

RUNYON, THEODORE.

Theodore Runyon papers, 1956-1998

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Creator: Runyon, Theodore.
Title: Theodore Runyon papers, 1956-1998
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 322
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Abstract: Consists of writings and subject files that represent Runyon's scholarly and professional activities at Candler School of Theology.
Language: Materials in English and German.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Theodore Runyon is Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology at Candler School of Theology. He was educated at Lawrence College (B.A., 1952) and Drew University (B.D., 1955). After serving as a Methodist minister in New York and New Jersey from 1952-1955, Runyon completed the Doctor of Theology at University of Goettingen, Goettingen, Germany. He returned to Goettingen for post-graduate study in 1964-1965, and also studied at the Universities of Tübingen and Constance in 1971-1972. Runyon and his wife, Cynthia Margaret Runyon, have three children.

In 1958, Runyon was appointed Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at Candler School of Theology. He was promoted to the rank of full professor in 1966. Runyon served as the Acting Associate Dean of Candler from 1974-1975 and 1976, as well as the Chairman of the Department of Theological Studies in the Graduate School's Division of Religion from 1962-1970 and 1976.

Runyon was active in several professional associations, including the American Association of University Professors (President, Emory Chapter, 1970-1971) and the American Academy of Religion. His honors include a Fulbright fellowship (1955-1957), the Pi Delta Epsilon and Campus Outstanding Faculty Award (1967), and the Emory Williams Award for Distinguished Teaching at the Graduate and Professional Level (1973). Runyon's articles and reviews have appeared in the *Christian Advocate*, the *Drew Gateway*, and the *Candler Review*. His books include *John Wesley's Theology Today* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1998).

Runyon retired from Candler in 1998.

Scope and Content Note

This collection focuses closely on Runyon's scholarly and professional activities at Candler School of Theology. There is little information about Runyon's background, except the one folder of biographical material that comprises Series 1. The collection also lacks documentation of courses taught by Runyon at Candler School of Theology.

Arrangement Note

Organized into 4 series: (1) Biographical Information, (2) Writings, (3) Name Files, and (4) Subject Files.

Description of Series

[Series 1: Biographical Information, circa 1970s](#)

[Series 2: Writings, 1956-1998](#)

[Series 3: Name Files, 1961-1998](#)

[Series 4: Subject Files, 1956-1998](#)

Series 1
Biographical Information, circa 1970s
Box 1

Scope and Content Note

Consists of a single folder with biographical data on Runyon, including a C.V. and a list of publications.

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Biographical information, circa 1970s

Series 2
Writings, 1956-1998
Box 1

Scope and Content Note

contains a variety of articles, addresses, and reviews by Runyon. Many of these writings reflect his interest in systemic theology. Other topics of note include Friedrich Gogarten, Carl Michalson, Runyon's teaching experiences in Africa, and the role of religion in the contemporary world. Two of the articles are in German. This series also includes a manuscript of *Hope for the Church: Moltmann in Dialogue with Practical Theology*, by Jürgen Moltmann with M. Douglas Meeks et. al. Runyon was the editor and translator of this work, which was published by Abingdon Press in 1979.

Arrangement Note

Arranged alphabetically by title.

Box	Folder	Content
1	2	"Analysis of Theological Reflection," <i>Training in the Art of Loving</i> , 1972
1	3	"Applying the Maieutic Method to History," undated
1	4	"Armistice Day 1969," Sermon, 1969
1	5	Review, <i>Borderland Christianity</i> , 1975
1	6	"Bultmann and Preaching," 1956
1	7	"Carl Michalson as a Radical Theologian," 1966
1	8	"Carl Michalson as a Wesleyan Theologian," Address, 1979
1	9	"The Church as Sacrament," Address, 1979
1	10	"The Church at Worship," Address, 1974
1	11	"The Church in the World," 1964
1	12	"Church Renewal: What Can We Learn from the Second Vatican Council?," circa 1965
1	13	"Conference Review: 43rd Annual Minister's Week, Candler School of Theology," 1978
1	14	"The Death of God – One Year Later," 1966
1	15	Dialogue, Materials for Discussion at AAR Liberation Theology Group, 1977
1	16	"Divine Transcendence versus Human Responsibility," undated
1	17	Final Summation of 6th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, 1977
1	18	"The Finality of Christ," 1967
1	19	"Friedrich Gogarten: Secularization and Sacrament," 1967
1	20	"Friedrich Gogarten and Current Trends in Theology," 1967
1	21	"From Strength to Strength," Sermon, 1969
1	22	"Hal Lindsey and Biblical Interpretation," 1978
1	23	<i>Hope for the Church</i> , Manuscript, 1979
1	24	"How Can We Do Theology in the South Today?," 1976

- 30 1-2 "The Immediate Awareness of the Unconditioned and the Interpretation of
History in the Theology of Paul Tillich" (dissertation with corrections), 1958
- 1 25 "Luther's Understanding of the Self," 1966
- 1 26 "Paul Tillich," circa 1976
- 1 27 Review of *The Politics of Hope*, circa 1974
- 1 28 Review of *Prayer in a Secular World*, 1974
- 1 29 "Religion: An Anachronism in a Secularized World?," 1965
- 1 30 "Religion und Soziales Gewissen in den USA," 1966
- 1 31 "The Role of the Christian," 1978
- 1 32 "The Seminarian as a Member of a Cognitive Ministry," 1969
- 1 33 "Testing the Spirits," 1974
- 1 34 "Theological Considerations in the Self-Study of the Board of Education," circa
1967
- 1 35 "Theological Education and Liberation Theology: An Invitation to Respond,"
1979
- 1 36 "Theology: Made in U.S.A.," 1965
- 1 37 *Theology for the Layman*, Study Guide, 1966
- 1 38 "A Theology of the Ministry," 1965
- 1 39 "Thomas Altizer and the Future of Theology," 1966
- 1 40 "Toward a Theology of Secularization," undated
- 1 41 "Toward a Theology of the Layman," circa 1966
- 1 42 "What about Those...?," 1962
- 1 43 "What I Have Learned in 40 Years of Teaching at Candler," 1998
- 1 44 "What I Learned in Africa or, Why Take a Sabbatical to Teach Overseas?,"
undated
- 1 45 "Willst du Fasten und Enthaltensamkeit Empfehlen?," 1978
- 1 46 "The World as the Original Sacrament," 1980

Series 3
Name Files, 1961-1998
Boxes 1-3

Scope and Content Note

Contains Runyon's files on Candler faculty members and other individuals. The files contain writings (including drafts) and correspondence. Because this series consists largely of unpublished works by third parties, access is restricted.

Arrangement Note

Arranged alphabetically by name.

Box	Folder	Content
1	47	Altizer, Thomas J. J., 1968
1	48	Ammerman, Nancy, undated
1	49	Atkins, Anselm, 1965-1985
1	50	Beardslee, William A., 1962-1967, undated
1	51	Bianchi, Eugene Carl, 1968-1973
1	52	Blumenthal, David, 1983-1987
1	53-54	Boers, Hendrikus, 1967-1977
1	55	Bondi, Robert, undated
1	56	Boozer, Jack, 1969-1989
1	57	Brewer, Earl D.C., 1964-1993
1	58	Brown, Delwin, 1975, undated
1	59	Buskirk, Jimmy, undated
1	60	Buss, Martin, 1967-1976, undated
1	61	Carter, Barry, 1962-1964
1	62	Chopp, Rebecca, 1988, undated
1	63	Cobb, John, 1971-1988, undated
1	64	Erksine, Noel, undated
1	65	Everett, Bill, 1986-1992
1	66	Fenton, John, 1967-1976
1	67	Fowler, Jim, 1984-1987, undated
1	68	Gardner, Clinton, 1967-1975
1	69	Gerkin, Charles, 1975, undated
1	70	Gogarten, Friedrich, 1961-1967
2	1-2	Gogarten, Friedrich, 1961-1967
2	3	Gogarten, Friedrich, 1970-1987
2	4-5	Gogarten, Friedrich, Colloquium, 1966
2	6	Gogarten, Friedrich, Library, 1973-1987
2	7	Gonzalez, Justo, undated

2	8	Gunnemann, Jon, 1983, undated
2	9	Gunter, Stephen, 1992-1994
2	10	Gustafson, James, 1990
2	11	Hackett, Charles D., 1981-1984, undated
2	12	Hayes, John, 1975-1982, undated
2	13-14	Hoffman, Manfred, 1968-1974
2	15	Hoffman-Runyon Dictionary Project, 1964-1967
2	16	Holifield, Brooks, 1972-1976
2	17	Hong, Jeong Soo, 1993
2	18	Howe, Leroy, 1969-1971, undated
2	19	Hunter, Rod, 1980
2	20	Ivey, Olin, 1970-1974
2	21	Jennings, Theodore, 1967-1977
2	22	Keck, Leander, 1972, undated
2	23	Kristiansen, Roald, 1983
2	24	LaGree, Kevin, 1991-1998
2	25	Laney, James T., 1969-1993
2	26-27	Lowe, Walter, 1976-1990
2	28-29	Mallard, William, 1967-1987
2	30	Matthew, Rex, 1986
2	31	Miller, J. Maxwell 1968-1972, undated
2	32	Newsom, Carol, 1989
2	33	Ogle, George, undated
2	34	Pacini, David, undated
2	35	Pesch, Otto Herman, undated
2	36	Reynolds, Lyndon, 1993
2	37	Saliers, Don, 1974-1980s
3	1	Sebba, Gregor, 1965-1973
3	2	Shockley, Donald G., 1971-1978
3	3	Shockley, Grant, undated
3	4	Smith, Thee, circa 1989
3	5	Snarey, John, undated
3	6	Tipton, Steve, 1988, undated
3	7	Thompson, Claude, 1971, undated
3	8	Tucker, Gene, 1969-1973
3	9	Wainwright, Arthur, undated
3	10-11	Weber, Theodore, 1963-1986

Series 4
Subject Files, 1956-1998
Boxes 3-4

Scope and Content Note

This series is comprised of files on topics related to Runyon's professional interests. Topics include courses and programs of the Candler School of Theology, including the Baptist program, black church studies, contextual education, faculty retreats, interdepartmental seminars, Ministers' Week, and the construction of Cannon Chapel. Files in this series also document Runyon's service on Candler committees, as well as his involvement with the University Senate. Folders on Candler and on Emory University contain clippings, brochures, and items of general interest.

Arrangement Note

Arranged alphabetically by topic.

Box	Folder	Content
3	12	Ad Hoc Committees, 1994
3	13	Agenda 21, 1994
3	14	Aquinas Center, 1975-1994
3	15	Area II, 1987-1996
3	16	ATA Globalization Committee, 1988-1996
3	17	Baptist Program, 1994-1996
3	18	Black Church Studies, 1989-1997
3	19	Black Presence Committee, 1977-1989
3	20	Campus Development Committee, 1986
3	21	Candler International Fellowship, 1985-1997, undated
3	22-24	Candler School of Theology, 1967-1998
3	25	Chaplaincy Restudy, 1973-1974
3	26	Christian Education, 1985-1993, undated
3	27	Christian Unity, 1994-1998
3	28	Committee of 100, Candler, 1960-1978
3	29	Contextual Education, 1998
3	30	CP400, "Evil in Symbol, Proclamation, and Analysis," 1974
3	31	CP400, Methodology, 1973-1974
3	32	Curriculum, 1987-1990
3	33	Dropouts, 1969-1975, undated
3	34	Duke Statement on Seminaries in UMC, 1974-1975
3	35	"Education for the Common Good: Education with a Competitive Purpose," Attendance List and Panelist Biographies, 1989
3	36-37	Emory University, 1962-1994
3	38	Faculty Forum Papers, 1966-1970, undated

3	39	Faculty Load, 1986-1992, undated
3	40	Faculty Retreats, 1985-1993
3	41	Financial Aid, 1981-1982
3	42	General Conference, 1991-1992, undated
3	43	Graduate Division Common Programs Seminar, 1968-1970, undated
3	44	Graduate Division of Religion, 1992-1995
3	45	Graduate Division of Religion Restudy, undated
3	46	Graduate Theological Studies, 1980-1995
3	47	Kingswood Books, 1987-1988
4	1-2	Interdepartmental Seminars, undated
4	3	Interdepartmental Seminars, Syllabi, 1962-1968
4	4	Institute for Church Ministries/Institute for Faith Development, 1989-1990
4	5	Library, 1976-1994
4	6	Lilly Methodism Project, 1992
4	7	Lutheran House, 1988-1989
4	8	Master of Sacred Music, 1998
4	9	Methodist Studies Review, 1991
4	10-11	Ministers' Week, 1981-1996
4	12	Mission Resource Center, Emory, 1991-1994
4	13	New Chapel, 1974-1980
4	14	Practical Theology Series, 1989
4	15	Report to Wesley Advisory Board by Banks O. Godfrey, 1962
4	16	Role of the Ministry, UMC, 1997-1998
4	17	Search Committees, 1996
4	18	Secularization Seminar, undated
4	19	Social Concerns Network, 1985
4	20	Starting Points, Outlines, 1981, undated
4	21	Student Pastors, 1991
4	22	Syllabi, Area II, 1977-1992, undated
4	23	TATTO, 1991-1992
4	24	Thoughts and Conversations, 1980, undated
4	25	University Chaplains, 1956-1964, undated
4	26	University Senate, 1982-1984
4	27	University Senate, Committees, 1973-1985
4	28	University Senate, Faculty Advisory Council, 1983-1986, undated
4	29	Youth Initiative, 1993-1998
5-29		Unprocessed material
