



Austin Seminary Archives, Stitt Library

HEYER (GEORGE S.) PAPERS, 1952-1989

Descriptive Summary

Title: George S. Heyer papers

Dates: 1952-1989

Accession Number(s): 2012-006

Extent: 9 inches

Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:

George Stuart Heyer, Jr. (1930-2015) was a Presbyterian minister in Texas and a professor at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Heyer was born in Houston and began his education at Phillips Exeter Academy, then went to Princeton, where he received his A.B. in 1952. He spent the 1952-53 school year studying theology as a Woodrow Wilson scholar at the New School at the University of Edinburgh before returning to the United States to receive his B.D. from Yale Divinity School in 1956. Heyer was licensed under Brazos Presbytery in September 1955. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Mid-Texas in February 1956 and then served as an assistant minister of the First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo, Texas for two years. He finished his education at Yale University, receiving his M.A. in 1959 and his PhD in 1963.

Heyer began his teaching career at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (APTS) in January 1964 as an assistant professor. The courses he taught focused on the history of Christian doctrine. His courses and lectures were popular with students, to whom Heyer was very committed. His published works included his doctoral dissertation titled "*Rectitudo* in the Theology of St. Anselm," book reviews for The Yale Review, articles in the Austin Seminary Faculty Bulletin, an essay in Texts and Testaments: Critical Essays on the Bible and Early Church Fathers, and the book Signs of Our Times: Theological Essays on Art in the Twentieth Century. Heyer was inaugurated as a Professor of the History of Doctrine in November 1987.

Heyer retired from APTS on December 31, 1993. In 1995, APTS established the George S. Heyer, Jr. Distinguished Lectureship to honor his career.

Heyer had a deep interest in fine art, including serving as vice-chair and chair on the Texas State Commission on the Arts and Humanities, a trustee of The Museum of Fine

Arts in Houston, Texas and the chair of the Advisory Council for the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas at Austin.

Scope and Contents:

The collection consists of 9 inches of George S. Heyer's student notes, professorial notes, and related materials. When originally received, the course notes were filed together by semester in binders. The original order of the course notes has been maintained, but some of Heyer's student writings have been moved to the "Student Work – Writings and related materials" sub-series.

The student notes are from Heyer's years at University of Edinburgh, Yale Divinity School and Yale University. These notes span from 1952 to 1962, and they cover the topics of Christian doctrine, theology, Christian history, law and gospel, Augustine, and Greek language. The collection also includes rough and final drafts of papers he wrote as a student. The professorial collection includes notes he prepared for the courses he taught at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The professorial notes are from courses taught during the 1966-1967 school year. The collection also includes miscellaneous items related to his student and professional years, including course syllabi, course reading lists, course schedules, and the privately printed manuscript *Lectures on the History of Christian Doctrine*, by Robert Calhoun, his professor at Yale Divinity School.

The final folder in the collection, "Special lectures and discussions, 1964-1989 and undated" includes typescripts, handwritten manuscripts and notes, and correspondence, and was found in the archives separately from the rest of the collection. Its provenance is unknown.

Processing Information:

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Restrictions:

Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

Index Terms:

Heyer, George S.
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
University of Edinburgh.
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Yale University. Divinity School.
Lecture notes.
Theology--Study and teaching.

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Inventory:

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E063 **Series 1: Student Work**

Course notes and related materials:

University of Edinburgh:

Professor Burleigh, 1952

Professor Manson, 1952

Professor Baillie, 1952

Greek course, 1952

Professor Torrance, 1952-1953

Yale Divinity School:

Professor Barr, 1955

Professor Calhoun, 1954-1955

Professor Welch, 1955

Professor Hartt, 1955

Professor Forman, 1955

Greek course, 1954-1955

Yale University:

Professor Calhoun, 1957

Professor Welch – Christian Theology Since Schleiermacher,
1957-1958

Professor Bainton, 1957

Professor Lindbeck, 1957

Professors Frei and Holmer, 1958

Professor Lindbeck [Includes course paper drafts], 1958

Professor Lindbeck - Augustine, 1958

Professor Welch, 1958

Professor Gustafson, 1958

Professor Pauck, 1962

E064 **Writings and related materials:**

Yale Divinity School:

Book reports I-III, 1955

“John Calvin’s Doctrine of Predestination,” 1955

Yale University:

“The Sum of the Gospel – Karl Barth’s Doctrine of Election,”
1958

Printed Materials:

Lectures on the History of Christian Doctrine, by Robert Calhoun,
1949

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Series 2: Professional Work

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Christian Ethics (2 folders), 1966-1967

History of Dogma (2 folders), 1966-1967

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