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Department of English Records

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Collection Summary

Identifier

UA 6.2

Title

College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English Records

Creator

Department of English, College of Arts and Sciences, South Dakota State University

Dates

1974-2013

Extent

0.42 linear feet -- 1 document case, photographs

Language

English

Repository

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Abstract

The English Department offers a comprehensive curriculum in English and American literature, including broad survey courses, courses that focus on specific literary periods or genres, courses that focus on creative or professional writing and communication. The collection is composed of departmental records generated by the English Department such as newsletters, pamphlets, and promotional material for events and conferences and the Pioneer Women Papers.

Historical Note

From the opening of the College, English has been an established course of study. In the early years, there were three courses in English listed: Course I, agriculture; Course II, the general college course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science; and Course III, civil engineering. In each of these courses, the emphasis was on grammar, composition, speech, rhetoric, theory and practice, literature and history of English drama. Through the years, similar courses have been taught, and continue to be taught today.

According to the 1998-2000 bulletin, courses in the English Department are divided into two areas: English and linguistics. The department offers instruction in clear thinking and expression, in the history and use of language, in literature, in literary criticism; and in technical communications. An English major prepares students for teaching careers; for writing and editorial work; for professional schools of law, business, theology, library science, and social work; and for any endeavor in which facility in the use of language is essential.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series:

Series 1. Pioneer Women papers

Series 2. Departmental records

Folders are arranged alphabetically within each series.

Contents Note

This collection is composed of departmental records generated by the English Department such as newsletters, pamphlets, and promotional material for events and conferences. Also included are the Pioneer Women Papers which consist of original investigations of women writers in the region completed by students for the course "Women Writers of the Great Plains," taught during 1978-1979 school year.

Series 1. Pioneer Women papers.

The papers were completed as original investigations of women writers in the region for the course: "Women Writers of the Great Plains," taught in 1978-1979 under a special grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education of the Modern Language Association for a project: "Teaching Women's Literature from a Regional Perspective." The course was taught by Dr. Ruth Alexander, Professor of English and supervised by Dr. Leonore Hoffman of the Modern Language Association office. The series consists of papers written by students of this course, a press release, and news clippings. The papers include notes by the instructor and a final grade. Also included in the papers are some pamphlets and photographs.

Series 2. Departmental records.

The series is composed of publications produced by the English Department. Material includes newsletters, pamphlets, and posters.

Related Resources

Oakwood, South Dakota State University
Brookings, S.D.: South Dakota State University, 1975-
Call number: PS571.S9 O2

Key Words

Aldrich, Bess Streeter, 1881-1954

Bones, Marietta

Dahl, Borghild

Frontier and pioneer life -- South Dakota

Gardner, Abbie

Indian women -- North America

Kohl, Edith Eudora

Lewis, Faye C.

Ostenso, Martha, 1900-

Pioneers -- South Dakota -- History

Sorenson, Alvida

South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Department of English and Speech.

South Dakota State University. Department of English.

South Dakota State University. Great Plains Writers' Conference.

South Dakota State University. Northern Plains Conference on Earlier British Literature.

Women -- South Dakota -- History

Women novelists, American -- 20th Century -- South Dakota

Women pioneers -- South Dakota

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Crystal J. Gamradt, 1998 November 10, additions made 2013 August 26.

Container List

Series	Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	6	Abbie Gardner by Chesnik, Carrie	undated
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	12	Alvida Sorenson by Moss, Dennis	undated
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	1	Bess Streeter Aldrich by Eggebratten, Mary	undated
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	4	Borghild Dahl by Hawthorne, Joan	undated
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	3	Clippings	1978-1979
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	5	Description of course by Ruth Alexander	undated
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	8	Edith Eudora Kohl by Saylor, Kathy	undated
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	9	Faye C. Lewis by Martin, Dixie	undated
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	7	Indian Women by Keltgen, Jaciel	undated
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	2	Marietta Bones by Gereau, Rick	1978
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	10	Martha Ostenso by Bosch, Laura	1979
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	11	Press release	1978
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	13	Women and Dakota Dress by Larson, Joyce	undated
1. Pioneer Women papers	1	14	Women and Their Pioneer Childhoods on the West River Range by Braband, Rachel	undated

Series	Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
2. Departmental records	1	15	Creative Writing [pamphlet]	2013
2. Departmental records	1	16	Department of English (newsletter)	1982-1992
2. Departmental records	1	17	English at State (newsletter)	1990-1999
2. Departmental records	1	18	English Dept. (newsletter)	1975-1989
2. Departmental records	1	19	Great Plains Writers' Conference (promotional material)	1988-2008
2. Departmental records	1	20	Jerome Norgren Poetry Contest [poster]	2013
2. Departmental records	1	21	Oakwood (publication)	2000, 2002-2003
2. Departmental records	1	22	Pamphlets (Department information)	2004, undated
2. Departmental records	1	23	Posters (events)	1999-2003, 2007
2. Departmental records	1	24	Proceedings of the 14th Northern Plains Conference on Earlier British Literature	2006
2. Departmental records	1	25	Sacerdotal Function (newsletter)	1974
2. Departmental records	1	26	Standing Rules for the Department of English and Speech	1951