Record Group 18: Papers of the School of Religion

Collection Overview:
Title: Papers of the School of Religion
Creator: Liberty University
Dates: 1978 – Current
Repository: Liberty University Archive
Extent: 1.63 linear feet
Abstract: This Record Group contains the papers of the School of Religion and its departments.

Historical Note:
In 1984 SACS accredited the first graduate programs in religion. The School of Religion was formed from the Division of Religion in 1985. In 1987 the School of Religion began their Doctoral Degree program. In 1992 the Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary separated from the School of Religion to form a separate entity.

Current Departments:
Department of Biblical and Theological Studies
Department of Church Ministries
Department of Global Studies
Department of Online Studies

The Deans for the School of Religion were:

1974 – 1979: C. Sumner Wemp
1980 – 1981: Gerald Kroll
1981 - 1983: Edward Hindson
1983 – 2013: Elmer Towns
2013 – Current: Edward Hindson

Sub-Group 3: Philosophy & Theology Department - In 1993 the Department of Apologetics & Philosophy was renamed the Philosophy & Theology Department. In July of 2011 the Philosophy & Theology Department was moved from the School of Religion to the College of Arts & Sciences and renamed the Philosophy Department.

Sub-Group 4: Biblical Studies Department – In the summer of 2012 the Biblical Studies Department and the Theological Studies Department were combined to form the Department of Biblical and Theological Studies.


Sub-Group 9 – Sub-Group 13: Department of Missions and Cross-Cultural Studies (1990 - 1993) In 1990 the Departments of Missions, Cross-Cultural Studies and Church History, Church
Ministries and Theological Studies were split up and recombined to form the Departments of Missions and Cross-Cultural Studies, and Theology Studies and Church History.

Sub-Group 12: Department of Biblical and Theological Studies - In the summer of 2012 the Biblical Studies Department and the Theological Studies Department were combined to form the Department of Biblical and Theological Studies.

Sub-Group 13: Theological Studies Department - In the summer of 2012 the Biblical Studies Department and the Theological Studies Department were combined to form the Department of Biblical and Theological Studies.

Sub-Group 14: Department of Philosophy & Apologetics - In 1993 the Department of Apologetics & Philosophy was renamed the Philosophy & Theology Department.

Sub-Group 18: Center for Ministry Outreach - Became the Department of Church Ministries and Missions.

Sub-Group 19: Christian Service - In 1997 the Christian Services unit was moved from the College of General Studies to the School of Religion.

Sub-Group 23: Department of Global Studies -- In the fall of 2011 the Center of Global Ministries was renamed the Department of Global Studies.

Sub-Group 26: Center for Worship and Music - on January 7, 2010 the Center for Worship and Music moved from the College of Arts & Sciences to the School of Religion. On July 1, 2012 the Center for Worship and Music moved from the School of Religion to the newly created School of Music.

Scope and Content Notes:
This Record Group is approximately 1.63 linear feet. It contains minutes, official papers, publications, brochures and promotionals.

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Related Materials:
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**Brief Description of the Collection:**

LU 18:1 Box 1: General Materials and Publications of the School of Religion
LU 18:1 Box 2: School of Religion Minutes 1971 – 1999
LU 18:1 Box 3: School of Religion Minutes 2000 – Current, Official Papers, Departmental Chair’s Meeting Minutes, Degree Materials and Accreditation Materials
LU 18:1 Box 4: Accreditation Materials Part 2
LU 18:1 Box 5: Accreditation Materials Part 3
LU 18:2-21 Box 1: General Materials of the Graduate Studies, Philosophy & Theology Department, Biblical Studies Department, Church Ministries Department, Cross Cultural Studies Department, Pastoral Leadership Department, Department of Church Ministries & Missions, Department of Missions and Cross-Cultural Studies, Department of Theology Studies and Church History, Department of Missions, Cross-Cultural Studies and Church History, Department of Biblical and Theological Studies, Department of Theological Studies, Department of Philosophy & Apologetics, Department of Educational Ministries, Center for Ministry Training, Center for Youth Ministries, Center for Ministry Outreach, Christian Service, Division of Theology and the Division of Religion
LU 18:2-21 Box 2: Restricted Materials of the Graduate Studies, Philosophy & Theology Department, Biblical Studies Department, Church Ministries Department, Cross Cultural Studies Department, Pastoral Leadership Department, Department of Church Ministries & Missions, Department of Missions and Cross-Cultural Studies, Department of Theology Studies and Church History, Department of Missions, Cross-Cultural Studies and Church History, Department of Biblical and Theological Studies, Department of Theological Studies, Department of Philosophy & Apologetics, Department of Educational Ministries, Center for Ministry Training, Center for Youth Ministries, Center for Ministry Outreach, Christian Service, Division of Theology and the Division of Religion
LU 18:22-27 Box 1: Restricted Materials of the Department of Global Studies, Dean’s Council, Center for Worship and the Papers of the School of Religion Faculty
LU 18:22-27 Box 2: General Materials of the Department of Global Studies, Dean’s Council, Center for Worship and the Papers of the School of Religion Faculty

**Detailed Description of the Collection:**

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Sub-Group 1: School of Religion

   Series 1: General Materials

      Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals

      Unit 2: Academic Awards Materials

      Unit 3: Informational and Promotional Booklets

**LU 18:1 Box 2**
Series 2: Minutes Etc.

Unit 1: Undated

Unit 2: 1970’s
Folder A: 1978 – 1979

Unit 3: 1980’s
Folder A: 1982 – 1983
Folder B: 1983 – 1984
Folder C: 1984 – 1985
Folder D: 1985 – 1986
Folder E: 1986 – 1987
Folder G: 1988 – 1989
Folder H: 1989 – 1990

Unit 4: 1990’s
Folder A: 1990 – 1991
Folder B: 1991 – 1992
Folder C: 1992 – 1993
Folder D: 1993 – 1994
Folder E: 1995 – 1996
Folder H: 1998 – 1999
Folder I: 1999 – 2000

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Unit 5: 2000’s
Folder B: 2001 – 2002
Folder C: 2003 – 2004
Folder D: 2004 – 2005
Folder E: 2005 – 2006
Folder F: 2006 – 2007
Folder H: 2008 – 2009
Folder I: 2009 – 2010

Unit 6: 2010’s
Folder A: 2010 – 2011
Folder B: 2011 – 2012

Series 3: Official Papers
Unit 1: School of Religion Program Development Plan 1981
Unit 2: Proposal for Doctor of Ministry Program 1991
Unit 3: Proposal for Doctor of Ministry Program: November 1986
Unit 4: Five-Year Plans

Series 4: Departmental Chair’s Meeting Minutes
Unit 1: 1980’s

Series 5: Distance Learning Minutes
Unit 1: 2003 – 2004

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Series 6: Publications
Unit 1: The Shepherds Journal
Unit 2: Pastoral Training Handbook

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Series 7: Degree Materials
Unit 1: Proposal for Doctor of Ministry Program
Series 8: Accreditation Materials
Unit 1: Assessment Plan (2003-2004)
Unit 2: SACS Accreditation 1985-1986
Folder A: Self Study: January 3, 1986

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Folder B: Self Study & Status Report Part 1
Folder C: Self Study & Status Report Part 2
Folder D: Self Study Questionnaire Part 1
Folder E: Self Study Questionnaire Part 2
Folder F: Self Study Minutes
Folder G: Preliminary Draft of Reaffirmation Committee Report
Folder H: SACS Reaffirmation Report
Folder I: Response to the Report to the Commission on Colleges SACS

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Folder J: Inter-Office Correspondence
Folder K: SACS Materials Part 1
Folder L: SACS Materials Part 2

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Sub-Group 2: Graduate Studies

Series 1: Minutes Etc.

Unit 1: 1980’s
- Folder B: 1989 – 1990

Sub-Group 3: Philosophy & Theology Department

Series 1: Minutes Etc.

Unit 1: 1990’s
- Folder A: 1999 – 2000

Unit 2: 2000’s
- Folder B: 2006 – 2007
- Folder C: 2007 – 2008
- Folder D: 2008 – 2009
- Folder E: 2009 – 2010

Unit 3: 2010’s
- Folder A: 2010 – 2011

Sub-Group 4: Biblical Studies Department

Series 1: Minutes Etc. 1980’s

Unit 1: 1981 – 1982

Series 2: Minutes Etc. 1990’s
Unit 1: 1994 – 1995
Unit 2: 1996 – 1997
Unit 3: 1997 – 1998
Unit 4: 1998 – 1999

Series 3: Minutes Etc. 2000’s
Unit 1: 2002 – 2003
Unit 2: 2003 – 2004
Unit 3: 2004 – 2005
Unit 4: 2005 – 2006
Unit 5: 2006 – 2007
Unit 6: 2007 – 2008
Unit 7: 2008 – 2009
Unit 8: 2009 – 2010

Series 4: Minutes Etc. 2010’s
Unit 1: 2010 – 2011
Unit 2: 2011 – 2012

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Series 4: General Materials

Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals

Sub-Group 5: Church Ministries Department

Series 1: Center for Church Ministries

Unit 1: Newsletter

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Series 2: Minutes Etc.

Unit 1: 2000’s

Folder A: 2006 – 2007

Unit 2: 2010’s

Folder A: 2011 – 2012

Series 3: General Materials

Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals

Sub-Group 6: Cross Cultural Studies Department
Sub-Group 7: Pastoral Leadership Department  
Series 1: Minutes Etc.  
Unit 1: 2000’s  
Folder A: 2004 – 2005  
Folder B: 2006 – 2007  
Unit 2: 2010’s  
Folder A: 2011 – 2012

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Series 2: General Materials  
Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals

Sub-Group 8: Department of Church Ministries & Missions  
Series 1: General Materials  
Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals

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Sub-Group 9: Department of Missions and Cross-Cultural Studies  
Series 1: Minutes Etc.  
Unit 1: 1980’s  
Folder A: 1982 – 1983

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Sub-Group 10: Department of Theology Studies and Church History  
Series 1: General Materials  
Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals

Sub-Group 11: Department of Missions, Cross-Cultural Studies and Church History

Sub-Group 12: Department of Biblical and Theological Studies  
Series 1: General Materials  
Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals

Sub-Group 13: Department of Theological Studies

Sub-Group 14: Department of Philosophy & Apologetics  
Series 1: General Materials  
Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals

Sub-Group 15: Department of Educational Ministries
Sub-Group 16: Center for Ministry Training
   Series 1: General Materials
      Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals

Sub-Group 17: Center for Youth Ministries
   Sub-Group 1: Publications
      Unit 1: CYM Report Newsletter

Sub-Group 18: Center for Ministry Outreach
   Series 1: General Materials
      Unit 1: Newsletters

Sub-Group 19: Christian Service
   Series 1: General Materials
      Unit 1: Fliers and Promotionals

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Series 2: Minutes Etc.
   Unit 1: 1990’s
   Unit 2: 2000’s
      Folder B: 2001 – 2002
      Folder C: 2002 – 2003
      Folder D: 2003 – 2004
      Folder E: 2004 – 2005
      Folder G: 2006 – 2007
      Folder H: 2008 – 2009
      Folder I: 2009 – 2010
   Unit 3: 2010’s
      Folder A: 2010 – 2011
      Folder B: 2011 – 2012

Sub-Group 20: Division of Theology
   Series 1: Minutes Etc.
Unit 1: 1970’s
Folder A: 1979 – 1980

Unit 2: 1980’s

Sub-Group 21: Division of Religion

Series 1: Minutes Etc.
Unit 1: 1970’s
Folder A: 1979 – 1980

Unit 2: 1980’s
Folder B: 1981 – 1982
Folder C: 1982 – 1983

Series 2: Official Papers
Unit 1: Ten Year Plans

Series 3: Committee Minutes
Unit 1: Library Committee
Folder A: 1983 – 1984

Unit 2: Curriculum Committee
Folder B: 1981 – 1982

Unit 3: Ad Hoc Committee

Unit 4: Committee on Faculty Evaluation
Folder B: 1991 – 1992

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Sub-Group 22: School of Religion Course Materials
Series 1: External Degree Program
Folder 1: EVAN 550 Worktext 1988

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Sub-Group 23: Department of Global Studies
Series 1: Minutes Etc.
Unit 1: 2000’s
   Folder B: 2007 – 2008
Unit 2: 2010’s
   Folder A: 2010 – 2011
   Folder B: 2011 – 2012

Sub-Group 24: Dean’s Council
Series 1: Minutes Etc. 1980’s
   Unit 1: 1982 – 1983
   Unit 2: 1983 – 1984
   Unit 3: 1984 – 1985
   Unit 4: 1985 – 1986
   Unit 5: 1987 – 1988
Series 2: Minutes Etc. 1990’s
   Unit 1: 1995 – 1996
   Unit 2: 1996 – 1997
   Unit 3: 1997 – 1998
   Unit 4: 1998 – 1999
   Unit 5: 1999 – 2000
Series 3: Minutes Etc. 2000’s
   Unit 1: 2000 – 2001
   Unit 2: 2001 – 2002

Sub-Group 25: Division of Church Ministries
Series 1: Official Papers
   Unit 1: Ten Year Plans

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Sub-Group 26: Center for Worship
Series 1: General Materials
   Unit 1: Brochures and Promotionals

Sub-Group 27: Papers of the School of Religion Faculty
Series 1: Carl Diemer
   Unit 1: Professional Papers
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Series 2: James A. Borland
   Unit 1: Professional Resume
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   Unit 2: Miscellaneous Materials

Series 3: Donald R. Rickards
   Unit 1: Professional Papers
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Series 4: Don Fanning
   Unit 1: Publications Aguila Proposal
   Unit 2: Eagle International University Business Plan
   Folder A: Part 1
   Folder B: Part 2