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Guide to the Don E. McIlvenna Papers, 1970-1978

Title

Don E. McIlvenna Papers (MSS McIlvenna)

Dates

1970-1978 (inclusive)

1974-1978 (bulk)

Creator

McIlvenna, Don Edward, 1929-

Summary

The Don E. McIlvenna Papers consist predominantly of materials created and assembled by McIlvenna pertaining to a faculty salary report of the Oregon State University College of Liberal Arts faculty in the 1970s. McIlvenna was a faculty member in the OSU History Department from 1965 until his retirement in 1995.

Quantity

1.6 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Don E. McIlvenna was on the faculty of the Oregon State University History Department from 1965 until his retirement in 1995; his speciality was American diplomatic history. McIlvenna earned his bachelor's degree from Sacramento State College (1952), his M.A. from the University of California at Berkeley, and his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1966. He died in 2007.

Content Description

The Don E. McIlvenna Papers consist of materials generated and assembled by McIlvenna in his work as an Oregon State University faculty member. The bulk of the materials document the research and writing, with his History Department colleague Darold Wax, of a report on faculty salaries in the Oregon State University College of Liberal Arts, *An Essay on the Collegial Relationship: Salary Symbols and Services in the College of Liberal Arts*; the campus debate sparked by its release; and subsequent changes at OSU. In addition to statistical data and various drafts of the report, the Papers include correspondence, grant proposals, newspaper clippings, notes, publications and reports, and McIlvenna's testimony before the State Board of Higher Education in 1976. The materials document a review of the College of Liberal Arts' instructional program by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and the Board's 1976 reversal of the 1932 ban on graduate programs in social sciences and humanities at OSU.

The collection also includes clippings pertaining to the establishment of a interdisciplinary graduate program in Northwest Studies; student evaluations of McIlvenna's teaching; and a conference paper.

Preferred Citation

Don E. McIlvenna Papers, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

Materials were transferred from the History Department in 2007.

Processing Note

This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary.

Related Material

The College of Liberal Arts Records (RG 143) include materials from the Dean's Office, primarily for the 1960s through early 1970s, as well as the records of individual departments in the college, including the History Department. The Archives' holdings also include the papers of several history faculty members, including [John B. Horner](#), [David B. King](#), and [William G. Robbins](#).

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Organizations

Oregon State Board of Higher Education.
Oregon State System of Higher Education.
Oregon State University--Faculty.
Oregon State University. College of Liberal Arts.
Oregon State University. Dept. of History

Topics

History--Study and teaching (Higher)--Oregon.
Universities and colleges--Faculty--Salaries, etc.--Oregon.

Other Creators

Wax, Darold D.