Descriptive Summary

Creator: Bruteau, Beatrice, 1930-2014.
Title: Beatrice Bruteau collection, 1971-2007
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 426
Extent: .8 cubic feet (2 boxes)
Abstract: Contains the writings of Beatrice Bruteau, a Christian philosopher who worked in the field of inter-spirituality and contemplative thought.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Custodial History
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Biographical Note
Beatrice Bruteau was born on July 25, 1930 in Evanston, Illinois. She was one of the first women accepted into Fordham University’s graduate program in philosophy where she earned a doctor in philosophy degree in 1954. She also studied Vedanta, Catholic Christianity, and evolutionary consciousness. Bruteau married James Somerville, a professor at Fordham, and together, they founded the Schola Comtemplatonis. She was also one of the founders for American Teilhard Association in 1967. She is one of the first few who participated in East-West dialogue, as well as inter-spirituality.

During her life, Bruteau had published twelve books and over one hundred articles, including Radical Optimism (1993) and God’s Ecstasy: The Creation of a Self-Creating World (1997). She served as a co-editor and contributor to the journal, American Vedantist, from 1995 to 2007, and Managing Editor of International Philosophical Quarterly. Near the final stages of her life, Bruteau was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. On November 16, 2014, Bruteau died at the age of 84, and a Memorial Service for her was conducted at Knollwood Baptist Church on November 24, 2014.

Scope and Content Note
This collection contains a bibliography and writings (journal articles, anthology essays, unpublished essays) of Bruteau.

Arrangement Note
The materials are kept in the original order in which they were received (organized by type: bibliography, articles, essays; then by date). The collection was received in a series of binders; the contents of each binder was transferred to a single folder.
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