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**Thomas E. Frank office files, 1962-2005, undated**

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

A scholar of American religious history, Thomas Frank earned his bachelor degree at Harvard University and M.Div. and Ph.D. at Emory University; he also completed a Masters in Heritage Preservation at Georgia State University in 2006. Frank served as Assistant Professor of Eden Theological Seminary from 1986-1987 before arriving at Emory University where he would

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spend the next 23 years. He is currently a University Professor and chair of the Department of History at Wake Forest University. There he teaches undergraduate history courses on religious utopian communities, liberal arts colleges, and contemporary issues of conservation of the natural and built landscape.

Thomas Frank has published numerous articles on religious leadership, polity, and congregational studies. His primary interest has been the history, congregational life, and organizational culture of mainstream Protestant denominations. He is the author of two books on United Methodism; co-authored with Russell E. Richey, *Episcopacy in the Methodist Tradition: Perspectives and Proposals*, and *Polity, Practice, and the Mission of the United Methodist Church* which has been updated in a new edition. His book exploring the culture and imagination of local church congregations is entitled *The Soul of the Congregation: An Invitation to Congregational Reflection*. He was the principal writer and consultant for the United Methodist bishops' pastoral letter and Episcopal teaching statement on *Vital Congregations - Faithful Disciples*. Thomas Frank has also explored the relationship of Protestant Christianity and the liberal arts, and is the author of *Theology, Ethics, and the Nineteenth Century American College Ideal*.

In addition to his teaching and writing, Thomas Frank was also a member in the Partners for Sacred Places in Philadelphia, where he was both Chair and Treasurer of the Board of Directors from 2006-2012.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The office files of Thomas E. Frank include surveys, progress and financial reports, and correspondence from the project titled "The Faith and Practices of Christian Congregations," a grant project funded by the Lilly Endowment. Also included are general office files from when Frank was Professor of Religious Leadership and Administration at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Also includes audiovisual material including audio-cassettes from sermons and lectures, as well as slides from the Wiltshire Methodist Church, congregational analysis conference held in 1982.

### **Arrangement Note**

Materials arranged in alphabetical order. Folder titles provided are taken exactly from the original folders.

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1	6	Foster, Charles R., 1991-1993
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2	1	Glenmede Trust, 1986, undated
2	2	Graduate assistants, 1992
2	3	Grant agreement, 1991
2	4	Grant proposal draft, 1990
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2	7	Lilly grant proposal, 1991-1994
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2	10	Meeting minutes, 1990, undated
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- 4 3 Church Trials, Stroud, Irene Elizabeth (1 of 2), 2005, undated
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- 4 5 Report, "Homosexuality and the United Methodist Church," (1 of 2), 1996-1999
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