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SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.**
Office of Spiritual and Religious Life records, 1960-2016

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Emory University. Office of Spiritual and Religious Life.
Title: Office of Spiritual and Religious Life records, 1960-2016
Call Number: Series No. 240
Extent: 31 linear feet (38 boxes)
Abstract: Records of the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life, including office files and audiovisual and born digital material of the first dean of the office, Susan Henry-Crowe, and former director of the Journeys of Reconciliation program, Cynthia Shaw, 1960-2016.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Source

Transfer, 2014, with subsequent transfers in 2015 and 2017-2019.

Custodial History

The initial acquisition was transferred to the Rose Library by the first dean of the office, Susan Henry-Crowe, with subsequent additions to the collection made by Henry-Crowe and the former director of the Journeys of Reconciliation program, Cynthia Shaw. Shaw's successor, Sandra M. Francis, transferred the remainder of Shaw's records. University archivist, John Bence, transferred the records from their offices to the Rose Library.

Citation

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Appraisal Note

University Archivist, John Bence, acquired the collection as part of the Emory University Archives holdings.

Processing

Arranged and described at the series level by Michael Hessel-Mial, 2015. Additions arranged and described at the series level by Meaghan O'Riordan, July 2019.

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 in part to provide clarity to the role of the office and the Methodist Church as it relates to spiritual and religious life of the campus. In 1997, a planned same-sex commitment ceremony at a chapel on the Oxford campus was canceled citing Methodist policy. This cancellation led to a heated debate over the proper

administration of the chapel. The resulting compromise was to establish the then 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 is the Journeys of Reconciliation program, in which students, professors, and faith leaders conduct fact-finding missions in conflict regions. The inter-religious program presents an opportunity to cultivate understanding and relationships within these communities through immersive outings intended to examine root causes of conflict and struggle. Destinations have included occupied Palestine, Northern Ireland, and Cuba, as well as to other areas, such as Bosnia. Reverend 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.

Cynthia Shaw served as the Assistant Dean of Campus Life and Director of the Office of Student Leadership and Service from 1980-2010. She also served as a director of student development for Campus Life, was a former campus chair of Emory's King Week committee, and supervised the office of Volunteer Emory. In 2010 she became the Director of the Journeys program for the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life, a role in which she served until her death in 2016. As Director of this program, Shaw led a 10-day trip to Cuba and a trip to the Mississippi Delta to help with a Habitat for Humanity project in Leland, Mississippi. Prior to her service in the Director role, Shaw led two trips as part of the Journeys program: one to South Africa in 1997 and one to Honduras in 1999 after a hurricane.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists predominantly of the papers of the first Dean of the Office of Spiritual Religious Life, Susan Henry-Crowe, as well as the papers of former Director of the Journeys of Reconciliation program, Cynthia Shaw. Included are subject files and office records, as well as extensive files on official travel, either through the Journeys program or through other ecumenical organizations. There is also a significant amount of material documenting Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, including a complete run of promotional posters. The collection includes selected historical files on subjects related to the chapel and to religious life on campus, and files on Henry-Crowe's predecessor, Reverend Donald Shockley. Also included is a substantial amount of material relating to the Journeys of Reconciliation program, including planning documents, photographs, slides, audiovisual material, and scrapbooks. The collection also contains a substantial amount of audiovisual and born digital material documenting both the operations of the office and events held on campus, such as conferences, sermons, and worship services.

Arrangement Note

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

Description of Series

[Series 1: Office files of Susan Henry-Crowe, 1962-2013](#)

[Series 2: Martin Luther King, Jr. Week event files 1990-2013](#)

[Series 3: Restricted materials and additions, 1979-2013](#)

Series 1
Office files of Susan Henry-Crowe, 1962-2013
Boxes 1-15

Scope and Content Note

The series consists of the office files of the first dean of the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life, Susan Henry-Crowe, from 1962-2013. The material includes files on the history of religious life at Emory University, financial records, travel records, including those relating to the Journeys of Reconciliation program, printed and promotional material, and documentation of campus events.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Archbishop Desmond Tutu, 1995-2000
1	2	Asbury, Betty, 2000s
1	3	Association of College and University Religious Affairs, conference at Southern Methodist University, 2003
1	4	Baháí faith, 2000s
1	5	Buddhist organizations in Taiwan, 2007
1	6	Cannon Chapel historical file, 1979-2009
1	7	Catholics at Emory University historical file, 1962-1981
1	8	Chapel history, 1997-2013
1	9	Correspondence, miscellaneous, 1991-2002
1	10	Correspondence, greeting cards, 1991-2006
1	11	Council on University Ministries, 1988-1989, financial materials removed and restricted until 2064
1	12	Council on University Ministries, 1987-1988, financial material removed and restricted until 2063
1	13	Council on University Ministries, 1986-1987, financial materials removed and restricted until 2062
1	14	Council on University Ministries, 1985-1986, financial materials removed and restricted until 2061
1	15	Council on University Ministries, 1984-1985, financial materials removed and restricted until 2060
1	16	Council on University Ministries, 1983-1984, financial materials removed and restricted until 2059
1	17	Council on University Ministries, 1979-1983, financial materials removed and restricted until 2058
1	18	Eastern Europe trip, 1993
2	1	Eastern Europe trip, correspondence and printed material, 1993

- 2 2 Eastern Europe trip, written reflection, 1993
- 2 3 First United Methodist Church of Germantown, 1988-1991
- 2 4 First United Methodist Church of Germantown, 1987
- 2 5 First United Methodist Church of Germantown, 1986
- 2 6 First United Methodist Church of Germantown, miscellaneous, undated
- 2 7 Foundations, 2006
- 2 8 Germany trip, correspondence and notes, 2003
- 2 9 Germany trip, printed material, 2002-2003
- 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
- 3 9 Institute for the Study and Practice of Religion, visits to Jordan, 2006
- 3 10 Interfaith services, 1996-2002
- 3 11 Interreligious organizations, miscellaneous, 2006
- 3 12 Islam, 2006-2008
- 3 13 Israel and the Middle East, 1991-1993
- 3 14 Israel and the Middle East, correspondence and notes, 2000-2001
- 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]
- 4 4 Israel and the Middle East, resources, 2001-2003
- 4 5 Istanbul trip, 2002
- 4 6 Journeys program, general file, 2004-2007
- 4 7 Journeys program, Cuba trip, 2009
- 4 8 Journeys program, Guatemala trip, 2006
- 5 1 Journeys program, Middle East trip, 2008
- 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
- 5 10 Journeys program, Middle East trip, presentation at Emory, 2007 August-November
- 5 11 Journeys program, New York trip, 2010
- 5 12 Journeys program, New York trip, resources, 2010
- 5 13 Journeys program, Northern Ireland trip, logistics, 1999
- 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
- 6 8 Mission work in China, photography, 1991-1992
- 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
- 7 2 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, 2002
- 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
- 11 9 University Worship, programs, 2008-2009
- 11 10 University Worship, programs, 2007-2008
- 12 1 University Worship, programs, 2006-2007
- 12 2 University Worship, programs, 2005-2006
- 12 3 University Worship, programs, 2004-2005
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- 12 10 University Worship, programs, 1997-1998
- 12 11 University Worship, programs, 1996-1997
- 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
- 15 Digital media, Center for the Study and Practice of Religions, 2005-2007

Series 2**Martin Luther King, Jr. Week event files 1990-2013****Boxes 16-17, 20****Scope and Content Note**

The series consists of material relating to the annual event, Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1990-2013, including a complete run of promotional posters collected by former director of the Journeys of Reconciliation program, Cynthia Shaw.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order by year.

Box	Folder	Content
16	1	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2013
16	2	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2012 [includes CDs and DVDs of proceedings]
16	3	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2011
16	4	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2010
16	5	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2009
16	6	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2008
16	7	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2007
16	8	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2006
16	9	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2005
16	10	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2004
16	11	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2003
16	12	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2002
16	13	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2001
16	14	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 2000
16	15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1999
17	1	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1998
17	2	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1997
17	3	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1996
17	4	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1995
17	5	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1994
17	6	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1993
17	7	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1992
17	8	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1991
17	9	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, 1990
17	10	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, King scholars, 1998-2010
29	1	Martin Luther King, Jr. Week, posters, 1990-2013

Series 3

Restricted materials and additions, 1979-2013

Boxes 18-38

Scope and Content Note

The series consists of restricted material and minimally processed additions to the collection. Additions include the office files of former director of the Journeys of Reconciliation program Cynthia Shaw. These files include photographs, scrapbooks, planning documents, and audiovisual and born digital material documenting the program. Also included in the series are subject files documenting university religious life and events held on campus.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order by year.

Restrictions on Access

Special restrictions apply: Materials in Box 18 are restricted in accordance with Emory University Archives Access Policy for financial and student records. Materials in Boxes 19-38 are restricted in accordance with Emory University Archives Access Policy for minimally processed collections.

Box	Folder	Content
18		Restricted materials, 1979-2008
20	-	"Amelia Kirby, Holler to the Hood" 2004 [original: VHS] [2] [RESTRICTED]
26	-	Emory Alcohol and Drug Education Committee, photograph album, 1986-1987 [RESTRICTED]
27	-	Habitat Emory, photograph album, 1998-1999 [RESTRICTED]
21	-	Journeys of Reconciliation program planning documents, 2001-2003 [RESTRICTED]
22	-	Journeys of Reconciliation program, 1999-2003 [RESTRICTED]
23	-	Journeys of Reconciliation program, 2001-2005 [RESTRICTED]
25	-	Journeys of Reconciliation program, photographs and slides, circa 1995-2000 [RESTRICTED]
25	-	Journeys of Reconciliation program, video recordings, 2004-2006 [original: MiniDV [9] and DVD [25]] [RESTRICTED]
25	-	Journeys of Reconciliation program, related commercial recordings, 2001-2003 [original: CD [6]] [RESTRICTED]
28	-	Journeys of Reconciliation program, scrapbooks and journal, 2004-2005 [RESTRICTED]
24	-	Recommendation letters, 1984-2003 [RESTRICTED]
25	-	Religion and Health Luncheon, audio recording, 1998 [original: audiocassette [12]] [RESTRICTED]
25	-	Reverend Kim, Chaplain's office, audio recording, 1998 [original: audiocassette [7]] [RESTRICTED]

- 20 - "Science and Religion," 2001 [original: VHS [2]] [RESTRICTED]
 - 25 - Sermons, audio recordings, 1986-1994 [original: audiocassette [7]] [RESTRICTED]
 - 20 - "Songs from the Struggle," 2004 [original: VHS [7]] [RESTRICTED]
 - 21 - "Striving for Fullness of Life: The Church's Challenge in Health," The Carter Center of Emory University and Wheat Ridge Foundation, program materials, 1989 [RESTRICTED]
 - 19 - Subject files, including Inter-religious Council, Chaplain teas, and bulletins, 1993-2003 [RESTRICTED]
 - 20 - Subject files, including Campus Ministry, 1995-2005 [RESTRICTED]
 - 30 - Subject files, including Religious Life Staff Retreat, space renovation, and correspondence, 1989-1997 [RESTRICTED]
 - 31 - Subject files, including Amnesty International, brochures, Campus Ministry, and Human Rights Symposium, 1981-1988 [RESTRICTED]
 - 32 - Subject files, including University Worship, Montreal conference papers, and Amnesty International, 1960-1989 [RESTRICTED]
 - 33 - Subject files, including Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Service of Gratitude, Medical School service, University Chaplain, and University Worship, 1968-1989 [RESTRICTED]
 - 34 - Subject files, including University Worship, cults, equipment, University Chaplain, photographs, and publications, 1991-1998 [RESTRICTED]
 - 35 - Subject files, including General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM), North Georgia conference, and The Promise of UMC Campus Ministry: Theological Explorations, 2007-2013 [RESTRICTED]
 - 36 - Subject files, including budgets, personnel files, mission statement, and recommendation letters, 2000-2015 [RESTRICTED]
 - 37 - Subject files, including printed material, scholarships and fellowships, and conferences, 2010-2015 [RESTRICTED]
 - 38 - Subject files, including Journeys of Reconciliation program, grants, and North Georgia conference, 2014-2016 [RESTRICTED]
 - 24 - Audiovisual material documenting events held on campus, including symposia, sermons, memorial services, worship services, and conferences, 1993-2004 [original: audiocassette [22], VHS [10], DVCAM [1], MiniDV [16], and DVD [24]] [RESTRICTED]
 - 38 - Audiovisual material, including sermons, 1995-1996 [original: VHS [3], audiocassette [2], and MiniDV [1]] [RESTRICTED]
 - 24 - Born digital material documenting a baptism, 1999 [original: floppy disk [2]] [RESTRICTED]
 - 25 - Born digital material, Journeys of Reconciliation program newsletters, Chapel and Religious Life logos, photographs, and presentations, 2004-2005 [original: CD [10]] [RESTRICTED]
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