

Guide to
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University of Texas at El Paso Faculty records

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1930s – 1960s Bulk Dates,

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Biography or Historical Sketch

Created by Senate Bill 183, the State School of Mines and Metallurgy was founded in 1913 due to El Pasoans' requests for a school to train mining engineers and metallurgists to help support the local mining and smelting industries. In 1914 the State School of Mines opened on land and buildings east of Ft. Bliss that were formerly occupied by the El Paso Military Institute. University of Texas Regents named Stephen Worrell as the first dean. On its official opening day, September 23, 1914, twenty-seven male students enrolled in the School. By 1916 two women, Ruth Brown and Grace Odell, also enrolled. Later that year a fire destroyed the School's main building and the campus relocated to land donated by El Pasoans in the Sunset Heights area. After viewing British explorer's Jean Claude White's photographs of the Kingdom of Bhutan in the April 1914 issue of *National Geographic*, Kathleen Worrell, wife of the dean, recommended that the new campus adopt Bhutanese-style architecture because of the similarities between Bhutan's and El Paso's landscapes. Construction on the new buildings began in 1917, and by the end of the 1910s, enrollment grew to over a hundred students.

During the 1920s the school's name was changed to the College of Mines and Metallurgy, El Paso and it merged with El Paso Junior College. This merger caused enrollment to increase to 400 students. The 1920s also saw the establishment of several student life traditions, including the creation of the *Flowsheet* yearbook and Homecoming. In 1931 John G. Barry became the College's first president, though financial troubles from the Great Depression put the College at risk for closure. Despite the difficult economic environment of the 1930s, the College continued to expand. An athletic field was constructed in 1933 (named after longtime dean and professor John W. "Cap" Kidd), and the Centennial Museum opened on campus in 1937. Three years later, the University of Texas Regents approved the creation of the College's first graduate degree (the Master of Arts).

World War II caused many changes at the College of Mines as enrollment declined significantly as young men and women served in the military and in wartime industries throughout the early 1940s. Young women were also encouraged for the first time to take classes in male-dominated fields, such as engineering, to help alleviate worker shortages. After the war ended in 1945 and the passage of the GI Bill of Rights, returning servicemen and women increasingly attended college, and the College of Mines' enrollment reached 2,000. Because of the large number of veterans attending the College of Mines, the school established housing for married veteran students and their families in an area called "Vet Village." In 1949 the College's name changed to Texas Western College of the University of Texas.

The 1950s – 1970s brought several important developments to the campus. As Texas Western College, the school added several buildings to the campus, including Magoffin Auditorium, the Science Building, the Women's Gym, and Miners Hall during the early 1950s. In 1952 Texas Western Press was founded by printer Carl Hertzog, and in 1953 the Schellenger Research Laboratory was created. Moreover, in 1955 Texas Western College became the first white Texas public college to admit African American students after a lawsuit was filed by Douglass School student Thelma White

who was denied admission because of her race. Highlights from the 1960s and 1970s include: the training of the nation's first Peace Corps class in 1961, the construction of Sun Bowl Stadium in 1963, winning the NCAA national championship under Coach Don Haskins in 1966, and protests by MECHA and La Mesa Directiva against school policies and practices in 1971. Texas Western College changed its name to the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) in 1967, and during the late 1960s a Chicano Studies program was established. In 1974 UTEP started offering its first doctoral degree – in Geological Sciences.

Throughout the 1980s – 2000s UTEP continued to expand as both undergraduate and graduate enrollment dramatically increased. The new six-story library was completed in 1984, and in 1988 Dr. Diana Natalicio became UTEP's first woman president. In 2004 UTEP celebrated its 90th anniversary and will celebrate its centennial in 2014. As of 2010 UTEP has over 20,000 registered students and is divided into eight colleges: the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Health Sciences, the College of Liberal Arts, the School of Nursing, the College of Science, and the University College.

[Sources: UTEP web site; UTEP Collection, MS 001]

Series Description or Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically in the Faculty minutes, committee records, and other materials subseries and arranged in alphabetical order in the Faculty files subseries.

Scope and Content Notes

The University of Texas at El Paso Faculty records series (part of the UTEP Collection) dates 1916 – 2000s, bulk 1930s – 1960s. Types of records include Faculty Council meeting minutes, Faculty committee materials, correspondence, faculty resumes, some photographs, and UTEP publications. The records are arranged in two subseries, Faculty minutes, committee records, and other materials and Faculty files. These records help document the faculty's backgrounds and activities and campus life from 1916 to the 1970s.

Provenance Statement

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Restrictions

Some files are restricted.

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Notes to the Researcher

Some of the materials are very fragile. Please use caution.

This series is part of the UTEP Collection, MS 001.

See also:

UTEP Academic Department records (various), MS 001.

UTEP Faculty Senate records, MS 001.

UTEP Photographs, MS 001.

UTEP Presidents and Deans, MS 001.

John Barry papers, MS 242.

Haldeen Braddy Collection, MS 154.

Lurline Coltharp papers, MS 408.

Eleanor Duke papers, MS 205.

Olav E. Eidbo papers, MS 062.

Francis L. Fugate papers, MS 249

Rex E. Gerald papers, MS 353.

Berte R. Haigh Photographs, PH003.

Arthur H. Harris Collection, MS 079.

J. Carl Hertzog papers, MS 295.

B. F. Jenness Papers, MS 067.

Oscar J. Martinez papers, MS 278.

John H. McNeely papers, MS 167.

John J. Middaugh papers, MS 145.

Puckett Family papers, MS 009.

Joseph M. Ray papers, MS 148.

Julius Rivera Collection, MS 162.

C.L. Sonnichsen papers, MS 141.

Melvin Potter Straus papers, MS 161

Rex W. Strickland papers, MS 131.

W.H. Timmons papers, MS 041.

John O. West papers, MS 355.

Richard M. Worthington Collection, MS 539.

Container List

Subseries I. Faculty minutes, committee records, and other materials

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Faculty meeting minutes book	1916 – 1919
1	2	Meeting minutes [copies]	October 19, 1916 – May 29, 1931
1	3	Faculty minutes [copy 2]	1916 – 1931
1	4	Applicants, correspondence	1917 – 1918
1	5	Faculty meeting minutes [originals], 1 of 2	September 17, 1919 – May 29, 1931
1	6	Faculty meeting minutes [originals], 2 of 2	September 17, 1919 – May 29, 1931
2	1	Faculty meeting minutes [handwritten]	about 1920 – 1933
2	2	Faculty meeting minutes [very fragile]	about 1920 – 1933
2	3	Budget, salaries, by-laws	1925, 1933
2	4	Letters for reappointment	1931
2	5	Courses Committee	1931
2	6	Housing Committee	1931 – 1932
2	7	Faculty Committee	1931 – 1933
2	8	Correspondence	1931 – 1933
2	9	Student Activities Committee	1931 – 1933
2	10	Lists, addresses	1931 – 1934
3	1	Degree Committee	1932 – 1933
3	2	Outside activities of the faculty	1932 – 1933
3	3	Advising freshmen	1932 – 1934
3	4	Texas State Teachers Association correspondence	1932 – 1934
3	5	Payroll affidavits	1933
3	6	General meetings, correspondence	1933 – 1934
6	1	Discipline Committee materials [Restricted]	1933 – 1934
3	7	Faculty publications	1947 – 1949
3	8	Faculty reports, committee newsletters	1956 – 1958
3	9	Newsletters	1959 – 1961
3	10	Calendar of events, newsletters	1961 – 1962
3	11	Assembly for Dr. Joseph Smiley	December 3, 1958
3	12	Meetings of the Committee in the Organization of Faculty Government at	October 3, 1958 – September 1977

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3	13	Faculty meeting minutes	1958 – 1959
4	1	Faculty Council minutes, Texas Retirement Plan, memorandum, and other materials	1958 – 1962
4	2	Faculty government organization minutes	1959
4	3	Dr. Olav E. Eidbo's speech for retiring faculty; <i>The Case of The TWC Faculty Salaries and the Uninformed Legislators</i>	1959
4	4	Faculty conferences, UTEP publications	1950s – 1960s
4	5	Council meeting minutes	1960
4	6	Council meeting minutes	1961
4	7	Council meeting minutes	1962
4	8	Council meeting minutes	1963
4	9	Council meeting minutes, faculty handbook	1963 – 1968
4	10	Council, general minutes	1964
4	11	Memorandum, newsletters, calendars	1964 – 1965
9	1	Texas Western College Academic Staff listings, 1914 – 1963; 1964 – 1965; 1965 – 1966	about 1964 – 1966
4	12	Roster, Faculty Council minutes	1965 – 1966
5	1	Council meeting minutes	January – November 1966
5	2	Council meeting minutes	1967
5	3	Council meeting minutes	1968 – 1969
10	1	Code of Ethics	about 1960s
10	2	Materials from Dilmus James (professor of Economics)	1960s
10	3	Materials from Dilmus James (professor of Economics)	1960s
10	4	Materials from Dilmus James (professor of Economics)	1960s
10	5	Materials from Dilmus James (professor of Economics)	about 1960s – 1970s
5	4	Minutes	1971, 1972
5	5	Minutes	1973
7	1	Council meeting minutes; lecture invitation	February 12 – December 1974; April 24, 1974
7	2	Council minutes	March 11 – November 25,

			1975
7	3	Council meeting minutes	February 2 – September 27, 1976
7	4	Council meeting minutes	October 1 – December 6, 1976
7	5	Council meeting minutes	1977
9	2	Faculty and staff listings from Flowsheets and college catalogs (compiled by Dr. Eleanor Duke)	about 2000s
9	3	Chronological faculty list (compiled by Dr. Eleanor Duke)	about 2000s
9	4	Faculty lists and obituaries from newspapers (compiled by Dr. Eleanor Duke)	about 2000s
9	5	Administrative staff and faculty list, 1913 – 1965 (compiled by Dr. Eleanor Duke)	about 2000s
9	6	Physicians, veterinarians, and dentists – Pre-Medical students from UTEP, TWC, and TCM (list compiled by Dr. Eleanor Duke)	about 2000s
9	7	Notices of faculty and staff deaths that appeared in NOVA Alumni Magazine (compiled by Dr. Eleanor Duke)	about 2000s
9	8	Partial list of individuals who had pre-med work at UTEP, TCM, TWC with Doctors Berkman, Jenness, and Duke and were admitted to medical, dental, or veterinary schools	about 2000s
9	9	Obituary, Dr. Julius Rivera and email from Robert Stakes about Dr. Rivera	February 26, 2014

Subseries II. Faculty member files

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
8	1	Raymond W. Ager (Mathematics and Physics)	1933 – 1934
8	2	W.R. Avrett (Modern Languages)	1928 – 1934
8	3	Frederick W. Backman (Languages)	1933 – 1934
8	4	Myrtle E. Ball (English and Public Speaking)	1932 – 1934

8	5	W.H. Ball (Chemistry)	about 1932 – 1940s?
8	6	Anton Hilmer Berkman (Biology)	1927 – 1933
8	7	P.W. Durkee (Mathematics and Physics)	1933
8	8	Norma Egg (English)	1927 – 1934
8	9	Lena Eldridge (Modern Languages)	1927, 1933
8	10	Isabelle Kelly Finueau (Modern Languages)	1931 – 1933
8	11	J.F. Graham (Mining and Metallurgy)	1933
8	12	Gladys Gregory (Social Science Department)	1933
8	13	Berte Rolph Haigh (Engineering)	1933
8	14	Burt F. Jenness (Biological Sciences)	1931 – 1933
8	15	Theodore Joseph (Business Administration)	1934
8	16	Julia Kane (Physical Education)	1933 – 1934
8	17	John William Kidd (Engineering)	1931 - 1934
8	18	Edwin John Knapp (Mathematics and Physics)	1931 – 1934
8	19	William Walter Lake (Chemistry)	1931 – 1934
8	20	Milton Leech	1964, 1966
8	21	Bulah A. Liles (Mathematics)	1927, 1933
8	22	Anita W. Lorenz (Modern Language)	1933
8	23	Oscar Martinez (History) [copy of <i>El Mestizo</i>]	February – March 1974
8	24	Leon Denny Moses	1931 – 1933
8	25	L.A. Nelson (Geology)	1933
8	26	A.E. Null (Social Science)	1932 – 1934
8	27	Ray Past (English [student paper])	April 1960
8	28	Charles A. Puckett (Education)	1931 – 1934
8	29	Howard Edmond Quinn (Geology)	1933 – 1934
8	30	Mary Kelly Quinn (Social Sciences)	1933
8	31	Evelyne H. Renken (Business Administration)	1933
8	32	Bertha Reynolds (Education)	1932 – 1933
8	33	Joseph Moses Roth (Classics and Philosophy)	1930 – 1934
8	34	Mack Saxon (Athletics)	1932 – 1933
8	35	Franklin Hupp Seamon (Chemistry)	1931 – 1934
8	36	Charles L. Sonnichsen (English)	1927 – 1933
8	37	Eugene McRae Thomas (Mining and Metallurgy)	1932 – 1958
8	38	John LeRoy Waller (Social Science)	1931 – 1933
8	39	Isabella Zimmerman (English)	1933 – 1934

