

GUSTAFSON, JAMES M.
James M. Gustafson papers, 1948-2004

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Biographical Note

James Moody Gustafson was born December 2, 1925, in Norway, Michigan to John O. (a minister), and Edith (Moody) Gustafson. He attended North Park Junior College from 1942 to 1943. From 1944 to 1946 he was in the U.S. Army, and served in the Corps of Engineers in Burma and India. Gustafson received his B.S. degree from Northwestern University in 1948, a

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B.D. from Chicago Theological Seminary and University of Chicago in 1951, and a Ph.D. from Yale University in 1955.

He was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1951 and served as pastor in Northford, Connecticut from 1951 to 1954. During 1954-1955 he was the assistant director of a Carnegie Foundation funded study of Protestant Theological Education in America, directed by H. Richard Niebuhr. He became an instructor at Yale University in 1955 and served on the faculty for seventeen years, both in the Divinity School and the Department of Religious Studies. Gustafson moved to the University of Chicago in 1972, where he was a professor of theological ethics in the Divinity School and served on the Committee on Social Thought. In 1988 he became the Henry R. Luce Professor of Humanities and Comparative Studies at Emory University where his primary responsibility was to conduct seminars for faculty members from all schools and departments. Before retiring in 1998 after 43 years of teaching and research, he was Woodruff Professor of Comparative Studies and of Religion.

In addition to his teaching career, James Gustafson authored twelve books, co-authored and edited several more, and published scores of articles in journals in the United States and abroad, mainly in the area of ethics -- theological and applied. His principal systematic work is *Ethics from a Theocentric Perspective*, 2 vols., University of Chicago Press, 1981 and 1984. He was twice a Guggenheim fellow. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in which he served as an officer, and has received more than ten honorary degrees, including one from Uppsala University in Sweden.

Gustafson married Louise Roos on September 3, 1947. They have four children. He now resides in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

Biographical Source: *Contemporary Authors Online* The Gale Group, 2001; and biographical information provided by James M. Gustafson).

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists primarily of writings by and about James M. Gustafson. The writings include Gustafson's published journal articles, unpublished manuscripts, dissertations, term papers, and some sermons. Reviews and correspondence regarding Gustafson's books are also included. There are several folders pertaining to *Ethics from a Theocentric Perspective*, which was published in the early 1980s. Gustafson also collected published and manuscript critiques and responses to his writings and theories. The bulk of the material pertains to his research and writing in the study of ethics, both theological and applied.

The collection also contains syllabi and lecture notes for courses taught by Gustafson at Yale University, the University of Chicago, and Emory University.

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| 12 | 11 | Puritanism and Calvinism in the American Scene, 1951 |
| 12 | 12 | Ritschl's Theory of Religion and Culture, 1951 |
| 12 | 13 | Religion and the Intellectuals in America [research proposal and bibliography prepared for H.R. Niebuhr as part of Ph.D. exams], 1953 |
| 7 | 1 | A working paper...for a consultation sponsored by the Institute of Ethics and Politics, Inc., circa 1954-1955 |
| 7 | 2 | Toronto YWCA, 1956 |
| 7 | 3 | Authority in puritan and congregational church order; A study in the problem of authority in congregational church-order, 1957 |
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- 7 19 The university as a community of moral discourse, 1971
- 7 20 The issues in biology: is biological technology manipulative?, 1972
- 7 21 Report of the committee on philanthropy and the university [of Chicago], 1974
- 7 22 Vancouver, B.C. workshop: Minister as moral counselor and minister as leader
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- 8 2 The professions: responsible to whom? for what?, 1981
- 8 3 If it ain't local, it ain't real, 1982
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- 8 7 The limits of human flourishing, 1984
- 8 8 Patterns of moral choice: an assessment Coe College lectures, 1984
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- 10 2 Book reviews and correspondence: Christian ethics and the community, 1972-1973
- 10 3 Book reviews and correspondence: Theology and Christian ethics, 1974-1976
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- 10 6 Book reviews and correspondence: Ethics from a theocentric perspective, Pre-publication correspondence, 1980-1992
- 10 7 Book reviews and correspondence: Ethics from a theocentric perspective, Letters, etc., 1981-1984, 1990
- 10 8 Book reviews and correspondence: Ethics from a theocentric perspective, Reviews, Vol. 1, 1982-1986
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- 10 10 Book reviews and correspondence: A sense of the divine, 1995-1997
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- 12 14 Capetz, Paul E. "Theocentric Piety and Revisionist Theology: Gustafson's Development of the Reformed Tradition," undated
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