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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 182

TITLE: Yale Religion in Higher Education Program Records

DATES: 1928-1966

BULK DATES: 1946-1966

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 6.5 linear feet (16 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: These records relate to the Religion in Higher Education program at Yale. Yale was an important center for Masters and Doctoral level studies in this field during the mid- twentieth century.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.182>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.182>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Deposited in the Library in the 1960s

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Yale Religion in Higher Education Program Records (RG 182), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

Processing Information

Place names were modernized in the description, with the name originally used in the collection material or in an older version of the finding aid in parenthesis: e.g. "Beijing (Peking)" or "Benin (Dahomey)".

Biographical / Historical

Clarence Prouty Shedd was among the first notable figures in Yale's emphasis on religion in higher education. Shedd was appointed Lecturer on Student Work in 1923 and was a fellow of National Council of Religion in Higher Education. He went on to become the Stephen Merrell Clement Professor of Christian Methods at Yale Divinity School until his retirement in 1955. Arriving at Yale in 1955 was J. Edward Dirks, who was Associate Professor Religion in Higher Education from 1955 to 1958 and Stephen Merrell Clement Professor of Christian Methods from 1958 to 1967. Dirks was also on loan from Yale as Secretary of the University Commission of the World's Student Christian Federation. He served as Editor of *The Christian Scholar* and as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Christian Fellowship. The Religion in Higher Education Program at Yale was most active during the 1940s through 1960s.

Scope and Contents

Though fragmentary and of uncertain provenance, this collection provides valuable documentation of the Religion in Higher Education program at Yale, primarily from the 1920s through 1966. The files were found in a YDS basement storage area and it is not entirely clear whether they were all from one source.

Series I is designated as J. Edward Dirks Files and contains documentation relating both to his work at Yale and as Secretary of the University Commission of the World Student Christian Federation. There are also J. Edward Dirks papers in YDSL Record Group No. 30, Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection. Series II, Course Materials, covers the era when Clarence Shedd was the primary faculty member at YDS in the area of religion in higher education. An additional 36 linear feet of Clarence Prouty Shedd's Papers are found in YDSL Record Group No. 35. The Resource Materials in Series III date from both the Shedd and Dirks eras. They were most likely from a central file in the Yale office of the religion in higher education program.

In addition to their relation to other papers of Dirks and Shedd, these records relate to several other collections at the Yale Divinity Library, including the Archives of the World Student Christian Federation (YDSL RG 46); the Archives of The Danforth Study of Campus Ministries (YDSL RG 62), which was based at YDS and directed by Kenneth Underwood 1962-1966, the Archives of the Religious Education Association (YDSL RG 74), the Archives of the National Association of College and University Chaplains and Directors of Religious Life (YDSL RG 167), as well as the records of various iterations of the North American student Christian movement.

Arrangement

- Series I, J. Edward Dirks Files, 1946-1966
- Series II, Course Materials, 1929-1962
- Series III, Resource Files, 1928-1966

Collection Contents

Series I: J. Edward Dirks Files, 1946-1966

Additional J. Edward Dirks papers are available in YDSL Record Group No. 30, Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection.

Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Yale University	1946-1965
b. 1, f. 2	Asia trip	1949-1956
b. 1, f. 3	University Teachers' Commission	1953
b. 1, f. 4	Maury, Philippe	1954-1965
b. 1, f. 5	Miscellaneous	1955
b. 1, f. 6	Re. Hazen grant	1955-1960
b. 1, f. 7	World Student Christian Federation	1955-1966
b. 1, f. 8	Re. reprinting of grey book	1958
b. 1, f. 9	Miscellaneous	1959-1960
b. 2, f. 10	Faculty Christian Fellowship	1963-1965

Conferences

b. 2, f. 11	National Council on Religion in Higher Education	1954-1962
b. 2, f. 12	WSCF Leaders in India	1955
b. 2, f. 13	World Student Christian Federation	1955-1956
b. 2, f. 14	University Commission Consultation	1956
b. 2, f. 15	"The Meaning of the Secular"	1958
b. 2, f. 16	Religion in Higher Education	1959
b. 2, f. 17	National Council of United Campus Christian Fellowship	1964
b. 2, f. 18	United Campus Christian Fellowship	1964
b. 2, f. 19	World Student Christian Federation	1964

Literature

b. 3, f. 20	Miscellaneous	1952-1956
b. 3, f. 21	Latin America	1958-1959
b. 3, f. 22	"Ministry to the Campus"	1961
b. 3, f. 23	Miscellaneous	1964-1966

Literature > Miscellaneous (continued)

Reports

b. 3, f. 24	University Commission	1955
b. 3, f. 25	Travel in Latin America and Asia	1956-1959
University Teachers' Commission		
b. 3, f. 26	Correspondence	1960
b. 3, f. 27-29	Meetings	1954, 1955, 1959
b. 3, f. 30	Literature and related correspondence	1956-1959

Series II: Course Materials, 1929-1962

See also the Clarence Prouty Shedd Papers, YDSL Record Group No. 35 for related material.

Research studies		
b. 4, f. 31	"Weigle Study" - Ministry candidates	1929
b. 4, f. 32	"Religious Studies in Colleges"	1929-1935
b. 4, f. 33-35	"College Work among Episcopalians"	1933-1947
b. 4, f. 36	"YMCA and College Christian Movements"	1940
b. 5, f. 37	"Post-war Plans for Religious Studies at Yale": correspondence of Sidney Lovett	1944-1945
b. 5, f. 38	"United Student Christian Council Study Committee": miscellaneous studies	1944-1951
b. 5, f. 39	"Cooperation of Protestant Campus Religious Organizations": questionnaires	1946
b. 5, f. 40-41	"The Role of Religion in the Urban University"	1946
b. 6, f. 42	"Religious Centers for Student Work: A Yale Study"	1947
b. 6, f. 43	"Religious Attitudes Survey"	1947-1948
b. 6, f. 44	"Courses in Religion at Various Colleges"	1950
b. 6, f. 45	"Training Courses for Student Religious Workers": Yale University	1950-1951
b. 6, f. 46	"Leadership Qualities for a YMCA Secretary": correspondence	1950-1951
b. 6, f. 47	Miscellaneous studies	1951
b. 6, f. 48	"The Comparative Orthodoxy of Freshmen and Seniors"	1953
b. 6, f. 49	"Rockefeller Fellows at Yale"	1958-1962
Yale "Religion in Higher Education" course		
b. 6, f. 50	Collected student reports	1945-1946
b. 6, f. 51	Term paper topics	1948
b. 6, f. 52	Student reports: Cates, William	1948
b. 6, f. 53	Student reports: Herman, Alan	1948
b. 6, f. 54	Student reports: Porter, Joe	1948
b. 6, f. 55	Collected student reports	late 1940s
b. 7, f. 56	Course documents	1954
b. 7, f. 57-60	Collected student reports	1956-1957

Series III: Resource Files, 1928-1966

Yale University		
b. 8, f. 61	Dwight hall records	1928-1960
b. 8, f. 62	Wesley Foundation: reports and literature	1938-1957
b. 8, f. 63	Yale Christian Association: literature	1943
b. 8, f. 64	Westminster Fellowship	1947-1948
b. 8, f. 65	Inter-church Council	1947-1949
b. 8, f. 66	Yale Consultation on Religion in Higher Education	1953
b. 8, f. 67	News items	1961
Faculty Christian Fellowship		
b. 8, f. 68	General records	1951-1961
b. 8, f. 69-70	Conferences	1952-1953
b. 8, f. 71	Literature: "Faculty Forum"	1957-1965
b. 8, f. 72	University Christian Mission	1951-1952
b. 8, f. 73	"Work with Faculty"	1951
National Council of the Churches of Christ		
b. 9, f. 74	Annual reports	1948-1960
b. 9, f. 75	Conferences	1957-1958
b. 9, f. 76-77	Literature: Commission on Higher Education	1952-1966
b. 9, f. 78	Department of Campus Christian Life	1951-1953
b. 9, f. 79	Department of Ecumenical Relations	1951
b. 9, f. 80	Department of the Ministry	1957-1960
b. 9, f. 81	Division of Christian Education	1955-1958
b. 9, f. 82	Interseminary Movement	1947-1957
b. 9, f. 83	Miscellaneous records	1963
b. 10, f. 84	General records	1953-1964
b. 10, f. 85	Committee for the Interseminary Movement	1963-1964
Student Christian Movement		
b. 10, f. 86	Conferences	1937-1965
b. 10, f. 87-88	Literature	1945-1956

Student Christian Movement (continued)

b. 10, f. 89	Middle Atlantic Region records	1957
b. 10, f. 90	New England Region records	1943-1960
b. 10, f. 91	"Christian Student Foundation"	1950
b. 10, f. 92	Collected materials on student religious attitudes	1933-1951
b. 11, f. 93	College Church Study	1957
b. 11, f. 94	Local programs	no date
b. 11, f. 95	Merger proposal	1956-1960
b. 11, f. 96	Seminary programs	1954-1955
b. 11, f. 97	"The Present Task of the SCM"	1945
b. 11, f. 98	International: Britain	1952-1963
b. 11, f. 99	International: Burma	1952
b. 11, f. 100	International: Canada	1963-1964
b. 11, f. 101	International: Sri Lanka (Ceylon)	1955-1957
b. 11, f. 102	International: England	1953-1964
b. 11, f. 103	International: France	1957-1959
b. 11, f. 104	International: Germany	1957
b. 11, f. 105	International: Holland	1953
b. 11, f. 106	International: Hungary	no date
b. 11, f. 107	International: India	1943-1967
b. 11, f. 108	International: India - reports of J. E. Dirks	1961
b. 11, f. 109	International: India - printed material	1962-1966
b. 11, f. 110	International: Indonesia	1965
b. 12, f. 111	International: Japan	1954
b. 12, f. 112	International: Latin America	1955-1963
b. 12, f. 113	International: Lebanon	1955-1962
b. 12, f. 114	International: Norway, Sweden, Denmark	1959
b. 12, f. 115	International: Phillipines	1956
b. 12, f. 116	International: Puerto Rico	1964-1965
b. 12, f. 117	International: South Africa	1958
b. 12, f. 118	International: Syria	1955

Student Christian Movement (continued)

b. 12, f. 119	International: Thailand	1951
	UCCF National Council	
b. 12, f. 120	Miscellaneous records	1963-1964
	University Christian Mission	
b. 12, f. 121	Printed materials and reports	1946-1955
b. 12, f. 122	Printed material: "Religion in Life Week"	1955-1957
b. 12, f. 123	Printed materials and reports	1957-1961
	United Student Christian Council	
b. 13, f. 124	Correspondence	1944-1946
b. 13, f. 125	Literature and publications	1945-1966
b. 13, f. 126	Re. literature and publications	1962-1964
b. 13, f. 127	Structure reports	1940-1949
b. 13, f. 128	Structure reports: Executive Committee	1944-1957
b. 13, f. 129	Meeting report	1946
b. 13, f. 130	Meeting report	1947
b. 13, f. 131	Meeting report	1948
b. 13, f. 132	Meeting report	1949
b. 13, f. 133	Meeting report	1950
b. 13, f. 134	Meeting report	1951
b. 13, f. 135	Meeting report	1952
b. 14, f. 136	Kalmazoo Proposal	1952
b. 14, f. 137	Meeting report	1953
b. 14, f. 138	Meeting report	1957
b. 14, f. 139	Meeting report	1958
b. 14, f. 140	Committe on Religion in Higher Education	1945-1949
b. 14, f. 141	Campus Strategy Committee	1946-1950
b. 14, f. 142	Committee on University Work	1944-1951
b. 14, f. 143	Denison Consultation	1944-1945
b. 14, f. 144	World Student Christian Federation literature	1946-1952
b. 14, f. 145	Whitby documents and SCM work	1948-1950

United Student Christian Council (continued)

b. 14, f. 146	Personnel Committee reports and studies	1949-1950
b. 14, f. 147	Ecumenical Student Workers Conference	1953
b. 14, f. 148	Study Department report	1957
b. 14, f. 149	"Life and Mission of the Church" materials	1958
b. 14, f. 150	Merger proposal	1958
b. 14, f. 151	Universal Day of Prayer	1958-1959
b. 14, f. 152	Description of Christian movements	1958-1961
b. 14, f. 153	Relationships: American Council on Education	1957-1962
b. 14, f. 154	Relationships: American Philosophical Association	1957
b. 14, f. 155	Relationships: Association for the Coordination of University Religious Affairs	1960-1964
b. 14, f. 156	Relationships: Association for Higher Education	1961-1963
b. 14, f. 157	Relationships: Council for Religion in Independent Schools, Inc.	1962-1965
b. 15, f. 158	Relationships: Ecumenical Movement	1958
b. 15, f. 159	Relationships: fraternities	1957
b. 15, f. 160	Relationships: local student Christian groups	1942-1950
b. 15, f. 161	Relationships: National Association of College and University Chaplains	1958-1964
b. 15, f. 162	Relationships: National Council of the Churches of Christ	1938-1952
b. 15, f. 163	Relationships: New England Board of Higher Education	1957-1962
b. 15, f. 164	Relationships: student groups (re. race relations)	no date
b. 15, f. 165	Relationships: Society for Religion in Higher Education	1963
b. 15, f. 166	Relationships: Trustees of Church-related colleges	1954-1965
b. 15, f. 167	Relationships: United States National Student Association	1961
b. 15, f. 168	Relationships: World Council of Churches	1950-1954
b. 15, f. 169	Relationships: World Student Christian Federation Committee	1945-1951
b. 15, f. 170	Relationships: World Student Christian Federation - United Student Christian Council history	1944-1952
Topical files		
b. 16, f. 171	"Christianity and Political Action"	1951-1958
b. 16, f. 172	"Christianity and the Fine Arts"	1951-1958
b. 16, f. 173	"Higher Education Information"	1945-1952

Topical files (continued)

b. 16, f. 174	"International Affairs and Student Christian Movements"	1946-1956
b. 16, f. 175	"Racial Integration"	1952-1957
b. 16, f. 176	"Racial Segregation in Schools"	1955-1956

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Universities and colleges -- Religion

Names

Dirks, John Edward, 1919-
Shedd, Clarence Prouty, 1887-

Corporate Body

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