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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 318

**CREATOR:** Hyland, Jeanette

**TITLE:** Jeanette Hyland papers

**DATES:** 1961–2012

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.75 linear feet (7 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** This collection documents the life and work of Jeanette Hyland, an Australian nurse and public health official who worked in various positions as a Christian missionary for International Nepal Fellowship (INF) and United Mission to Nepal (UMN) between 1969 and 1995. Her work and ministry were primarily focused on the eradication of leprosy in Nepal. Over the course of her career, Hyland served as a nurse, health education officer, and director of national leprosy control programs. She also made various scholarly contributions to the fields of public health and social anthropology. In the later stages of her career, Hyland's research in health education and leprosy in Nepal received international recognition. She also published four books, the most recent of which is a memoir of her own life and ministry.

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## 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.318>.

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

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Jeanette Hyland, 2019

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## Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

Copyright has been transferred to Yale University.

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## Preferred Citation

Jeanette Hyland Papers (RG 318), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

### Chronology

- 1940 September 20 ○ Born in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
- 1954-1958 ○ Attended Hobart High School in Hobart, Tasmania
- 1959-1962 ○ General nursing training at Royal Hobart Hospital in Hobart, Tasmania
- 1963 ○ Midwifery training part I at General Hospital in Rochford, Essex, UK
- 1963-1964 ○ Midwifery training part II at Churchill Hospital in Headington, Oxford, UK
- 1965-1966 ○ Served as Nurse Educator at Royal Hobart Hospital in Hobart, Tasmania
- 1966-1967 ○ Attended Melbourne Bible Institute in Lilydale, Victoria; received Diploma in Theology
- 1968 ○ Attended College of Nursing, Australia (CNA); received Diploma in Nursing
- 1969-1972 ○ Served as Nurse Educator at Shining Hospital in Pokhara, Nepal
- 1973-1974 ○ Served again as Nurse Educator at Royal Hobart Hospital in Hobart, Tasmania
- 1974-1975 ○ Attended College of Nursing, Australia (CNA); received Diploma in Community Health Nursing
- 1975-1976 ○ Received non-medical supervisor training (leprosy) in Karigiri, India
- 1976-1982 ○ Served as Training, Planning, and Health Education Officer for the National Leprosy Control Programme of International Nepal Fellowship (INF) in Pokhara, Nepal
- 1979-1980 ○ Attended the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley; received Master of Public Health
- 1983-1987 ○ Served as Health Services Secretary for United Mission to Nepal (UMN) in Kathmandu, Nepal
- 1987-1988 ○ Returned to Australia on holiday to consider professional future
- 1988 ○ Worked as Lecturer in Advanced Nursing Studies at Tasmanian State Institute of Technology in Hobart, Tasmania

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- Worked as Maternity Ward Nurse at Calvary Hospital in Hobart, Tasmania
- 1988-1993 ○ Attended the University of Tasmania, Australia; received Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health
- 1993-1994 ○ Served as Director (part-time) of the INF Nepal Leprosy Control Project in Pokhara, Nepal
  - Worked as Post-Doctoral Researcher in Nepal (part-time), studying social anthropology and health education in relation to leprosy with Dr. Ulla-Britt Engelbrektsson of the University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- 1995-2012 ○ Worked in various research and administrative positions, mostly at the University of Tasmania; wrote three books (*Maids, Masters, and Magistrates*, *The Bhaktini of Bojha*, and *Village Nepal and the Diaries of Gwen Coventry 1959-1979*)
- 2012-present ○ Retired, pursued personal interests and wrote a memoir, *Suddenly Free...*

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## Scope and Contents

This collection documents Jeanette Hyland's activities as a missionary, nurse educator, and public health administrator in Nepal between 1969 and 1995, with a focus on her work in leprosy prevention and treatment, and the work of the International Nepal Fellowship (INF) and United Mission to Nepal (UMN) in these areas. The Hyland papers also contain materials pertaining to her personal life and her late-career research activities in Australia between 1996 and 2002. See the records of the International Nepal Fellowship (RG 214), United Mission to Nepal (RG 212), and the papers of Gwen Coventry (RG 241) for related documentation.

Series I, Correspondence, consists primarily of Jeanette Hyland's personal letters to family and friends, as well as letters related to her work and official circulars (usually addressed "Dear Friends") that she wrote over the course of her career.

Series II, Writings, contains two long-form research publications, one of which is a PhD dissertation, that Jeanette Hyland wrote toward the end of her career.

Series III, Documentation of Activities, contains Jeanette Hyland's professional reports, summaries, educational curricula, and other organizational literature. Almost all of these documents were written or co-written by Hyland herself. The names and order of each sub-series are organized by the various positions that Hyland held over the course of her career. With only a few exceptions, the order and contents of this series have been preserved exactly as Jeannette Hyland arranged them.

Series IV, Collected Material, consists of a few published books and articles written by colleagues that Jeanette Hyland collected over the course of her career.

Series V, Audio-Visual Material, contains one unlabeled photograph and a few blank photographic postcards that Jeanette Hyland collected as well as audiocassette recordings of sermons from INF conferences in 1983 and 1994 and a recording of a UMN organizational meeting in 1986.

Jeanette Hyland also published four books: *Maids, Masters, and Magistrates: Twenty Women of the Convict Ship New Grove: Maid Servants in Van Diemen's Island* (2007), *Gwen Coventry in Nepal: Bhaktini of Bojha* (2010), *Village Nepal and the Diaries of Gwen Coventry, 1959-1979* (2011), and *Suddenly Free...: Memoir of a Tasmanian Nurse* (2018). All four of these books are cataloged in the Yale library system as restricted access titles and can be viewed in the Yale Divinity special collections reading room upon request.

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## Arrangement

- I. Correspondence
- II. Writings

- III. Documentation of Activities
- IV. Collected Material
- V. Audio-Visual Material

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1961-2002

Personal letters		
b. 1, f. 1	To/from sister and brother-in-law, to/from friends	1961 Apr 30 - 1966 May 4
b. 1, f. 2	To/from sister and brother-in-law	1966 Jun 22 - 1966 Sep 18
b. 1, f. 3	To/from sister and brother-in-law, to/from friends	1966 Oct 19 - 1967 Apr 18
b. 1, f. 4	To/from sister and brother-in-law	1967 Apr 26 - 1967 Aug 2
b. 1, f. 5	To/from sister and brother-in-law	1967 Sep 5 - 1967 Nov 5
b. 1, f. 6	To/from sister and brother-in-law	1967 Nov 14 - 1969 May 18
b. 1, f. 7	To/from sister and brother-in-law	1969 Jun 15 - 1971 Jul 7
b. 1, f. 8	To/from sister and brother-in-law	1974 Jun 2 - 1977 Jul 26
b. 1, f. 9	To/from sister and brother-in-law, to/from friends	1977 Dec 16 - 1979 Nov 20
b. 1, f. 10	To/from sister and brother-in-law, to/from friends	1979 Dec 8 - 1982 Nov 12
b. 1, f. 11	To/from sister and brother-in-law, to/from friends	1983 Jan 17 - 1986 May 21
b. 1, f. 12	To/from sister and brother-in-law	1986 Oct 1 - 1988 Dec 16
b. 1, f. 13	To/from sister and brother-in-law	1989 Jan 29 - 1992 Mar 23
b. 1, f. 14	To/from sister and brother-in-law	1992 Mar 28 - 1995 Dec 22
Letters related to work		
b. 2, f. 1	Commendation for first ministry post in Nepal, UC Berkeley application materials, update about work to sister and brother-in-law, miscellaneous newspaper clippings, miscellaneous notes and letters about position, funding, and sponsorship	1968 Feb 7 - 1982 Jul 2

## Letters related to work (continued)

b. 2, f. 2	Letters in response to Jeanette's INF resignation, prospective UMN employee letters, letters about INF retirement fund, conference itineraries, letters pertaining to new UMN position, "What has happened" summary of recent work/travels, miscellaneous notes and letters about position, funding, and sponsorship, INF LCP acceptance letter, pre-furlough evaluation, retirement fund letters, "A Missionary in Nepal" address	1982 Aug 3 - 1986 Mar 14
b. 2, f. 3	Bible study notes, documents pertaining to leprosy control project calling and goals, personal fundraising letters and ministry updates, letters considering furlough/retirement	1986 May 11 - 1987 Jul 9
b. 2, f. 4	Personal journal from Tasmanian holiday 1987-1988 (includes reflections on professional future)	1987 Jul - 1988 Jun 19
b. 2, f. 5	Letters about possibly going to do a PhD, financial documents, house blueprints, documents pertaining to exchange with elders on the role of women in Murray Street Chapel, INF memos, letters to/from former co-workers	1987 Jun 14 - 1989 Nov 23
b. 2, f. 6	Letters to/from other leprosy organizations and hospitals, letters to/from former co-workers, letters about research funding, letters outlining travel plans	1990 Jan 11 - 1991 Oct 10
b. 2, f. 7	Internal INF memos, letters to/from other leprosy organizations and hospitals, letters to/from former co-workers, letters about research funding, letters outlining travel plans	1991 Nov 8 - 1994 Sep 3
b. 2, f. 8	Internal INF memos, letters to/from other leprosy organizations and hospitals, letters to/from former co-workers, letters about research funding, letters outlining travel plans, letters about published letter in the Leprosy Review, letters about retirement	1994 Sep 12 - 1995 Sep 3
b. 2, f. 9	Letters about post-retirement research, letters outlining financial transactions	1996 Apr 16 - 1997 Jul 3
b. 2, f. 10	Letters about post-retirement research, letters to/from former co-workers	1997 Oct 2 - 1999 Sep 6
Circular letters		
b. 2, f. 11	Regular ministry updates	1969 May - 1987 Apr 20
b. 2, f. 12	Regular ministry updates, annual post-retirement updates	1987 Apr 22 - 2002 Dec



**Series II: Writings, 1993-1995**

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b. 3, f. 1	Doctoral Thesis, University of Tasmania [Part I]	1993
b. 3, f. 2	Doctoral Thesis, University of Tasmania [Part II]	1993
b. 3, f. 3	The Role of the Community in Integrating People Affected by Leprosy: A Paper on the Social Aspects of Leprosy, Presented to the Leprosy Mission International Medical Reference Panel	1995

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### Series III: Documentation of Activities, 1969-2002

	1969-1972 – Nurse Educator, Shining Hospital – INF Pokhara, Nepal	
b. 3, f. 4	Health education curricula, nurse training documents, various health reports	1969 - 1972
	1973-1974 – Diploma in Community Health Nursing, Melbourne	
b. 3, f. 5	Various diploma assignments	1974
	1975-1979 – Training, Planning, and Health Education Officer, National Leprosy Control Program – INF Pokhara, Nepal	
b. 3, f. 6	Nurse education documents, papers written for INF written during degree at Berkeley	1975 - 1979
	1979 – Master of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley	
b. 3, f. 7	Various MPH assignments	1979
	1980-1982 – Training, Planning, and Health Education Officer, National Leprosy Control Program – INF Pokhara, Nepal	
b. 3, f. 8	UMN commission on institutional implications in health care	1980
b. 3, f. 9	Various standing orders, memos, draft protocols, and internal reports for INF, five year plan	1980
b. 3, f. 10	National epidemiological survey on leprosy	1980
b. 3, f. 11	Meeting minutes, training workshop report	1980 - 1981
b. 3, f. 12	Internal reports for INF, case studies	1981 - 1982
b. 4, f. 1	Training curriculum for leprosy supervisors	1982
b. 4, f. 2	Training curriculum for leprosy supervisors	1982
b. 4, f. 3	Paramedical worker curriculum	1982
b. 4, f. 4	Paramedical worker curriculum	1982
b. 4, f. 5	Paramedical worker curriculum	1982
	1983-1987 – Health Services Secretary, United Mission to Nepal	
b. 4, f. 6	Leprosy training course documents, workshop documents, conference paper	1984 - 1985
b. 4, f. 7	Speech notes, internal UMN planning documents	1986
	1987-1994 – Doctoral Preparation Field Research, University of Tasmania	
b. 4, f. 8	Application form for field research in Nepal, published article and accompanying notes	1989 - 1990
b. 4, f. 9	"Singleness" essay, health education documents	1990
b. 4, f. 10	Curriculum vitae, field research papers	1990 - 1991
b. 4, f. 11	Nepali interview transcripts	1990 - 1991

1987-1994 – Doctoral Preparation Field Research, University of T [...] (continued)

b. 5, f. 1	Nepali interview transcripts	1990 - 1991
b. 5, f. 2	Nepali interview transcripts	1990 - 1991
b. 5, f. 3	Nepali interview transcripts	1990 - 1991
b. 5, f. 4	Materials from "training for trainers" workshop	1991
b. 5, f. 5	Nepal visit report, notes on Nepalese words used for leprosy, field research papers	1991 - 1994

1993-1995 – Director, National Leprosy Control Project – INF Pokhara, Nepal

b. 5, f. 6	LCP annual report, program evaluation documents	1993
b. 5, f. 7	LCP annual report, supervision checklist, budget summary	1994
b. 5, f. 8	LCP internal report, workshop opening remarks	1994
b. 6, f. 1	Materials for/from LCP donors meeting, internal LCP report	1995
b. 6, f. 2	History of leprosy control in Nepal document	1995
b. 6, f. 3	Health position handover protocol materials	1995
b. 6, f. 4	LCP budget summary, annual report	1995 - 1996

1996-2002 – Research and writing in Tasmania

b. 6, f. 5	Research materials, updated curriculum vitae, health education documents	1997 - 2002
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**Series IV: Collected Material, 1982-2012**

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b. 6, f. 6	Robert J. Cardinalli – At the Feet of Lord Vishnu: An Ethnographic Study of Leprosy in Nepal	1982
b. 6, f. 7	Carl W. Friedericks – “Over Thirty,” Richard C. Friedericks – “The Development, Production and Distribution of Health Education Materials in Leprosy”	1986 - 1988
b. 6, f. 8	J.P. Baral – “Status of Leprosy Elimination Programme and Plan of Action for Leprosy Elimination in Nepal”	1995
b. 6, f. 9	Ulla-Britt Engelbrektsson – Challenged Lives: A Medical Anthropological Study of Leprosy in Nepal	2012

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**Series V: Audio-Visual Material, 1983-1994, no date**

b. 6, f. 10	Undated photograph of friend, miscellaneous blank/undated postcards	no date
b. 7, f. 1	Recordings from International Nepal Fellowship Conference (five audiocassette tapes)	1983
b. 7, f. 2	Recording of Tansen station meeting with Ingaborg and Friedericks (one audiocassette tape)	1986
b. 7, f. 3	Recordings from International Nepal Fellowship Conference (three audiocassette tapes)	1994

## **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**

Missionaries, Medical -- Nepal  
Missions -- Nepal  
Nurses -- Nepal

### **Corporate Bodies**

International Nepal Fellowship  
United Mission to Nepal

### **Acquired From**

Hyland, Jeanette