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## Guide to MS327 Institute of Oral History records

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**MS 327**  
Institute of Oral History records

1887 - 1988 Span Dates,  
1970 - 1981 Bulk Dates,

1 foot, 10.5 inches (linear)

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## Historical Sketch

Dr. John H. McNeely founded the Institute of Oral History (IOH) at UTEP in 1972, although he had encouraged his students to record oral histories since the 1960s. As of 2019, the IOH has collected over 1,600 oral histories and 20,000 pages of transcripts. The IOH has the largest oral history collection in the United States that focuses on the border and related topics. The IOH's mission is to preserve "the history of the region adjacent to the Rio Grande both in the United States and in Mexico." The following have been past directors or associate directors of the IOH: Dr. John H. McNeely, Dr. Oscar J. Martinez, Sarah John, Dr. Vicki Ruiz, Rebecca Craver, Dr. Margo McBane, and Kristine Navarro-McElhaney. The current director is Dr. Yolanda Chavez Leyva.

The UTEP Library's Special Collections Department serves as the public access point for the oral history collection: [https://digitalcommons.utep.edu/oral\\_history/](https://digitalcommons.utep.edu/oral_history/).

[Sources: UTEP Institute of Oral History web site]

## Series Description or Arrangement

The records were left in the order found by the archivist (original order, primarily chronological).

## Scope and Content Notes

The Institute of Oral History records date 1887 - 1988, bulk 1970 - 1981. Types of records include correspondence, project and subject files, transcripts, memoirs, and newspaper clippings. Most of the older records are photocopies. Many of the records relate to the El Paso – Ciudad Juárez border region from 1970 to 1981. These records help document the IOH's activities in the 1970s and 1980s. Subject files include: border and border cities, border population growth, border incidents, El Paso economy, El Paso and Ciudad Juárez economy, El Paso strikes, the border fence, green cards and undocumented domestic workers, labor (International Ladies' Garment Workers Union), maquiladora workers, migration, U.S. and Mexico relations, wages, and water and pollution problems. Project files include: Nogalis, Chula Vista National City, Msgr. Henry D. Buchanan, and Recollections of Dr. Joseph M. Ray.

## Provenance Statement

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Box 1, Folder 1 with user forms is restricted.

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## **Notes to the Researcher**

Some of the newspapers and clippings are fragile. Please use caution.

See also:

Institute of Oral History webpage, <https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/oral-history/>

Oral History collection, [https://digitalcommons.utep.edu/oral\\_history/](https://digitalcommons.utep.edu/oral_history/)

John H. McNeely papers, MS167

Joseph M. Ray papers, MS148

Oscar J. Martinez papers, MS278

## Container List

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Forms, User Forms [some are copies] *****RESTRICTED*****	May 11, 1976 - October 21, 1988
1	2	Newspaper clippings [copies]	November 2, 1887 - May 22, 1913
1	3	Newspaper clippings [copies]	August 5, 1929 - March 18, 1937
1	4	Newspaper clippings [copies]	January 6, 1972; July 27, 1972
1	5	Newspaper clippings	March 12, 1973 - August 5, 1973
1	6	Newspaper clippings [some are copies]	January 31, 1974 - December 31, 1974
1	7	Newspaper clippings [some are copies]	January 2, 1975 - December 27, 1975
1	8	Newspaper clippings [some are copies]	January 1, 1976 - December 17, 1976
1	9	Newspaper clippings [some are copies]	January 1, 1977 - December 31, 1977
1	10	Newspaper clippings [some are copies]	March 15, 1978 - December 29, 1978
2	11	Newspaper clippings [some are copies]	January 9, 1979 - December 12, 1979
2	12	Newspaper clippings [some are copies]	January 7, 1980 - December 29, 1980
2	13	Newspaper clippings [some are copies]	March 8, 1981 - December 29, 1981
2	14	Newspapers and newspaper clippings	1982
2	15	Project: Nogalis [notes]	June 1979
2	16	Project: Chula Vista National City [notes]	June 1979

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2	17	Project: Msgr. Henry D. Buchanan, Typed excerpts from Msgr. Henry D. Buchanan oral history	1978 (?)
2	18	Project: Msgr. Henry D. Buchanan, Correspondence	April 5, 1943 - December 30, 1943
2	19	Project: Msgr. Henry D. Buchanan, Correspondence	January 5, 1944 - July 30, 1944
2	20	Project: Msgr. Henry D. Buchanan, Correspondence	September 1, 1945 - September 9, 1945
2	21	Project: Dr. Joseph M. Ray, Dr. Ray Papers - "Table of Contents"	Undated
2	22	Project: Dr. Joseph M. Ray, Recollections [copies]	1926 - 1984
2	23	Project: Dr. Joseph M. Ray, Recollections [copies]	1907 - 1955
3	24	Project: Dr. Joseph M. Ray, Recollections [copies]	1946 - 1959
3	25	Project: Dr. Joseph M. Ray, Recollections [copies]	1928 - 1970
3	26	Subject Files, Cd. Juarez - General [some are copies]	December 1953 - February 25, 1980
3	27	Subject Files, Border and Border Cities - General [some are copies]	November 1934 - March 29, 1981
3	28	Subject Files, Border Incidents [some are copies]	July 18, 1977 - March 1980
3	29	Subject Files, Border Population Growth	December 29, 1974 - March 29, 1979
3	30	Subject Files, Chihuahuaita [some are copies]	August 12, 1979 - September 18, 1979
3	31	Subject Files, Commuters - General [copies]	January 26, 1968 - February 3, 1979
3	32	Subject Files, Cd. Juarez Economy [some are copies]	December 27, 1948 - January 1981
3	33	Subject Files, El Paso - Cd. Juarez Relations [some are copies]	May 6, 1977 - April 11, 1980
4	34	Subject Files, El Paso Economy [some are copies]	August 1972 - September 18, 1979

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4	35	Subject Files, El Paso - General [some are copies]	January 1971 - August 28, 1979
4	36	Subject Files, El Paso Strikes [copies and papers]	February 5, 1946 - October 10, 1978
4	37	Subject Files, The Fence [some are copies]	January 21, 1975 - December 7, 1979
4	38	Subject Files, Green Card and Undocumented Maids [some are copies]	June 28, 1977 - December 19, 1979
4	39	Subject Files, Labor (International Ladies' Garment Workers Union)	January 15, 1978
4	40	Subject Files, Maquiladora Workers	1979 (?)
4	41	Subject Files, Magazine Articles on Migration 1977 [some are copies]	February 14, 1977 - May 6, 1979
4	42	Subject Files, Mexican-Americans - General [some are copies]	October 1973 - August 7, 1980
4	43	Subject Files, Mexico and Migration	April 29, 1979 - May 6, 1979
4	44	Subject Files, Mexico-General [some are copies]	September 20, 1977 - September 1980
4	45	Subject Files, Peyton's Strike 1959-1962	Undated
5	46	Subject Files, Peyton Strike [copies of notes]	Undated
5	47	Subject Files, U.S./Mexico Relations [some are copies]	May 1975 - June 13, 1980
5	48	Subject Files, Wages [some are copies]	September 1973 - 1978
5	49	Subject Files, Water and Pollution Problems [some are copies]	November 10, 1977 - April 22, 1981