid-Week Michigan: State Legislative Apportionment in Michigan, January 29, 1964	reel 18

[Digital Object: Mid-Week Michigan: State Legislative Apportionment in Michigan, January 29, 1964](#)

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