

**EMORY UNIVERSITY. OFFICE OF THE DEAN
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Office of the Dean of the Chapel and
Religious Life records, 1962-2013**

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Title: Office of the Dean of the Chapel and Religious Life records, 1962-2013
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Abstract: The Office of the Chapel and Religious Life oversees religious activities and sacred spaces at Emory. The collection consists of office records, audiovisual, and historical files from 1962-2013, with special emphasis on the tenure of Susan Henry-Crowe from 1991-2013.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description**Administrative History**

Emory University's Durham Chapel was built in 1915 and served as the official chapel of the university until 1981, when it was replaced by Cannon Chapel. Durham Chapel became a wing of Pitts Theology Library, to house materials from the 1975 purchase of the Hartford Seminary library collection. Rev. Donald Shockley served as University Chaplain from 1979-1990, and was succeeded by Rev. Susan Henry-Crowe in 1991.

The Office of the Chapel and Religious Life was formed in 1998 as a response to conflicts sparked in 1997 by a planned same-sex commitment ceremony by an Emory administrator at a chapel on the Oxford campus. The ceremony was canceled, citing Methodist policy on homosexuality, leading to a conflict between the University and the Church over the proper administration of the chapel. The resulting compromise policy led to the establishment of the Office of the Chapel and Religious Life, with Henry-Crowe serving as dean.

During Dean Henry-Crowe's tenure, the chapel's activities developed more robust ecumenical and interfaith collaboration, including the establishment of the Institute of the Study and Practice of Religion, and the Inter-Religious Council. One of the major programs of the office was the Journeys program, in which students, professors and faith leaders conducted fact-finding missions in conflict regions. Such trips included occupied Palestine, Northern Ireland and Cuba, and other areas. Rev. Bridgette Young Ross assumed the deanship in 2014, after Susan Henry-Crowe left to become executive director of the United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists predominantly of the papers of the first Dean of the Chapel and Religion Life, Susan Henry-Crowe. These include subject files and office records, as well as extensive files on official travel, either through the Journeys program or through other ecumenical organizations. The collection includes selected historical files on subjects related to the chapel and to religious life, and files on Henry-Crowe's predecessor, Rev. Donald Shockley. Very little specific chapel history is represented by this collection. The collection also contains substantial digital video and audio discs of Religious Life events.

Arrangement Note

Organized into three series: Office records (1), Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Week event files (2), and Restricted materials and unprocessed additions (3).

Description of Series

[Series 1: Office files, 1962-2013](#)

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2	7	Foundations, 2006

- 2 8 Germany trip, correspondence and notes, 2003
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- 2 10 Hinduism, 2006-2007
- 3 1 "Homosexuality" file on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender religious life, 1990-2011
- 3 2 Howell grant, application process, 2006
- 3 3 India trip, correspondence, 2007
- 3 4 India trip, printed material, 2007
- 3 5 Institute for the Study and Practice of Religion, alumni and friends, 2007
- 3 6 Institute for the Study and Practice of Religion, networking, 2006
- 3 7 Institute for the Study and Practice of Religion, programming, 2007
- 3 8 Institute for the Study and Practice of Religion, report to the Ways and Means Committee, 2003-2005
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- 4 1 Israel and the Middle East, Middle East Regional Consultation, correspondence and notes, 1995
- 4 2 Israel and the Middle East, Middle East Regional Consultation, printed material, 1993-1995 [1 of 2]
- 4 3 Israel and the Middle East, Middle East Regional Consultation, printed material, 1993-1995 [2 of 2]
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- 4 6 Journeys program, general file, 2004-2007
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- 4 8 Journeys program, Guatemala trip, 2006
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- 5 2 Journeys program, Middle East trip, articles and photographs from participants, 2007 August
- 5 3 Journeys program, Middle East trip, articles and resources, 2001-2007
- 5 4 Journeys program, Middle East trip, itinerary, 2007 July-August
- 5 5 Journeys program, Middle East trip, logistics, 2008
- 5 6 Journeys program, Middle East trip, miscellaneous, 2004-2007
- 5 7 Journeys program, Middle East trip, notebook, 2007 August
- 5 8 Journeys program, Middle East trip, organizations and agencies, 2007 March

- 5 9 Journeys program, Middle East trip, planning, correspondence and meeting notes, 2007 March-July
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- 6 1 Journeys program, Northern Ireland trip, printed material, 1999
- 6 2 Journeys program, Rwanda trip, 2006
- 6 3 Journeys program, security, 2006-2007
- 6 4 Journeys program, South Africa visit, 2008
- 6 5 Liturgy of Blessing and Sending, University Catholic Center, 2002, July 28
- 6 6 Mission work in China, memoranda, 1992-1994
- 6 7 Mission work in China, miscellaneous, 1992
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- 6 9 Mission work in China, printed material, 1980-1992
- 6 10 Mission work in China, trip, 1991-1992
- 6 11 Muhammad, Khalid Abdul, 1994
- 6 12 Orthodox Christianity, 2006
- 6 13 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, 2013
- 7 1 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, 2007
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- 7 3 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, 1998
- 7 4 Photographs, 1991-2000 and undated
- 7 5 Photographs, printed thumbnails from Emory University Eid Celebration, photographed by Tony Benner, 2013
- 7 6 Printed material, miscellaneous, 1993-2013
- 7 7 Printed material, miscellaneous, 1986-1992
- 7 8 Proposal, "Internationalism, Islam, and the Middle East," submitted by Mohamed Ali Alabbar, 2006
- 7 9 Public speaking by Susan Henry-Crowe, Bay View Association, 2008 August
- 7 10 Public speaking by Susan Henry-Crowe, Birmingham Southern University, baccalaureate, 2008 May
- 8 1 Public speaking by Susan Henry-Crowe, "Dissent and the Church," First Church Cleveland, 2006 October
- 8 2 Public speaking by Susan Henry-Crowe, sermons, illustrations, 1994-2008
- 8 3 Public speaking by Susan Henry-Crowe, sermons, notes and correspondence, 1994-1996
- 8 4 Public speaking by Susan Henry-Crowe, Syracuse University, 2005 November
- 8 5 Religion at Emory, surveys, 2004-2005

- 8 6 Religion at Emory, surveys, 1997
- 8 7 Religious Life, administrative council, 2007
- 8 8 Religious Life, marketing notes, 2000s
- 8 9 Religious Life, organizational overview, 2010
- 8 10 Religious Life, printed material, 1988-2007
- 8 11 Religious Life Center, 2006
- 9 1 "Religion, Identity and Reconciliation," graduate conference on human rights and conflict, 2001 March
- 9 2 Religious preference surveys, 1993-2002
- 9 3 Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies, Amman, Jordan, printed material, 2005-2006
- 9 4 Sacred spaces on campus, 1978-2001
- 9 5 Saudi delegation, visit, 2007
- 9 6 Seminar, "Religion, Ethnicity, and Human Rights," Columbia, South Carolina, 2000s
- 9 7 Shockley, Don, university chaplain, 1989-1990
- 10 1 Shockley, Don, university chaplain, 1988 [1 of 2]
- 10 2 Shockley, Don, university chaplain, 1988 [2 of 2]
- 10 3 Shockley, Don, university chaplain, 1978-1979
- 10 4 Society for Biblical Studies, conference in Amman, Jordan, correspondence, 2003
- 10 5 Society for Biblical Studies, conference in Amman, Jordan, printed material, 2003
- 10 6 Staff meetings, 2012-2013
- 10 7 Staff meetings, 2011-2012
- 10 8 Staff meetings, 2010-2011
- 10 9 Teaching materials, 1992-2008, removed and restricted until 2083
- 10 10 "To do" folder, 1992
- 11 1 United Methodist Church, Columbia, South Carolina district, correspondence, 1992
- 11 2 United Methodist church, seminar at the United Nations, 2002
- 11 3 United Methodist Women, South Atlantic Regional School, workshop on Middle East, 1992, June 24-28
- 11 4 University Muslim Medical Association, community clinic press materials, 2000s
- 11 5 University Worship, programs, 2012-2013\
- 11 6 University Worship, programs, 2011-2012
- 11 7 University Worship, programs, 2010-2011
- 11 8 University Worship, programs, 2009-2010
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- 12 12 University Worship, programs, 1995-1996
- 13 1 University Worship, sermon by Carlton Mackey, 2005, September 18
- 13 2 University Worship Council, 2000
- 13 3 Visitors' log, 2013
- 13 4 Yale University, committee on religious and spiritual life, correspondence and notes, 2003-2005
- 13 5 Yale University, committee on religious and spiritual life, meeting agendas, December 2003 – October 2004
- 13 6 Yale University, committee on religious and spiritual life, printed material, 2002-2004 [1 of 2]
- 13 7 Yale University, committee on religious and spiritual life, 2002-2004 [2 of 2]
- 14 Digital media, general, 1998-2013
- 15 Digital media, Inter-Religious Council, 2006-2013
- 15 Digital media, memorial services, 2005-2013
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Arrangement Note

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Series 3
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Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order by year.

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Box	Folder	Content
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